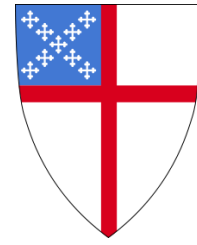




St. Catherine of Alexandria
Episcopal Church



THE CANTICLE OF THE CREATURES AND THE COMMUNION OF THE SAINTS

In early October we celebrate the Feast of Francis of Assisi (October 4), one of the best-known and most beloved saints of the church. Francis is the patron saint of ecology, and there is much in the traditions and lore of Francis that connects him in beautiful and poetic ways with what his medieval world thought of as the “Great Chain of Being,” a notion somewhat similar to our modern idea of the Web of Life.

Even as we continue to work and weep over the devastation of Hurricane Ian, Francis (and our Anglican tradition of incarnational Christianity) reminds us that, in the big picture, we are part of the natural world, and that nature is *for* us, just as we are meant to be *for* nature: God in Genesis makes us co-gardeners, stewards of the natural world together with the Lord. October begins with Francis’ feast, which reminds us that

we are connected to the Earth, and ends with All Hallows’ Eve (Halloween), the eve of the celebration of All Saints’ Day, which reminds us that we are connected to the saints in Heaven as well. Thus this time is one to celebrate, and meditate on, our connections: to Earth, to Heaven, to God, to one another, to our beloved St. Catherine’s Church. This is a time to reflect upon our experiences of deep belonging.

In support of this reflection on our connections and belonging I offer you the first part of St. Francis’ *Canticle of the Creatures*:

Most High, all-powerful, good Lord,
Yours are the praises, the glory, and the honor, and all blessing,
To You alone, Most High, do they belong, and no human is worthy to mention Your name.
Praised be You, my Lord, with all Your creatures, especially Sir Brother Sun,
Who is the day and through whom You give us light.
And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendor; and bears a likeness of You, Most High One.
Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars,
in heaven You formed them clear and precious and beautiful.
Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Wind, and through the air,
cloudy and serene, and every kind of weather,
through whom You give sustenance to Your creatures.
Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Water,
who is very useful and humble and precious and chaste.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Fire, through whom You light the night,
and he is beautiful and playful and robust and strong.

Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Mother Earth,
who sustains and governs us,
and who produces various fruit with colored flowers and herbs.

May the strength of your connections and the deep power of belonging sustain you in joy even as we
continue to pray for and work for those who suffer in the aftermath of Hurricane Ian.

Together in ministry,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. James +", with a large, stylized initial "J" and a cross at the end.

Fr. James +

AROUND ST. CATHERINE'S

Notes from the Senior Warden

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Sometimes, it would seem, it takes stepping back to actually see what's before you. Last month I wrote to you from Mystic, CT where I spent some time in prayer, reflection and renewal at the lovely home of my friend Martha who I met my first day of college at our dorm, Bates Hall, named after Katharine Lee Bates, an alumna and Professor of Literature who wrote the words to Hymn 719, "America the Beautiful: *O beautiful for spacious skies...*"



Surveying my yard after Hurricane Ian, the skies, once again, blue, I realized how truly fortunate we were. Everything was covered with oak leaves, branches and limbs, palm fronds, bamboo, and frangipani leaves – shades of green on down to the river, which had returned, although murky, low and unsettled. This was not my first hurricane, nor the worst I've been through, and over the years the prep for as well as survival of hurricanes has become almost rote, seeing only what's most immediately before me in order to get through one moment to the next. In the interim, before God called Fr. James to be with us, before he began what he referred to as our "co-ministry," we'd been kind of living like that at St. Catherine's. Surviving.

On the Feast of Pentecost we met after each service – as one body – to "vision," to share who we thought we were, and to express our hopes and dreams about where we might be as a parish over the next months and years. The entire Parish Hall was abuzz. We formed a "Strategic Visioning Team" and met with Vestry in retreat at DaySpring to begin to pray through, discuss, debate, and to present all our hopes and dreams. We left that retreat invigorated, excited and hopeful at what the future might hold.

