

*The*

# *Envoy*



*April 2025*

## Words from the Senior Warden



Holy week is swiftly approaching. Look for the schedule of services and events in this issue.

I encourage you to subscribe to the "Bridges Newsletter", a bi-weekly publication by the Episcopal Diocese of Southwest Florida. You can sign-up for Bridges on the Diocese website: <https://episcopalswfl.org/bridges-e-newsletter-subscription>. Lots of activities going on, and I feel our Parish needs to maintain a higher profile at some of those events than in the recent past.

Speaking of websites, please look at our Parish website. Think of being a person looking for a church. What would you like to see? Are we providing the information you want to know about a church? Make your suggestions in writing /email to myself (mmcmanus100@yahoo.com) and Jim Kramer (67jimk@gmail.com) for vestry consideration. For example, the website needs to reflect the names of the Vestry members and Staff, the Outreach page needs to be up-dated, etc.

Moving forward, the Executive Financial Summary will be included with each Envoy to keep the Parish abreast of our financial situation. If you are interested in details, you can reach out to Berry Ludwig, #727-348-4766. Be aware the financials will reflect that we are "in the Black" only because we are spending money from savings, which comes from the sale of two houses gifted to the Parish. So, unless there is a sudden substantial windfall, in about 24 months we will suddenly go from Black to Red, and there will not be adequate funds to meet all of our present obligations. The Bishop, the Canon, and the Diocesan Chief Financial Officer are aware of our situation.

The Quarterly Deanery Meeting was held at the Cathedral on Tues., March 18th. There are nine parishes represented in our Deanery. St. Vincent's was well represented, with eight members attending (*we filled a table!*). We learned that only three parishes have a rector, and the other six parishes are using supply priests. One of the parishes no longer has a physical structure. I suspect we are not the only parish facing future financial issues. Not sure if this puts us "in good company" or not, but the Bishop and Diocese leadership have a more global challenge than just St. Vincent's. I anticipate over the next several months we will have a better understanding of how the Bishop will address these issues. With this in mind, St. Vincent's will be hosting the next Deanery meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

At the last Vestry meeting, it was decided to redefine how the prayer list will be generated and maintained. The prayer list will now refresh/reset on a quarterly basis. **You must affirmatively request, each quarter, to have someone placed on the prayer list or their name will be deleted until such new request is made.**

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You can request prayer at anytime, and that name will be added to the current quarter. New quarters start on: Jun. 1, Sept. 1, Dec. 1, Mar. 1. This new system will begin on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Prayer requests can be submitted to our parish administrator (Jennifer #727-321-5086) or the clergy (Fr. Earle, #727-515-4879). Any member with a letter of membership at St. Vincent's may make a prayer list request. We must adopt this affirmative procedure, otherwise we have no effective method to monitor the prayer list and it grows stale over time.

A list of Activities and Events the Parish has traditionally held, and the person who has previously sponsored each event, has been generated. Over the next couple of months, the vestry will decide whether to continue with each activity and event, and look for volunteers to lead them (to ensure that it is well organized and executed). More to come about this in the future.

Wishing you a holy Lent and joyous Easter- Yours in Christ,  
*Mike McManus*, Sr. Warden



## VESTRY MEETING

Thursday, April 24th  
6:30pm

Any Member of the Church is welcome to attend.  
This is the best time to bring your questions, concerns, and suggestions to the Vestry for discussion.

## LENTEN SOUP SUPPER AND STUDY

Wednesdays at 5:30pm,  
Parish Hall:

**April 2nd**

**April 9th**

Sign-up in the Narthex or  
call the church office  
to register—727-321-5086



## Financial Report

Attached is a compressed view of the financials presented to the Vestry at their March 20th meeting:

<b>Year To Date February 2025</b>			
Description	Actual	Budget	Over / Under
Regular Giving	38,774	36,979	1,794
Other Operating Income & Gifts	15,829	16,373	(544)
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>54,602</b>	<b>53,352</b>	<b>1,250</b>
Clergy/Staff	12,699	14,614	(1,916)
Operations Support	2,359	3,732	(1,373)
Yearly Diocesan Apportionment	7,878	7,878	0
Utilities	3,960	4,966	(1,007)
Building/Grounds Operations	3,898	4,125	(227)
Insurance	15,327	15,327	0
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>46,121</b>	<b>50,642</b>	<b>(4,521)</b>
<b>Net Total</b>	<b>8,482</b>	<b>2,710</b>	<b>5,772</b>

The Vestry was advised to remember that year to date Revenue includes many pre-paid pledges and some expenses for the period have not yet been invoiced. In addition the 2025 Budget includes \$62,000 of savings that is budgeted to be transferred to Revenue in June and December.

