

# WHERE TRUE JOYS ARE TO BE FOUND

By *The Rev'd Canon Dr. Michael W. Petty, Canon for Adult Formation*

The following is the preface of this year's Lenten Devotional, *WHERE TRUE JOYS ARE TO BE FOUND*.

*Almighty God, you alone can bring to order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that among the swift and varied changes of this world, our hearts may surely be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.* —(Collect for the Fifth Sunday in Lent, BCP, p. 606)

What might it look like for us to become saints? Some may think this a stupid question on the assumption that becoming saints is an impossibility for us. But this assumption ignores the fact that God has in fact called us to holiness. Paul addresses the troubled house churches in Corinth in a way that reminds them of this fact: “To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints” (1 Corinthians 1:2). Answering the question of what it might look like for us to become saints is difficult for two principal reasons. First, because our sin looms so large over our lives that it is difficult to imagine life without it. Second, because it is easy for us to become accustomed to our sin and to make our peace with it (“this is just the way I am”). One of the purposes of Lent is to call both of these into question.

The Collect for the Fifth Sunday in Lent helps us to begin answering the question of what might becoming saints look like for us. To become a saint is to begin to love what God commands and to desire what he promises. Holiness involves not merely being obedient to what God commands but actually coming to love what he commands because we love God. The Christian life is not a path of grim obedience to God's commands where outward conformity hides a coldness of heart. Instead, God leads us to an ever-greater love of what he commands and as we follow in this way, we recognize that we find true freedom and joy in it. Saints are marked not by grim determination but by joyful commitment.

Likewise, being a saint involves not simply accepting what God promises but actually desiring what God promises. Saints are people who have come to desire what God desires. What might our lives be like if we truly desired what God promises us? What might the Church be like if we truly desired what God promises us? Over the course of this Lent, I invite you to think about what it might look like for you to become a saint and to take seriously that this is precisely what God is calling you to.

PICK UP YOUR COPY OF THE LENTEN DEVOTIONAL IN THE NARTHEX!

# MISSIONS & EVANGELISM

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

## **PARTNERED EVANGELISM: TARMAC BASKETBALL SPRING BREAK CAMP**

Start spring break off right with some fellowship and basketball sessions! Tarmac Basketball, for girls ages 7-14, will work on the fundamentals of basketball, building leadership concepts, and the importance of having a foundation of faith.

The sessions will be held on *March 14th, 15th, and 16th from 9am-1pm at Immanuel Baptist Church, 2351 Mahan Drive*. The cost will be \$75 per day/session. Register at [www.tarmacbasketball.com](http://www.tarmacbasketball.com) or contact Susan Burton at [thetarmactlh@gmail.com](mailto:thetarmactlh@gmail.com) or 850.251.3418. Let's go Lady Ballers!

## **LIFE: AWPC'S WALK FOR LIFE**

Please plan to join us for *A Women's Pregnancy Center's 27th Annual Walk for Life* on *Saturday, March 26th*. Registration begins at *8:30am* that morning, and the 2-mile fun walk begins at *9:00am*. There will be lots of fun activities for children there as well!

The funds collected for the Walk allow AWPC to continue offering the option of life to women and men facing unplanned pregnancies, sharing the good news of Christ's love and forgiveness, and the hope of a bright future.

For more information, please contact Life Core Captains, Elizabeth Carrouth at [ecarrouth@gmail.com](mailto:ecarrouth@gmail.com) or Ann Wong at [wongbones@aol.com](mailto:wongbones@aol.com). Additional information is available online as well at: [www.joinwalkforlife.com](http://www.joinwalkforlife.com)

# LENT BEGINS THIS WEEK

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## **ASH WEDNESDAY**

2 MARCH

THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES (*No Music or Communion*) | 7:00AM

THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES | MUSIC (*No Communion*) | NOON

THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES | MUSIC & COMMUNION | 7:00PM

## **LENTEN VIDEO CLASS | C.S. LEWIS' *THE SCREWTAPE LETTERS***

**LED BY FR. MICHAEL PETTY**

BEGINS WEDNESDAY | 9 MARCH | [YOUTUBE.COM/STPETERSFL](http://YOUTUBE.COM/STPETERSFL)

## **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

FRIDAYS | 6:00-6:30PM

11 MARCH | 18 MARCH | 25 MARCH

1 APRIL | 8 APRIL

# DISCIPLESHIP | PASTORAL CARE & PARISH LIFE

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**LENTEN DEVOTIONAL AVAILABLE** | Once again, Barb Mattick and her team have compiled a Lenten Devotional to aid each of our journeys through this Lenten Season. Many of you contributed to this year's effort—THANK YOU! The printed devotional will be available this Sunday in the Narthex. It includes the Cathedral's Lenten Schedule on the back cover.

