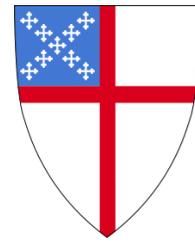


THE WHEEL

March 2022

St. Catherine of Alexandria
Episcopal Church



Lent: Secular or Sacred?

Every now and then I see a bumper sticker that says, “Keep Christ in Christmas.” Yet Christmas isn’t the only religious observance that has been remodeled into a secular season only remotely connected to its religious origin; Lent is another.

The “Secular Lent” has been growing in popularity, the idea being that one can take on Lenten practices like fasting, or abstaining from unhealthy activities, not for religious reasons but as a self-improvement program. The columnist Giles Fraser puts it this way: “The irony of the secular Lent of giving up chocolate etc., is that it turns a period of self-denial into one of self-regard. It makes it all about me....”¹

Now don’t get me wrong: there’s nothing bad about giving up chocolate or whiskey or Instagram or smoking for forty days. In fact, there’s probably a lot of good in all that. But Lent is about something deeper and even more transformative. In keeping a sacred Lent, we give up seeking control, rather than trying to master ourselves or our surroundings. We take on Lenten practices to “self-empty,” not to “self-improve.” We fast, pray, and perhaps give up that chocolate bar or Facebook session not to increase our pride or decrease our waistlines, but to create space in our lives and hearts for God to enter. If my Lenten practices decrease “me” the Spirit in me will increase.

And that means, of course, that my joy, peace, and sense of freedom increases. These qualities of the Spirit can’t be earned through even the most rigorous self-improvement program. They are gifts that can only be prepared for through getting ourselves out of the way—placing all our plans and programs (for ourselves or for others) on a shelf and instead becoming empty, so that God’s love and grace and peace can fill us.

How lucky we are to have the church and her sacred Lent! This time of fasting, prayer, almsgiving, and, in general, “creating space” for God is a time of tending the seed of the Spirit within us—which will bloom in ways always new and delightful. “Lent” after all means “springtime,” (Old English: *lencten*) a time of new life, of greening, of grace.

Have a wonderful Lent!

Faithfully,

James +

¹<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/belief/2014/mar/07/secular-lent-pale-imitation-real-thing>

AROUND ST. CATHERINE'S

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

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

ST. CATHERINE'S IN-PERSON SERVICE

At this time, all are strongly encouraged to wear masks during the liturgy and when inside the church buildings. Single-use masks are available as you enter the church if you do not have one. We continue to administer only the bread during Holy Communion.

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

LENTEN "BOWLS AND BIBLES" PROGRAM

March 8, March 15, March 29, and April 5

Come join in on **Tuesday evenings 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM** for a simple but delicious supper of soup, salad, and bread as Fr. James leads an interesting, and sometimes humorous, walk and reflection and discussion through some of the great readings from the Hebrew Scriptures used at the Easter Vigil: the stories of Creation, the Flood, the Sacrifice of Isaac, and the Exodus. Get ready to learn, laugh, and have some fun fellowship! (No meeting March 22 as our Boy Scout Troop has their banquet in the Parish Hall that night)! Also accessible via Zoom; please see Thursday's *Newsletter* for the link.

On March 22 at 6 PM we will have **Stations of the Cross** outside in the oak grove using the images painted by former parishioner Dot Keating which are currently hanging in the Education Wing.

NAME TAGS

Wearing name tags during worship services and other parish events at St. Catherine's has proven to be an important practice for several decades in welcoming newcomers and visitors, as well as getting to know each other a little bit better. We believe it is time to revive and restore the wearing of name tags, and to make this happen, we would greatly appreciate it if you would do the following:

- Check the name tag rack in the narthex, and determine if you have a name tag. Please wear your name tag when inside the church.
- No name tag, add your first and last name to the form found on the table in the narthex just outside the Sanctuary. A new name tag will be placed on the appropriate peg on the rack.

AROUND ST. CATHERINE'S

Notes from the Senior Warden

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

What an incredible month it's been, our first with our new Rector, The Rev. Dr. James H. Reho. What a joy it's been for me to have spent this last month with him – and you as we've begun “to put down our nets“ right where they are, just as Jesus told those fisherman, his first disciples, trusting that God sees what we cannot.



Things are opening up, in more ways than one. There's been quite the whirl of activity! Already all manner of good things have been done, things outward and visible, as well as those the evidence of which is yet unseen. Such positive energy, palpable and powerful!

Mid-month your Vestry met in retreat and received several thoughtful gifts from both Fr. James and Lori, not the least of which was time together for which we did not have to plan. As we shared our gratitude and listened to each other, we prayed to define our leadership with justice, and “to find out what people want,” to lead with compassion and love, and to walk in the path that God has set for us. We prayed that God help us to be sensitive to our differences, to examine our own assumptions and perceptions, to be empathetic, and to share with those who thirst, the role of servant leadership - the kind of leadership that recognizes that the Holy Spirit is in charge, and acknowledges that it is God who works miracles.

