



The

Envoy

Rooted in
Abundance

November 2023



Words from the Father

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen. (Collect for the Feast of All Saint)

Whenever I hear this collect for the feast of All Saints I always imagine a rich tapestry composed of many colors arranged in an intricate and beautiful design. It represents the diversity of voices, personalities, and spiritual gifts found within the Church. The tapestry of the Church is a long history of men and women from a myriad of experiences and backgrounds who after committing their lives to Jesus Christ went about the world sharing the gospel.

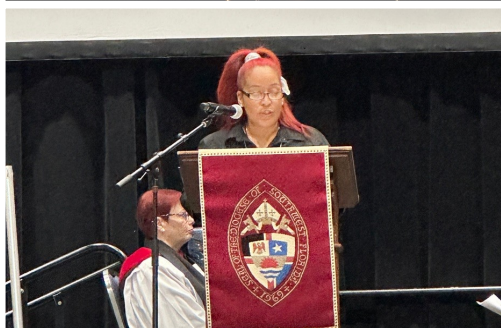
On the feast of All Saints we celebrate not just the tapestry but our place in it. We look to the example of the saints who have gone before us for how to live through times of conflict and confusion. We celebrate their stories of repentance and virtue. Being a great saint isn't about the amazing things that these men and women did, it is about how their lives became a reflection of Jesus Christ and his love for the world.

Now more than ever the world needs real role models, people of integrity, character, and faith who are willing to sacrifice the temporary thrills of the world for the joy in Christ that never ends. What's so disappointing is that so many of us, and especially our young people, are patterning their lives after people who are selfish, vain, and do not glorify God. This is the time to go back and read about the saints of the Church because they are part of our tapestry, part of our family tree. The important question that each of us should ask is what will my part of the tapestry be? The same Holy Spirit that lived in St. John, St. Martha, St. Mary, St. Francis, and more lives in you. During our celebration of All Saints on the 5th of November I urge us all to pay close attention as we join with those who are being welcomed into the faith by renewing our own baptismal promises.

- Fr. Alex

The 55th Annual Diocesan Convention 2023

In October delegates from St. Vincent's along with our clergy gathered with congregations from across the diocese for Diocesan convention. They attended workshops, listened to speakers, and participated in a Eucharist with hundreds of people. Our own Micah Pierce, Yamilet Roman, and Deacon Edwin assisted by reading and serving at liturgies throughout the weekend. When you see them, thank and congratulate them for their service and representing St. Vincent's! Diocesan convention is less than a year away. Consider becoming a delegate and share in the ministry of the wider Church.



Why I Love St. Vincent's.....

In the two years that my wife and I have been attending St Vincent's, we have grown to appreciate what our service here has meant to us. From my position on the vestry as Jr Warden, I have been humbled to help manage some of the projects that I hope will lead to the beautification of our Church building and grounds. These responsibilities have given me a new vision and a renewed sense of excitement about what the future holds for our parish and grounds. Some of the other ministries that we both are a part of include hospitality, altar guild, bell choir and lay reader. Each of these ministries have given us a purpose and a sense of belonging that we were looking for in a parish family. We hope everyone joins us in the renewed excitement to grow together at St Vincent's.

-Russ Lynn, Jr. Warden



My reason for loving St. Vincent's is twofold:

First, when my family moved from California to Florida, we needed a new church to attend. We were Episcopalians, so the closest church was St. Vincent's. Mom, my siblings, and I went to church at St. Vincent's, and we saw lots of kids that we went to class with at Tyrone Elementary and Tyrone Junior High Schools. Before we knew it, we were involved in all things KID. Since we lived in Sheryl Manor, we could ride our bikes to church activities such as choir, acolytes, EYC, Sunday School and more. This freed up my mom to tend to our little sister. This was our home away from home. After moving to Largo, we sadly left St. Vincent's. Flash forward almost 60 years and multiple addresses.

Secondly, when St. Bede's was closing, we needed a new church to attend. I decided I wanted to go back to a church where I had once enjoyed the people, the activities, and the family feeling. We stayed because the wonderful parishioners of St. Vincent's gave us the time and worship attendance we needed to heal from the sadness of losing our church and church family. Now, I have again been invited to bring worship alive through the ministry of Altar Guild as well as establishing a bell choir. None of this happens without the joining in of the wonderful community of St. Vincent's Episcopal Church. That's why I love St. Vincent's Episcopal Church.

