

Welcome to
SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
TAMPA, FLORIDA

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 23, 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!

IMPORTANT PRIVACY NOTICE

As a mission of outreach to our parishioners and the greater Christian community, audio and video of this service will be recorded and broadcast live on social media. We make every effort to respect and preserve the privacy of members and visitors. If you have any specific questions or concerns about your privacy while worshipping with us, please speak with one of the ushers at the rear of the church.

*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: Prière

Jean Langlais (1907–1991)

Tower Bell

Hymn 574 (*stand*)

St. Petersburg

1 Before thy throne, O God, we kneel:
give us a conscience quick to feel, a
ready mind to understand the meaning
of thy chastening hand; whate'er the
pain and shame may be, bring us, O
Father, nearer thee.

2 Search out our hearts and make us
true; help us to give to all their due.
From love of pleasure, lust of gold,
from sins which make the heart grow
cold, wean us and train us with thy rod;
teach us to know our faults, O God.

3 For sins of heedless word and deed, for
pride ambitions to succeed, for crafty
trade and subtle snare to catch the simple
unaware, for lives bereft of purpose high,
forgive, forgive, O Lord, we cry.

4 Let the fierce fires which burn and try,
our inmost spirits purify: consume the ill;
purge out the shame; O God, be with us
in the flame; a newborn people may we
rise, more pure, more true, more nobly
wise.

Penitential Order

All standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People His mercy endures for ever.

Decalogue

 (*kneel*)

Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you
out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

The Celebrant says

Jesus said, “The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.” *Mark 12:29-31*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

Minister and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Lord, have mercy.

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Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

Psalm 63:1–8 *Sung by the choir to plainsong*

- 1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; *
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.
- 2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, *
that I might behold your power and your glory.
- 3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; *
my lips shall give you praise.
- 4 So will I bless you as long as I live *
and lift up my hands in your Name.
- 5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, *
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
- 6 When I remember you upon my bed, *
and meditate on you in the night watches.
- 7 For you have been my helper, *
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
- 8 My soul clings to you; *
your right hand holds me fast.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10: 1-13

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.” We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as

an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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

Hymn 149 (*stand*)

Old 124th

1 Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church
walking once more the pilgrim way of
Lent, led by your cloud by day, by night
your fire, moved by your love and toward
your presence bent: far off yet here the goal
of all desire.

2 So daily dying to the way of self, so daily
living to your way of love, we walk the
road, Lord Jesus, that you trod, knowing
ourselves baptized into your death: so we
are dead and live with you in God.

3 If dead in you, so in you we arise, you the
firstborn of all the faithful dead; and as
through stony ground the green shoots
break, glorious in springtime dress of leaf
and flower, so in the Father's glory shall
we wake.

Holy Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

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

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more

year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People 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.

Prayers of the People (*kneel*)

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Doug, our Bishop, John, Rick, and Jerry, our Priests, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Donald, our President, Ron, our Governor, Jane, our Mayor, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Peace (*stand*)

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

Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks: so longeth my soul after thee, O God.
My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God: when shall I come to
appear before the presence of God? My tears have been my meat day and night:
while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?

Psalm 42:1-3

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.

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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:

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 685 *(sit)*

Toplady

1 Rock of ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee; let the water and the blood from thy wounded side which flowed, be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.

2 Should my tears for ever flow, should my zeal no languor know, all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone; in my hand no price I bring, simply to thy cross I cling.

3 While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death, when I rise to worlds unknown and behold thee on thy throne, Rock of ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

Motet

Richard Farrant (1525–1580)

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge. But forgive that is past and give us grace to amend our sinful lives. To decline from sin, and incline to virtue, that we may walk in a perfect heart, before thee now and evermore. Amen.

Christian Prayers and Holie Meditations, Henry Bull (1556)

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 473 (*stand*)

Crucifer

Refrain Lift High the cross, the love of Christ
proclaim till all the world adore his sacred
Name.
1 Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in conquering ranks
combine. *Refrain*
2 Each newborn servant of the Crucified
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
Refrain

3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw the world to
thee. *Refrain*

4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory. *Refrain*

Dismissal

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People 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 23, 2025

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr. Reese

Assisting Priest: Fr. Campbell

Organist: Ryan Hebert

Choral Assistant: Coleman Flentge

Vergers: Piers Curry

Crucifer: Joe Scheuer

Torchbearers: Roy Collins, Diana Tapie

Lectors: Betsy Scheuer, Joe Scheuer

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Derrick Brown, Paula Stewart

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

Ushers: Marshall Ferrell, Warren Brown, Pam Billings

Altar Guild: Adrienne Love, Anne Paige, Sally Phethean

Coffee Hour Hosts: Richard Ferlita, James Carmichael, Jan Smith, Earl Smith,
Cathy Szuba, Linda McGhee, Mike McGhee

BIRTHDAYS: Catie Chapman, Rosann Creed, Ella Adams, Rhys Diaz,
Paul Bentschner, Mary Beth Harris, Richard Chapman, Anthony Morrison,
Graeme Parkes, Michelle Sperando
ANNIVERSARIES: Gregg & CJ Smith, Siegfried & Linda Barry,
Jack & Anne Kutchmire

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.

