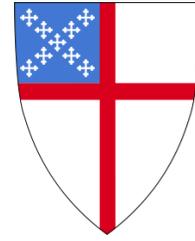


THE WHEEL

December 2021

St. Catherine of Alexandria
Episcopal Church



Dear People of St. Catherine's,

Already my grandchildren have presented me with their Christmas present list. Among many other activities, Claire now plays the trumpet in the school band. She loves her trumpet. I am giving her a t-shirt for Christmas that says: "beware a girl with her trumpet!" So, we also are giving her a music stand and a trumpet cleaning kit.

Liam loves many things. He is an ardent student of dinosaurs. He loves to learn about the solar system, black holes, and cosmology in general. We are currently reading the "God" book – Bible stories retold by Archbishop Desmond Tutu. And he loves whales! So, on his list appeared this request: an evolution of whales book.

Liam knows that whales are mammals and once walked on land. So, believe it or not, I found a book entitled *When Whales Walked on the Earth*.

Liam is only 5! Well, he'll be 6 in January. But he already knows that life on earth has a history, and that everything has changed and will keep changing on earth and in the universe. Already he understands John Henry Newman's dictum that "to live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often."

So, even though these Christmas lists are focused on Christmas, they have put me in mind of Advent. It is my favorite season of the entire Christian year, with its blue hangings, hymns of hope and longing, John the Baptist, Mary and all the rest. And, even though we might not like to dwell on it, Advent is the great season of change. We cry, "Come, Lord Jesus, Come." But that is not a cry to maintain the status quo. It is not a balm for preservation. We are not waiting for a period on our sentence.

We hope that when Jesus comes - in glory, in hidden majesty, in barely perceived moments of grace - the desert shall blossom like a rose, the rough places will be made plain, the poor shall be lifted up, the sinful forgiven, and the outcasts brought home. "In that day" we hope the face of the earth shall be renewed and that all people shall live in justice and peace, that the lion shall lie down with the lamb, and all people shall know God's mercy and love.

"Come, Lord Jesus, Come." It is not a cry for stability but change. This year it seems so much more urgent, as we await the calling of our new rector, seek to rebuild our parish life so bent down by Covid, and renew our hope that goodness, patience and truth shall raise our common life to new grandeur.



AROUND ST. CATHERINE'S

In almost all renderings of Jesus' coming in glory, his appearing is announced by a great trumpet call. "The trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised" sings the bass soloist in *Messiah*. St. Paul assured the Thessalonians that

the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

Scoff, if you wish, at the seemingly primitive cosmology of St. Paul's words, but remember the great song from *Anything Goes*, by Cole Porter:

Blow, Gabriel, blow.

Seems like anything important is preceded by a great trumpet call. So, my money is on Claire, my granddaughter ☺ On Thanksgiving Day, after dinner, I heard her in the back yard with her trumpet. Suddenly I realized she was playing – pretty well – the trumpet call from *2001 Space Odyssey*! If she could figure out that rousing call, she can surely usher Jesus along on his advent appearing.

How about that: from a simple Christmas present list, we have figured out Advent. Well, my grandchildren have helped. And that is what grandchildren are for! The trumpet sounds and change is coming. It is that simple.

With hope in the coming of the Lord,

Allen W. Farabee

Interim Rector

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

Reminder, any loose offering made on the first Sunday of the month goes to the Rector's Discretionary Fund.

PRAYER FOR OUR SEARCH

Almighty God, giver of every good gift, look graciously on St. Catherine's Church, as we search for a new rector. Be ever present in our midst, and so guide our community and the candidates, so that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for Your people and equip us for our ministries; through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