Well, we've made it through the storm. This past Sunday, after a Cat 4 hurricane had aim at us, we came to church. There were even more of us present than in regular weeks past. There were bulletins, *Announcements*, and, at the end of our Rector's sermon, a list of items, including "visqueen" (how many of you learned that is plastic sheeting?!), that we were challenged to bring to fill the Koch tower in response to the suffering of those less fortunate than we, including our sisters and brothers in churches south of us. Tears rolled down my cheek as I read the name of each of those parishes, thinking of their rectors, and parishioners, many of whom we'd just seen at the Consecration of our new Bishop CoAdjutor. We've made it through the storm. After church, there was a wonderful breakfast. We celebrated "Kid Fest 2022." Our little ones signed up for Sunday School, enjoyed popcorn, balloons, sno-cones, and our sacred Oak Grove. Oh, and we responded to our Rector's challenge in a resounding way as you will read in more detail in other articles.

As you "survey your estate," continue to be the loving and giving people of God that you are, and, in thanksgiving for all our many blessings, let us REJOICE that our beloved St. Catherine's is not just surviving, but thriving, daring to live into some of those hopes and dreams.

Thank you, good people of St. Catherine of Alexandria. *And crown thy good with brotherhood (and sisterhood) from sea to shining sea...*

With such a grateful heart,

Manon Alewynse, Senior Warden

AROUND ST. CATHERINE'S

Notes from the Junior Warden

As we look forward to the cooling breezes of Autumn and the start up of many of the activities that were paused for our summer break - Sunday School, Children's Chapel, Choir, The Fellowship of Loaves and Fishes, our Annual Stewardship Program, there are many reasons for thanksgiving and optimism as evidenced by our increased attendance at Sunday Services and the truly wonderful outpouring of cash, food and water for our churches and their parishioners to the south of us impacted by hurricane Ian.



Our roofs did their job during the hurricane and we are conducting a professional inspection of all the air conditioning units serving the church to determine which units can be repaired and which units will have to be replaced.

Our buildings and grounds chairpersons, Pam and Rick Schultz will be scheduling a workday to do those things that we, as parishioners can do for our facilities.

It is an exciting time to be a parishioner at St Catherine's.

Peace and Blessings,

Paul Johnson, Junior Warden

AROUND ST. CATHERINE'S

Notes from the Treasurer

Attached with this article is the St. Catherine's financial data through August 2022. We can see the detailed data for the month along with the data "year to date" through August. The information displayed here is a reflection of parish performance to the operating budget for our parish. Not included here are the "Restricted" fund expenses and revenues. Such items as the recent roof replacement, weekly flowers and other designated expenses are not included in the Operating Budget.

For the month of August, pledge revenue was (\$8,374) under monthly budget with total revenue (\$7,681) under budget. In addition, the total expenses were also (\$406) under budget which gives a total negative performance to budget for August of (\$7,275).



Year to date info shows that pledge revenue is still (\$17,484) under budget with total revenue (\$28,011) under budget. Data also reveals total expenses for the year are also under budget (\$13,099). This leaves a net deficit to budget year to date of (\$14,912).

Although we are operating at a deficit to the budget through August, St. Catherine's had ample cash reserves at beginning of the year to tolerate the deficit thus far. It is anticipated that deficit spending to the budget will continue for most of this current year. The parish is budgeted to move some funds from earnings in the endowment in 2022 to the operating account. The revenue from this future transferred funds will help with the deficit to budget as we move forward. We do not have sufficient pledge dollars committed for the year to meet our budget needs for the year, therefore requiring we move some funds from the endowment to our operating accounts to meet our budget needs for the year.

Our parishioners to date have been very faithful in remaining committed to their pledge dollars for the year. It is important for our parishioners to remain current with the pledge commitments for 2022.

St. Catherine of Alexandria Episcopal Church						
Monthly Summary - Thru August 2022						
Financials						
	August Budget	August Actual	August Variance	Year to Date Budget	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Variance
Pledge Income	\$19,167.00	\$10,793.00	(\$8,374.00)	\$153,333.00	\$135,849.00	(\$17,484.00)
Total Income	\$21,742.00	\$14,061.00	(\$7,681.00)	\$179,133.00	\$151,122.00	(\$28,011.00)
Total Expenses	\$23,083.00	\$22,677.00	(\$406.00)	\$192,421.00	\$179,322.00	(\$13,099.00)
Net Total	(\$1,341.00)	(\$8,616.00)	(\$7,275.00)	(\$13,288.00)	(\$28,200.00)	(\$14,912.00)

Thank you for your commitment to our parish and to the ministries through which we serve our community.