Let God work miracles.

During the season of Lent, when we prepare for our Lord's passion and resurrection, we'll have the time as a Parish to reflect, both individually, and together as the Body of Christ. We'll have the opportunity to put down what does not serve us and our community, and to lift up what lets our light shine, so that we can reach out to the larger community beyond the doors of our sanctuary, and to share the Good News with all.

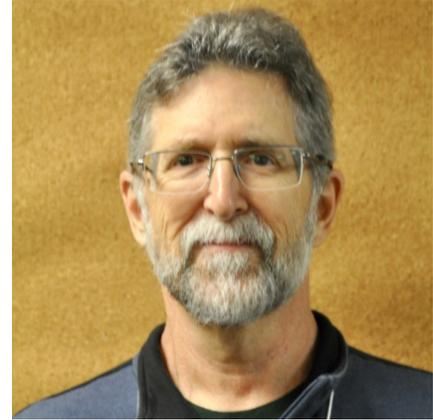
In love,

Manon Alewynse, Senior Warden

AROUND ST. CATHERINE'S

Notes from the Junior Warden

As you all may or may not have been aware, our church home has been in need of a roof for some time now. There are many leaks in the front entry, the narthex, and the parish hall due to the condition of the flat roof over those areas. It is the original roof and is at least 30 years old and well past time to be replaced. The remainder, which is covered by asphalt shingles, has deteriorated in many areas and while not leaking at the moment has the potential to do so. These issues had begun to be addressed at least 3-4 years ago but due to the pandemic had been put on the back burner along with the rest of our parish life.



Well finally there is some GREAT NEWS to announce! After a lengthy and exhaustive search process obtaining bids and reviewing and interviewing roofing companies, the ad-hoc committee formed for this task has chosen Greentek Property Solutions as the company we will use to replace our roof. They are a local company who have experience in all phases of roofing. They offered the best guarantees on materials and workmanship. Their management team is very accommodating and willing to work with us on pricing and timing of the work. If you would like to read more about them here is a link to their website: [Roofing Company Tampa FL | GreenTek Property Solutions \(greentekps.com\)](http://Roofing Company Tampa FL | GreenTek Property Solutions (greentekps.com)) As far as the actual work, it is scheduled to begin on Monday March 14. We will be blocking out a couple of areas of the parking lot to accommodate the equipment, materials, and waste management for the project. Greentek will keep our needs in mind and will perform the work with care and diligence to make sure our grounds are cleaned daily and disruptions will be kept at a minimum. It should take about 7-10 days to complete and no work will be done on Sundays. The last issue the committee had to address was how to pay for such a large project. The overall cost for this undertaking is just over \$100,000. In order to finance this without going into debt it was decided to use the earnings from the endowment fund to pay for it. The endowment has been earning a healthy and steady return for a number of years and the earnings are there for the church to use on a major project such as this. The Finance Committee has consulted with the Diocese on this and they agree it is a wise use of the earnings and we were commended on having the foresight to set this up for future use and avoiding major debt.



AROUND ST. CATHERINE'S

The Junior Warden would like to thank all who were involved in putting this project together. Big thanks to Terry Bechtel and Rick Schultz for the expertise and involvement. Additional thanks as well to Father James, Manon Alewynse, and the Finance Committee for their contributions to the project. If you would like to see the new shingles we have chosen there will be a display in the parish hall being set up with additional information.

Finally, as you can see, our church home needs lots of TLC to remain a safe and fully functional place for us to gather and worship. It requires many hands to do this and we really need to reform the Building and Grounds committee to address and keep up with the maintenance of our wonderful facility both inside and outside. Please prayerfully consider how each of us can contribute to this ongoing endeavor by joining the committee. We meet once a month usually for an hour to plan and budget. You do not need to have any expertise in facilities maintenance. If you cannot attend every meeting, we will still appreciate and value your contributions. If you cannot serve on the committee, please consider signing up to help on the next workday project. We promise to not work you too hard and we will probably feed you as well!

