

Welcome to
SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
TAMPA, FLORIDA

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 9, 2025
10:30AM

*May those who sorrow find comfort;
the weary, rest;
the troubled, peace;
the lonely, friends;
the unhappy, joy;
and may all find the sense of God's presence in this Holy Place.*

Welcome to Saint Andrew's Church in the city of Tampa. You are sharing in a tradition of worship that has been offered here since 1883, when a wood-frame building was erected on this site as Tampa's first Episcopal Church. The cornerstone of the present church was laid in 1904.

All Visitors and Newcomers are invited to complete the information card, found on the back of the pews, and leave it with an usher or in the offering plate. Please introduce yourselves to the clergy as you leave the church.

Each Sunday we celebrate The Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. (Rite I, said); and at 10:30 a.m. (Rite II, with choir).

At Your Service: Stay warm at Saint Andrew's: Borrow a shawl from the basket at the back of the church. Shawl donations also welcomed!

*Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent—for this is the house of God.
Before the service, speak to God.
During the service, let God speak to you.
After the service, speak to one another.*

PLEASE SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES.

Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:30 a.m.

Prelude: Sonata No. 12, Op. 154, *Pastoral*

Josef Rheinberger (1839–1901)

Tower Bell

All stand as the choir and ministers enter.

Great Litany (*kneel when choir and ministers kneel*)

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful,
Have mercy upon us.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,
Have mercy upon us.

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy preserve us for ever.
Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,

Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

Grant us thy peace.

O Christ, hear us.

O Christ, hear us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Reading (*sit*)

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your

God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalms 91:1–2, 9–16 *Sung by the choir to plainsong*

- 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, *
 abides under the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 He shall say to the LORD,
 "You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
 my God in whom I put my trust."
- 9 Because you have made the LORD your refuge, *
 and the Most High your habitation,
- 10 There shall no evil happen to you, *
 neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, *
 to keep you in all your ways.
- 12 They shall bear you in their hands, *
 lest you dash your foot against a stone.
- 13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; *
 you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.
- 14 Because he is bound to me in love,
 therefore will I deliver him; *
 I will protect him, because he knows my Name.
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *
 I am with him in trouble;
 I will rescue him and bring him to honor.
- 16 With long life will I satisfy him, *
 and show him my salvation.

Second Reading

Romans 10:8b-13

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 142 (*stand*)

St. Flavian

1 Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray, teach us with thee to mourn our sins and close by thee to stay.	4 And through these days of penitence, and through thy Passiontide, yea, evermore, in life and death, Jesus! with us abide.
2 As thou with Satan didst contend and didst the victory win, O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to conquer sin.	5 Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering overpast, an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last!
3 As thou didst hunger bear and thirst, so teach us, gracious Lord, to die to self, and chiefly live by thy most holy Word.	

Holy Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’” Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him,

“If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

<i>Priest</i>	The Gospel of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Nicene Creed (*stand*)

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

Holy Communion

At the Offertory:

Anthem *S.S. Wesley (1810–1876)*

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness, and forgive me all my sin. For I
acknowledge my faults, and my sin is ever before me.

Psalm 51:2-3

Hymn 380, stanza 3 (stand)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin.
By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves
alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the
company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

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Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel. The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to
us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the
prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days
you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the
world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you.

In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

The Celebrant then continues

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The priest breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei

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Jesus, Lamb of God: Have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: Have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world: Give us your peace.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Music during Communion:

Hymn 150 (*sit*)

Aus der Tiefe rufe ich

1 Forty days and forty nights thou wast
fasting in the wild; forty days and forty
nights tempted, and yet undefiled.

2 Should not we thy sorrow share and from
worldly joys abstain, fasting with
unceasing prayer, strong with thee to suffer
pain?

3 Then if Satan on us press, Jesus, Savior,
hear our call! Victor in the wilderness,
grant we may not faint or fall!

4 So shall we have peace divine: holier
gladness ours shall be; round us, too, shall
angels shine, such as ministered to thee.

