

WEDNESDAY CHORAL EVENSONG

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From the earliest days of Christianity, the faithful have sought to fulfill St Paul's exhortation to "pray without ceasing." As the Church spread and developed, this command began to be lived out through eight services of prayer spread throughout the day. They became known as the *Divinum Officium* ("Divine Office/Obligation"), as they were the means by which Christians could fulfill their obligation of daily prayer.

In churches throughout the world, together with the Holy Eucharist, these eight Offices ensured that any time a Christian prayed, he would be joining prayers with the Church the world over, no matter the time of day.

By the late Middle Ages, two of these Offices—Vespers (Evening Prayer) and Compline (Bedtime Prayer)—began to be combined in English churches and cathedrals. Vespers would be delayed, and Compline would be prayed earlier. Together, these two services became known as Evensong, and it was a well-beloved Office indeed throughout Western Europe.

When Archbishop Cranmer began to formulate the first Book of Common Prayer (published in 1549), he officially combined Vespers and Compline into one Office of Evening Prayer in English. So popular was the name "Evensong," that this first Prayer Book even enshrined the nickname as an official (no pun intended) title, with the Archbishop giving us "An Ordre for Evensong throughout the year."

Here at St Peter's, our Wednesday Evensongs (5:30pm) will be offered chorally (i.e., many parts of the Office are sung by the choir on behalf of the congregation), using the text from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer. This practice, taken from the English Cathedral tradition, allows newcomers and seasoned parishioners alike a chance to immerse themselves in the timeless prayer of the Church, to experience the best music of the English Choral tradition and of modern composers, and to find an oasis of prayer in an otherwise hectic world. It also gives St Peter's a chance to train our choristers (our youth and children studying music at the Cathedral) in a life of regular prayer and service.

When you come to Evensong, you are invited to listen, to pray along, and to join in on the conversation of "Official" prayer that has been going on daily in an unbroken line for 2,000 years. This conversation began long before any of us was born, and it will continue after we return to the dust of the earth, even to the end of time.

The texts of Evensong (not just the Lessons) are taken almost entirely from Holy Scripture, and through this pattern of quotation and prayer, we proclaim the works of God throughout history and in the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

MISSIONS & EVANGELISM

PRISON: KAIROS | The Wakulla Correctional Institution Kairos prison ministry weekend has been rescheduled for October 26-29 at Wakulla Correctional Institution. If you would like to join the team for this weekend, please contact Bobby Carrouth or Prison Core Captain, Jason White, at jasonwhite48@gmail.com or 850.566.7702.

UNDER-RESOURCED: GRACE MISSION

Grace Mission has two volunteer opportunities:

1. We need two volunteers to assist with shower schedules on FRIDAYS FROM 10AM-12:30PM. This involves handing each visitor a washcloth and towel and sanitizing the shower stall between showers. There are usually five showers during this time.
2. Additionally, we need volunteers to help with the ANNUAL GRACE MISSION BLUES AND BBQ event on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4.

Please contact Heidi King at 850.668.5525 for more information.

PRISON: COFFEE DRIVE | Beginning in September, St. Peter's will begin regularly collecting GROUND COFFEE for our prison ministry needs. If you see it on sale at Publix, Costco, or anywhere else, pick up a few containers and bring them to the cathedral along with your peanut butter for ECHO. Please remember it will need to be **GROUND COFFEE** (*not coffee beans*). This will be used during our regular Prison Ministry events at local facilities. The large 3lb cans go the furthest, but we will take any and all that you can offer!

LIFE | THE BELLY BOUTIQUE AT A WOMEN'S PREGNANCY CENTER | THE BELLY BOUTIQUE still needs more of the following items from their Wish List to serve infants 1-7 months old:

- INFANT CAR SEATS (MUST BE BRAND NEW)
- PACK AND PLAYS
- BOUNCY FLOOR SEATS/CHAIRS
- BABY BATHTUBS

HUMAN TRAFFICKING: CITY WIDE PRAYER EVENT | *Monday, 2 October* | 6pm | Please join us on for an interdenominational event to pray for the end of human trafficking, both in Tallahassee and worldwide! Contact Julie Dombroski with any questions.

LIFE | 40 DAYS FOR LIFE VIGIL

September 27th–November 5th | 40 DAYS FOR LIFE is a focused pro-life campaign with a vision to access God's power to end abortion through prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil. The mission of the campaign is to bring together the body of Christ in a spirit of unity, with the purpose of repentance, to seek God's favor to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life, thus bringing an end to abortion. You are invited to join us for the Fall Vigil, which is held in the public right of way, outside *Planned Parenthood at 2618 W Tennessee Street*, and we urge you to pray for an end to abortion. There will be an opening prayer service at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, September 27, 2023. To find out how to sign up and participate, please visit the website at 40DaysforLife.com.

