



ALL ANGELS BY THE SEA WEEKLY TIDINGS

October 27, 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 30



Altar Flowers for Sunday, October 30
are given by Hank & Jinx Kochan in loving memory of their fathers,
Henry Kochan Sr. and Haig Bediguian.
May light perpetual shine upon them.



Scripture Readings, October 30

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Psalm 119:137-144

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

Luke 19:1-10

[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.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Last Sunday's Service



HURRICANE RELIEF

**A Message Regarding Hurricane Relief Funding
from Bishop Dabney Smith**

Please watch this message Regarding Hurricane Relief Funding from Bishop Douglas Scharf and Canon Chris Gray.



Donate to Hurricane Relief

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.

NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays



7 Brooke Dixon
7 Kim Bradshaw
8 C.J. Nager
13 Mary Ortiz
14 B.J. Bishop
14 Cathie Wilt
16 Brian Rushton
17 Marge Stapleton
20 Christi Marshall
29 Ginny Upshaw

Anniversaries



25 Don & Lou Getz

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 Nancy (Joan Sherry's sister), Terry, Georgianna, Peg, Annette, Lisa, Michael, Victoria and Scott. Give peace and strength for those going through cancer treatments, especially Jane, 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.

OUTREACH

All Angels is partnering with Mothers Helping Mothers with a Christmas Toy Drive starting Sunday, November 6 and running through December 4. Look for more information on this exciting and important Outreach activity.

Also, the Outreach Commission is partnering with Turning Points in Bradenton. For more information on the vital help Turning Points does, please [click here](#) or read this article from the Bradenton Herald: *Bradenton Herald: Turning Points*

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Fall Fling

Fall Fling is happening on Wednesday, November 9th from 4:30 to 5:30 at All Angels. Enjoy some BBQ and get better acquainted with your church and neighbors. Music provided by our new Music Director, David Stasney. Bring a friend!

Episcopal Church Climate Advocacy at the UN

Join the Episcopal Presiding Bishop's Delegates to the United Nations 27th Conference of Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP27).

[Click here for more information](#)

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

My reflection for this week is about having to unlearn and relearn things in order to survive the 21st century. One of the unlearn/relearn aspects has to do with gender identification and labels, words and/or acronyms. We all want to get it right and not offend, but, things seem to be moving quite quickly and without any sort of direction.

In this week's article, the author shared a clip from CBS Sunday Morning of author David Sedaris' commentary on this topic. In it, he asks these questions: why change the word for same-sex orientation? Who decides these things anyway? Here is a link to that clip:

[*David Sedaris on coming out all over again*](#)

Although the article does not bring up religion, there are aspects I'd like to discuss and what better place to do it than the discussion group.

For those in person, I will have the coffee ready. For those on line, here is the link: [*https://zoom.us/j/5955701807*](https://zoom.us/j/5955701807)

[*Discussion Group Reading*](#)

Mark Your Calendars

- 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

Unlearn and Relearn

Last Sunday, choir member Anne Roberts said, "I have heard that the 21st century is all about unlearning all that we know and then relearning it."

Maybe that is why every one is so tired – we're all unlearning and learning. Anne's words turned out to be rather prophetic. The choir last week sang to the organ, as we always do, but, the difference was the organ was playing by itself. I

was unable to find a substitute organist, but, thankfully the new Allen organ has something like 300 hymns built in. Ed Upshaw figured out how to swiftly move through the operating system and set us up to sing Joyful *Joyful We Adore Thee*. At 9:30, the choir practiced with the organ. I sat in with the choir and we all unlearned and relearned how sing with a preprogramed organ. By their willingness to unlearn/learn, by Ed's willingness to try something completely new, we sang Joyful Joyful together. At 10 a.m., the choir lined up, processed in while singing and



the congregation joined in. It was joyful.

Theologians and modern-day prophetic historians have opined that the 21st century is going to be a lot like the 1st century. Jesus arrived at a time of universal (empire-wide) communication, travel, technological advancements, and commerce. Within a few centuries, that whole system fell apart; but, for a bright shining historical moment, it did happen. Jesus arrived at a time of great plurality of belief and a great falling away from traditional forms of religion. It seems that everything in the 1st century had to be unlearned and learned again.

In Luke's Gospel, Mary is approached by the angel Gabriel. He told her that she is going to give birth to the Messiah. Her response, "How can this be?" The Spirit, through Gabriel, was asking Mary to unlearn everything she imagined for her life and to trust the Lord. She ended the encounter with these words: "Let it be with me."

In John's Gospel, Nicodemus, a prominent religious leader, snuck off under the cover of night to talk to Jesus privately. He said, "God has sent you to teach us because you could not do these things unless God was with you." Jesus said that water and the Spirit make people new, like a new birth from above. In my mind's eye, Nicodemus looked confused, so Jesus said, "The Spirit is like the wind that blows wherever it wants to. You can hear the wind, but you don't know where it comes from or where it is going." Nicodemus replied, "How can this be?" It is the same phrase Mary used with Gabriel. And, just like Mary, Nicodemus had to unlearn everything and relearn it. In reply to Nicodemus' question, Jesus responded with one of the most quoted phrases of the New Testament: For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

I wonder where we would be if Mary and Nicodemus refused to unlearn and learn.

This is not turning out to be an easy century. It is difficult to unlearn and learn all over again. In addition to the organ playing itself, it took three computers to run Sunday's service. It was live in person, broadcast outside to people walking their dogs, and on Zoom and YouTube (where it has

more views than people in attendance on Sunday). Yet, in the service, we said the words of faith from the Nicene Creed which dates back to the year 327. We prayed the Lord's Prayer which dates back to around the year 32. We responsively said psalm 84 that was written 500 years before in the 6th century BCE. The psalm starts with this phrase:

How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts!

My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;

my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

These are ancient words that find new meaning in our hearts and lives. I imagine that 2,500 years ago, someone heard those words and found themselves having to unlearn and relearn. Thankfully they did and then passed it along to us.

- Rev. Dave

The logo features the word "Angels" in a large, elegant, black cursive font. Below it, the words "gather here" are written in a smaller, simpler black font, with "gather" and "here" separated by a diagonal line.

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