You may wish to receive the daily Lenten Devotions in your inbox, but you are still encouraged to grab a hard copy! If you would like to receive the daily devotions in your inbox, please visit [StPetersFL.com/Lent](http://StPetersFL.com/Lent)



## **MARCH MEN'S BREAKFAST**

*Saturday, 5 March, 9:00am*

We're changing things up a little! Mark your calendars for the next Men's Breakfast and join us for a morning of fellowship, prayer, and great food!

**Childcare is available for children ages 6 and under!**

RSVP at [StPetersFL.com/mensbreakfast](http://StPetersFL.com/mensbreakfast)

## **CATHEDRAL TOUR**

*Saturday, 12 March, 10:00–11:00am* | From stone to spire, arch to altar, the traditional Gothic architecture of St. Peter's reflects the orthodox truth of Holy Scripture. Take a tour and be inspired!

## **PASTORAL CARE: GRIEF RESOURCES**

A book cannot end grief, but it can provide information and offer hope and healing. Be sure to check out The Healing Hearts Library, located in the Undercroft Hallway, across from the Parish Hall.

## **PASTORAL CARE: PARISH VISITORS GUILD OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE**

The Parish Visitors Guild is a group of parish members who are passionate about reaching out to our members in a variety of ways: encouraging notes; personal visits and phone calls, especially to those in assisted living centers; and even delivering altar flowers to folks at home. This is a great opportunity to offer encouragement to those who truly need it. If you are interested in being part of this ministry, please contact Alice Sanderson via email at [Alice@StPetersFL.com](mailto:Alice@StPetersFL.com)

## **GALS' ART NIGHT**

*Friday, 1 April | 6:00pm-9:00pm*

Gals of all ages! Join us for a night of art! The talented Danielle Figueroa will be leading us in devotional-centered painting. Her artwork and that of some of her students has been displayed this past year on the St. Peter's Artisans' Gallery Wall here at the Cathedral. This will be a great night for intergenerational fellowship while creating art that glorifies our Creator. Registration will open this week, so keep watching the Keys and eKeys!

## **YOUTH | DYNAMOS WEEKEND!**

*March 11-13* | Dynamos is a student-led Gulf Atlantic Diocese high school retreat. It is an intense weekend focused on Bible study and discipleship to help students reflect on matters of faith. The retreat is located at Advent Christian Village in Live Oak, FL. It costs \$125 per student (Diocesan and St Peter's scholarships are available if needed). Registration ends March 1. For more information and to register: [StPetersFL.com/dynamos](http://StPetersFL.com/dynamos)

## **MOVIE ON THE LAWN!**

*Friday 4 March | 6:30pm*

Join us for Movie Night on the lawn in two weeks! Bring your blankets and snacks and let's watch *Encanto* outside on the big screen! Rumor has it there might be birthday cake!

## **LENTEN DISCIPLINE: SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES**

| You are invited to take on the discipline of being in a small group Bible study for Lent. Six in-person groups and one virtual group are being organized, each group meeting at different times. Each group will focus on the inductive Bible study Following Jesus as well as introducing our Parish Rule of Life (PRL). Each group will meet for six sessions and sessions are scheduled to begin the week of March 7<sup>th</sup>. Look for registration details in next week's eKeys or you may register in-person at the Parish Life Desk in the Narthex on Sunday morning.

# WORSHIP

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## 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!

## CATHEDRAL PRAYER LIST & PASTORAL CARE NEEDS:



If you have any pastoral care needs or know of someone who needs pastoral care and prayer, please contact Care Ministries Coordinator, Alice Sanderson at [Alice@StPetersFL.com](mailto:Alice@StPetersFL.com)



### FINANCIAL MINUTE

*Total Operating Budget:* \$2,896,155.24 | *% Collected YTD:* 47.68% | *Debt Retired in February:* \$11,643.22

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