Terry Bechtel – Treasurer

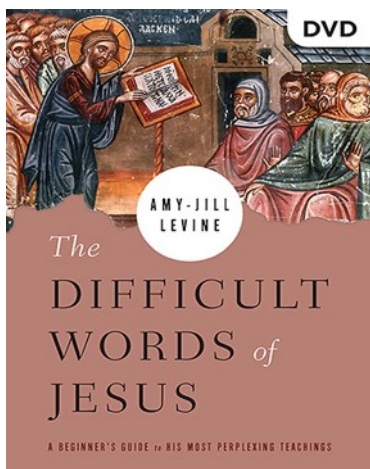
AROUND ST. CATHERINE'S

Fall Adult Faith Formation

**Examine the most difficult teachings of Jesus with
Dr. Amy-Jill Levine and Fr. James Reho**

Sundays 9:00 AM – 9:45, in the Parish Hall

(you're welcome to come early, late, or just on occasion; all are welcome!)



Sometimes the gospels are comforting and make great sense to us; other times, what Jesus says seems impossible, strange, or even counter to what he says in other passages! How can we understand him better, and apply his teachings to our own lives?

Jesus provided his disciples teachings for how to follow Torah, God's word; he told them parables to help them discern questions of ethics and of human nature; he offered them beatitudes for comfort and encouragement. But sometimes

Jesus spoke words that followers then and now have found difficult. He instructs disciples to hate members of their own families (Luke 14:26), to act as if they were slaves (Matthew 20:27), and to sell their belongings and give to the poor (Luke 18:22). He restricts his mission (Matthew 10:6); he speaks of damnation (Matthew 8:12); he calls Jews the devil's children (John 8:44).

In *The Difficult Words of Jesus*, Amy-Jill Levine shows how these difficult teachings would have sounded to the people who first heard them, how have they been understood over time, and how we might interpret them in the context of the Gospel of love and reconciliation. Fr. James will lead us through this fascinating work by Dr. Levine, a famous Jewish scholar of the New Testament, that is both practical and scholarly.

AROUND ST. CATHERINE'S

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

Any loose offering made on the first Sunday of the month goes to the Rector's Discretionary Fund.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL FOOD PANTRY

St. Catherine's supports the Corpus Christi Society of St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. Food donations help those in Temple Terrace and surrounding communities with food insecurities. Place donations of non-perishable food items in the shopping baskets in the church entrance.

SUGGESTED DONATIONS

Peanut Butter	Powdered Milk
Canned Vegetables	Canned Pasta Sauce
Beans - canned or dry	Canned Fruit
Canned Soup	Canned Meat / Tuna
Cereal	

The food pantry also needs **clean empty egg cartons** and **plastic grocery bags**.

WEEKLY CENTERING PRAYER ZOOM MEETINGS

***Lectio Divina* and Centering Prayer:** Monday mornings from 9:30 to 11:00 AM

Centering Prayer: Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 6:30 PM

Email Renee Graham, rgraham618@gmail.com to be added to the Zoom invitee list.

WISDOM PRACTICE CIRCLE IS BACK!

“Wisdom is not knowing more. It is knowing deeper, knowing with more of you.”

Cynthia Bourgeault, Episcopal Priest and Theologian.

Saturday, November 19, 3-5PM in person in the St. George Room (Children's Chapel) or by Zoom (contact Carol below for Zoom credentials)

Come join us then! For more information contact

Carol Harlow 813-391-1884 or **walker_52_@msn.com**.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Join us on Facebook for a weeklong discussion/blog

[Adult Christian Education @ St. Catherine's](#) and click on “Join Group”



AROUND ST. CATHERINE'S

ALTAR FLOWERS AND SANCTUARY CANDLE

Sponsoring the flowers and/or sanctuary candle allows us to remember loved ones or celebrate families and friends. Click here: <https://signup.com/go/RZCDMmo>, to sign up for an upcoming date. When signing up for flowers, please allow two weeks to place the order with the florist.