This compressed view will be shared each month.

Any questions/concerns please feel free to contact me at (727) 348-4766.

Faithfully submitted,  
*Berry Ludwig*, Treasurer



Join us for  
**COFFEE** and  
Fellowship

~ Following the 10am Service ~



## Junior Warden Report

March is almost gone and Spring is here! A lot of small projects were completed in the last 3 months with the help of our temporary resident Eric. You may have noticed an RV parked under the oak tree between the rectory and the Church building for the past 3 months. Eric was known by some of you, and over the years he has done work at our Church and at St. Giles when he was a member there. Eric needed a place to escape the harsh winters of the NW. He was a "God Send" for us as he completed many projects around our campus while he was here.

Some of them included: wooden bench rebuilds, painting, numerous door replacements and repairs, weeding and gardening, irrigation repairs, roof leak repairs, gutter downspout work, A/C screen wall replacement, rectory fence repairs, and many other things. I was very impressed with his abilities and craftsmanship. All this work was done out of the goodness of his heart. All he asked for was a piece of shade to park under. He sure made my job as Jr Warden very easy!



Eric has now pulled his rig out and headed back to the NW to spend the rest of the year. I thanked him for all of us and told him he was welcome back anytime. Hopefully he'll take us up on that offer!

All that said...we should be in good shape around our campus for a while now. We may need some helping hands in the next month or so to do some light trimming and weeding, so stay tuned for an announcement of a workday coming up.

In His Service,

*Russ Lynn*, Jr. Warden

***Come visit our***

# ***Thrift Shop***

***Wed.- Fri. 10a - 2p***

***Sat. 10a - 1p***

**5124 22nd Ave. S., Gulfport, FL**

**#727-321-7215**

**Shop will be closed:  
Good Friday, 4/18  
Holy Saturday 4/19**

# HOLY WEEK



**Sunday -**  
April 13th

**Palm Sunday:** The Passion of  
Our Lord Jesus Christ  
10am English, 12pm Español

**Thursday -**  
April 17th

**Celebration of the  
Lord's Supper:**  
Stripping of the Altar,  
Garden of Repose  
6:30pm

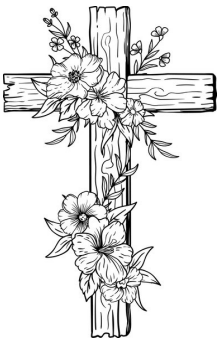
**Friday -**  
April 18th

**Good Friday:** The Passion  
Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
The Solemn Collects  
12pm English

**Sunday -**  
April 20th

**Easter Celebration**  
10am English, 12pm Español

## ~ easter flowers 2025 ~



Each Easter, our Sanctuary is filled with the bounty of flowers provided by our parish families as memorials or gifts of thanksgiving. If you would like to remember a loved one or a special event, please fill out and return this form with your donation to the Church Office **no later than Monday, Apr. 14th**, so that the names may be included in the Easter bulletins. Donations for your memorial or thanksgiving may be made in any denomination. The grandeur of the flowers will be determined by the generosity of the gifts.

List my memorial or thanksgiving in the Easter bulletin as follows:

(PLEASE PRINT)

IN MEMORY OF: \_\_\_\_\_

IN THANKSGIVING FOR: \_\_\_\_\_

GIVEN BY: \_\_\_\_\_

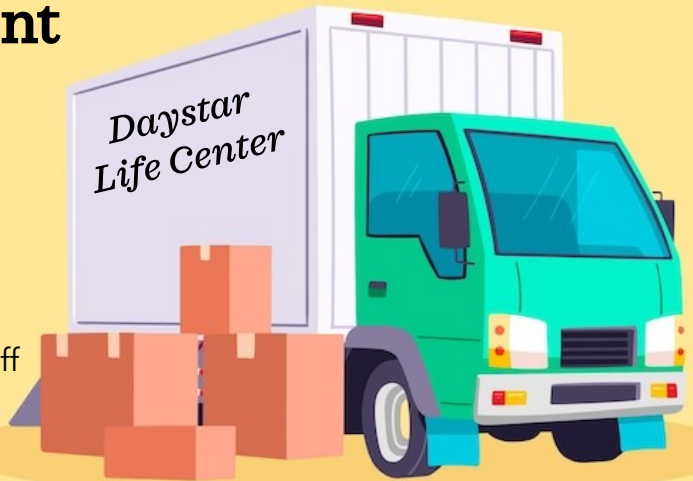
# Fill-a-Truck Event

**Saturday,  
April 12 from 10am-12pm**

Our Daystar Truck will be  
located at the

**St. Petersburg Country Club**  
(2000 Country Club Way S,  
St. Petersburg, FL 33712).

Individuals will be able to drop off  
food, clothing, pet food and  
personal hygiene items that will  
then be distributed to our clients.



