

WHAT IS CONFIRMATION?

The Rev'd David Marten, Associate for Family Life | Written for The Keys in December 2021

Confirmation is, perhaps, one of the most significant moments in the life of a Christian. For those unfamiliar, confirmation is sacramental, an outward physical sign of an inward spiritual grace. The outward sign is the laying on of hands; the inward grace is receiving gifts of the Holy Spirit for newness of life and ministry. A significant part of this is a public confession of the faith as one's own. For adults, this means publicly entering into the community of believers. For students, it marks taking ownership of the faith as his or her own. Here, in brief, is the confession that every confirmand is making today:

The bishop will have the confirmands make three renunciations:

1. Do you renounce the devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
2. Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world that corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
3. Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?

Then, he has them make three promises:

1. Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior?
2. Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?
3. Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?

Finally concluding by confessing their faith using the words of the Apostles Creed.

In preparation for this public confession, each confirmand has been working diligently. They have studied God's word and learned the Nicene Creed, Lord's Prayer, and 10 Commandments.

In light of all this, I encourage you to pray for everyone being confirmed today. For peace of mind and for the powerful working of the Holy Spirit in their lives. Here's the confirmation prayer in the 2019 Book of Common Prayer:

Almighty and everliving God, we beseech you to strengthen these your servants for witness and ministry through the power of your Holy Spirit. Daily increase in them your manifold virtues of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and true godliness, and the spirit of holy fear, now and forever. Amen.

MISSIONS & EVANGELISM

DISCIPLED EVANGELISM: CHRISTMAS CAROLING!

Saturday, 17 December | 3pm | In a world where everything seems to be Covid or social media related, we are breaking free and going Christmas Caroling! Let's join together and sing in the joy of Christ during this holiday season. Please join us at the Youth House where we will divide into three groups: Hope, Joy, and Love; and then venture out to the homes of homebound St. Peter's parishioners and their neighbors. There will be a time of caroling and praying at each of the homes. We need LOTS of volunteers to join in caroling and 3 musically talented individuals who can play guitar and start us all on a great singing note! We will have a designated route for each group of carolers and carol/pray until we return for MOVIE ON THE LAWN! We will regather at the Cathedral for hot chocolate, cider, and Christmas cookies for our MOVIE ON THE LAWN! We hope that in following the Parish Rule of Life, this will become a cathedral tradition Please contact Susan Newhouse-Burton, Discipled Evangelism Core Captain, (850.251.3418) or Newhouse590@gmail.com for more information.

LIFE: THE PHI CENTER JOY OF GIVING!

The PHI (*Pregnancy Help and Information*) Center is a crisis pregnancy center that not only helps families choose life, but find an abundant life in Jesus Christ. The PHI Center serves women and families who think they may be pregnant until their youngest child is 5 years old. It provides, resources, education, social services, encouragement and sonograms by a licensed nurse to its client families.

The Joy of Giving is a time where the PHI Center provides its clients with gifts they can wrap and give to members of their family. This year the Joy of Giving will be held at the PHI Center on *Tuesday, December 13* from *12:30 to 4:00pm* and *4:30-8:30pm* as well as *Wednesday, December 14* from *8:30am-noon*.

For more information on how to volunteer, e-mail Life Core Captain, Beth Medley, at medley005@yahoo.com.

PRISON: MERCY HOUSE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION!

Sunday, 11 December | 5pm | Come celebrate this blessed Advent season with the residents at Mercy House as we join them in decorating their homes for Christmas, share the Gospel, a meal, fellowship, and sing a few carols! Our very own St. Peter's children created ornaments to be placed on the trees at the homes, and we'll bring other decorations as well. Last year, the residents were very moved by the time and several shared they had never experienced anything like it in their own homes as a child. A great opportunity to share God's love and light!

Please contact Missions & Evangelism's Prison Core Captain, Jason White, at jasonwhite48@gmail.com with questions or to RSVP as space is limited.

UNDER-RESOURCED: GRACE MISSION

Please help Grace Mission as the cooler weather approaches by donating any of the items listed below:

- Warm coats and sweaters
- Blankets and sleeping bags
- Men's shoes and boots (especially sizes 10+)
- New warm gloves for Christmas gifts (large men's sizes)

Donations can be dropped off *Tuesday–Friday, 10am-2pm* at *Grace Mission (303 W. Brevard Street 32301)*.

