



ALL ANGELS BY THE SEA WEEKLY TIDINGS

January 6, 2022

The Marshalls are back home and look forward to seeing you on Sunday. They thank you deeply for your continued prayers and support.

SUNDAY SERVICES 8:00 and 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 10am service will begin with the lighting of the altar candles.

If you are participating at home, you are invited to light a candle with us to create a sacred space of worship at home.

The bulletin can be found on the All Angels Website:

AllAngelsLBK.org

or at the following link: *Bulletin for Sunday, January 9*



Altar Flowers for Sunday, January 9
are given by Hank and Jinx Kochan
in celebration of their 10th wedding anniversary.



Scripture Readings, January 9

Isaiah 43:1-7

Psalm 29

Acts 8:14-17

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT



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

We pray on behalf of all whose needs of body, soul and mind are great. Especially we lift before you the needs of: we pray especially for Downs IV, Holden, Nora and Brian. Grant healing and recovery for Beverly and Bill. Give peace and strength for those going through cancer treatments, especially Jane, Downs III, Victoria, Alex, Connie and Douglas. Visit and comfort all who are under the care of skilled nursing, especially Timothy, Barbara and Kim. Be near to all who are in hospice care.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Thank You

A big thank you to all who participated in the collecting of diapers. 28 packs of diapers were donated to the Manatee Food Bank. They really appreciated the donation.



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.

Choir Rehearsals and Music in the Park

Please note the schedule for Thursday morning music rehearsals and

Music in the Park.

10 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

11 a.m. Music in the Park

New members are always welcome in the choir. Contact Dale for more information: 941 896 5541, or dhooley@verizon.net.

Art Gallery

New to YOU Art Sale 2022 Update:

We are now accepting art that is no longer being used for our BIG event in

February 2022. Please drop off your art to the church office starting now. Accepting: Framed Art, Statues, Fiber, Clay, Pottery, Mixed Media. Have a friend who has unwanted art? Please donate it to our sale. Let's make this a Great Event!
Not sure if we will accept it? Call Linn at 941-383-8161

Our Artist for January is Chris Connors

Please stop by and enjoy the work of this talented artist. Checks should be written to All Angels by the Sea.



Discussion Groups

Epiphany is a season of new understanding and light. Next week's article may do just that when it comes to our understanding of how other faith traditions view death.

I'll have the coffee ready for those gathering in-person. Here is the Zoom link to join virtually.

<https://zoom.us/j/5955701807>

What I Learned About Death From 7 Religious Scholars, 1 Atheist and My

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:

AllAngelsLBK.org

Masks are highly recommended for indoor events.

REFLECTION

Bible Discussion Group

One of the hallmarks of All Angels is the ability for us to have weekly conversations on sometimes controversial subjects and leave 1) as friends and 2) with a greater sense of understanding of the topic and, perhaps more importantly, of one another. We are an oasis of understanding and curiosity in an increasingly polarized and easily-offended cancel-culture society. Since it is a hallmark of what we do, I thought we should expand it.



One of the great things of Anglican moral theology is that we believe two people of sound mind can read the same passage of scripture and come away with two different meanings. That idea also applies to opinion pieces in the Wall Street Journal; or, at least it should. Incidentally, I have preached the same sermon but heard two different take-aways from the same message. On Sunday, you will hear lessons from the Bible and then a sermon which usually conveys some sort of idea from one, or more, of the passages. This is a time-honored tradition that existed prior to the New Testament era. Nevertheless, it is not the only way to enrich one's spiritual life, to expand one's understanding of Scripture, and to get to know

others.

The lessons on Sunday, for the most part, are from the Revised Common Lectionary, Episcopal Edition. The RCL, for short, is used by all the mainline denominations and is nearly in lockstep with the American Roman (Catholic) lectionary. One neat thing about the RCL is that not only are the folks on Longboat hearing four passages from Scripture on Sunday but that those passages are being heard in most liturgical churches. It is one way that we are catholic – which means universal – and connected to each other. The RCL runs on a three-year cycle. We are in year 3. The passages we hear this Sunday will not be heard again until 2025. ... so pay attention (insert smile). The theological committee that arranged the RCL usually had a theme in mind for each Sunday. In other words, there should be something that connect all four readings – Old Testament, Psalm, New Testament, Gospel. This Sunday, the celebration of the baptism of Jesus, the theme is... you guessed it, baptism.

Starting next week and running weekly through Easter, on every Wednesday at 10 am, we are going to have a Bible Discussion Group. Our primary focus will be on the four lessons for the upcoming Sunday. Like our other discussion groups, I expect us to have differing opinions and a curiosity to hear what others think about the passages. And, like the other groups, it will be both in-person and online. The other aspect of this group

that I am greatly looking forward to is how the participants “hear” the lessons on the following Sunday. Since they have heard the passages in advance, and discussed them for an hour, I will be interested to see how that knowledge will play out on Sunday. Bear in mind, the RCL did not chose boring or inconsequential passages. Some of the Bible stories we will hear this year are downright difficult. For instance, on March 13th, we are going to hear Abram (who became Abraham) complain to God that a slave born in his house will become his heir. There are family issues present within the text as well as social and political ramifications of this passage

that played out against the 19th century U.S. abolitionists when they were trying to eradicate slave ownership. And yes, the fact that his name would become Abraham, and that it was also the first name of the man who signed the Emancipation Proclamation, means that we are going to have fun discussing that passage.

The Anglican belief that two people can read the same Bible passage and have two different meanings has been, and is, a way for the Church to remain together in turbulent times; it also can provide for fascinating discussions. I look forward to our newest discussion group that will be discussing the oldest book in the world.

-Rev. Dave



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