



ALL ANGELS BY THE SEA WEEKLY TIDINGS

October 20, 2022

SUNDAY SERVICE
10:00 am

To live-stream - go to [AllAngelsLBK.org](https://www.AllAngelsLBK.org), click on the "All Angels Enter Here" picture and you will be routed to our YouTube channel.

Zoom - go to <https://zoom.us/j/5955701807> and watch and listen live. Be sure to stick around after the service for our coffee hour chat-with-your-neighbor time.

The bulletin can be found on the All Angels Website:

[AllAngelsLBK.org](https://www.AllAngelsLBK.org) or at the following link:

Bulletin for Sunday, October 23



Altar Flowers for Sunday, October 23
are given by Gerry & Gay Bowles
in loving memory of Gay's sister, Gretta.



Scripture Readings, October 23

Joel 2:23-32

Psalm 84:1-6

2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18

Luke 18:9-14

[Click Here for this Sunday's Readings](#)

A Prayer for Peace Among the Nations *(BCP 816)*

Let us pray in this time of conflict for the countries of Russia and the Ukraine,

Almighty God our heavenly Father, guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

HURRICANE RELIEF

A Message Regarding Hurricane Relief Funding
from Bishop Dabney Smith

Please watch this message from Bishop Dabney Smith regarding updates on hurricane relief funding, and congregational support efforts happening across the diocese.



Donate to Hurricane Relief

If you would like to help with the long and tedious process of recovery and rebuilding, the most beneficial form of assistance is monetary donations. Your financial assistance will a response that is quick and adaptive to the specific needs on the ground. Please continue to pray for all those who have been impacted by this storm: May God give us the strength and grace needed to meet the days to come.

There are two ways to contribute:

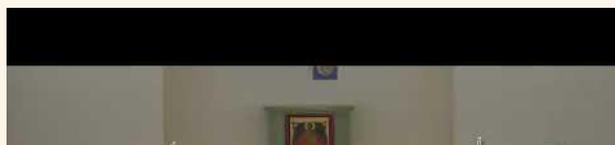
Donate Online at www.episcopalswfl.org

Or write a check payable to Episcopal Diocese of Southwest Florida and mail it to Diocesan House, 8005 25th Street East, Parrish, FL 34219.

Make sure to note "Hurricane Relief" in your memo line.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Last Sunday's Service





PRAYERS

Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer invites you to pray with them, every day, at 8 am, wherever you are. When you enter into prayer at 8 am (Eastern), you will know that others are praying at the same time.

We Pray for our People

Hear the prayers of all who cry out to you for help. Especially we pray for the needs of: Downs IV, Holden, Brian, Tyler, Barbara, Anne and new-born David Jude. Grant healing and recovery for Terry, Georgianna, Peg, Annette, Lisa and Michael. Give peace and strength for those going through cancer treatments, especially Jane, Margaret, Bill, Downs III, Victoria, Alex, Connie and Douglas. Visit and comfort all who are under the care of skilled nursing, especially Timothy, Barbara, Kim and Mary Ann. Be near to all who are in hospice care.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Office Volunteers Needed

If you have spare time and want to volunteer to answer the office phone especially Tuesday and Wednesday, **we need you!** There will be a sign up calendar on the Gallery table. Times needed: approximately 9:30-12:30. Please write your name on the day you can volunteer.

Choir News

Choir practices are on Thursdays at 10 a.m.
New members are always welcome.

October Gallery Artist

Our featured artist for October is O'Lyn Callahan. Please stop by and enjoy the work of this talented local artist. Checks should be written to All Angels by the Sea.



Men's and Women's Discussion Groups

As we draw closer to Halloween, here is a rather scary topic - an AI way to communicate with the dead. If you think this is just science fiction, the MIT Technology Review would like you to take another look. Recently at Ed Asner's memorial service, attendees were able to "communicate" with the actor through this AI technology.

I am wondering what you think of this and what is the next inevitable evolutionary step in technology. ... and is it something we should be doing.