5 Keep, O keep us, Savior dear, ever
constant by thy side; that with thee we may
appear at the eternal Eastertide.

Motet

Edward Elgar (1857–1934)

*Ave, verum corpus
natum de Maria Virgine,
Vere passum immolatum
in Cruce pro homine,
Cujus latus perforatum
unda fluxit sanguine,
Esto nobis praegustatum
in mortis examine. O dulcis, O
pie, O Jesu Fili Mariae,
miserere mei. Amen*

Hail, true body
born of the Virgin Mary,
Who truly suffered, sacrificed
on the Cross for man,
Whose pierced side
Overflowed and blood,
Be for us a foretaste
In the test of death. O sweet,
O merciful, O Jesus, Son of Mary.
Have mercy on me. Amen.

Latin text attributed to Pope Innocent VI, 14th century

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

The priest blesses the people, saying

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Hymn 559 *(stand)*

Dulce carmen

1 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us o'er the
world's tempestuous sea; guard us, guide
us, keep us, feed us, for we have no help
but thee, yet possessing every blessing, if
our God our Father be.

2 Savior, breathe forgiveness o'er us; all
our weakness thou dost know; thou didst
tread this earth before us; thou didst feel its
keenest woe; yet unfearing, persevering, to
thy passion thou didst go.

3 Spirit of our God, descending, fill our
hearts with heavenly joy; love with every
passion blending pleasure that can never
cloy; thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.

Dismissal

<i>Priest</i>	Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

Organ music in Lent: In keeping with tradition and the solemnity of the Lenten season, we will take a seasonal break from the performance of organ postludes at the 10:30am service. The service will conclude with the final hymn and the dismissal.

THOSE SERVING TODAY: Sunday, March 9, 2025

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr. Reese

Assisting Priest: Fr. Campbell

Organist: Ryan Hebert

Choral Assistant: Coleman Flentge

Verger: Allison Besselieu

Crucifer: Emily Borsch

Torchbearers: Kristina Dixon, Ada Bingham

Lectors: Mark Shroka, Ben Borsch

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Patrick Keogh, Dorothy Peters

Videographer: Paul Scheuer, Jan Smith, Kirk McCann, Joe Scheuer

Ushers: Laurence Hammond, George Bedell, Chris Sherman, Bill Besselieu

Altar Guild: Adrienne Love, Anne Paige, Cathy Szuba

Coffee Hour Hosts: Martha Cobb

BIRTHDAYS: Charlotte Carl, Stephen Kounnas, Anne Stadel, Grant Tolbert

ANNIVERSARIES: Marshall & Anne Ferrell

Stations of the Cross: Fridays in Lent 12:10pm

Come and join us for this 30-minute devotional, observed on Fridays in Lent at 12:10pm running through Good Friday on April 18th. Our Stations of the Cross, a gift from Nathan & Jane Simpson, are a series of pictures representing certain scenes in the Passion of Christ, each corresponding to a particular incident. Formerly the number of stations varied considerably in different places but fourteen are now generally acknowledged. The object of the Stations is to help the faithful to make in spirit, as it were, a pilgrimage to the chief scenes of Christ's sufferings and death. It is carried out by passing from Station to Station, with certain prayers at each and devout meditation on the various incidents in turn. It is very usual, when the devotion is performed publicly, to sing a stanza of the "Stabat Mater" while passing from one Station to the next.

Good News of Freedom / The Lenten Series 2025

Raymond M. Vince

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor (Luke 4:18-19 NRSV)

Jesus in Luke 4 describes the mission of the Messiah using the words of Isaiah, chapter 61. He claims that this scripture is now fulfilled in him, that he himself would bring good news to the poor, release to the captives, sight to the blind, and freedom to the oppressed.

In this Lenten Series, we shall examine the good news of Jesus by asking six foundational questions, about God, the world, knowledge & faith, our neighbor, the nature of time, and how we should live.

5:30 pm Eucharist in the Chapel / 6:00 pm Supper
6:45 pm Lent Series begins / 7:30 pm end.