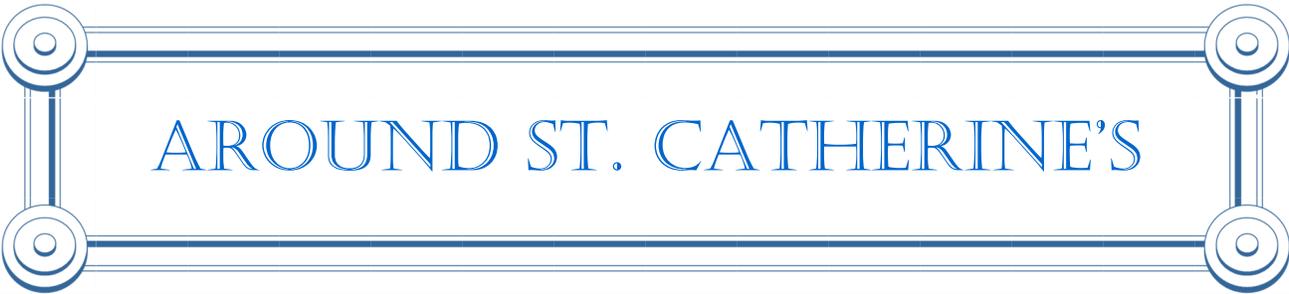
AROUND ST. CATHERINE'S

Notes from the Senior Warden

Before the Carpenters lit the first candle of Advent this past Sunday, when Amy read, “The night is far spent; the day is at hand,” from the *Preface* of Advent, we the *People* replied, “Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light.” I have always loved that *Collect*, in no small part, of course, because it meant that it was time to prepare our hearts for the birth of our Savior at Christmas. From my seat in the Junior Choir pew at Bruton Parish, I had the best view of the Advent wreath, and never felt such awe as when I saw that first candle lit. I still find myself holding my breath! The circle of the wreath reminds us of God’s love and mercy which has no beginning and no end. The greens speak of the hope we have in God, the hope of newness, renewal and eternal life. The candles symbolize the light of God coming into the world through the birth of God’s son, Jesus: “One candle, burning bright; Chasing away the darkness from light; One candle, glowing light; The blessing of God giving new sight.” (*The Hymnal 1940*, “Hymns for Children,” #235). God’s love is with us, magnified within us.



We’ve been on a long journey for the last couple of years. We said good bye to our Fourth Rector, and started to prepare to for the Fifth. We asked Fr. Allen to be our Interim Rector, and have been so grateful that he agreed. We began to take inventory, to reflect, pray and evaluate where we were, and who we are as a Parish, and as people of God whose mission is “to nurture each other in the knowledge and love of God...and to share the Good News with all.” Under the guidance of the Diocesan Transition Minister, The Rev’d Canon Richard Norman, we completed our *Self-Study*, *Parish Profile*, Compensation analysis, and *OTM* (Office of Transition Ministry) *Portfolio*. We called a Search Committee and the Vestry delegated to it the task of recommending Candidates who would best help us with our mission. The Search Committee presented the Vestry with its Finalists, and the Vestry has been “Meeting & Greeting,” sharing in a Eucharist, and interviewing those Finalists. We ALL have prayed and prayed and prayed for the one we believe that God has already called to be our Fifth Rector. Sisters and brothers, I am so happy to share that we are close to knowing who that might be!



AROUND ST. CATHERINE'S

“Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light.” When Kevin lit the first candle of Advent, the “Prophecy Candle,” it served to remind us of the prophets who foretold the coming of the Messiah. It represents HOPE. In the weeks to come, we will light the candles representing PEACE, JOY and LOVE, and, on Christmas Eve, the Christ candle. “O Come, O come Emmanuel.” God with us. God for us. God among us.

Rejoice! Rejoice!

God's peace to you all,
Manon

ST. CATHERINE'S IN-PERSON SERVICE

Holy Eucharist is celebrated on Sunday at 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM.

At this time, anyone not vaccinated is required to wear a mask when inside the church. All those who are vaccinated have the option of wearing a mask. Single-use masks are available as you enter the church if you do not have one. We will continue administering the bread only during Holy Communion at the communion rail.

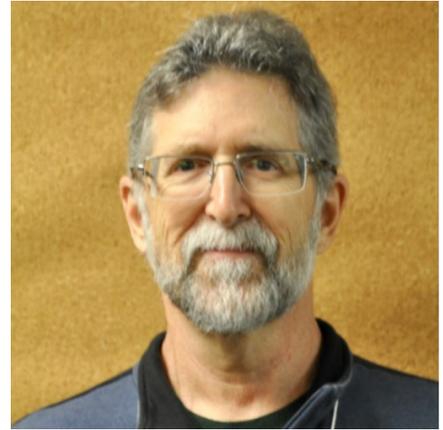
St. Catherine's 10 AM service is livestreamed to our [Facebook page](#) and [YouTube Channel](#) at 10 AM.

AROUND ST. CATHERINE'S

Notes from the Junior Warden

Wonderful Workday!

If you may or may not have noticed, much of our landscaping was in dire need of some TLC as many bushes and other plantings were heavily overgrown due to the inability to gather during the pandemic for the last two years. Well I am happy to report that a major undertaking was held to address that very problem!



On Sunday, November 21 after the 10:00 AM service, approximately 20 parishioners put on their work clothes and with much gusto and enthusiasm took about 2 hours to cut, prune, and spruce up the bushes, trees and plants all around the church. Their combined efforts resulted in our grounds looking as good as ever and also creating a huge pile of debris by the north lot entrance which was picked up by the city. While there is still much to be done such as cleaning up the north lot of downed branches from summer storms, this event was a huge contribution to caring for our church home.