-Sheri Mooney





Think of it this way, with each prayer to God, we are planting a seed and by faithfully praying and trusting God, our prayers can take root. My seeds have grown firm and strong that I can share them with you. When we care for our neighbors we asked them if they are ok and if they need help. We also walked with them until their last breath. See if you can find just one minute each day and pray. Ask God for what you need, or give Him thanks for what you've been blessed with. It only take a second for that seed to grow and for that blessings to grow. What are you waiting for? Don't let that seed dry! -Yamilet Roman

Becoming a member of St Vincent's Episcopal Church has provided a connection with a spiritual family. I look forward to every Sunday in joining fellowship with a caring, friendly, loving community. As I slowly started volunteering for special projects, I became more focused on my Christian Walk and what it means to serve as our Lord came to serve. I was thirsty for more and started reading more about our Christ by leading scholars. I found love in this Christ and members of our parish. An opportunity became available for me to participate in our Childrens' Ministry starting in 2016. My love of children and sharing the gospel lessons was exactly what I had been missing. Several of the children have had the experience in the ways to discuss and follow Lord Christ. The many craft projects they create are always a part of the Sunday school lesson and they all love to participate. I look forward to sharing the love of Jesus with our newest members as they continue to come on Sunday mornings.

-Sharlene Croud



Rooted^{IN} Abundance

Acknowledging that we are Rooted in Abundance, I/we promise \$_____ for ministry.
I/we plan to fulfill this pledge ☐ weekly ☐ monthly ☐ semiannually ☐ annually.

NAME_____

ADDRESS_____

PHONE_____EMAIL_____

- ☐ Please contact me about setting up payments from my checking account/credit card.
- ☐ Please contact me about including the church in my estate plans.
- ☐ Please contact me about making my gift through stocks or securities.
- ☐ I will make my gift online this year, please look for my gift.

Please complete and return by Sunday, November 15, 2023



Thanksgiving Day Service

Thursday,
November 23rd,
10am

For each new morning with it's light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food, for love and friends,
For everything Thy goodness sends.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson



Thank You
VETERANS

Veteran's Day Service

Sunday, Nov. 12th, 10am

If you or someone in your family has
served and would like to be a part of our
special slide show, please contact the
office. 727-321-5086

BISHOP'S VISITATION SUNDAY

**NOVEMBER 5TH ~ 10AM
ONE COMBINED SERVICE**



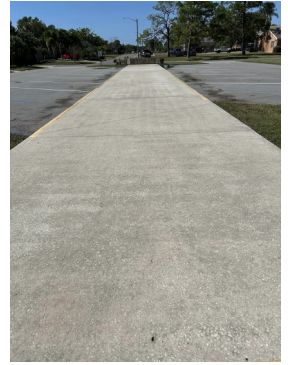
**RECEPTION TO FOLLOW
PLEASE SIGN-UP IN THE NARTHEX**

Thank YOU!!

Our stewardship theme this year is “Rooted in Abundance”. I believe this means that we are rooted through the abundance God has given us freely and that we root ourselves in Christ by what we give back to God.

Case in point: A special thanks to the volunteers who helped pressure wash the concrete divider of our parking lot, weed and replant the green area by our entrance, care for the shrubbery leading to the church, and clean and spruce up the church grounds and sanctuary.

There are no small gifts or small acts of service. It is all seen by God and appreciated by our parish family. Let's take these next few weeks to highlight how St. Vincent's serves!



FAMILY NIGHT

**Join us for a night of
food, family,
and fellowship.**

**Kids will share in activities
while adults mix and mingle.
*This Free event is open to all!***

**To register, scan QR code
or visit stvinciepiscopal.org**



**6pm on
Nov. 1st
Nov. 15th**

Come visit our **Thrift Shop** Wed.- Sat. 10a-2p

Donations Appreciated:

**Clothing
Books
Small Electronics
Magazines
Underclothes
DVD'S, CD'S
Small Appliances
Knick Knacks
Shoes
Kitchen Items
Household goods
Lamps & Artwork
Puzzles
Jewelry
Crafts
Linens**

The Thrift Shop has had an exceptional summer due to better than average sales and such great donations from our parishioners.