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

Death in the Family

Parishioner Deloris Lewis died on March 2. A service in celebration of her life will be on Saturday, March 29 at 11AM at St. Andrew's. Inurnment in the St. Andrew's columbarium will follow after the service, along with a reception in the Parish Hall. Deloris was a faithful Christian, a Daughter of the King, a Lay Eucharistic Minister, and a ringer in the Handbell choir.

May she rest in peace and rise in glory!

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 Misérables

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 rest of the line-up:

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

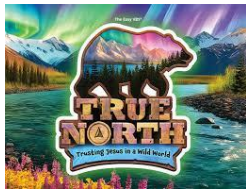
3/30 – The Gift of Love – Marius and Cosette

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



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 Meeting for April 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 is our remaining Book Club 2025 date and the book we shall discuss.

❖ 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.

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.

Music Notes

Remember those horseshoe-shaped magnets? When you run the magnet over the sand, it would pick up iron filings. It was dripping with “abundance.” I could shape a non-magnetic metal, like nickel into a horseshoe, and paint it to look like a magnet, but no filings would stick. To this knock-off magnet, the world appears “lacking.” The treasures remain buried in the sand. Can’t attract anything? That’s because the knock-off repels.

Jesus said something often viewed as cruel, “For whoever has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away.” Magnetic properties in a human are known as magnanimity. Magnanimous comes from two roots, *magnus* meaning great, and *animus* meaning soul. I’m referring to the magnetic, intrinsic qualities of people who seem to have “everything.” Not necessarily materialistically, but they don’t thirst. They are comfortable, inviting, open.

Today’s anthem is a great illustration of this principle. Howells incorporates this Psalm text with haunting, “hungry” music. It’s a plea, which is what “spiritual hunger” is. Our egos itch for stuff, but our spirits yearn. But we can’t make magnets out of nickel. But that’s what we do when we throw money at the poor, or we look “out there” for our help.

Haven’t you heard of lottery winners who end up broke? Or those home makeover show participants who can’t afford to keep up their new digs, pay the property taxes, the electric bills, or afford the pool maintenance? No matter how hard I try to make you *appear* rich, impoverishment is not curable with a bandage. “When shall I come to appear before the presence of God?” Aren’t we longing to be worry-free? Satiated? Fulfilled? These are inner truths, inherent, attractive qualities. Malnourishment is a perception that we are lacking, God is “busy,” or just plain missing. The secret, which is not well-kept, is within.

Look like a magnet, and nothing sticks. It’s like Joe Btfsplk, a character in the satirical comic strip “Li'l Abner.” Btfsplk means well, but he is the world’s worst jinx and brings disastrous misfortune. Does that mean we bring fearful things upon ourselves? In a manner of speaking, until we realize how “malnourished” we are, needy and clingy. Be a magnet for fear and watch nightmares unfold. Be a magnet for love and watch how easy it is.

Teddy Roosevelt said, “If you could kick the person in the pants responsible for most of your trouble, you wouldn’t sit for a month.” The transformation is *always* inward, and it’s

hard to tell the difference from the outside. Just because you change your name to “Saint” Paul, it doesn’t change your history. Saul *was* a murderer - “Saint” Paul himself, the one who drug people out of their homes and imprisoned and tortured them. The change was inconspicuous from the outside, but *real* on the inside. A new label helps, but it’s *more*.

Iron filings stick, like opportunities, loving relationships, creative ideas, all gravitated to one’s own, attractive, loving inherency. You love light by opening the blinds. How do you love God? *Something* must give way. It’s the accentuated, separate “me,” that which *appears* like a magnet. True magnanimity is a direct result of someone who knows that love isn’t absent, not in the way the ego “sees” it, but in how the spirit completes it. Then, one is satisfied with *everything*, especially the annihilation of the ego. After that, your spirit is no longer a thirst to receive, but to give eternally in love. *Soli Deo Gloria!*

-Ryan Hebert

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Sarah Hudson, 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, Ralph & Nancy Swank, Delphine & Bob Ballard, Janis Riasanovsky, Linda Barry, Brian Polley, Edwin Bourdeau, Ron Trybus, Matt Harper, Jean McAlister, Gale Vineyard, 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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Alicia Schmid, *Director of Children's and Youth Ministries*

Anguel Dimitrov, *Sexton*

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Class of 2026: Allison Besseliu, 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.