Many thanks to Pam & Rick Schultz and Tiffany Grant who organized the event (and fed us pizza)! Also many thanks to those who came and helped out: Mazie & Steve Armstrong, Ellen Buckley, Bert & Sybil Catala, Paul Catala, Kate, Michael & Tiffany Grant, Diana & John Gruppos, Elissa Henderson, Norris & Paul Johnson, Pam & Rick Schultz, Andy Walsh, and Jess & Wilma Wiggins. Hopefully, I did not miss anyone's name but if I did I apologize and please let me know so that I can add it to next month's *Wheel*.

As always, there is still much to be accomplished in caring for God's house and our church home. We are always looking for volunteers to serve on the Buildings and Grounds Committee or to help out in various capacities. Please contact me by email (jagrupposo@msn.com) or phone (813-784-8137), if you are willing and able to serve.

Many blessings and many thanks!

John Gruppos
Junior Warden

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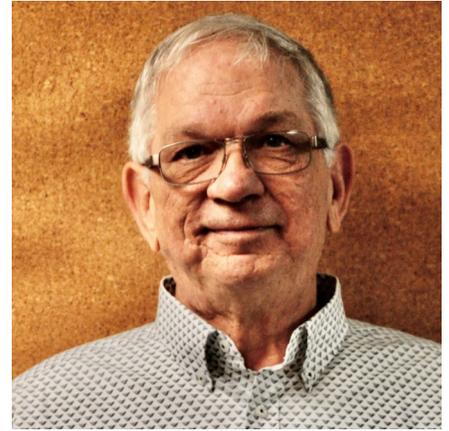


AROUND ST. CATHERINE'S

Notes from the Treasurer

This is a very exciting time here at St. Catherine of Alexandria Episcopal Church. We will soon be calling a new rector for our parish. In a month we will be ushering in a new year. The not knowing exactly what the new year will bring ushers in both feelings of apprehension and excitement in each of us.

We are in the midst of our Stewardship Campaign for 2022. I would ask each of you to consider the blessings you have received from the Lord. The amount of your financial blessings you choose to return to the Lord through your pledge commitment to St. Catherine's is very important to the financial well being of our parish in 2022. Your pledge is important as the parish plans the activities of our ministries for 2022 as well as the incorporation of the new rector into our parish life for the next year. If you have not yet submitted your pledge for 2022, please do so soon.



You may submit your pledge in any of these ways:

- Place your pledge card in the collection plate at any service
- Mail or Drop off your pledge card to church office
- Submit your pledge through our website www.stcathtt.org
- Extra pledge cards will be available in the Narthex if you misplace or lose your pledge card

Thank you and may the Lord be always with you.

Terry Beethel, Treasurer

AROUND ST. CATHERINE'S

Welcome the Light
Choral Evensong for Advent

The Choir of St. Catherine and Musicians of the Tampa Deanery



Sunday, December 5, 2021

4:00 PM

St. Catherine of Alexandria Episcopal Church

502 Druid Hills Road

Temple Terrace, Florida 33617

Light refreshments served

AROUND ST. CATHERINE'S

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY

St. Catherine's supports the Corpus Christi Society of St. Vincent dePaul Food Pantry. The food donations helps those in Temple Terrace and surrounding communities with food insecurities. Place donations of non-perishable food items in the shopping baskets in the church entrance.

THANKSGIVING DONATIONS

Peanut Butter	Powdered Milk
Canned Vegetables	Canned Pasta Sauce
Beans - canned or dry	Canned Fruit
Canned Soup	Canned Meat / Tuna
Cereal	

The food pantry also needs **clean empty egg cartons** and **plastic grocery bags**.

WEEKLY CENTERING PRAYER ZOOM MEETINGS

Centering Prayer and *Lectio Divina*: Monday mornings from 9:30 to 11:00 AM

Centering Prayer: Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 6:30 PM

Email Renee Graham, rgraham618@gmail.com to be added to the Zoom invitee list.

WISDOM PRACTICE CIRCLE ZOOM MEETING

The **Zoom Wisdom Practice Circle** occurs on the **3rd Saturday of each month**. In the month of November the 3rd Saturday is 11/20 at 3:00 PM.

Email Carol Harlow, walker_52@msn.com to be added to the Zoom invitee list.