Good News of Freedom

1. Who is God? / Creator, Word, & Spirit.
Shrove Tuesday, 4th March 2025 (Hosted by the Youth)
2. Where are we living? / Somewhere East of Eden.
Tuesday, 11th March 2025 (Daughters of the King)
3. How do we know? / Knowledge is personal & changing.
Tuesday, 18th March 2025 (Parish Life)
4. Who is our neighbor? / The one to whom we show mercy.
Tuesday, 25th March 2025 (The Choir)
5. What time is it? / The time is now, here at hand.
Tuesday, 1st April 2025 (Outreach)
6. How should we live? / To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly.
Tuesday, 8th April 2025 (Altar Guild)

Adult Christian Education

Sunday mornings at 9:30

The Grace of Les Miserables

Victor Hugo's *Les Misérables* is a truly epic story. Whether you've read the novel, seen the Broadway musical, heard its soundtrack, or seen the several screen adaptations, you already know the power in the story. In this six-week video study, Pastor Matt Rawle of Asbury UMC in Bossier City, Louisiana, dives into six ideals found in the story—grace, justice, poverty, love, revolution, and hope—each represented by a character in Hugo's story. As these imperfect and relatable characters interact, we can see how these ideas work together (perhaps even in spite of each other) out in the world. Rawle brings us to the intersection of Church and Pop Culture by drawing parallels between the iconic story and musical and our Christian calling, inspiring us to both understand our faith and live it out in our daily lives.

Here is the line-up:

3/9 – Grace Well Received: Valjean

3/16 – When Grace and Justice Collide: Javert

3/23 – The Poor Are Always with You: Fantine

3/30 – The Gift of Love – Marius and Cosette

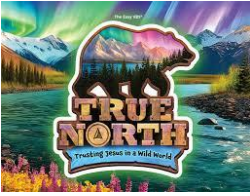
4/6 – Building the Barricade: *Les Amis*

4/13 – The Blessed Garden: A Hopeful Vision

This class, facilitated by the Rector, meets in Room 302 (the Library) on the third floor of the parish building.

Youth News

Today, March 9th we will have a Family Busch Gardens Day after Sunday services! Youth in middle & high school are welcome to attend if they have season's passes or can cover the cost of tickets. All younger children are welcome to attend with their parents. Contact Alicia at aliciaschmid@rocketmail.com with any questions.



Vacation Bible School 2025 will take place August 4-8, 2025. The VBS theme this year is True North: Point kids to Jesus, a faithful friend we can always trust. Guide kids on the ultimate Alaskan adventure where northern lights glow over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and glistening glaciers. As kids trek the tundra, they'll explore how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our wild world today. Pointing them toward Jesus, True North VBS shows them that he is a faithful friend we can always trust. He's our True North! Stay tuned for supply lists, but feel free to contact Alicia at aliciaschmid@rocketmail.com to volunteer for a week of faith, fun, and fellowship!

St. A's Book Club Meetings for Mar-Apr 2025

Founded in October, 2024, our Book Club has grown to over twenty members. Our first two choices were Ernest Hemingway, "The Snows of Kilimanjaro" (Nov 10) and Claire Keegan, *Small Things Like These* (Dec 8). In 2025, we shall usually meet on the first Sunday of the month, after the 10:30 am Eucharist, and in the third floor Library, room 302. Bring your coffee & snacks. If you enjoy good reading, challenging ideas, and cogent discussion, come and join us.

Here are our remaining Book Club 2025 dates and the books we shall discuss.

- ❖ Today **Mar 9** / 6th meeting / H.P. Lovecraft, *Case of Charles Dexter Ward* (1941), 118 pp, \$8.
- ❖ Sun **Apr 6** / 7th meeting / Paulo Coelho, *The Alchemist* (1988), 197 pp, \$15.

Come and join us. If you want to be on our mailing list or if you have any questions, please do email me, Ray Vince, Book Club secretary, at rvince@hccfl.edu or text me at 813-857-7419.