We are always looking for clean and usable donations.

I have included a list of the items we can always use to sell at the thrift shop. It would be great if you checked with your friends and neighbors to see if they would like to donate any of these items.

Any donations you have for the thrift shop can be dropped off at St Vincent's Episcopal Church services on Sunday mornings after services. We now have a small room in the parish hall to use as a transition room for the Thrift Shop.

If you do need a pick up of any items you can contact me Ruth Anne, shop manager, at 727-580-4662.

As always, we very much appreciate all the support that you all give us!

- Ruth Ann D'Ambrosio,
Manager





THE WOMEN'S SPIRITUAL DAY

A Celebration OF ALL Women

NOVEMBER 4, 2023

9:00am - 3:00pm

DaySpring Conference Center

FOR WE ARE CO-WORKERS IN GOD'S SERVICE;
YOU ARE GOD'S FIELD, GOD'S BUILDING.

- 1 CORINTHIANS 3:9 -

ECW of Southwest Florida and the Southwest Florida
Diocesan Assembly of the Daughters of the King are pleased to
present a joint event this November at DaySpring.
We invite you to join us and guest speaker Father Charles Myers
of Orlando's Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist for this
Women's Spiritual Day, A Celebration of ALL Women.
Bishop Douglas Scharf will celebrate the eucharist.



*The
Order
of the
Daughters
of the King*

Registration
IS AVAILABLE NOW

Scan the QR code to register online today!
Registration fee of \$25 includes lunch



Altar Guild

There will be an **ALL ALTAR GUILD** meeting on **Sat., November 18th at 10:00am** in the Church. We have much to plan for and schedule for the upcoming Advent and Christmas Seasons. Please save the date and time and plan to be present. Many joyful hands make light and happy tasks complete



Thanks so much,
Nancy Mullikin,
Altar Guild Directress



Holiday Outreach

Volunteers needed at
Daystar Life Center

in downtown St. Petersburg for their annual Thanksgiving and Christmas meal distribution. Helpful hands are needed to stuff delivery bags for waiting families in need.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND HOLIDAY

It is the Holiday season and the Daystar Life Center is offering the opportunity to support their annual meal distribution in St. Petersburg. Just before Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Volunteers are needed to stuff delivery bags with turkey, ham, vegetables, bread, and other holiday items. Pre-scheduled volunteers pick up the bags at appointed times and deliver them to their family can cook together and enjoy the holiday meal together in their home. This is a joyous opportunity to love and serve our neighbors!

Anytime you can offer will make a difference.

- Cancelled -

Daystar Life Center
1055 28th St. S.,
St. Petersburg, FL 33701
(727) 825-0442

**November 18th and
December 16th
from 9am to 2pm.**

See you there!



Baskets of Opportunity Event

Saturday, Nov. 18th, 2023 ~ Parish Hall

5:00p-7:00p ~ \$10.00 admission

Unlimited Wine, Cheese, and Desserts!

Here's how it works: When you see a basket you would like to have, place a ticket in the bin next to that item. At the end of the night, a ticket will be drawn for the winner.

Tickets are purchased at the event.

Tickets are:

\$5.00 for 6 tickets

\$10.00 for 13 tickets



For More information,
see Carol Ray after the Sunday service

BASKET DONATIONS WELCOME!

Feast of the Month

While the close of October is typically known for Halloween, its liturgical forerunner is All Hallows' Eve (Oct. 31) followed by All Saints' Day on November 1st. Even though many saints of the church are remembered throughout the calendar year, All Saints' provides a dedicated day to call to memory those saints who have led the way before us. We honor the example of their lives and deaths and rejoice in the continued communion with them through membership and participation in the body of Christ.

When is All Saints' Day?

One of the seven principal feasts, All Saints' traditionally begins at vespers on All Hallows' Eve (Oct. 31, right about the time the neighborhood kids are showing in costume to ask for candy) and continues through the following day.