ALTAR FLOWERS AND SANCTUARY CANDLE

Flowers and/or sanctuary candle allow us to remember loved ones or celebrate families & friends. Click here, <https://signup.com/go/RZCDMmo>, to sign up for an upcoming date. When signing up for flowers, please allow two weeks to allow time to place the order with the florist.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Please join us on Facebook for a weeklong discussion/blog

[Adult Christian Education @ St. Catherine's](#) and click on "Join Group"

FAMILY ADVENT IDEAS

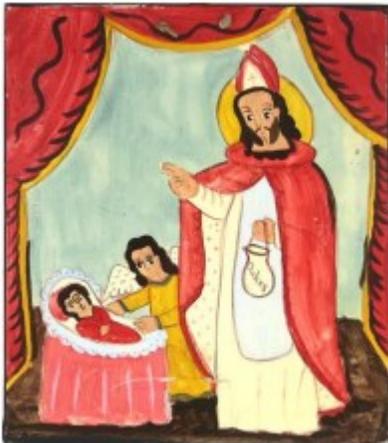
The Episcopal Relief & Development has offered a Toolkit for Advent. [Click Here](#) to access the One Thousand Days of Love Advent Toolkit.



CREATE ADVENT WREATHS and USE THE ADVENT WREATH BOOKLET to learn



CREATE AN ADVENT CRECHE



LEARN ABOUT ST. NICHOLAS DAY

DECEMBER SERVICE SPOT

SUNDAY	05-Dec-2021	12-Dec-2021	19-Dec-2021	26-Dec-2021
8 AM Reader	S Sharma	S Gough	E Buckley	No 8 AM Service
8 AM Acolyte	D Grupposo	S Gough	E Buckley	
8 AM Usher	W Williams	J Grupposo	D Clark	
10 AM Reader 1	J Wiggins	M Alewynse	N Averill-Snell	M Quire
10 AM Reader 2	C Harlow	B Devoll	J Averill-Snell	C Temple
10 AM Usher	J Delgado Miller	T Bechtel	D LaMettery	S Armstrong
10 AM Acolyte	K Grant	M Grant	A Riefler / A Boehning	K Carpenter / K Carpenter
Live Stream	B Devoll	T Grant	S Armstrong	J Boe
Altar Guild	Team Martha	Team Mary	Team Martha	Team Mary
Counters	T Bechtel / P Johnson	R Schultz / P Johnson	R Schultz / T Bechtel	R Schultz / T Bechtel

CHRISTMAS SERVICE SPOT

FRIDAY **24-Dec-2021**

4 PM Reader	R Norris
4 PM Acolyte	K Carpenter / K Carpenter
4PM Usher	D Clark
10 PM Reader 1	R Eubank
10 PM Reader 2	P Johnson
10 PM Usher	
10 PM Acolyte	M Grant / K Grant
10 PM Live Stream	D Grupposo
Altar Guild	Team Martha

ALTAR FLOWERS and SANCTUARY CANDLE

A beautiful and powerful way to remember our loved ones and to celebrate our families and friends. Sign up for Altar Flowers or the Sanctuary Candle by clicking on the following link: www.SignUp.Org. When signing up for flowers, **please allow two weeks to allow time to place the order with the florist.**



Suggested Donation \$50

December 5, 2021	Lois Gonzalez
December 12, 2021	Eleanor Wells
December 19, 2021	<i>still available</i>
December 26, 2021	Christmas Donations
January 2, 2022	<i>still available</i>
January 9, 2022	Bartlett Family
January 16, 2022	Robert Tucker
January 23, 2022	<i>still available</i>
January 30, 2022	<i>still available</i>
February 6, 2022	<i>still available</i>
February 13, 2022	<i>still available</i>
February 20, 2022	<i>still available</i>
February 27, 2022	<i>still available</i>
March 6, 2022	<i>still available</i>