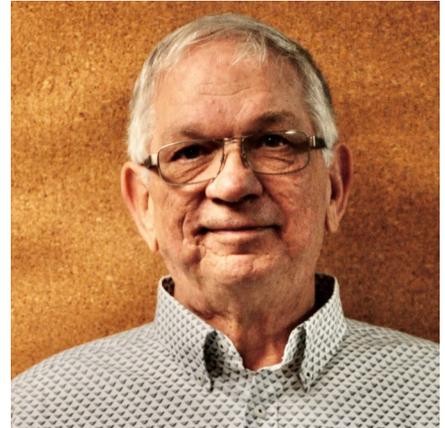
Respectfully submitted,

John Grupposo, Junior Warden

AROUND ST. CATHERINE'S

Notes from the Treasurer

With a new rector on board, things are beginning to happen at St. Catherine's. With the pandemic beginning to wane, more parishioners are attending our regular services on Sunday morning. Father Reho has begun a new service at noon on Wednesdays. The commissions and committees, less active recently because of the pandemic, are beginning to become more active again and involved in the various ministries of our parish. If you have not yet submitted a pledge to St. Catherine's for 2022, now would be a good time to do so. Even if you have already submitted a pledge, feel free to express your excitement for the future and increase your gifts to our parish for 2022. There are lots of plans and activities in our future and your financial support is essential to being able to finance these ministries.



As we have stated in past *Wheel* Articles there are several different ways to make a contribution or submit your 2022 pledge:

- You may make your pledge or contribution on line through our website at www.stcath.org.
- You may mail your pledge or contribution to our church office.
- You may drop off your pledge or contribution to the church office during business hours, Monday through Thursday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.
- You may place your pledge or contribution in the collection plate at the church services on Sunday

All the buildings on our campus will receive a new roof in March of 2022. Most of the roof area is asphalt shingles but a portion over the Narthex and Parish Hall are flat and require a different type of roofing (TPO). We will also install new gutters and downspouts. Construction is scheduled to begin on March 14. Construction should be complete in a couple weeks. Funding for this project (approximately \$110,000) was generated from the earnings from our endowment. Having an endowment and the earnings generated thereof is a wonderful blessing and the parish is very thankful. The endowment was begun and grown through the generous gifts from the estates from our parishioners over the years. We encourage each of you to consider a gift to St. Catherine's as you perform your estate planning.

Terry Bechtel - Treasurer



AROUND ST. CATHERINE'S

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE UPDATE

John Grupposo, your Junior Warden, Terry Bechtel, your Treasurer and I, Rick Schultz, Building & Grounds Chair, have been hard at work interviewing and receiving quotes from contractors for a new roof for our entire campus. The Senior Warden, Manon Alewynse, and our Rector, Fr. James, were in on the final decision.

We have spent many hours going over the project. We have reviewed all of the data including the materials to be used on both the church roof and the flat roof. There are many different ways to approach the project and we feel we have made the best choice. We had 9 companies that interviewed and 7 bid the project.

After much consideration and discussion we have chosen GreenTek Roofing to do the project. They presented a very clear and detailed bid.

We have samples of the shingles that we will be using—our color will be “Driftwood”. The flat roof will be covered with TPO decking material. The process for the flat roof has greatly been improved since our initial placement and we feel confident in the product.

The warranty is for 10 years on the shingles and the workmanship.

The roof over the Education Building had some damage from the trees and we have filed a claim with our insurance carrier and hope to hear back from them in the near future.

The total cost for the project is \$110,054. This includes the shingles, flat roof and new gutters. The cost will be covered using the interest earned from our Endowment Fund.

There will be some disruption in the parking lot during the construction time. A few of the spaces will be filled with the supplies. The start date is currently March 14 and should take 2 weeks to complete, weather permitting. There will be a GreenTek superintendent on site at all times. John and I will be there off and on during the project.

This is a big project and it shows we are open and ready to go forward for God.

Rick Schultz, Building & Grounds Committee Chair

AROUND ST. CATHERINE'S

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY

St. Catherine's supports the Corpus Christi Society of St. Vincent dePaul Food Pantry. Food donations help 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.

SUGGESTED DONATIONS

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| 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS AND SANCTUARY CANDLE

Sponsoring the flowers and/or sanctuary candle allows us to remember loved ones or celebrate families and 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 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"

NEXT OPPORTUNITY FOR BAPTISM

The next opportunity for Baptism is at the **Great Vigil of Easter on April 16th**. Please contact the church office should you like to be baptized.



AROUND ST. CATHERINE'S

VA



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Health Administration
VA Center for Development & Civic Engagement

James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital
13000 Bruce B. Down Blvd.
Tampa, FL 33612-4745

1/21/2022

In Reply Refer To: 673/135

St Catherine's Episcopal Church
Carol Harlow
502 Druid Hills Road
Temple Terrace, Florida 33617

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital (673) patients and staff, we would like to extend our appreciation to you for your donation of the clothing items that were donated on January 7, 2022.