Many of the traditions surrounding All Hallows', All Saints', and All Souls' (or the Feast of the Faithful Departed, November 2) have been confusingly condensed into one of those three days. If a church so desires, it may celebrate All Saints' "on the Sunday following November 1, in addition to its observance on the fixed date" (BCP 2019, p. 688).

Where did All Saints' Day come from?

Despite its association with Halloween, a feast day of remembrance for all the saints and martyrs by far predates any of our modern Halloween traditions. Formal observation is said to have begun in Ireland, gradually moving south toward Rome and being made "official" during the 9th century. Informally, similar celebrations have been part of the life of the church since its early days, with mentions going back as far as 270.



For a church beleaguered with great persecution, such a time of remembrance of those who faithfully professed Christ, even to torture and death, must have been a great encouragement! Today, All Saints' is celebrated in many Christian traditions worldwide.

What do we do on All Saints?

As a principal feast day, many Anglican churches will celebrate a full eucharistic liturgy on All Saints' day. It is also common to have Baptisms on All Saints' Day (or the Sunday after Nov. 1).

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Prayers for Healing

Shut-ins

Mignon Ardiff Leila Burwell
Dante & Rosanna Balzano

Members In Need of Healing

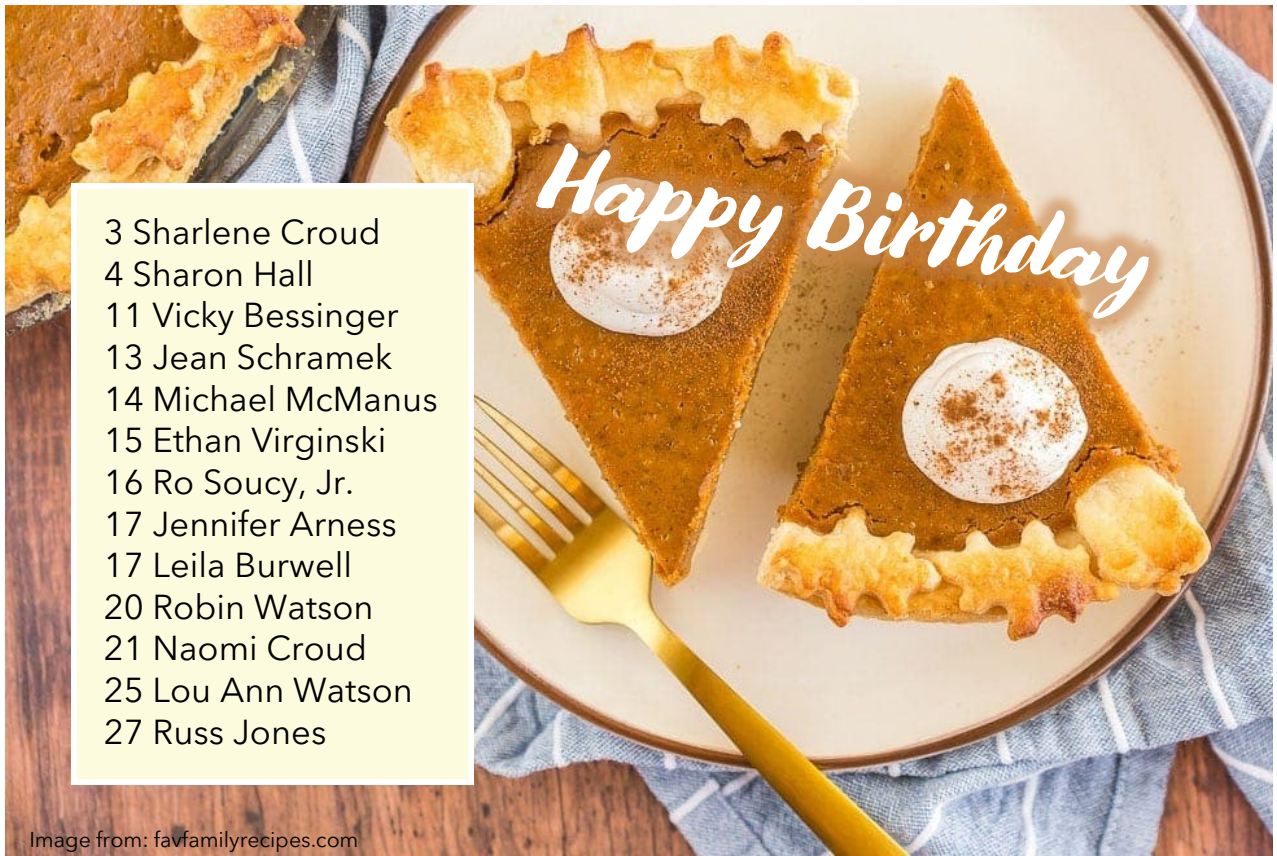
Hildegard Wackerbauer Don Willis
Steve Worell Eleanor Turner
Shirley Bonney Mata Family
Deacon Chester Trow Don Willis
Lisa Youla Aida Andujar

