

The Sanctity of Life

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As believers, we believe in the sanctity of life. But what does this mean? It means that the God who Created and Sustains all life made all human life sacred. This is true despite the ever-increasing lie believed by our culture that the unborn, the handicapped, the sick, and the elderly live a life that is less valuable than that of others. Every day, people struggle with the societal belief that caring for a person can somehow be a hindrance to abundant life. The Bible teaches us that all life is sacred and no life is worthless.

The Bible tells us of a woman who was pregnant and all alone with no family. She ran from an abusive situation and found herself with no food, no home, and no hope. But God pursued her and met her in her desperation. He saw her and told her of the plans he had not only for her but for her unborn child as well. In *Genesis 16:13*, this woman (Hagar) gives God the name El Roi, which means the God who sees because "I have now seen the One who sees me." As we celebrate Sanctity of Life Sunday, who do you need to see that no one else does?

In celebration of Sanctity of Life Sunday, please join us on the lawn with our ministry partners and find out how you can "see" those who are struggling with sanctity of life issues. There are several organizations that will be on the lawn. 40 Days for Life is a forty-day campaign that aims to end abortion through prayer, fasting, and community outreach. Anglicans for Life is an organization that helps the church uphold the sanctity of life by opposing abortion and euthanasia. A Women's Pregnancy Center persuades mothers to choose life for their unborn children. Big Bend Hospice is an organization that assists families in making choices about end-of-life care. Making Miracles Group Home provides a place to live while teaching mothers how to build an abundant life for themselves and their children. The Pregnancy Help and Information (PHI) Center provides social services and resources to support families as they choose life until their youngest child is five years old.

We are also holding a city-wide prayer vigil this Saturday, January 28 at 10:30am here at St. Peter's. Join us as we pray with churches across the city for those who have suffered from the loss of life, especially in the form of abortion or miscarriage. It is our hope that Tallahassee becomes a city that not only protects life but is a place of abundant life as found only in Jesus Christ.

MISSIONS & EVANGELISM

EACH OF OUR EIGHT CORES HAS A SPECIFIC MONTH OF THE YEAR IN WHICH IT WILL BE HIGHLIGHTED. JANUARY IS LIFE MONTH.

LIFE: JANUARY IS LIFE MONTH

Below are some opportunities to serve with our Missions & Evangelism LIFE Core during the month of January, which is observed by Christians all over as an important month to stand up for life, from conception to death.

- Sanctity of Life Sunday, a day set aside by our province, the Anglican Church in North America, is *TODAY!*To learn more, visit AnglicansForLife.org
- Please join us between services on the lawn, weather permitting, to honor Sanctity of Life Sunday and to meet and learn more about St. Peter's Life ministry partners and volunteers. Find out how you can join in the Kingdom work happening in each of these ministries! If there is inclement weather, we will be in the Parish Hall.
- Attend the HOPE Prayer Service on *Saturday, January 28th at 10:30am* at St. Peter's. This will be a sacred time to pray and grieve the loss of life, including miscarriage and abortion. God has taught us so much over the past two years...that men also suffer deeply, and that Satan wants nothing more than to bind us in shame and isolation. Please join us in this precious service, and invite folks from other churches or, perhaps most importantly, those who have no church home.
- Provide a love offering for Anglicans for Life TODAY in the envelopes that were distributed as you entered the cathedral and please return to the baskets as you leave the nave at the end of the service. Please Make Checks payable to Anglicans for Life.

PARTNERED EVANGELISM: TARMAC

If you have used sports equipment (exercise machines, bats, balls, gloves, shoes, anything sports related), it can be taken to Play It Again Sports until *February 1st* and all proceeds from donated items will go directly to the Tarmac Foundation. Please make sure you tell them it's for Tarmac.

Funds raised will help with project costs (building an outdoor basketball court, balls, equipment) while in Uganda this fall. If you don't have sports equipment and just want to make a donation, our goal to begin 2023 is to get 23 people to donate \$100 which will provide half of our target goal. Checks should be made out to Tarmac.

The Tarmac Foundation is committed to being a conduit to Christ through basketball, here and abroad! For more information, or questions, please contact Susan Burton at 850.251.3418 or thetarmacfoundation.com.

INTERNATIONAL: SAUSAGE DOGS FOR UGANDA & NICARAGUA | TODAY, January 22nd | Come enjoy a sausage dog on the lawn, weather permitting (or to go!) and help support our upcoming Nicaragua and Uganda Mission Trips on January 22nd between services and after the 11:15 service, weather permitting. Chips and drinks will also be

available. If there is inclement weather, sausage dogs will

be in the Parish Hall.

PRISON: KAIROS WEEKEND IN MARCH | The Kairos team will be holding the next Inside Weekend March 2-5, at Wakulla Correctional Institution. Team meetings will begin on January 29th, and occur the following dates at St. Peters: *January 29, February 5, 19, 26.* Meetings are at *3pm* in the St. Peter's Parish Hall. If you'd like to take part in this wonderful ministry, please plan to attend all of the team meetings. We look forward to the Men of St. Peter's joining us. Email or call Jason White at 850.566.7702 or jasonwhite48@gmail.com for more information.

