



ALL ANGELS BY THE SEA WEEKLY TIDINGS

September 1, 2022

SUNDAY SERVICE
10:00 am

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The bulletin can be found on the All Angels Website:

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Bulletin for Sunday, September 4



Altar Flowers for Sunday, September 4
are given by Fan Oleson
in thanksgiving for the birth of her 12th grandchild,
Desmond Ash Oleson



Scripture Readings, September 4

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm 1

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14:27-35

[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



SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays



5 Bill Smith
5 Russ Callahan
9Carolyn Starek
10 Barb MacLean

21 Graham Toft
23 Beverly Henry

Anniversaries



24 John and Ann Williams

24 Daphne Walker

28 Elyse Rogers

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 for everyone who needs your mercy, healing, and loving-kindness, especially: Downs IV, Holden, Brian, Tyler, Barbara and Anne. Grant healing and recovery for Terry, Peg and Mary Jo. 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, Kim and Mary Ann. Be near to all who are in hospice care especially Beverly.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Change in Office Schedule

Linn Torres will have a schedule change starting September 6th. She will be working 8 hours in the office every Sunday and be available by email, text, and you can call her on her cell phone any time during the week. She will take care of anything needed just like she does at this time.

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Choir practice resumes on Thursday, Sept 8th at 10 a.m.

September Gallery Artist

Our featured artist for September is Robert Barylski. 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

Thanks for a great discussion on Tuesday and Wednesday.

For this week, we will discuss God and culture wars waged in God's name. I took a chance and invited the author to join one of our groups; I have not heard back yet.

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

[The God I Know is Not a Culture Warrior](#)

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

Ecology and God's Economy

One never knows the impact that a good conversation can have on someone else.

The message this past Sunday focused on

the difference between the economy of the world and the Divine economy. The American economy, the European economy, the Asian economy; all of them; seek a return on investment. In macro-economic terms, our system is that we expect our investments to grow. The macro-Divine economy is that we are to give/invest in something that will provide us no return. Zero, zip, zilch. Because, as Jesus says, we will be repaid in the resurrection.



The Divine economy is shown through two stories involving Jesus (Luke 14). He suggested that when we go to a party, we are to take the lowest seat. When the host/hostess arrives, he/she will look at us and invite us forward because all who humble themselves will be exalted. Secondly, Jesus said, when we throw a party, do not invite family members or friends or wealthy or well-connected people because they will in return invite you to a party and thus you will be repaid. Instead, invite people who cannot

to a party and thus you will be repaid. Instead, invite people who cannot invite you back; invite the unprivileged; and you will be repaid by God in what Jesus called the "resurrection of the righteous."

After the service on Sunday, my son Ethan, who is in his Sophomore year at University of South Florida, thanked me for the message and said he is going to use it in an academic paper on ecology. Ecological economics has to do with taking short term gains out of the ecology, like clear-cutting, that have long-term negative effects. How he framed his argument, however, was that the true ecological economy is that of the Divine economy – give to the environment because it cannot repay you. By setting aside land in which we cannot build, because we gave it to a protected species like the Florida Panther, we will then set up a system in which we are repaid by God. Here's another way to look at this: if we protect saltwater marsh lands by not developing it and instead letting mangroves and seagrass grow abundantly, we are investing in a system that does not make a return on our investment. However, a generation later will find a natural protective barrier from hurricanes and sea surges. In ecological terms, that is the resurrection of the righteous.

Sunday afternoon he worked on the paper and turned it in (electronically, of course). On Monday, during class, the professor highlighted a couple of papers that he liked, with Ethan's being on the top. [Or perhaps his paper was equal with the others but this proud dad imagines Ethan's was on the top of the professor's list] He asked Ethan to read a part of it to the class. When Ethan got to Jesus' words about taking the last seat and who to invite to a party, the professor asked to read that part. The professor read the Gospel to his class in the same way that Justus reads the lessons at All Angels – with authority and with an ease that makes the passage easier to understand by those hearing it.

I'd like to highlight this point: because of Ethan's paper, his professor proclaimed the Gospel message to his class. I imagine there were students

who had heard this passage before and some who had never heard it. I also imagine this was the first time some students heard a message about Jesus that had nothing to do with judgement and damnation. The students heard this humble message – bless those who have less than you and God, who identifies with the underprivileged, the voiceless and invisible in society, will bless you. Some of you have been raised in a Christian tradition where Jesus' words were used to scare you into doing right; because, if you don't God is waiting to squash you. This passage however, shows what I think is the true nature of Jesus which is this: blessed are you who help others. That is a Divine economy of good news and one in which we can all participate.

- Rev. Dave



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