## Maundy Thursday Agape Meal

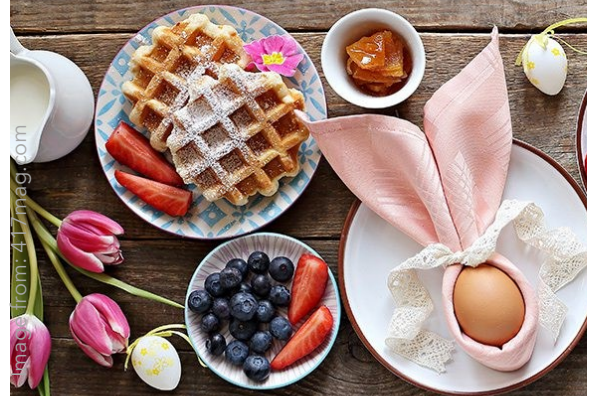
April 17th  
5:30pm,  
Parish Hall



6:30 Service to follow

Image from: okaybabsart.com

## Easter Brunch



April 20th, 11:30am  
Sign-up in the Narthex

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 21ST

## Saint of the Month



**Anselm of Canterbury** is the most important Christian theologian in the West between Augustine and Thomas Aquinas. His two great accomplishments are his *Proslogium* (in which he undertakes to show that Reason requires that men should believe in God), and his *Cur Deus Homo?* (in which he undertakes to show that Divine Love responding to human rebelliousness requires that God should become a man). He was born in Italy about 1033, and in 1060 he entered the monastery of Bec in Normandy to study under Stephen Lanfranc, whom he succeeded in office, first as prior of Bec, and later as Archbishop of Canterbury. In 1078 he was elected abbot of Bec. The previous year, he completed a work called

the *Monologium*, in which he argues for the existence of God from the existence of degrees of perfection (Aquinas's Fourth Way is a variation of this argument). In 1087, while still at Bec, he produced his *Proslogium*, an outline of his "ontological argument" for the existence of God. Taking as his text the opening of Psalm 14 ("The fool hath said in his heart: There is no God."), Anselm undertakes to show that the fool is contradicting himself -- that the concept of God is unique in that anyone who understands what is meant by the question, "Does God exist?" will see that the answer must be "Yes." King William II of England had no fondness for the Church, and at the death of Lanfranc he kept the See of Canterbury vacant until he was gravely ill, whereon he promised to let Anselm be made Archbishop. Anselm was made Archbishop (4 December 1093), the King recovered, and the two began to dispute the extent of the King's right to intervene in Church matters. Anselm went into exile in 1097 and remained in Italy for three years until the King died in 1100.

During that time Anselm was instrumental in settling the doubts of the Greek bishops of southern Italy about the doctrine of the Filioque (the principal doctrinal difference between Eastern and Western Christians). He also devoted the time to writing a book known as *Cur Deus Homo?* (meaning Why did God become Man?). In it he puts forward the "satisfaction theory" of the Atonement. Man's offence of rebellion against God is one that demands a payment or satisfaction. Fallen man is incapable of making adequate satisfaction, and so God took human nature upon Him, in order that a perfect man might make perfect satisfaction and so restore the human race. The success of his work may be gauged by the fact that many Christians today not only accept his way of explaining the Atonement, but are simply unaware that there is any other way. After the death of King William II in 1100, Anselm returned to England at the invitation of the new king Henry I, only to quarrel with Henry about the lawful extent of the king's control over the selection of bishops and abbots (it must be remembered that these officials had civil as well as religious



authority). Anselm was again in exile from 1103 to 1106. In 1107 a compromise was reached, and Anselm returned home to Canterbury, where he lived his last few years in peace, dying 21 April 1109.

Typical of Anselm is his reversal of a tendency among English bishops after the Norman Conquest to ignore or downgrade the Anglo-Saxon saints as representatives of the conquered race. Lanfranc had proposed to remove even Dunstan and Alphege from the calendar, the latter on the grounds that he had not died as a martyr for refusing to deny the Christian faith. Anselm argued that, if he was not a martyr to faith, he was a martyr to justice and to charity.

