

Welcome to
SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
TAMPA, FLORIDA

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
APRIL 6, 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: Voluntary in A Minor

John Stanley (1712–1786)

Tower Bell

Hymn 388 (*stand*)

Hanover

1 O worship the King, all glorious above!
O gratefully sing his power and his love!
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of
Days, pavilioned in splendor, and girded
with praise.

2 O tell of his might! O sing of his grace!
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy
space. His chariots of wrath the deep
thunderclouds form, and dark is his path
on the wings of the storm.

3 The earth, with its store of wonders
untold, Almighty, thy power hath
founded of old, hath stablished it fast by
a changeless decree, and round it hath
cast, like a mantle, the sea.

4 Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light; it
streams from the hills, it descends to the
plain, and sweetly distills in the dew and the
rain.

5 Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in
thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail; thy
mercies how tender! how firm to the end!
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and
Friend!

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 alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: "Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalms 126 *Sung by the choir to plainsong*

- 1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, *
 then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
 and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, *
 "The Lord has done great things for them."
- 4 The Lord has done great things for us, *
 and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, *
 like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears *
 will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
 will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

Hymn 545 (*stand*)

St. Fulbert

1 Lo! what a cloud of witnesses encompass us around! They, once like us with suffering tried, are now with glory crowned.

2 Let us, with zeal like theirs inspired, strive in the Christian race; and, freed from every weight of sin, their holy footsteps trace.

3 Behold a Witness nobler still, who trod affliction's path: Jesus, the author, finisher, rewarder of our faith.

4 He, for the joy before him set, and moved by pitying love, endured the cross, despised the shame, and now he reigns above.

5 Thither, forgetting things behind, press we to God's right hand; there, with the Savior and his saints, triumphantly to stand.

Holy Gospel

John 12:1-8

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

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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:

Spiritual

arr. Arnold Sevier

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light. Take my hand, Lord, and lead me home. When my way grows drear, precious Lord linger near, when my life is almost gone, at the river Lord, I stand, guide my feet, and hold my hand: Take my hand, Lord, and lead me home.

Thomas A. Dorsey

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:

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 398 *(sit)*

Forest Green

1 I sing the almighty power of God, that
made the mountains rise, that spread the
flowing seas abroad and built the lofty
skies. I sing the wisdom that ordained the
sun to rule the day; the moon shines full
at his command, and all the stars obey.

2 I sing the goodness of the Lord, that
filled the earth with food; he formed the
creatures with his Word, and then
pronounced them good. Lord, how thy
wonders are displayed, where'er I turn
my eye, if I survey the ground I tread, or
gaze upon the sky!

3 There's not a plant or flower below, but
makes thy glories known, and clouds arise,
and tempests blow, by order from thy
throne; while all that borrows life from thee
is ever in thy care, and everywhere that I
could be, thou, God, art present there.

Jesu, grant me this, I pray, ever in thy heart to stay; let me evermore abide hidden in thy wounded side. If the evil one prepares or the world attempting snares, I am safe when I abide in thy heart and wounded side. If the flesh, more dangerous still, tempt my soul to deeds of ill, naught I fear when I abide in thy heart and wounded side. Death will come one day to me; Jesu, cast me not from thee: dying let me still abide in thy heart and wounded side.

Henry Williams Baker (1821–1877)

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 546 (*stand*)

Siröe

1 Awake my soul, stretch every nerve, and
press with vigor on; a heavenly race
demands thy zeal, and an immortal crown,
and an immortal crown.

2 A cloud of witnesses around hold thee in
full survey; forget the steps already trod,
and onward urge thy way, and onward urge
thy way.

3 'Tis God's all animating voice that calls
thee from on high; 'tis his own hand
presents the prize to thine aspiring eye, to
thine aspiring eye.

4 Then wake, my soul, stretch every nerve,
and press with vigor on; a heavenly race
demands thy zeal, and an immortal crown,
and an immortal crown.

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, April 6, 2025

Celebrant: Fr. Reese

Preacher: Fr. Campbell

Organist: Ryan Hebert

Choral Assistant: Coleman Flentge

Vergers: Allison Besselieu

Crucifer: Sam Scheuer

Torchbearers: Rayanne Crawford, Winona Crawford

Lectors: Don Crawford, Summer Crawford

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Brad Hall, George Bedell

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

Ushers: Derrick Brown, Donreece Brown, Chris Watson, Michael Dickinson

Altar Guild: Kathy Lawless, Jan Smith, Cathy Szuba

Coffee Hour Hosts: Lucinda & Rod Evans

BIRTHDAYS: Alicia Schmid, Sharon Colucci, Barbara Brotherton, Bill Crenshaw, Chad Polley

ANNIVERSARIES: Nathan & Jane Simpson, Michael & Michele Morris, Graeme Parkes & Caroline Jecko-Parkes

Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee will be meeting today to plan our annual Cinco de Mayo luncheon. The proceeds of the luncheon will benefit Operation Smart Start. If you are a current member of the Outreach Committee or are interested in finding out more about it, please grab a cup of coffee in the Parish Hall and join us upstairs after the 10:30am service. If you're interested but unable to attend, please contact Keri Thatcher at 813-313-7816 for more information.

