

## ALL SAINTS' DAY: WHAT IS IT?

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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 1<sup>st</sup>.

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, Nov. 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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). Often, a Liturgy of the Saints will be included to call to mind and give thanks for specific saints, historical and modern. Symbolizing the shining robes of the martyrs, the liturgical color for All Saints is white.

For personal or family celebration, it's an excellent time to learn about a saint you might not be familiar with, to study the written prayers of saints from church history, and to specifically thank God for the work of those who were instrumental in leading you and others into a profession of faith.

It is an excellent time to remember that "mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won" and the continuing work of the Holy Spirit in building up "one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church"!

# MISSIONS & EVANGELISM

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

## INTERNATIONAL: NICARAGUA MISSION 2023 INTEREST MEETING! | ¡VAMANOS!

It's finally here—an opportunity to take a mission trip to Leon, Nicaragua with the *Twelve Churches Ministry*. Please join us on *TONIGHT at 6pm* in the Parish Hall for an interest meeting to learn more about a highly impactful short-term mission trip opportunity that will take place from *June 3-10, 2023*. Youth, adults, and families are strongly encouraged to attend, as all types of giftings are needed! This team will be limited to the first 25 deposits received.

To learn more about *Twelve Churches*, please visit [TwelveChurches.org](http://TwelveChurches.org). Contact Team Leader Jim Flury at [jmflury@aol.com](mailto:jmflury@aol.com) with any questions.

**INTERNATIONAL: SWEET & SAVORY BAKE SALE |** *Sunday, 20 November | Between morning services* | Come discover delicious homemade treats and other culinary items, such as smoked salmon, available for purchase. Proceeds will benefit Uganda Missions, including our upcoming mission trip in the spring!

HAVE A DELICIOUS TREAT TO DONATE? BRING IT to the cathedral prior to the 9am service that day. Call or text Kathy Gomer at 850.528.4425 to make special arrangements or for more information.

## LSOT ADVENT TERM

The Charles Simeon Lay School of Theology Advent Term will offer two classes:

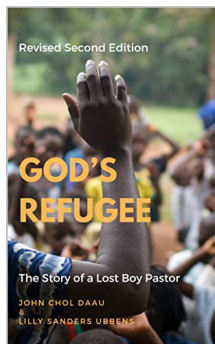
- › THE RULE OF ST. BENEDICT
  - › LED BY FR. WESLEY OWENS
- › INSTRUCTION IN SOUND DOCTRINE: AN INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE
  - › LED BY FR. MICHAEL PETTY

BOTH CLASSES WILL MEET ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS FROM 6:15-7:45PM  
NOVEMBER 30<sup>th</sup> AND DECEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, AND 21<sup>st</sup>

*For class descriptions and registration, go to [StPetersFL.com/Register](http://StPetersFL.com/Register).*

## INTERNATIONAL: VISIT FROM ONE OF THE LOST BOYS OF SOUTH SUDAN

Father John Chol Daau is here! He will speak between services in the Choir Room TODAY and then again on Monday evening, November 7<sup>th</sup> at a catered dinner in the Parish Hall from 6–8pm. You may remember that Fr. John was supposed to be with us last February for World Mission Sunday, but was unable to join us because of visa complications with the embassy in Nairobi, Kenya.



Father John is the founder of the Good Shepherd Educational Foundation in South Sudan. He is also the author of the book, *God's Refugee*, which is available in the Cathedral Bookstore. Please come hear about the amazing journey that He has enjoyed with our Lord. This is a special guest that you won't want to miss!

## UNDER-RESOURCED: THANKSGIVING AT GRACE MISSION | *Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>*

Volunteers are needed to help serve Thanksgiving Dinner at Grace Mission! Please note, this is one week before Thanksgiving Day.

**TURKEYS ARE ALSO NEEDED FOR THE DINNER**—please contact Jamey McClenny at 850.545.1386 for details and where to bring your butterball!



