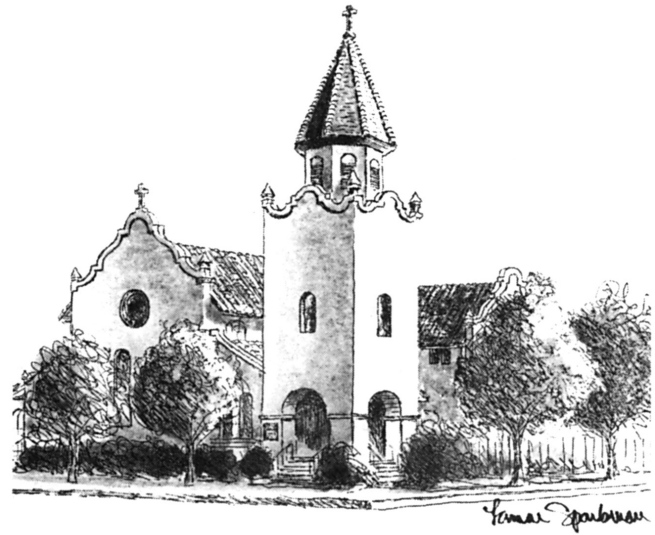


ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



March 2024



PARISH INFORMATION

MISSION STATEMENT

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.

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Mailing: 509 E. Twiggs Street + Church: 501 N. Marion Street
Tampa, Florida 33602 + 813-221-2035

www.saintandrewstampa.org

Diocese of Southwest Florida: (800) 992-7699

DaySpring Conference Center in Ellenton: (888) 314-5744

Parish Office Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9:00am – 4:00pm

Sunday Service Schedule: Holy Eucharist at 8:00am and 10:30am

Children's Church: 10:30am

Christian Education for Children & Adults 9:30am

Nursery for children 6 months – 3 years

Available 9:30am – Noon

Weekday Eucharist with Prayers for Healing: Wednesday, 12:10pm

The Rev. John Reese, *Rector*

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

Ryan Hebert, *Director of Music/Organist*

Coleman Flentge, *Choral Assistant*

Pamela Frost, *Parish Administrator*

Lauri Harder, *Administrative Assistant*

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

Anguel Dimitrov, *Sexton*

Vestry Committees

The Vestry is the governing body of the church, elected by voting members of the parish. The Vestry is composed of a Senior Warden, a Junior Warden, Clerk and Treasurer, plus 11 additional members elected for three-year terms on a rotating basis. The Vestry meets monthly, usually on the third Monday at 5:30pm. Vestry meetings are open to all.

Christian Education Committee: This committee of the Vestry seeks to ensure that we are meeting the spiritual and religious education needs of all our members. Sunday school teachers and parents of youth and young children are welcome to offer their input on this committee. *Contact **Martha Cobb** at 813-787-4020*

Outreach Committee: This committee of the Vestry seeks those with a heart of service to reach out to the community. *Contact **Martha Cobb** at 813-787-4020 or **Derrick Brown** at 813-689-6674*

Parish Life Committee: This committee of the Vestry seeks to nurture the spiritual and physical life of the parish community. *Contact **Allison Besseliu** at 434-962-0977*

Stewardship Committee: The Stewardship Committee organizes the yearly Stewardship program in which parishioners are asked to make a pledge to St. Andrew's. Stewardship Sunday occurs in the Fall. *Contact **Don Crawford** at 813-440-0302*

Do you have a special talent or ministry that may not be covered by any of these groups? Contact one of the clergy or the church office and we will see what we can do for you. We welcome your suggestions as to possible new ministries as well.

Lay Eucharistic Ministers and Visitors: Lay Eucharistic Ministers are parishioners licensed by the Bishop to assist in the administration of Holy Communion at all services. They may also read lessons and lead the Prayers of the People. Some of these special ministers also volunteer to take communion to the home-bound or hospitalized. *Contact the Rector.*

Music: There are many areas of music to participate in at St. Andrew's for youth and adults. This includes youth choir, adult choir and instrumentalists. *Contact the church office at 813-221-2035.*

Lay Readers: Lay Readers are licensed by the Bishop to conduct services of Morning and Evening Prayer and other daily offices in addition to reading at Sunday services. *Contact the Rector.*

Ushers: Ushers help with the greeting and seating of people at the Sunday services and also take up the collection and facilitate the communion reception process. Men, women and families are needed for this ministry. Training is provided. *Contact **Frazier Carraway** at 813-314-4503.*

Fellowship & Hospitality

Sunday Coffee Hour Hosts: These special people take the time to purchase or make the wonderful refreshments that accompany the fellowship we enjoy on Sunday morning following the 10:30 a.m. service. If you would like to volunteer for a Sunday, please sign up in the parish hall on Sunday morning or *contact the church office 813-221-2035.*

