



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

# THE CALL

*Honoring the Past — Embracing the Future!*

Downtown Tampa, Florida ✕ May 2022

## *Reverently Speaking*

*“Children, you have no fish, have you?” John 21:5*

Some of the disciples had gone out fishing one evening but caught nothing during the night. A resurrected Jesus appeared on the shore in the morning and asked, “Children, have you any fish?” Jesus could just as well ask that question of us.

He could ask it any day. There we’d be, taking care of day-to-day business as usual — arms full of groceries, fingers on the keyboard, hands on the steering wheel, drumming out the rhythm of our lives.

“Have you any fish?” he wants to know. “Fish! What do you mean, Lord, by ‘fish’?” But we know. We really do. We don’t need to be lectured.

Jesus doesn’t ask the sort of questions the world asks to define success. He doesn’t ask:

- “Have you been pulling in a paycheck?”
- “Have you achieved a level of professional competence, commensurate with your years of experience?”
- “Are you able to finance the type of leisure activities you want?”
- Will you be able to take early retirement?”

No, Jesus looks at the big picture. And then he transfixes us — like a deer caught in the headlights — with a single question. The question is, “Have you any fish?”

One of the hardest experiences in this life of ours is futility — and lots of people, in these post-Covid days, are living in a futile fashion. They resonate to the ancient tale of Sisyphus, King of Corinth in Greek mythology. Sisyphus offended Zeus, king of the gods, who condemned him to roll a great boulder up a hill in Hades for all eternity, only to watch it roll back down again.

To many people, the goal of life is to achieve a vague notion of success, but they’re not at all sure they’d know it if it dropped in their laps. Achievement can be like an endless staircase: each time they reach the next landing, they look up and see the next flight winding upwards, into the hazy and uncertain beyond.

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Peter doesn't have that problem. Jesus cups hands to mouth and shouts, "Have you any fish?"

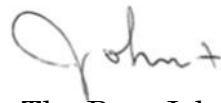
But Peter already knows the answer. No more illusions for him. No more losing himself in the frantic rat race, hoping it may yield some small prize or modest success. Peter knows his net is, and forever will remain, *empty*.

So, too, it's only when our nets are truly empty that — paradoxically — we're most receptive to the message Jesus has for us. This Christian faith of ours is an Easter faith. It grows best in the fertile soil of utter desperation. It thrives in those bleak moments when we have no place else to turn. The net has to be empty, the wine jug exhausted, the tomb entrance sealed up, before the likes of us are inclined to let the Lord take over. We have to acknowledge that our cup is empty, before God fills it to overflowing.

We could all use someone to meet us on the beach and challenge us to declare, truthfully, if our nets are empty or full. Then, having made that self-inventory, may we have the courage to leave it all behind, to walk away from it all, if that's what it takes to obey the command of the one who says, simply, "Follow me."

A wise teacher has said, "The Lord doesn't ask about your ability, only your availability; and, if you prove your dependability, the Lord will increase your capability."

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John +".

The Rev. John Reese

### **Prohibition Ends at Last!**

Wine: It's not just for the clergy anymore. After being dry for more than two years, St. Andrew's is once again offering a nip of port to the laity. As you kneel at the altar rail, you now have three options after receiving the host: sip, dip, or abstain. If you choose the dipping option, please note that the Lay Eucharistic Minister will do the dipping for you. He/she will take the host from your hand, dip it into the chalice, and place it back in your hand or in your mouth. This is the Bishop's directive and is designed to keep the number of fingers in the chalice to a minimum. (Please do not try to dip it yourself.)

## UT Choirs to Perform at St. Andrew's

**On Friday, May 6, at 7:00p.m.**, The University of Tampa Chamber Singers (select mixed choir), and the Camerata (select treble chorus) will perform a free concert at St. Andrew's. Under the direction of Ryan Hebert, the choirs will sing a vast array of choral music from music of the 17th-century to the modern day. The program will feature works by Monteverdi, Brahms, Mendelssohn, John Rutter and others. From madrigals and motets, to jazz, spirituals and modern, the music will uplift, intrigue and inspire. The performance is free and open to the public. You won't want to miss this concert opportunity, so please plan to attend and to bring a friend! For more information, please email Ryan Hebert at [organist@saintandrewstampa.org](mailto:organist@saintandrewstampa.org).

**Calling all Graduates!** If you have a soon-to-be graduate in your family, we want to acknowledge them. Please provide the following info to Lauri in the office at [secretary@saintandrewstampa.org](mailto:secretary@saintandrewstampa.org):

- \*Graduate's name
- \*A picture of the grad
- \*The name of the high school or college they are graduating from, and their future university or career goals.
- \*The graduate's favorite Bible verse
- \*One fun fact about the graduate



## Outreach

The Outreach Committee is having a meeting on **Sunday, May 22** after the 10:30AM service. If you are interested in joining the committee you are welcome to attend!