It is through the efforts of community partners like you that allow us to continue the quality care and services that we seek to provide for our deserving Veterans. We look forward to the opportunity to work with you again for future events.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Mitra Gobin

Chief, Center for Development & Civic Engagement

MARCH SERVICE SPOT

| SUNDAY | 06-Mar-22 | 13-Mar-22 | 20-Mar-22 | 27-Mar-22 |
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| 8 AM Reader | S Sharma | E Buckley | D Grupposo | S Gough |
| 8 AM Acolyte | L Gonzalez | E Buckley | D Grupposo | S Gough |
| 8 AM Usher | W Williams | J Grupposo | D Clark | W Williams |
| 10 AM Reader 1 | J Wiggins | J Averill-Snell | R Norris | P Johnson |
| 10 AM Reader 2 | M Alewynse | N Averill-Snell | D Schatzberg | R Eubank |
| 10 AM Usher | S Armstrong | M Temple | J Delgado Miller | T Bechtel |
| 10 AM Acolyte(s) | M Grant | A Riefler | K Grant / A Boehning | K Carpenter / K Carpenter |
| Live Stream | T Grant | B Ramos | D Grupposo | J Boe |
| Altar Guild | Team Martha | Team Mary | Team Martha | Team Mary |
| Counters | T Bechtel / R Schultz | T Bechtel / R Schultz | T Bechtel / R Schultz | T Bechtel / P Johnson |

ALTAR FLOWERS and SANCTUARY CANDLE

Sponsoring the flowers or candle is 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 contacting the church office or 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

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| March 6, 2022 | <i>still available</i> |
| March 13, 2022 | Wiggins |
| March 20, 2022 | <i>still available</i> |
| March 27, 2022 | Nelson Gough |
| April 3, 2022 | <i>still available</i> |
| April 10, 2022 | <i>still available</i> |
| April 17, 2022 | <i>still available</i> |
| April 24, 2022 | <i>still available</i> |
| May 1, 2022 | <i>still available</i> |
| May 8, 2022 | <i>still available</i> |
| May 15, 2022 | <i>still available</i> |
| May 22, 2022 | <i>still available</i> |
| May 29, 2022 | <i>still available</i> |
| June 5, 2022 | Eleanor Wells |
| June 12, 2022 | <i>still available</i> |
| June 19, 2022 | Ronelle Norris |
| June 26, 2022 | <i>still available</i> |



Suggested Donation \$10

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| March 6, 2022 | Suzette Lemrow |
| March 13, 2022 | Sandy Boehning |
| March 20, 2022 | Suzette Lemrow |
| March 27, 2022 | <i>still available</i> |
| April 3, 2022 | Suzette Lemrow |
| April 10, 2022 | Karen Branch |
| April 17, 2022 | Suzette Lemrow |
| April 24, 2022 | Grupposo |
| May 1, 2022 | Suzette Lemrow |
| May 8, 2022 | <i>still available`</i> |
| May 15, 2022 | Suzette Lemrow |
| May 22, 2022 | Sandy Boehning |
| May 29, 2022 | Ronelle Norris |
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| Joan Kaywell | 03/01 | Michael Quire | 03/16 |
| R.C. Tucker | 03/01 | Bea Scott | 03/19 |
| Wally Williams | 03/03 | Alston Colby | 03/20 |
| Sherman Smith | 03/03 | Sherry Rich | 03/23 |
| Abrielle McKenzie | 03/03 | Gary Eubank | 03/24 |
| Julian Shirley-Torres | 03/03 | Carol Bechtel | 03/26 |
| Katy Saunders | 03/12 | Susan Scully | 03/27 |
| Jean Parris | 03/13 | Glenn Schatzberg | 03/28 |
| Decklyn Arrington | 03/14 | Clara Arrington | 03/30 |

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| Pam & Rick Schultz | 03/14 |
| Mary & William Reid | 03/23 |
| Nelson & Susan Gough | 03/26 |
| Mazie & Stephen Armstrong | 03/29 |



DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please inform the Church Office of any changes in your address, phone number or email.

If you are not receiving our emails, please check you Trash, Junk and Spam folders or contact your email provider for help receiving emails from admin@stcathtt.org.

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

James & Lori Reho - Address: 806 Fig Tree Ln, Brandon FL 33511
James Cell: 917-526-0746 / email: frjames@stcathtt.org
Lori Cell: 239-745-1656 / email: lori.reho.2019@gmail.com

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

St. Catherine of Alexandria Episcopal Church

502 Druid Hills Road

Temple Terrace, FL 33617

Phone (813)988-6483

Worship Services

Sunday Holy Eucharist Rite I :00 AM

Sunday Choral Eucharist Rite II at 10:00 AM

Wednesday Holy Eucharist and Service of Healing 12:10 PM

Office Hours

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

Staff

The Rev. Dr. James Reho, Rector

FrJames@stcathtt.org

Diana Gruposso, Parish Administrator

admin@stcathtt.org

Linda Ruescher, Director of Music & Organist

linda.ruescher@gmail.com

Brenda Menendez, Financial Administrator

brenda@stcathtt.org

Pastoral Emergencies / Hospital Visits

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

For pastoral emergencies, call the Rector, Fr. James Reho, 917-526-0746 (cell).

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!