UNDER-RESOURCED: BUILD A BUNK BED

Saturday, September 30th | 8:30-11:30am | Please mark your calendars and plan to join us right here in the parking lot at St. Peter's as we partner with SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE to build 40 bunk beds for local children in need. Sleep in Heavenly Peace believes that a bed is a basic need for the proper physical, emotional, and mental support that a child needs and that all children deserve a safe, comfortable place to lay their heads. Join in this special time of creating beds for deserving children, as well as the opportunity to help deliver and set up. What an amazing opportunity to share God's love! For more information, visit STPETERSFL.COM/BUNKBED

DISCIPLESHIP

Women's Fall Gathering

Hosted by St. Peter's Daughters of the Holy Cross

October 6-7, 2023



...clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

Colossians 3:12

WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT ANGLICANISM?

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

The Foundations for Discipleship:

- *Common Worship* | PRAYER BOOK 101
18 September–30 October | 6:15-7:30pm

Visit StPetersFL.com/LearnMore or contact Katie Munroe at KMunroe@StPetersFL.com for more information.

50+ LUNCH & LEARN | Thursday, 5 October | Noon

The Sr. Luncheon has a new name...it's "50+ Lunch and Learn". Join us on October 5, 2023 for a delicious lunch, fellowship and an interesting speaker (TBD). Registration is important for planning. Please register at StPetersFL.com/LUNCHANDLEARN

ACOLYTE MINISTRY | WE NEED YOU!

Interested in being part of our acolyte ministry? We are always looking to welcome more youth into this vital ministry of the cathedral. Acolytes play an important role in our Anglican style of worship, with ample opportunities to participate. Contact Acolyte Master Cal Melton at drcalmelton@gmail.com for more information.

ANGLICAN ALEXANDRIA, BIBLICAL CAIRO, & ANCIENT EGYPT: PILGRIMAGE WITH THE DUNCANS

| There is one cabin left on Archbishop Bob and Nara's Nile Cruise from February 22–March 6, 2024. Join fellow parishioners in a once-in-a-lifetime experience connecting present-day Christians, the Biblical stories, and the wonders of ancient Egypt. More information can be found by visiting StPetersFL.com/Egypt2024 or by talking to the Duncans.

MOM TO MOM IS BACK | Thursdays | 9:30am

Mom to Mom began again this week in the Parish Hall. Mom to Mom is an intergenerational study of God's word in which older moms mentor younger moms and encourage them as they do the most important work of raising children who love the Lord.

DISCIPLESHIP | SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGAN LAST SUNDAY! CLASSES BEGAN THIS PAST WEEK!

The fall semester for both Sunday School and Wednesday night classes is upon us, but it's not too late to join! Grab a class catalog in the Narthex, pick your class, then sign up for fall classes and Wednesday night dinners at StPetersFL.com/Classes. Find out more about Wednesday nights on the back of *the Keys*.

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, Capt. Parker Jax, Capt. Chandler B. Jax, 1st Lt. Carson Jax, PFC Sam Henri, 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, MM3 Tommy VanLandingham, SN Benjamin Waddill, PFC John P. Warren.

Parishioners, Relatives, and Friends: Mary Alma Lang, Anne Priddy, Bonnie Cook, Richard Clemens, Eva, Fred, Pat Barnidge, Gordon, Sarah & Jim Hampson, Bobby Buckingham, Kim Wilson, Ed Moore, Clayton & Philip Jax, Tom McHaffie, Cindy & Ben, Bill Pandolfi, Mary Meloni, Vicki, Bart, Pat, Katherine Hilary Pontin
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WEDNESDAY NIGHT CHORAL EVENSONG | We're excited that this fall, in lieu of Choral Compline, we will be offering Choral Evensong each *Wednesday at 5:30PM*. Come have dinner at 5PM and then head upstairs to the Chancel for Evensong or come for Evensong at 5:30PM and eat dinner in the Parish Hall right after, but before classes begin at 6:15PM. While various ensembles and the Men's Compline Choir will often lead, our Choristers will be leading this service on the following dates:

10.4 | 4th Grade & Older

12.6 | Youth Choristers

11.1 | 2nd Grade & Older | K & 1st Grade: Prelude

12.20 | Chorister Christmas | All Choristers