Office Volunteers: Volunteers help out with a myriad of different jobs in the office, but most importantly provide a friendly first impression to visitors to the office and inquirers on the telephone. They answer phones, make phone calls, fold, stuff, staple, stamp, seal, count money, make copies, file, answer the door bell, greet visitors, and other odds and ends. *Contact **Pam Frost** at 813-221-2035.*

Sundays

8:00am Rite I
9:30am Christian Education
10:30am Rite II with choir

10:30am Children's Church
Coffee Hour following 10:30am service

Mondays

7:30am AA

3rd Monday
5:30pm Vestry

Wednesdays

12:00pm AA
12:10pm Eucharist & Healing

Thursdays

10:30am Bible Study
11:45am Toastmasters
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Fridays

7:00am AA

Check calendars, bulletins and newsletter for changes and for other events throughout the year.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

To **schedule a meeting, change your address, or add a name to the prayer list**, call Lauri Harder, Administrative Assistant at 813-221-2035 or email secretary@saintandrewstampa.org.

To update or inquire about your **pledge or other donations**, contact Pam Frost, Parish Administrator administrator@saintandrewstampa.org.

To put a notice in the **Sunday leaflet or monthly newsletter**, email secretary@saintandrewstampa.org.

To arrange to give **altar flowers**, call **Charlotte Churchill** at 813-352-0162.

How Do I Schedule A Baptism? The St. Andrew's parish family joyfully welcomes new members into the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ through the first sacrament in the life of a Christian—Holy Baptism. It is a shared sentiment at St. Andrew's that this celebration of new life should not be entered into lightly, but with reverence, sincerity, and a full understanding of its profundity. If you are seeking to have a child baptized or are seeking baptism yourself, call the church office at 813-221-2035, and we will send you a booklet about baptism and a form to fill out. Baptisms are normally scheduled on the fourth Sunday of each month.

How Do I Schedule A Wedding? If you are interested in being married at St. Andrew's, please call Fr. John Reese at the office. We take seriously the need to prepare couples for the life-long commitment of marriage. We require that you meet with one of the clergy for four sessions. You may also meet with the Wedding Coordinator, the Flower Coordinator, and the Organist. If either of you has been married before to a person still living, it will be necessary for the Bishop to give his permission, so please allow extra time for that procedure. Also, at least one of you must be a baptized Christian. There is a member and a non-member wedding fee; these fees cover the services of the Priest, Organist, Wedding Coordinator, Altar Guild and Sexton, the Marriage Preparation sessions, and church maintenance. A deposit of \$100.00 is due when the wedding is scheduled. Please visit our website at www.saintandrewstampa.org, go to QuickLinks, click on Wedding Customary, and read the 12-page customary for all wedding arrangement details.

Spiritual & Religious Education

Adult Education and Confirmation/Inquirer's Classes: Confirmation preparation/inquiry into the faith classes are held once every two years. We also have a regular program of topical classes for adults that are offered on Sunday mornings or periodically on Tuesday evenings. *Contact the church office at 221-2035 for more information.*

Children's Christian Education: Children are welcome and encouraged to join the Sunday morning Children's Church in the Children's Chapel at 10:30am to help them learn about their faith. Teachers and substitutes are also needed. Also, special events take place throughout the year, such as the Christmas Pageant, Easter Egg Hunt, special performances at the services and Lenten programs, and other events. *Contact **Alicia Schmid** at 703-470-4447.*

Daughters of the King: The Daughters of the King work to promote the extension of Christ's kingdom throughout the world through prayer, service and evangelism. They maintain an active prayer chain for anyone needing their prayers and offer programs for the education, growth and enrichment of their members. The Daughters meet the 3rd Monday of the month at 10 a.m. and the Auxiliary meets the 4th Sunday of the month at 9:00 a.m. *Contact **Adrienne Love** at 813-677-2909.*

Worship Support

Acolytes: Acolytes serve at liturgies throughout the year, primarily at the 10:30am service Sunday morning. They play an important role in our liturgy, lighting candles, leading processions, and assisting the clergy. This ministry is open to children in fourth grade and older, teens, and adults. *Contact **Richard Ferlita** at 813-431-3039.*

Altar Guild: The Altar Guild is responsible for the care of the altar and the linens and vessels used, and the preparation of the altar for every worship service, including weddings and funerals that have communions. *Contact **Adrienne Love** at 813-677-2909.*

ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRIES

Outreach and Inreach

Welcoming: This committee seeks to nurture the spiritual and physical life of the parish community. The group also seeks to develop the newcomer program and help solve transportation issues for many of the parish's members unable to drive. *Contact **Brad Hall** at 813-727-8098*

Helping Hands: This group is dedicated to helping families in difficult times by providing food to someone recovering from illness or to family members of someone hospitalized; to new mothers, or to grieving families. They are also available to provide and host funeral receptions for families of deceased who desire us to do so. *Contact **Barbara Brotherton** at 813-374-3309*