Friends & Family of St. Vincent's

Sharon	Johnny B.	Michelle Johnson
Cliff	Bill & Dottie	Frederick Kirwin
Jimmy	Laura	Susan Elias
Kit W.	Randy W.	Carolyn Griffin
Melissa D.	Tom	Linda G.
Nancy E.	Linda G.	Bibi
Darrell Blackston	Bill Falin	Benny
Janet Depanoli	Diana	Gailyn
Marion	Kelly	Mike B.
Marvin	Judy Prins Franke	Beth Russ
Sharon Stoll	Meg Nolin	Susan F.
Mary Ellen Racine	Jim McKiernan	Ike
Michael Perry	Leo Perry	Renee
Scott	Kellianne Meinhart	John
Norris Family	Melissa Cercone	Jonathan D.
Angelina Cranmer	Sean Shannon	Janet D.
Ron & Mary Ebert	Ellie White	Tom Sr.
Evelyn Hill	Jan Meinhart	Jack
Martha Salas	Lisa Goodin	
Katie Grayson	Gerry	
Chris M.	Ann Monroe	
Carol Murphy	Thomas Press	
Brian Hickcox	Heidi Meyers	
Nancy Fick	Eric Ramsey	
John	Dawn Cantrill	
Donald Higgins	Pat	
Peter R.	Cubby	
Doris Bishop	Jack Tyler	
Debbie Reeves	Cory Maddox	
Elizabeth S.	Stephen Prins	
Sandra Schlage	Connie Rutter	
Bill S.	Robert & Bonnie Bolduc	
Robert Shaw	Karen Campbell	

If you would like someone added to the prayer list, please call or
email the office: 727-321-5086 / officestvin@gmail.com

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully accept our prayers, and grant to your servants the help of your power, that their sickness may be turned into health, and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



3 Sharlene Croud
4 Sharon Hall
11 Vicky Bessinger
13 Jean Schramek
14 Michael McManus
15 Ethan Virginski
16 Ro Soucy, Jr.
17 Jennifer Arness
17 Leila Burwell
20 Robin Watson
21 Naomi Croud
25 Lou Ann Watson
27 Russ Jones

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Masks are welcome but not required while attending Worship Services.

All scheduled Services and Events are subject to change based on advisories regarding COVID-19 precautions.

St. Vincent's Episcopal Church

November 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10am Healing Eucharist 11am Bible Study 6pm Family Night	2	3 Office Closed	4 (turn clocks back 1 hr. tonight!)
5 Bishop's Visitation Holy Eucharist: 10am Rite II Daylight Savings Time Ends	6	7 5:30pm Girl Scouts	8 10am Healing Eucharist 11am Bible Study	9	10 Office Closed	11  VETERANS DAY
12 Holy Eucharist: 10am Rite II 12pm Spanish Veteran's Day Service & Breakfast	13	14	15 10am Healing Eucharist 11am Bible Study 6pm Family Night	16 6:30pm Vestry Meeting	17 Office Closed	18 5pm Baskets of Opportunity
19 Holy Eucharist: 10am Rite II 12pm Spanish	20	21 5:30pm Girl Scouts	22 *No Services today*	23 Thanksgiving Day 10am Worship Service Office Closed	24 Office Closed	25
26 Holy Eucharist: 10am Rite II 12pm Spanish	27	28	29	30		



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Loving God, Loving our Neighbor, Following Jesus Christ.

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