### From the Parish Register



#### Baptism

Claire Ellen Russell



#### Marriages

Carter Fox &

Carolyn Ann Mayes



#### Deceased

Donald Frye Johnston

Nancy Richbournh Dinkel

Edward John Dinkel

Evelyn Jameson Smith

Mignon Grant-Levy

## Donations to Saint Andrew's Foundation



*In Loving Memory of  
John Dinkel*

Pat Wolfe

*In Loving Memory of  
John & Nancy Dinkel*

Sandra Alley

*In Loving Memory of  
Evelyn Smith*

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### Columbarium niches now available

The new columbarium, located north of the Children's Chapel is now complete and arrangements can be made for eternal rest at St. Andrew's. Each niche can hold two urns, and the cost per niche is \$2000.

For more information contact the Rector.

## Adult Christian Education

**Sunday mornings at 9:30**

### ***What's So Amazing About Grace?***

In this six-session video Bible study, bestselling author Philip Yancey explores the concept of *grace*--the one thing the world cannot duplicate and the one thing it craves above all else--and explores what it looks like in action. He also examines how Christians, as the sole dispensers, are doing at lavishing the grace on a world that knows far more of cruelty and unforgiveness than it does of mercy.

As Yancey explains, true grace is shocking and scandalous, for God does not excuse sin but *always* treasures the sinner. God always extends his grace to individuals regardless of what they have done--for no one is unforgiveable in his eyes. Grace thus shakes our conventions with its insistence on getting close to sinners and touching them with mercy and hope.

Yancey offers compelling and true portraits of grace's life-changing power. He searches for its presence in his own life and in the church. He asks how Christians today can contend graciously with moral issues that threaten all they hold dear. And he challenges each of us to become living answers to a world that desperately wants to know, "what's so amazing about grace."

Here is the rest of the line-up:

5/8 – The Art of Forgiving

5/15 – Grace Put to the Test

5/22 – Grace Abuse

5/29 – Dispensing Grace

*This class, facilitated by the Rector, meets in Room 302 (the Library) on the third floor of the Parish Building.*

## Youth News

Sunday School at 9:30 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor goes on through **Sunday, May 22, 2022**, and children's chapel at 10:30 continues through the summer. I am still searching for a few more shining star volunteers to serve during both hours on Sunday mornings so we can have separate age groups at 9:30 every week. If you are still thinking about serving once a month, why not just come hang out with us on Sunday morning? The other Sunday School teachers and I would love to have your help, and make you feel welcome. Please contact Alicia at [christianed@saintandrewstampa](mailto:christianed@saintandrewstampa) if you can help out.

# March Vestry Meeting Highlights

## RECTOR'S REPORT

As of 3/14/22, there was \$222,494 in ops account and \$83,507 in the parish reserve account. As of today, there is 219,00 in the ops account.

As of 2/28/22, there was \$24,385 in the Foundation's checking account – monies available to the vestry.

We have \$20,659 available from the Foundation principal as a result of the 4% spending allocation designated by the Foundation Board for 2018 at their meeting on 2/21/18. (On 1/27/21, \$20,000 of the \$75,659 allocated for 2018 was transferred from the principal to the checking account. On 7/21/21, another \$20,000 from the 2018 allocation was transferred from the principal to the checking account. On 10/5/21, another \$15,000 was transferred from the principal to the checking account.)

We have \$63,718 available from the Foundation principal as a result of the 3% spending allocation designated by the Foundation Board for 2019 at their meeting on 2/27/19.

We have \$72,918 available from the Foundation principal as a result of the 3% spending allocation designated by the Foundation Board for 2020 at their meeting on 2/4/20.

We have \$81,371 available from the Foundation principal as a result of the 3% spending allocation designated by the Foundation Board for 2021 at their meeting on 3/3/21.

Total available funds from principal for years 2018 thru 2021: \$238,667.

There was \$3,218,925 in the Foundation principal as of 12/31/21, as opposed to \$2,929,677 on 12/31/20 (an increase of \$289,248 for the year).

There is also approximately \$99,000 in the Dan Curtis fund fbo St. Andrew's within the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay. This fund is designated for church maintenance purposes. We spent the 2021 allocation of \$4,250 to pay TNT Roofing for repairs to the NW corner of church roof.

Pictorial Directory – Pam and Lauri in office are working on this, it will be an online directory that can be continuously updated and shared electronically with parishioners. Pam needs to take a training course through ACS to learn to operate Realm. This should be done in the next few months.

Columbarium Project – Benches (two for columbarium area and one for south garden next to church) have arrived and look great! Many thanks to Ashley Thomas for donating them. Richard C has more information about the proposed mosaic. *(continued)*

## March 2022 Operating Summary

	<u>MTD Actual</u>	<u>MTD Budgeted</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budgeted</u>
<b>Revenues</b>	\$47,109	\$50,564	\$130,497	\$151,692
<b>Expenses</b>	\$56,496	\$50,564	\$156,925	\$151,692
<b>Net</b>	(\$9,386)	\$0	(\$26,427)	\$0

Parochial Report – has been sent to diocese. Diocese complimented Pam F on the quality of our report.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – was Tuesday 3/1 at P.M. (hosted by the Youth). Good turnout and great pancakes.