Suggested Donation \$10

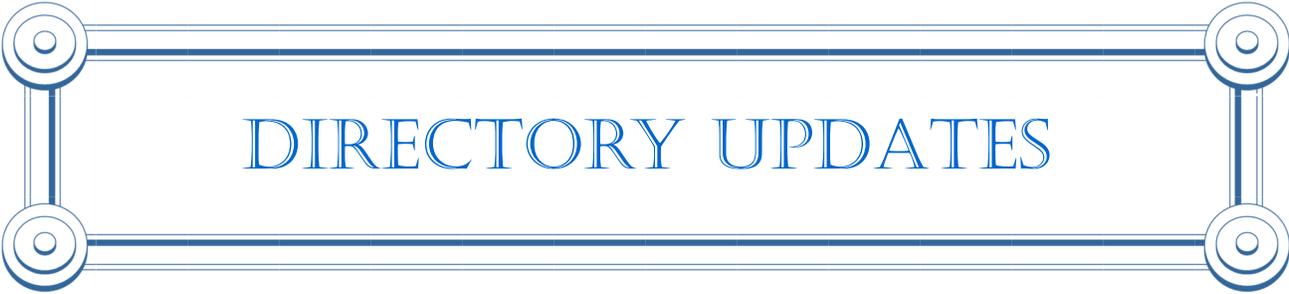
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Sienna Hoyte	12/01	Marty Mantia	12/14
Frank LaMetterey	12/03	Peggy Prosser	12/15
Renee Stenbridge	12/04	Jesse Wiggins	12/17
Kimberly Quire	12/05	Steve Graham	12/18
Frank Johnson	12/07	Frank Johnson Jr.	12/23
Sylvia Dixon	12/07	JoAnn McQuaid	12/27
David McCallister	12/09	Chris Buckley	12/31
Anastasia Wilson	12/09	Norris Johnson	12/31
Allen Farabee	12/10	Patricia Maney	12/31
Raymond Henderson	12/11	Sylvia Smith	12/31

Jesse & Wilma Wiggins	12/17
Roger & Grace Sanders	12/21
Bert & Sybil Catala	12/28
Sherman & Sylvia Smith	12/28





DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please inform the Church Office of any changes in your address, phone number or e-mail.
If your birthday or anniversary is not included in the celebration list, it is because we do not have that information. Contact the church to update at 813-988-6483 or email Admin@stcathtt.org. Thank you!

Directory Updates

We will keep a running list for corrections to the directory.
NEW changes will be in RED with a star.

- Chris & Ellen Buckley - Address: 1211 N. Riverhills Dr. Temple Terrace FL 33617
Cell phone: 813-495-5709 (no home phone), Email: ellensb5891@gmail.com
- Sybil & Bert Catala - Address: 11312 Linarbor Place. Temple Terrace FL 33617
- Diana & John Grupposo - Address: 18934 Pebble Links Cir, Apt 204, Tampa, FL 33647
John Cell: 813-784-8137, Diana Cell: 813-732-1173
- Eleanor Howland - Address: 4000 E. Fletcher Ave., G-214, Tampa, FL 33613 / Phone: 813-988-7467
- Libbet Jenkins - Address: 5511 Cannonade Drive, Wesley Chapel, FL 33544
- Cindy & Frank Johnson - Address: 1004 Riflecrest Ave., Valrico, FL 33594
- JoAnn Ruger McQuaid - Address: 19741 McKabben Lane, Land O'Lakes FL 34638
Phone: 813-766-6881 / email: rugerjoann@gmail.com
- Morgan & Grant Miller - Address: 7011 Fieldhurst Court, Alexandria, VA 22315
- Deb Noonan - Home Phone: 984-999-4906, Cell Phone: 984-234-1202
- Ann Rezabek - Address: 4100 E. Fletcher Ave, Apt 918, Tampa FL 33613
- Sue Scully - Address: 8585 Montravail Circle, Apt. 817, Temple Terrace, FL 33637
No home phone / email: susandscully@me.com

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Worship Services

Sunday 8:00 AM - Holy Eucharist
Sunday 10:00 AM - Holy Eucharist with Music

Office Hours

Monday through Thursday: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Staff

The Rev. Allen W. Farabee, Interim Rector
Manon Alewynse, Senior Warden
Diana Grupposo, Parish Administrator
Linda Ruescher, Interim Music Director & Organist
Brenda Menendez, Financial Secretary

Pastoral Emergencies / Hospital Visits

Please let us know if you or other parishioners are in the hospital.

For pastoral emergencies, call the Interim Rector, Fr. Allen W. Farabee, 716-400-7593

Other questions or concerns, contact the Senior Warden, Manon Alewynse, 813-507-1334

Church Email List



We communicate events and things of interest via email to our parishioners. If you would like to be on this list, please fill out the Welcome card found in the pew and give it to an usher or contact the church office. We do not share this information with anyone.

Find us on Facebook

facebook.com/StCatherinesEpiscopalChurchTempleTerrace/

If you are on our Facebook page, click “like” and pass the word! Post pictures and comment and the page will have a wider audience. We have a policy of not putting children / youth names with pictures on the internet, please do not tag anyone under 18.



The Rewarding Formula



Go to www.stcathtt.org and click Resources in the blue bar at the top of the page then click on the Amazon.com button = commissions for St. Catherine's at no extra cost to you!