



The Archangel's Voice

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Our Worship and Stewardship

In our November newsletter, we summarized the responses about our worship together that were given by our church family during group discussions with Father Cal on Sunday, August 23, 2015. The following are consensus comments from the discussions, along with suggestions for the future.

What is most meaningful:

- Holy communion every Sunday
- Birthdays, anniversaries and travel recognition and prayers
- The welcome greeting at the entrance to the church
- The greeting during the Peace
- Wide congregational participation in the service
- Real life and focused sermons
- Structured Fellowship

Suggestions for the future:

- Quarterly Service for those unable to attend on their own. Service will be held at the church.
- Organize more church activities to encourage fellowship, such as picnic (Flip Flop Sunday), movie night, and other get-together events. This will help us connect as a church family.
- Involvement of members in church activities to learn more about the Church, possibly through rotation of functions and assignment of responsibilities to members who are willing to serve in new areas. More shared responsibilities.
- Adopt/Abandon concept is too prevalent and impedes progress.
- Have a midweek service.
- Encourage more congregational activities.
- Have more sacred/traditional music during worship.

As we live out our calling to be ambassadors for Christ in our daily stewardship, are you contributing your time, talent and treasure in sufficient measure to ensure the future we seek as a parish? **"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops, then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine."** [Proverbs 3:9-10 NIV] If you haven't returned your pledge card and Time & Talent inventory, please do so NOW. Remember, stewardship happens all day, every day; we need everyone's participation.

"Good things are happening at St. Michael. Come and see!"

KEY DATES

February 7

Last Sunday of Epiphany

February 10

Ash Wednesday — Lent Begins

February 13

Absalom Jones, Priest

March 20

Palm Sunday

March 24

Maundy Thursday

March 25

Good Friday

March 27

Easter Day



St. John's Cathedral, Diocese of Florida
The 173rd Annual Convention Eucharist
January 22, 2016

Upcoming Events

January 30

Breakfast Service at
Grace Mission

January 31

Tallahassee Bach Parley
Concert

February 7

ECW Executive Board
Meeting

February 9

Shrove Tuesday Pancake
Supper

February 14

Heart Sunday Recognition

February 20

Diocesan ECW Winter
Meeting

March 20

Women's Day Celebration

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Around the Parish

Tallahassee Bach Parley Concert at St. John's, January 31 — The Tallahassee Bach Parley presents Florida State University Professor of Cello Greg Sauer playing the complete Cello Suites of J.S. Bach in a concert to benefit the Bach Parley String Academy at St. John's Episcopal Church. Join us for one or both parts of the program, presented with a coffee reception between. 1:30 PM – Suites I, II, III; 2:30 PM – Coffee Reception; 3:00 PM – Suites IV, V, VI; \$10 suggested donation, free childcare available

Shrove Tuesday, February 9 — The Men of St. Michael will be in the kitchen once again on Shrove Tuesday for our annual Pancake Supper. Rumor has it that there will also be games (bingo) and lots of fabulous prizes. Come and enjoy good food and lots of fun before the Lenten season begins.

Diocesan ECW Winter Meeting, February 20 — The Winter Meeting of the Episcopal Church Women will be held on Feb. 20, 2016 at Camp Weed and the Cerveny Conference Center. Registration will start at 9:00am. New officers will be installed, and we will vote on the new budget. Rev. Sandy Tull, our guest speaker, will talk to us about "Belonging", a subject important to us all. Please talk with our ECW President Melanie Martin if you would like to attend.

College Student Outreach — Please invite college students attending FAMU, FSU and TCC to join in Bible Study and a meal the first Wednesday of each month.

Health, Wellness and Fitness — Zumba Fitness is offered weekly on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Contact *Fitness with Leslie* at <http://www.zumba.com/en-US/profiles/14141> for more information.

Spiritual Development — Join us for Bible Inspiration, every Wednesday at 7:00 pm in the Brooks Room.

Flowers on the Altar — The Altar Guild is requesting our church family and friends to please sign up on the 2016 flower chart to provide flowers to adorn the altar during the new calendar year. The flower chart is posted on the wall at the church entrance. For more information, please contact Delores Lawson or any altar guild member. During the Lenten season, flowers are not needed for the altar.

Lost and Found — From time to time, parishioners report that they have misplaced a personal copy of a prayer book, or a hymnal. Please look among your church resources at home to see if you have a prayer book belonging to Mrs. Geraldine Roberts. While you are searching, if you find a book belonging to St. Michael, please return it to the church so that it is available for others to use.

Women's Day Celebration, March 20 — Mark your calendars and plan to be in church on March 20, because not only is it Palm Sunday, but we will also celebrate Women's History Month with a special guest speaker, Dr. Ann L. Wead Kimbrough, dean of the School of Journalism & Graphic Communication at Florida A&M University.

The 173rd Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Florida — Here are scenes from the dinner and presentation of the Bishop's Cross awards at the Marriott-Jacksonville on January 22. Convention theme: "We are Ambassadors for Christ" (2 Cor. 5:14-21). Convention Hymn: "Be though my vision" (The Hymnal #488). For more information about the convention, visit the Diocese of Florida website at <http://convention.diocesefl.org/>