Outreach Committee: This committee seeks those with a heart of service to reach out to the community. Current ministries that the committee supports are the Project FAITH lunch program, Gabriel Tree gift program for local needy children, St. James' Cornerstone Kids, Metropolitan Ministries, and mission projects in our companion Diocese in the Dominican Republic. *Contact **Martha Cobb** at 813-787-4020 or **Derrick Brown** at 813-689-6674*

Parish Life Committee: This committee seeks to nurture the spiritual and physical life of the parish community. Functions include organizing workshops and retreat days, receptions and ministry fairs, and other events. *Contact **Allison Besselieu** at 434-962-0977*

Youth Ministry: An active youth program for grades 6-12 is available at St. Andrew's. Activities include Christian education, spiritual growth, community building, and games and food. Bible studies, special trips, fund raisers and outreach projects take place throughout the year. *Contact **Alicia Schmid** at 703-470-4447.*

REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

How Can I Arrange for Pastoral Care at St. Andrew's? From time to time, every family, every person, needs the support of caring friends. The pastoral care of our parishioners is of primary importance to the staff and people of St. Andrew's. The clergy stand ready to provide emergency pastoral care at any time, night or day. Help is as close as your phone. A number to call for "after hours" emergencies is on our automated confidential voice mail system at 221-2035. Prayer support can also be obtained through the prayer list in the bulletin and through the Daughters of the King prayer chain.

Home Communion for the sick and home-bound can be scheduled at any time. Call the parish office to arrange for a member of the clergy or a Eucharistic minister to bring Holy Communion to the home.

How Do I Schedule A Funeral? Funerals are arranged in consultation with the clergy. Please call the church office as soon as possible after a death occurs. You may find the Funeral Customary helpful in your planning on our website: www.SaintAndrewsTampa.org. Our Helping Hands Ministry is available to assist you in providing a reception in our parish hall following a funeral if you so desire.

How Do I Get Confirmed or Received Into The Church? Inquirer's confirmation classes are held once every two years. If you cannot attend classes, speak with Fr. Reese about alternative education or preparation. Confirmation services are scheduled when the Bishop visits the parish.

How Do I Join St. Andrew's? If you provide your name and address to the church office, we will send out a Family Information Form for you to return to us. It is important for you to fill out this form so that we have the required information for our records and so that we can remember your birth date and anniversary, if applicable, in the bulletin. If you are of another faith, you have the option of being confirmed or received into the church (see above). If you would like to transfer from a previous Episcopal church, please contact the church office to arrange for a letter of transfer to be sent.

Lastly, please attend our programs and choose one or more parish ministries to take part in so you can be involved in the life of our parish, use your gifts and build community with others.

STEWARDSHIP

How Can I Be A Good Steward?

Every fall we encourage everyone to sign pledge cards to our church – believing that it is part of our personal management of the material goods God has given us. St. Andrew's in turn is managing God's money in the many programs of this parish.

Beyond pledging your time, talent and treasure each year, St. Andrew's has some special areas where you can donate money when you come to specific times that you want to say "Thank You" to God or remember a loved one. Consider the following:

St. Andrew's Foundation

Accepting monetary gifts for any reason, but particularly in memory of a deceased loved one, The Foundation uses the interest earned on this trust fund to help support non-operating needs of the church, such as certain repairs to the church or rectory, special youth events or trips, office equipment, children's choir trips and camps, and other items.

Altar Flower Fund

Allowing you to dedicate the altar flowers for a particular Sunday in thanksgiving for, in honor of, or in memory of special people and/or events. A notation is placed in the bulletin for that Sunday with your specific dedication. *Contact **Charlotte Churchill** at 813-352-0162.*

Youth Ministry

Providing scholarships to our youth who may not otherwise be able to afford to participate in special trips and events that cannot be accommodated in the youth budget. Donation may also be given to purchase specified furniture, equipment or other items for use in Youth Ministry. *Contact **Alicia Schmid** at 703-470-4447.*

Christian Education

Providing added support to the operating budget for the purchase of Sunday School supplies, the production of special events in which our children participate, and even provides supplemental salary and/or honorariums for regular or temporary staff working with the children. *Contact **Alicia Schmid** at 703-470-4447.*

Friends of Music

Providing added support to the operating budget for the production of special organ and choral concerts, guest musicians, choir and junior choir training and trips, and other items. *Contact **Ryan Hebert** at 813-221-2035.*

Outreach

This fund helps St. Andrew's assist the community and goes toward donations to such ministries as OASIS, Metropolitan Ministries, Dominican Development Project, Gabriel Tree Christmas gift program for children of prisoners, and the local homeless shelters. *Contact **Martha Cobb** at 813-787-4020 or **Derrick Brown** at 813-689-6674*

Project FAITH Lunch Program

Saint Andrew's feeds sixty bag lunches to the homeless in downtown Tampa every weekday. Gifts of food or money are appreciated to keep this program alive. *Contact **Pam Frost** at 813-221-2035.*

You may also consider making a bequest to St. Andrew's. Contact Fr. Reese or the Treasurer for information.