ST. CATHERINE'S LIVESTREAM

The 10 AM Sunday service is livestreamed to [Facebook](#).

NAME TAGS

Wearing name tags during worship services and other parish events at St. Catherine's has proven to be an important practice for several decades in welcoming newcomers and visitors, as well as getting to know each other a little bit better. We believe it is time to revive and restore the wearing of name tags, and to make this happen, we would greatly appreciate it if you would do the following:

- Check the name tag rack in the narthex, and determine if you have a name tag. Please wear your name tag when inside the church.
- No name tag, add your first and last name to the form found on the table in the narthex just outside the Sanctuary. A new name tag will be placed on the appropriate peg on the rack.

OCTOBER SERVICE SPOT

SUNDAY	02-Oct	09-Oct	16-Oct	23-Oct	30-Oct
8 AM Reader / EM	Zachary Mays Jeff Boe	Ronelle Norris Jeff Boe	Sandy Sharma Joe Boe Ellen Buckley	Manon Alewynse Ronelle Norris	Sandy Sharma Zachary Mays Lois Gonzalez
8 AM Acolyte	Zachary Mays	Ronelle Norris	Jeff Boe	Manon Alewynse	Lois Gonzalez
8 AM Usher	Don Clark	Zachary Mays	Walt Williams	Renee Stembridge	Mrs. Mays
10 AM Readers / EM	Paul Clarke Catherine Temple Manon Alewynse	Scott Benner Rory Anne Eubank Phil Channell	Michael Quire DeeDee Schatzberg Terry Bechtel	Jo Averill-Snell Paul Johnson Manon Alewynse	Ned Averill-Snell Rick Schultz Carol Harlow
10 AM Usher	Juana Delgado- Miller Milton Temple	Frank & Donna LaMetterey	Steve & Mazie Armstrong	Terry & Carol Bechtel	Barbara Ewing Bert Catala
10 AM Acolyte(s)	Kate Grant Ella Walker	Michael Grant Amelia Boehning	Keven Carpenter Kiersten Carpenter Marilyn Ewing	Ashley Riefler Abbie Kolka Caycee Kolka	
Live Stream	Tiffany Grant	Jeff Boe	Barbara Ewing	Liz Riefler	Steve Armstrong
Altar Guild	Team Mary	Team Martha	Team Mary	Team Martha	Team Mary
Counters	Manon Alewynse Paul Johnson	Manon Alewynse Paul Johnson	Manon Alewynse Rick Schultz	Donna LaMetterey Rick Schultz	Brenda Hunter Donna LaMetterey

ALTAR FLOWERS and SANCTUARY CANDLE

Sponsoring the flowers or candle is a beautiful and powerful way to remember our loved ones and to celebrate our families and friends. Sign up for Altar Flowers or the Sanctuary Candle by contacting the church office or clicking on the following link: www.SignUp.Org. When signing up for flowers, **please allow two weeks to allow time to place the order with the florist.**



Suggested Donation \$50

October 2, 2022	<i>still available</i>
October 9, 2022	<i>still available</i>
October 16, 2022	<i>still available</i>
October 23, 2022	Dorothy Bardin
October 30, 2022	Ronelle Norris
November 6, 2022	<i>still available</i>
November 13, 2022	<i>still available</i>
November 20, 2022	<i>still available</i>
November 27, 2022	Sandy Boehning
December 4, 2022	<i>still available</i>
December 11, 2022	<i>still available</i>
December 18, 2022	<i>still available</i>
December 25, 2022	<i>still available</i>



Suggested Donation \$10

October 2, 2022	John & Diana Gruppiso
October 9, 2022	Sandy Boehning
October 16, 2022	<i>still available</i>
October 23, 2022	Sandy Boehning
October 30, 2022	<i>still available</i>
November 6, 2022	<i>still available</i>
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BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES



Debby Amon	10/03	Don Whittemore	10/14
Lane Carpenter	10/05	Caycee Kolka	10/16
Susan Gough	10/06	Judith Powell	10/16
Manon Alewynse	10/07	Bob Crescentini	10/19
Anna Dixon	10/07	Riley Boehning	10/20
Marty Quire	10/08	Karen Branch	10/20
Rachel Rubottom	10/09	Robert Lang	10/20
DeeDee Schatzberg	10/09	Fred Powell	10/22
W. Robert Seitz	10/09	Scott Cook	10/26
Rachel Crescentini	10/14	Patti Hansen	10/30
Brenda Hunter	10/14	Paul Johnson	10/31



Frank Johnson & Joan Kaywell	10/10
Lois & Michael Gonzalez	10/16
Judy & Stan Brown	10/26

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please inform the Church Office of any changes in your address, phone number or email.

If you are not receiving our emails, please check you Trash, Junk and Spam folders or contact your email provider for help receiving emails from admin@stcathtt.org.

If your birthday or anniversary is not included in the celebration list, it is because we do not have that information. Contact the church to update at 813-988-6483 or email Admin@stcathtt.org. Thank you!

Directory Updates

We will keep a running list for corrections to the directory.

NEW changes will be in RED with a star.

Chris & Ellen Buckley - Address: 1211 N. Riverhills Dr. Temple Terrace FL 33617

Cell phone: 813-495-5709 (no home phone), Email: ellensb5891@gmail.com

Sybil & Bert Catala - Address: 11312 Linarbor Place. Temple Terrace FL 33617

Diana & John Grupposo - Address: 18934 Pebble Links Cir, Apt 204, Tampa, FL 33647

John Cell: 813-784-8137, Diana Cell: 813-732-1173

Eleanor Howland - Address: 4000 E. Fletcher Ave., G-214, Tampa, FL 33613 / Phone: 813-988-7467

Libbet Jenkins - Address: 5511 Cannonade Drive, Wesley Chapel, FL 33544

Cindy & Frank Johnson - Address: 1004 Riflecreech Ave., Valrico, FL 33594

JoAnn Ruger McQuaid - Address: 19741 McKabben Lane, Land O'Lakes FL 34638

Phone: 813-766-6881 / email: rugerjoann@gmail.com

Morgan & Grant Miller - Address: 7011 Fieldhurst Court, Alexandria, VA 22315

Deb Noonan - Home Phone: 984-999-4906, Cell Phone: 984-234-1202

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James Cell: 917-526-0746 / email: frjames@stcathtt.org

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Ann Rezabek - Address: 4100 E. Fletcher Ave, Apt 918, Tampa FL 33613

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Worship Services

Sunday Holy Eucharist Rite I :00 AM

Sunday Choral Eucharist Rite II at 10:00 AM

Wednesday Holy Eucharist and Service of Healing 12:10 PM

Office Hours

Monday through Thursday: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Staff

The Rev. Dr. James Reho, Rector

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Mildred Sanabria, Parish Administrator

admin@stcathtt.org

Linda Ruescher, Director of Music & Organist

linda.ruescher@gmail.com

Rachel Rubottom, Christian Education Coordinator

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Brenda Menendez, Financial Administrator

brenda@stcathtt.org

Pastoral Emergencies / Hospital Visits

Please let us know if you or other parishioners are in the hospital.

For pastoral emergencies, call the Rector, Fr. James Reho, 917-526-0746 (cell).

Church Email List



We communicate events and things of interest via email to our parishioners. If you would like to be on this list, please fill out the Welcome card found in the pew and give it to an usher or contact the church office. We do not share this information with anyone.

Find us on Facebook

facebook.com/StCatherinesEpiscopalChurchTempleTerrace/

If you are on our Facebook page, click “like” and pass the word! Post pictures and comment and the page will have a wider audience. We have a policy of not putting children / youth names with pictures on the internet; please do not tag anyone under 18.



The Rewarding Formula



Go to www.stcathtt.org and click Resources in the blue bar at the top of the page then click on the Amazon.com button = commissions for St. Catherine's at no extra cost to you!