For more information, or questions, please contact Missions and Evangelism Under-Resourced Core Captain, Freddy Branham, at fbranham@echotlh.org

DISCIPLESHIP & PARISH LIFE

PASTORAL CARE: STEPHEN MINISTERS

Going through a tough time, emotionally or spiritually? Struggling with a crisis in life? Or simply feeling down? Consider letting a Stephen Minister help. A Stephen Minister is a member of St. Peter's who is trained to listen, care, encourage, pray, and walk alongside you during difficult times. It's confidential, free, and very helpful. To learn more email us at StephenMinistry@StPetersFL.com or speak with one of our Stephen Ministers. They will be in the Narthex wearing a blue Stephen Ministry name tag.

YOUTH: DECEMBER YOUTH PARTY TODAY!

Sunday, 11 December | 6:30–8pm

It's sure to be a very merry Second Sunday Party! We'll eat junk food, play games, and have a guest speaker. We will be also doing a fun game, "Battle of the Christmas Carols!" Dinner provided. BE THERE! Carol will be...and ready to battle!

CATHEDRAL CONVERSATION WITH THE DEAN

Sunday, 18 December | Between Services

Learn more about the 12-day season of Christmas (which begins on Christmas Day) and the season of Epiphany, which follows Christmas! Fr. Marcus will share some history and answer your questions!

MARY & MARTHA GUILD GATHERING TOMORROW!

Monday, 12 December | 9:45am

The Mary Martha Guild will meet at Carol Moore's home at (3871 W Miller's Bridge Road). Bring your filled purses for the rescued women, a small toy for a child, and your White Elephant gift (under \$15).

CHILDREN'S ADVENT SOCIAL!

Monday, 19 December | 10:30am

Kids will be out of school, so come join us for an advent get-together! There will be cookie decorating, ornament making, boardgame playing, and Christmas Story reading. It will be a sweet time to fellowship with families during the school holiday. RSVP to AStewart@StPetersFL.com is helpful but not required.

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.

PARISH VISITORS GUILD OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

| The Parish Visitors Guild is a group of parish members who are passionate about coming alongside 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 ASanderson@StPetersFL.com for more information.



POINSETTIAS AND MUSIC DEDICATIONS

Our lovely Christmas services will be even prettier with donations for brilliant poinsettias and special instruments to accompany our glorious choir! Look for the special envelopes in your pew or complete your dedication online at StPetersFL.com/Give

Send your submission on or before *Friday, 16 December*. Suggested minimum donations are \$25 for poinsettias and \$25 for music. Please print your dedication *legibly*.

Advent Tree

AT ST. PETER'S ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL

We are well into the season of Advent! Once again, we have set up two Advent Trees in the back of the Nave. They highlight a few of the ministries we partner with in our community, near and far, to “come alongside” and provide encouragement, acts of service, and resources. They are decorated with ornaments describing specific ways you can help these ministries.

During Advent, we are reminded what it means to wait, and to think of others. Please take the time to learn more about these ministries and how you can be a part of them. **You can take an ornament off one of the trees, follow the specific instructions on the back, and return the wrapped gifts with the ornament attached to the outside of the gift, to the Cathedral by Sunday, 18 December.** Thank you for your support and for spreading the light of Christ, near and far!

BUT YOU WILL RECEIVE POWER WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES ON YOU; AND YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES IN JERUSALEM, AND IN ALL JUDEA AND SAMARIA, AND TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH.” ACTS 1:8

DURING THE ADVENT SEASON, WE INVITE YOU TO REFLECT ON THE MISSIONS & EVANGELISM CORES AND THEIR MINISTRIES WITHIN ST. PETER'S.

LIFE | UNDER-RESOURCED | PARTNERED EVANGELISM | DISCIPLED EVANGELISM | PRISON | HUMAN-TRAFFICKING | CAMPUS | INTERNATIONAL

ways to GIVE



Life 

MAKING MIRACLES GROUP HOME
Purchase listed practical necessities and gift cards to be given to women served by Making Miracles.

Partnered Evangelism 

TARMAC BASKETBALL
Monetary donations for camp fees.