Ash Wednesday Services – were 3/2 at 7:30AM, 12:10PM, and 7PM (with choir). Much better attendance than last year.

Tuesday Lenten Series – started on 3/1 (Shrove Tuesday) and continues through 4/5. Each evening begins with Holy Eucharist in the Children's Chapel at 5:30, followed by supper in the Parish Hall at 6 P.M. and the program at 6:45 PM. Fr. Ed Rich is this year's presenter. His topic is Paul's Letter to the Galatians.

Here is the line-up:

3/1 – Youth

3/8 – Daughters of the King (Sue)

3/15 – Outreach (Loueita)

3/22 – Choir (Barbara)

3/29 – Altar Guild (Jennifer)

4/5 – Parish Life (Pam)

Stations of the Cross – Fridays in Lent (3/4 through 4/15) at 12:10PM in the church. Come and join us each week for this simple, yet moving, service. It only lasts about 25 minutes.

Foundation Board –meets on Wednesday, 3/23 at 5PM. They will review with Northern Trust and also designate this year's allocation (range is 2% to 4% of principal based on a three-year rolling average, as per Foundation by-laws).

Bishop Election – Saturday, 4/2 at the Cathedral. Our delegates are Lori, Loueita, Brad, and the Rector (with Derrick as the alternate). Walk-about for our area of the diocese is Tuesday 3/22 at 5:30PM at the Cathedral in St. Petersburg.

Easter Day on 4/17 – Parish Life/Vestry hosts a festive coffee hour (our first in three years) after the 9:30 service. Easter Egg hunt for the kiddoes takes place at the same time out in the courtyard.

Parish Picnic – Sunday, 5/1 at 1 P.M. at the home of Earl & Jan Smith. Parish Life and Vestry will set things up the day before. Parish will provide hamburgers and hot dogs, along with condiments, flatware, and paper goods.

Choir Concert – on Pentecost Sunday, 6/5 at 5PM. Free will offering can be taken up and sent to help Ukraine. Reception (hosted by Parish Life) follows in Parish Hall.

Vestry Retreat – Saturday, 9/10 from 9AM until 3PM. This will also include our regular monthly meeting for September.

Sunday Morning Security Guard – Pam has had no luck in finding anyone willing to take on new clients. (No surprise there, considering current economic conditions.)

Next vestry meeting will be **Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30p.m.** (April 18<sup>th</sup> is Easter Monday, a holiday for the Rector).

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**SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT:** Richard Felita. At the Foundation meeting there is going to be discussion of establishing a legacy which will remind parishioners to remember St. Andrew's in their wills and legacy planning.

**JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT:** Richard Chapman– Richard C stated that last month he asked for money to address a leak in the children's chapel for the cost of about \$300. He shares that during the rainy season we will evaluate the integrity of the roofing repairs. He shared concerns and updates regarding the mural project with responses from Nancy Turner. Vestry members articulated that they were relieved to understand that the mural was comprised of mosaic/tile. Richard C. recommended that we provide the artist of the project for the mural in the columbarium a down payment around \$2500 immediately. Richard C shared that as soon as we have an idea as to how much it will cost to make the mosaic mural, the vestry will put in a call for donations to the members. According to Richard C, Nancy T recommends that we have a dedication for the mural in November in tandem with St. Andrew's Day, also allowing us to celebrate our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Richard C. confirms that we can have the mural done by November 2022. He believes that the artists and installers will be here for about a day to complete the onsite work.

The motion was made by Jennifer to request \$2,500 from the Foundation to be used as a down payment to Showcase Mosaics for the purpose of securing their work on the mural. Louieta seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Lori Taplow (telephone call dropped prior to her report)

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**HOMELESS MINISTRY:** Sue MacIsaac: She states that not much has changed. Metropolitan Ministries sent out another MOU which asks St. Andrew's to start "doing hot food and allow the homeless to come into the church and eat." Sue states that all that we can do is the sandwiches. Metropolitan Ministries stated that they are going to let St. Andrew's continue to do what is being done with sandwiches outside. Sue shares that on Friday we average feeding 90 people and during the week we average feeding 70 per day.

**HELPING HANDS:** Barbara B shared that HH had a small funeral this week and there is a funeral next week on Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup> for Don Johnson, and one on the April 14<sup>th</sup> for John and Nancy Dinkel.

**MEDIA MINISTRY:** Paul S noted that Jan Smith ran the system this Sunday on her own and did a remarkable job. Paul will make another personal plea on a Sunday for support. He wants to make an announcement.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 pm



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ON THAT FIRST ASCENSION DAY...



### St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

The Rev. John Reese, Rector

#### Sunday Services

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m. Children's Church

9:30 a.m. Christian Education  
for all ages

#### Church Location:

Marion & Madison Streets

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**Deadline for articles for  
The Call:** 15th of each month

for the following month's  
newsletter. Submit articles to  
Lauri in the church office.