Newness

We ought to draw a distinction between novelty and newness.

A novelty is a mere frippery, a sugary confection that quickly grows stale, a plastic lapel flower that squirts a jet of water.

Newness is different. Newness appears suddenly, graciously, then it grows on us. It takes up residence in our lives and transforms them.

Newness endures.

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)

LENTEN & EASTER SCHEDULE

Fridays in Lent
Stations of the Cross 12:10pm

Tuesdays: April 8
5:30pm **Eucharist in Children's Chapel**
6:00pm **Tuesday evening Pot Luck Supper**
6:45-7:30pm **Lenten Program**

Sunday, April 13
Palm Sunday
Holy Eucharist and Blessing of Palms
8:00am and 10:30am (*with incense*)

April 14 • 15 • 16
**Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
of Holy Week**
Holy Eucharist 12:10pm

April 17
Maundy Thursday
12:10pm Holy Eucharist
7:00pm Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar

April 18
Good Friday
12:10pm Stations of the Cross
7:00pm Good Friday Liturgy

April 20
Easter Day
8:00am Holy Eucharist
10:30am Choral Eucharist (*with incense*)
& Flowering of the Cross

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.

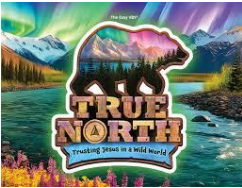
Here is the rest of the line-up:

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.

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

Music Notes

The hardest part of writing is getting your so-called final product past the inner, inspector-bully. Writing is bliss. My fingers tap away at the keyboard in a perfect heavenly accord, that is, until the proofreading begins. The inner inspector-general won't let anything through. He won't let anything past the gates of his own hell, unless it's perfect, which is funny, because he deeply knows that he can't bulletproof his vulnerability. He's just being pretentious. The emperor doesn't have any clothes.

I used to hate performances. I think I still do. I'm confessing, but I never feel my own organ-playing, my choirs, or my writing are ever "ready for public consumption." Fredrick Swann, the famous, long-term organist at what used to be known as The Crystal Cathedral, would say before major performances, "Why do I do this to myself?"

It's bad enough your inner critic isn't satiable but allow me to introduce you to "the world," the most insatiable leviathan there ever was. It won't matter if you've poured your heart and soul into something creative. They'll spit on it, tear it up, call it garbage, and put your inner critic on his knees, begging for forgiveness. The inner critic is Pollyanna compared to what's to come, once you "share" your creative work. Public consumption? Fully consumed, devoured, and spit up like yesterday's meatloaf.

Imagine, someone condemning the music of J.S. Bach as "dull and boring." His own sons thought him to be washed-up. People still turn their nose up at his vulnerable, sublime, heavenly "trash." The inner critic is a fool. An even bigger one? The outer critic. Just a blob of ignorance who *thinks* they know. Don't forget who you are – an innocent child sharing love that you colored onto a piece of construction paper. Inner critic/outer critic – two stooges of the same ilk. Critics and artists, vulnerable twin babies, sharing a womb of ignorance. Ultimately, it's *just* love. The critic *loves* to tear up. The creator *loves* to put it out there. Let the public love consuming it and love spitting it out. Love *all around*.

When you think your own vulnerability can be hidden away in something called perfection, let me call your attention to our communion anthem, which reminds us that we are abiding safely, in a *wounded* side. Percy Whitlock, who was a prolific English composer, has crafted an elegant piece – vulnerable, lovely, exposed. Aren't you glad he let it slide? Aren't you glad he didn't cover and hide himself, but put himself "out there" for us to consume? Sounds a lot like another, much more famous person, who gave himself for us 2000 years ago. Why should we escape such a fate?

No one gets away from the evil one, that is until you realize that your own, inner hell is created by misperception - that what others think of you is of any consequence. That what *you* think of yourself is of any consequence. Ultimately, it's not about "the self," in an individual sense. Had Bach not the courage to share himself with us, through his most vulnerable creations, how could we not see the very foundation of love itself? When you hold back what wants to be created through you, you are depriving truth, that you are a vulnerable child, sharing love with the world. Love is vulnerable *and* powerful. One could see the entire cosmos this way. It will be heavenly "trash" one day – gone forever. But sentiment remains. It seems to hurt if someone thinks your creation is garbage. But what hurts even more is keeping your creative work suppressed. "Why do I do this to myself?" Because I am unconditional love, and I *must* express that. I haven't a choice, it's my purpose to expose Truth, which ultimately sets me free to be who I am. *Soli Deo Gloria!*

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

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