Attached is a two-page overview of the technology. To read the longer version, here is the link to MIT Technology Review:

For those in person, I will have the coffee ready. For those on line, here is the link: <https://zoom.us/j/5955701807>

[New AI Tools Let You Chat with the Dead](#)

Mark Your Calendars

- Outreach Commission Meeting, Tuesday, October 25th, 1:30 p.m.
 - Introduction and blessing of our new Music Director, David Stasney, Sunday October 30th, 10 a.m.
 - First 8 a.m. service of the season, Sunday, November 6th.
 - All Saint's Sunday remembrance, November 6th, 8 and 10 a.m.
 - Memorial Service for Dale Hooey, Thursday, November 10th, 11 a.m.
 - Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, Tuesday, November 22nd.
 - 1st Sunday of Advent, November 27th.
 - Newcomers Welcome, Sunday, January 8th, after the 10 a.m. service
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Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

One of the most important things we do is gather after the service for coffee hour. If you are interested in hosting, the sign up sheet is on the Gallery table. If you would like help, sign up and we will find someone to show you how it is done.

Online Giving

If you would like to give to the offering plate electronically, you can find the online giving link on our All Angels website by clicking the link below:

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REFLECTION





One of the keys to smart fiction writing is to create a character that has imperfections. Perhaps one of the most remarkable fiction characters of my generation is Darth Vader of the Star Wars enterprise. Vader has terrific super powers, called The Force; but, he has chosen to use those powers for evil. He uses them predictably because there are serious imperfections with his character – the most profound is his eagerness to use violence to gain power. In the end, however, love wins out. He stands up for his son Luke Skywalker by sacrificing himself.

Every once in a great while, my dad would get short with me when out on the sailboat. Predictably, I have gotten short with my two awesome boys; usually while doing some sort of yard work that I don't want to do. My dad was not perfect and certainly I am not either. Yet, imperfection is a part of life.

In Navajo culture, rug weavers leave little imperfections along the borders in the shape of a line called a "spirit pathway". It is to allow the spirit of the weaver to not be trapped in the creation but have a pathway out. Artistically speaking, these spirit-pathway lines add imperfection into a piece that makes it feel more real, or desirable.

The (Episcopal) National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., has several small architectural flaws that are attributed to a medieval custom that sought to illustrate that only God can be perfect. The ceiling that arches over the main aisle of the cathedral do not meet at the center, but are slightly off its axis. The choirstalls along the nave of the church are also not aligned. On Longboat, if you look closely at the nave of All Angels, our two front doors do not align exactly with the altar rail opening. Even the camera is slightly offset so that the on-line image is imperfect.

In Japan, incorporating deliberate imperfections is a necessary ingredient of art known as "wabi sabi". Ceramics made in that style have shapes that are not quite symmetrical, and colors or textures that appear to emphasize an unrefined or simple style. Often tea bowls would be chipped or nicked at the bottom. Many of Leonardo da Vinci's paintings were left unfinished. Yet, those imperfections have brought about a great degree of appreciation.

Art historians believe that we appreciate and desire imperfections in art because it allows us to feel closer to the artist. When we see incomplete pieces, or visible brushstrokes, smudged paint, or even a finger print, it's almost like we are sitting with the artist as the piece is being created. These imperfections make the artist more exposed, more vulnerable, and, to the human experience, more relatable and human.

Before each wedding, I tell the happy couple that there will be a mistake. It is unavoidable. Yet, with practice, we can make those mistakes small. Deep inside me, however, I also know that imperfections in a wedding liturgy make it more real and relatable. Every bulletin we make has at least one imperfection. The service bulletin for Queen Elizabeth's funeral was published online; I was pleased to find an imperfection in it.

Sometimes Jesus is called a perfect human (although he himself never said that). Yet if Jesus had no imperfections, how could we relate to him? Luckily, there are Gospel stories of times when Jesus sounds a little cranky; a little off. I adore those sections – like when Jesus was transfigured into a glowing white with Moses and Elijah on his left and right. He came down the mountain and found the disciples couldn't heal a child in their midst. It sounds like he jumped off the handle at them when he said, "How long must I be with you? How long will I put up with you?" He then healed the child. They asked, "Why couldn't we heal him?" Jesus shot back, "Because you have little faith." In this story, I see a Navajo spirit-line woven in, I see the chipped cup, the arch that doesn't meet in

the center, the roughness and simplicity of this incomplete picture of discipleship. It draws me closer to him who I call savior and master. There are regrettable times when I am short with those who I love the most in my life. At least I know Jesus did that too.

-Rev. Dave



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