Flower Chart

The 2025 Flower Sign-Up Chart is in the parish hall. Don't delay choosing important commemorative dates. Please help with this wonderful ministry to adorn the altar during worship by sponsoring flowers. High Altar flowers are \$150 for florist choice, personal choices can be arranged at an additional cost. Chapel Altar flowers are optional. If you'd like to sponsor both altars, the cost is \$250. If you have questions, please contact Charlotte Churchill 813-352-0162 cmchurchi18@gmail.com

BE INVOLVED IN A NEW LAUNCH OF AN OLD MINISTRY

St. Andrew's once again will be partnering with the Dominican Development Corporation, a branch of the Episcopal Church, to help build churches in the Dominican Republic. This ministry fits in with the Great Commission, To Spread the Gospel Throughout the World.

We will have an informational meeting to discuss:

1. The details of involvement for those who choose to help in the build, including accommodations, description of the work, overview of the Dominican Parish being served, costs, possible scholarship, etc. Those who have served on previous Dominican trips will be on hand to answer any questions.
2. Organizational needs to make this a successful and continuing ministry at St. Andrew's.
3. Open forum for contributing ideas for this important ministry.

Please join us **Sunday, March 30, 2025**, during coffee hour in the 3rd Floor meeting room. Feel free to contact Eric Hargens at 813-416-1132 should you have questions in the meantime.

Make a Pledge for 2025

Please return your pledge card for 2025 as soon as possible. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail, cards are available at the back of the church, in the Parish Hall, or through the parish office (813-221-2035). Make a commitment and support St. Andrew's in the coming year. **We have currently 139 pledges for \$562,014.00**

Music Notes

As I prepare to retire from church music, I've decided to make *Music Notes* a bit broader for the next few weeks. Rather than writing about specific pieces, I thought I'd reflect on what I've learned. Writing about music has been a challenge. Writing *about* music is no substitute for the real McCoy. Imagine someone who's never heard music before. This seems odd. Would you introduce music to a music-less society by reading to them a music theory textbook? This is how the church evangelizes. In essence, we read music theory textbooks to those who have never directly experienced music. And we expect them to understand this esoteric abstraction, an ineffable, life-changing joy we call music, simply because we talk *about* it.

The only simple way to introduce music is to bring your harmonica to the indigenous lands and “evangelize.” Play a tune and *sing* a song, joyfully. Call it whatever you want – music, a ditty, a jam session. Maybe, the savage beast would pause. Maybe they would be calmed and tame. Maybe they would be uplifted and transformed by your music-making. A direct connection to the indescribable will have been made, simply by demonstrating music to the music-less. What do we do for the hopeless, the listless, the loveless, the lifeless? Invite them to a lifeless worship service and expect them to be transformed?

Preaching is hard, in much the same way as teaching music is hard. How can the passion of music be transferred in words? Do I bop you over the head with a music theory text, or do I lull you with a sweet, gentle, or awe-inspiring tune, laced with passion and verve? It’s walking the walk. Talking the talk. It’s not talking about walking. It’s demonstrative. It’s directly shown.

The Beatles played in smokey dive bars seven nights a week for many years, before they made a penny. Why? They were teenage kids hopelessly in love *with* music. Martha Stewart loved baking. Do you think when she was learning, she took one look at her brownies and said, “*This* is going to turn me into a famous billionaire tycoon.” Is a brownie the secret to wild success? Hardly. She simply *loved* baking and demonstrated her passion for it on TV and in books. Follow her path, and you’ll fail.

What’s love got to do with it, Tina Turner? It’s not a secondhand emotion, but a delicate primacy. When I reverse engineer my music career, the only thing that makes sense is that love created and sustained. I practiced incessantly only because I *loved* music. And now, love leads me elsewhere. I *love* writing. Demonstration through a different medium. Putting love into words is like saying music theory *is* music. That’s like saying the Bible is God. Demonstrating the difference between theory and reality is *all* I can do. It’s like taking my harmonica into “the world” of music-less people and playing a ditty for them, *really* introducing them to music, not in theory or in rhetoric, but with *truth* unspoken.