DISCIPLESHIP & PARISH LIFE

ST. PETER'S ARTISANS | LENTEN ART CLASS

Saturday, 4 March | Kintsugi is the ancient Japanese art of mending broken pottery. Participants will learn basic steps to mending a hand thrown tea bowl, and have a visual keepsake from the day. These workshops will help set the tone for Lent—a season of repentance & sacrifice. Join us on the journey from brokenness to beauty—Register at StPetersFL.com/kintsugi

UNITED ADORATION RETREAT AND CONCERT

Friday–Saturday, 17-18 February | Join other artists and musicians for the United Adoration Retreat at Trinity Church in Thomasville! This retreat will be a multi-art retreat, so all artistic disciplines are welcome–choreography, songwriting/composition, visual art, poetry, writing, and more! Chris Hall and Sally Hernandez and the good folks at Trinity will be hosting, and Ryan & Melissa Flanigan and their children will lead us in worship Friday night at 7pm for a free Liturgical Folk Concert open to all. Learn more at StPetersFL.com/liturgicalfolk

ST. LUKE'S ROUNDS | Saturday, 4 February

Interested in the intersection of Christian faith and medicine? Curious about how other people of faith view their vocation? Want to meet other likeminded healthcare providers?

Luke, a physician himself, begins his Gospel with the statement that it is an account sourced from eyewitnesses, with the orderly purpose that his disciple, Theophilus, "may know the certainty of the things taught"—Luke 1:1-4. Similarly, St. Luke's Rounds hopes to encourage Christian healthcare providers by providing a forum for discussion, education, and networking around matters of faith. St. Luke's Rounds is an ecumenical work and all backgrounds are invited.

CARE MINISTRIES: SENIOR LUNCHEON

Join us for our February Sr. Luncheon on *Thursday*, 2 February at 11:30am in the Parish Hall. RSVP to ASanderson@StPetersFL.com

LADIES! REGISTER FOR THE WOMEN'S MINI-

RETREAT | Friday-Saturday, 24-25 February

Our speakers are Allison Lawrence and her daughter, Chelsea Hamshaw. Allison is married to Bishop Mark Lawrence, retired bishop of South Carolina. She is a mother of five and a grandmother of twelve. Chelsea will also be leading us in worship! Register now at StPetersFL.com/miniretreat2023!

MEN! HERE'S AN EASY VALENTINE'S GIFT!

Give your wife, mom, best friend, sister, or all of the above a registration to the Women's Mini Retreat! It will be a Friday evening and Saturday 'getaway' full of inspiration with Allison Lawrence and her daughter, Chelsea Hamshaw, time with sweet friends, and delicious food!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! LENT TRADITIONS CONVERSATION WITH THE DEAN (ZOOM

CALL) | Thursday, 16 February | 8:30–9:30pm Parents of Children and Youth, you are invited to join Father Marcus on a zoom call about Lent. The topic of discussion is "How do you use Lent to help your family prepare for Easter?" Do you do something different as a family during this season in prayers, devotions, or worship? Is this the year to start? If you have something you love, please come prepared to show and tell. This call is all about inspiration and encouragement for Christian parents Interested, please email Amy Stewart at AmyS@StPetersFL.com for the zoom link.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT ANGLICANISM?

If you're interested in knowing more about Anglicanism, attend one of these Spring classes:

The Foundations for Discipleship:

- Common Faith | The Anglican Catechism | 1.29-3.19
- Common Worship | Prayer Book 101 | 1.30-3.13 Visit StPetersFL.com/Classes for more information.

Worship

VISITING THE CATHEDRAL?

Welcome—we're so glad you're worshiping with us today! Our nursery is available during Sunday morning services for children newborn through Kindergarten. We hope you'll join us on the lawn for coffee & other refreshments between morning services! Whether today is your first time or you've been coming for awhile, we are so glad you're here!

CATHEDRAL PRAYER LIST & CARE MINISTRIES



If you have any pastoral needs or know of someone who needs pastoral care and prayer, please contact Care Ministries Coordinator, Alice Sanderson at <u>ASanderson@StPetersFL.com</u>

Please call the Cathedral Office at 850.701.0664 or email ASanderson@StPetersFL.com to be added to the Cathedral Prayer List, You can also submit a prayer request or Care Ministry Need at StPetersFL.com/Prayer

Military: Lucas Bell, Jose Betancourt, Lt. Col. David Chichetti, SSG Corey Daws, Lt. Col. Daniel Dean, Capt. James Dilworth, Capt. John Easterbrook Jr, Airman Drew Edwards, Sgt. Michael Gaskins, SSgt Corey Owen, Capt. Griffin Jax, Capt. Savannah B. Jax, 1st Lt. Parker Jax, Capt. Chandler B. Jax, 1st Lt. Carson Jax, 1st Lt. Rebecca Jax, Gabriel Melendez, Col. Burt Newman, Major Gen. John Richardson, Capt. Oliver Rushing, Spc. Andrew Sanderson, Lt. Cmdr. Chris Smith, SFC Dewey Spence, Lt. Patrick Swain, Capt. Parry Thomas, Lt. Cmdr. Blake Van Brunt Jr, Tommy VanLandingham MM3, Seaman Benjamin Waddill PFC John P. Warren

Parishioners, Relatives, and Friends: Burt Mead, Rob Garcia, Don Ovi, Bert Fletcher, Yolanda McKee, Dave & Mary Alma Lang, Brady Jax, Richard Ward

CHORISTER EVENSONG

Join us this evening at 5pm for Evensong led by our Youth Choristers. You will be blessed by this wonderful gift of worship!

THERE WILL NOT BE A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION & HEALING PRAYER AT 12:10PM ON WEDNESDAY, 1.25 The Clergy of the Cathedral will be participating in a spiritual retreat this week.