## A New Beginning for Génesis



In the mountains of Ecuador, 8-year-old Génesis was invited to an Operation Christmas Child outreach event by her cousin. There she heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ clearly presented and was surprised with her first gift ever—a shoebox filled with a stuffed animal, doll, and her favorite toys. Even “the box itself made me very happy,” said Génesis.

At the event, she also accepted Jesus Christ into her heart! “I have a new friend,” said Génesis. “I am happy for the opportunity I had to come here. I have learned about God and received a shoebox. He is my Savior.”

Génesis went home and told her mother, who was sick with COVID-19, about Jesus. As a result, both of her parents came to faith in Christ! The family was also grateful to God for her mother’s full recovery.

Génesis went on to participate in The Greatest Journey, the follow-up discipleship program designed especially for shoebox recipients, where she learned more about following Christ and sharing Him with others.

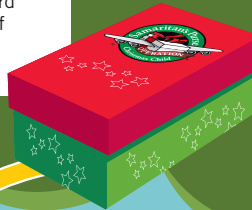


# THE AMAZING JOURNEY OF A SIMPLE SHOEBOX GIFT BEGINS WITH YOU



## PACKING, COLLECTING, & SHIPPING

People pack shoebox gifts each year to bless children in need around the world. Churches and groups collect these boxes the third week of November. Then, thousands of volunteers inspect and prepare the shoeboxes for international shipping.



## INTERNATIONAL

### DISTRIBUTION

Long before shoeboxes arrive in more than 100 countries, volunteer National Leadership Teams train pastors and community leaders who are eager to share the Gospel and bless children.



## INTERNATIONAL

### OUTREACH EVENTS

Churches around the world hand out shoebox gifts at festive outreach events where the Good News is clearly presented. Along with the gifts, we offer Gospel booklets called The Greatest Gift to help shoebox recipients learn about God's Greatest Gift, His Son, Jesus Christ.



## INTERNATIONAL

### DISCIPLESHIP & MULTIPLICATION

After receiving a shoebox gift, children have the opportunity to enroll in our 12-lesson follow-up discipleship program, The Greatest Journey. As a result of what they learn, boys and girls grow in Christ and share Him with others. Families are reached, churches grow, new churches are started, and communities are transformed.



# Shoebox Gift Suggestions

## "WOW" ITEM

- Soccer ball with pump
- Doll
- Stuffed animal
- Shoes



## TOYS

- Toy cars
- Jump ropes
- Yo-yos
- Toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)



## PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Toothbrushes
- Washcloths
- Combs
- Hairbrushes



## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, and markers
- Notebooks and paper
- Coloring and picture books
- Solar calculators



## ACCESSORIES

- Socks
- Sunglasses
- Jewelry and watches
- Flashlights (with extra batteries)



## DO NOT INCLUDE

candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; scary or war-related items; seeds; food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items or glass containers; aerosol cans

**GOOD NEWS. GREAT JOY.**

VIEW SOLICITATION DISCLOSURE INFORMATION FOR SAMARITAN'S PURSE ONLINE AT [SAMARITANSPURSE.ORG/DISCLOSURE](http://SAMARITANSPURSE.ORG/DISCLOSURE).



**SHOEBOXES DUE NEXT  
SUNDAY, 13 NOVEMBER!**



**79,000  
OUTREACH  
EVENTS  
TAKE PLACE EACH YEAR**



# DISCIPLESHIP

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## ACOLYTE MINISTRY

Interested in being an acolyte and helping to lead the Cathedral Congregation in worship on Sunday mornings, at weddings, at funerals, and other special services throughout the year? Learn more about our excellent acolyte ministry and how you can be part of it by contacting Acolyte Master, Cal Melton at 850.570.0208 or [DrCalMelton@gmail.com](mailto:DrCalMelton@gmail.com).

## PARISH VISITORS GUILD OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

| The Parish Visitors Guild is a group of parish members who are passionate about coming along side those who need encouragement. It could be the loss of a loved one or job, illness, or any number of difficulties we all face. They reach out in several ways. This is a great opportunity to offer encouragement to those who truly need it.