I *loved* what I did here. But now: “My beloved spake, and said unto me, rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.” And away I go, demonstrating love. If it’s a secondhand emotion, it’s noise. It’s time to get your harmonica out and play a simple, joyful tune for “the heathens.” It’s a matter of priority to love first in all that I do and in all that I say. What can I say in theory, when all I can do is *practice* love and show it? *Soli Deo Gloria!*

-Ryan Hebert

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Sarah Hudson, Charles Caro, Evelyn Smith, Mignon Grant-Levy, John Tomlinson, Nell Rorebeck, Marion Gustin, Jane Collins, Paul Cullen, Barbara Jones, Gerry Calahan, Mary Nichols, Peggy Kleven, Linda M. Delmasto, Angela Massari, Evelyn O. Jewell, Brycen Coyle, Anita Ramirez, Jane Cantler, Phyllis Sheaffer, Diane Kemker, Martha Medel, Sarah Moody, Larry Kleven, Isabelle Ferrell, William Shuler, Ian Snider, Libby Dickinson, Roma Plimmer, Patricia Maxfield, Jenette Kerr, Kay Rankin, Joe Daurril, Stephen Rosser, Rose Williams, Al Stein, Precious Montgomery, Nancy Honeycutt, Jerry Divers, Wayne Putney, Jean Turner, Matthew Borsch, Bennie Kay O'Brien, Jack Plimmer, Gerald Anthony Brozyna, Andrew Orestano, Marcia Biondolillo, Charlene Maxwell, James Arthur "Bubba" Turner, Beth Sellas, Charles Cernuda, Callista Tolbert, Rebecca Blake, Analee Mayes, Eric Mann, Doug Rubottom, Michael Kaney, Deloris Lewis

THOSE FOR WHOM PRAYERS HAVE BEEN ESPECIALLY REQUESTED:

Mark Caro, Sgt. Billy Gudzak, Joan Hoppe, Carlton Hart, Stephen Tedrowe, Virginia Sink, Charlie Richardson, Christine Hudson, Janet Norona, Michael Norona, Christopher Hunt, Charles Mullen, Corinne Gaile, Jack Boyet, Holly Clemmons, Katie Pastorius, Deloris Lewis, Ralph & Nancy Swank, Delphine & Bob Ballard, Janis Riasanovsky, Linda Barry, Brian Polley, Edwin Bourdeau, Ron Trybus, Matt Harper, Jean McAlister, Gale Vineyard, Allyson Littleton, Luzette Lightfoot, Pamela Ann Lane Ketchy, Elizabeth Mangun, Mike McGhee, Ramond Chiamonte, Lee Barks, Nancy Martin, Debbie Bonsole, Leigh Kaney, Arizona Kennington, Charlotte Churchill, Delphine Ballard, Ingrid Peterson, Brad & Hylda Starling, Jeannie Borsch, Rome Schad, Laurie Pharr, Evelyn Latner, Craig Polley (*We are happy to include all prayer requests. Names will remain on the list for four weeks. Please call Lauri in the church office if you desire a name to remain on after four weeks or to be removed sooner.*)

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The Rt. Rev. Dr. Douglas Scharf, *VI Bishop of Southwest Florida*

The Rev. John Reese, *Rector*

The Rev. Ralph M. Campbell II, *Assisting Priest*

The Rev. Canon Jerold R. Stadel, *Priest Associate*

Ryan Hebert, *Director of Music/Organist*

Coleman Flentge, *Associate Director of Music*

Pamela Frost, *Parish Administrator*

Lauri Harder, *Administrative Assistant*

Alicia Schmid, *Director of Children's and Youth Ministries*

Anguel Dimitrov, *Sexton*

Vestry

Class of 2026: Allison Besselieu, Jennifer Smith, Martha Cobb, Wallace Dixon,
Eric Hargens, *Treasurer*

Class of 2027: Nicole Carr, *Clerk of the Vestry*, Piers Curry, *Senior Warden*,
Don Crawford, Wayne Daley, Paul Henley

Class of 2028: Pam Billings, Patrick Keogh, George Levy, *Junior Warden*,
Jennifer Richardson, Keri Thatcher

In the name of Christ, we the people of Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church, in response to God's call, proclaim our belief that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior, and thereby declare our purpose to be to glorify God through our worship and work, to serve the spiritual and temporal needs of others as Christ's disciples, and to build a lively, growing community in Christ's image.