Text edited from: [satucket.com/lectionary/Anselm.htm](http://satucket.com/lectionary/Anselm.htm)

# Prayers for Healing

## **Shut-ins:**

Dante & Rosanna Balzano, Sybil Mulhauser,  
Shirley Johnson

## **Members in Need of Healing:**

Shirley Bonney, Lisa Youla, Ken Von der Heiden,  
Emily Matthews, Eileen Prins, Edith Racine,  
Susan Burnett, Susan Austin, Dante Balzano,  
Pat Goodin

## **Healing for Friends & Family:**

Sharon, Johnny B., Cliff, Bill & Dottie, Jimmy, Laura,  
Kit W., Randy W., Melissa D., Darrell Blackston, Bill Falin,  
Janet Depanoli, Diana, Sandra Schlage,  
Judy Prins Franke, Sharon Stoll, Stephen Prins,  
Meg Nolin, Mary Ellen Racine, Jim McKiernan, Scott, Kelly,  
Michael Norris, Melissa Cerccone, Ellie White,  
Debbie Reeves, Sean Shannon, Mary Ebert, Martha Salas,  
Lisa Goodin, Gerry, Carol Murphy, Brian Hickcox,  
Heidi Myers, Eric Ramsey, John, Dawn Cantrill,  
Donald Higgens, Pat, Jack Tyler, Cory Maddox,  
Evelyn Hill, Bill S., Beth Russ, Kellianne Meinhart,  
Jan Meinhart, Chris M., Linda G., Janet D., Mike B., Michelle  
Johnson, Frederick Kirwin, Susan Elias, Steve Norris,  
Debra Phillips, Kenneth Norris, Dede Hacking,  
Carol Notarianni, Les Shull, Billy Reeves, Curtis, Linda,  
David, Bennett, Pierce, Bella, Maria Paysan, Holly P.,  
Tiffany Leigh, Erica Byrne, Josie Rose, Brenda Grismer,  
Kylie Cunningham, Elena Gibson, Evelyn Pinckney,  
Mike, Dave S., Vicky Bueller, Tyler, Jay Weisburg,  
Gayle Coleman, Scott Walters, Louis Phillips, Janet Evans,  
Lesley Tapley, Gracie Kranz, John Gugielmi, Barbara Volin,  
Richard Stotts

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.*



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

6 Jim Frishe

11 Jim Horner

13 Deacon Chester Trow

18 Jay Racine

19 Eileen Prins

30 Michael Perry



## *Happy Birthday to all!*

That sounds a little strange since our birthdays are actually scattered all through the year. We all appreciate the birthday/wedding greeting cakes we have on the third Sunday of the month. Ann Lamberson and Sheri Mooney are adding another treat to the table. In the month of your birthday or wedding anniversary you will be contacted by Ann or Sheri asking you to provide a picture of you at a young age or your wedding photo for the table. It is fun to try and guess the identity of the people in the picture. We get the names of the birthday/ wedding celebrations from the Envoy, so if you don't see your name in the Envoy, please let one of us know so we can add you to the list.



## *Happy Anniversary*

13 Russ & Marilyn Jones



## *Men's Group Breakfast*

Saturday, April 6th, 8am-9:30am

Parish Hall

All Men of the Parish are invited to attend as well as cook.

Sign-up in the Narthex.

St. Vincent's Episcopal Church

**April 2025**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 10:30am Bible Study 5:30pm Soup Supper and Study	3	4  Office Closed	5 8am Men's Breakfast
6 Holy Eucharist: 10am Rite II 12pm Spanish	7	8	9 10:30am Bible Study 5:30pm Soup Supper and Study	10	11  Office Closed	12
13 Palm Sunday Holy Eucharist: 10am Rite II 12pm Spanish	14	15	16 10:30am Bible Study	17 5:30pm Agape Meal 6:30pm Maundy Thursday Service	18 12noon Good Friday Service  Office Closed	19
20 Easter Sunday Holy Eucharist: 10am Rite II 12pm Spanish	21 Envoy Submission Deadline  Office Closed	22 5:30pm Girl Scouts	23 10:30am Bible Study	24 6:30pm Vestry Meeting	25  Office Closed	26
27 Holy Eucharist: 10am Rite II 12pm Spanish	28	29	30 10:30am Bible Study			



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