If you are interested in being part of this vital ministry, please contact [Alice@StPetersFL.com](mailto:Alice@StPetersFL.com) for more information.

### SAVE THE DATE

Visit [StPetersFL.com/upcoming](http://StPetersFL.com/upcoming) for more info:

- ▶ Advent Wreath Making | Bake Sale  
*Sunday, 20 November 10:30am*
- ▶ Advent Lessons & Carols  
*Sunday, 4 December 5pm*

## YOUTH MISSIONS PROJECT

St. Peter's Middle & High Schoolers have committed to donating 25 bags of clothes for Capital City Youth Services (CCYS)! Clothing should be new or gently used, and in a style teenagers will love. Clothing for youth ages 12-18 is most needed. The donation bin is located in the Youth House. *Note: This event is ongoing until we fill 25 bags!*

## SECOND SUNDAY MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL PARTY NEXT WEEK!

| 6:30-8pm | *November 13<sup>th</sup>*  
We'll eat junk food, play games, and have a guest speaker! Dinner provided. We will also be packing boxes for Operation Christmas Child specifically for boys and girls ages 10-14 as a missions project during the party, so be sure to bring something to donate!

## MARY & MARTHA GUILD ANNUAL AUCTIONING

*Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup> | 9:45am* | Join us at Mary Alma Lang's home, *6025 Roberts Road*, for a morning of great fun, fellowship, and good food! All women are invited to come bid on items varying from great food to special treasures and various unique items! All funds raised go to support our seminarians and curate.

## CSI LAY SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY TEACHING VIDEOS AVAILABLE ONLINE

During the Easter Semester, the Lay School of Theology offered *The Faith of the New Testament: God, Gospel, Mission* taught by Fr. Michael Petty. Videos of these class sessions are now available at

[CharlesSimeonInstitute.com/laypersons](http://CharlesSimeonInstitute.com/laypersons).

# WORSHIP

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## VISITING THE CATHEDRAL?

*Welcome—we're so glad you're worshipping 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 [Alice@StPetersFL.com](mailto:Alice@StPetersFL.com)

Please call the Cathedral Office at 850.701.0664 or email [Alice@StPetersFL.com](mailto:Alice@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](https://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

***In Thanksgiving for the birth of:*** Lily Bennett Walther & Harper Marie Walther

***Parishioners, Relatives, and Friends:*** Tom Pugh, Dennis, Allen Sears, Roberta & George Boyer, Courtney Evans, Marian, Phyllis, Joan, Reedi Massey, Connie

## Banns of Marriage

We publish the Banns of Marriage between Allison Rose Mica and Samuel Joseph Horowitz and bid your prayers on their behalf. If any of you know cause, or just impediment, why these persons should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, you are to declare it.

This is the first time of asking.

## FORGOT TO SUBMIT YOUR PLEDGE? THERE'S STILL TIME!

PLEASE VISIT [STPETERSFL.COM/GIVE](https://StPetersFL.com/GIVE) TO MAKE A PLEDGE, OR EMAIL [ACCOUNTING@STPETERSFL.COM](mailto:ACCOUNTING@STPETERSFL.COM) TO CONFIRM THAT YOU'D LIKE YOUR RECURRING GIFT TO CONTINUE AND/OR INCREASE.

OUR NEW BUDGET YEAR BEGINS NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> AND WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED PLEDGES FROM ABOUT HALF OF OUR ACTIVE PARISHIONERS. ST. PETER'S ONLY EXISTS BY THE GRACE OF GOD AND THE GENEROSITY OF HIS PEOPLE!



### FINANCIAL MINUTE

*Total Operating Budget: \$2,896,155.24 | % Collected YTD: 93.66% | Debt Retired in October: \$12,137.05*  
*For more information about making a pledge, visit [StPetersFL.com/Give](https://StPetersFL.com/Give)*