STREET EVANGELISM
ESV Bibles and monetary donations for resources

Evangelism 

Under-Resourced 

E.C.H.O. & GOOD NEWS OUTREACH
Provide the listed gift cards, bus cards, and laundry cards!

TALLAHASSEE CLASSICAL SCHOOL
Gift donations to provide uniform assistance, shoes, sweaters and fleece jackets for students. Checks payable to Tallahassee Classical School.

 Campus

Life  DUE TODAY!

PHI CENTER
Purchase toys in a selected age range to be gifted to children served by the PHI Center.

CAPITAL CITY YOUTH SERVICES
Various clothing items and gift cards

 Human Trafficking

International 

WINGS FOR CHANGE
Provide a gift of \$60 to cover hygiene management and health education for children and young adults in Uganda. Checks payable to Wings for Change.

3lb Cans of Coffee (ground)

 Prison

 Human Trafficking

HOPE COMMUNITY
Bed sheets and pillows. Monetary donations.

UGANDA
Support 2023 Uganda Mission Trip.

International 

International 

TWELVE CHURCHES—NICARAGUA
\$240 to feed a child for one year at a feeding center

ways to SERVE

TALLAHASSEE CLASSICAL SCHOOL
Tutor a student.

Bring special treats to teachers and staff.



MAKING MIRACLES GROUP HOME
Take a resident to church and lunch, dinner and a movie, get a pedicure, etc...

PHI CENTER
Provide snacks for clients at Joy of Giving Event (12.14-15)
Volunteer to clean up at Joy of Giving Event.



Write a letter or two addressed to 'Dear Brother in Christ' to provide encouragement to an inmate who has participated in Kairos or Celebrate Recovery.

GOOD NEWS OUTREACH
Pressure washing 2hrs/week
Deck repair 2hrs/week



E.C.H.O. & GOOD NEWS OUTREACH
2hrs/week organizing closet
2hrs/week offering childcare

Partnered Evangelism



NEW DESTINY CHURCH
Participate in Christmas on the Court (12.10)

CHRISTMAS CAROLING
Come caroling on 12.17!



Evangelism



THE FELLOWSHIP
Bring a friend on Tuesday evenings to E.C.H.O. (6-8pm)

Christmas Eve Services

	12PM	5PM	8PM	11PM
CHILDCARE	X	X		
CHILDREN'S SERMON	X	X		
CATHEDRAL CHOIR		X	X	X
INCENSE			X	X

WORSHIP

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 ASanderson@StPetersFL.com

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](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

Parishioners, Relatives, and Friends: Chad Conrad, Quinn Toulan, Greg Dean, Brady Jax, Roberta & George Boyer, Courtney, Joan, Connie

WE HAVE NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES!

ALL STAFF AND CLERGY WITH EMAILS SHOULD NOW BE EMAILED USING THE FOLLOWING FORMAT:

FIRSTINITIALLASTNAME@STPETERSFL.COM* so JOHN DOE WOULD BE JDOE@STPETERSFL.COM

EMAILS SENT TO PREVIOUS EMAIL ADDRESSES WILL STILL GET TO THE INTENDED RECIPIENT, BUT PLEASE UPDATE YOUR CONTACTS TO REFLECT THIS CHANGE.

ANYTHING WITH SAINT-PETERS.NET WILL BE OBSOLETE BY THE END OF NEXT YEAR.

*THE EXCEPTION IS WILL HENRY LAWRENCE, BECAUSE HE IS DIFFICULT. THE FORMAT FOR HIS EMAIL IS WHLAWRENCE@STPETERSFL.COM

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 TO CONFIRM THAT YOU'D LIKE YOUR RECURRING GIFT TO CONTINUE AND/OR INCREASE.

OUR NEW BUDGET YEAR BEGAN NOVEMBER 1ST AND WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED PLEDGES FROM EVERYONE. ST. PETER'S ONLY EXISTS BY THE GRACE OF GOD AND THE GENEROSITY OF HIS PEOPLE!



FINANCIAL MINUTE-WE WILL HAVE AN UPDATE TOWARD THE END OF THE CALENDAR YEAR

Total Operating Budget: TBA | % Collected YTD: TBA | Debt Retired in December: TBA

For more information about making a pledge, visit StPetersFL.com/Give