



December 19, 2024

**St. Simon's on the Sound Episcopal Church
Fort Walton Beach, FL**

[Click here to view this newsletter in your browser instead](#)

**Service Times
SUNDAY**

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, in the Nave



IT'S TIME TO MARK OUR CALENDARS
 FOR UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS
 HERE IS THE CURRENT LIST OF
 "SAVE THE DATES"

Sunday	December 08	9:00 10:00	Children gather in the Chapel for costumes Children's Nativity Pageant in the Nave The Last Day for Guardian Ad Liten Toys
Wednesday	December 11	5:30	Intergenerational Gathering with Pizza for Supper, Cookie Decorating and a visit from St. Nicholas
Sunday	December 15	10:00	Lessons & Carols
Monday	December 16	12:00	Delivery of Baked Goods to First Responders Last Day to get Christmas Flowers ordered
Tuesday	December 24	5:00	Christmas Eve Service in the Nave With Nursery
		9:30	Christmas Hymn Singing in the Nave
		10:00	Christmas Eve Service in the Nave No Nursery
Wednesday	December 25	10:00	Christmas Day Service in the Kendrick Chapel

FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK



For unto you a child is born...

This Sunday we will baptize a beautiful child, the grandchild of Van and Kelley Fuller and the daughter of Kyle and Kelly Fuller. I do not remember if I have done a 4th Sunday in Advent baptism before, but it makes all the sense in the world to do so.

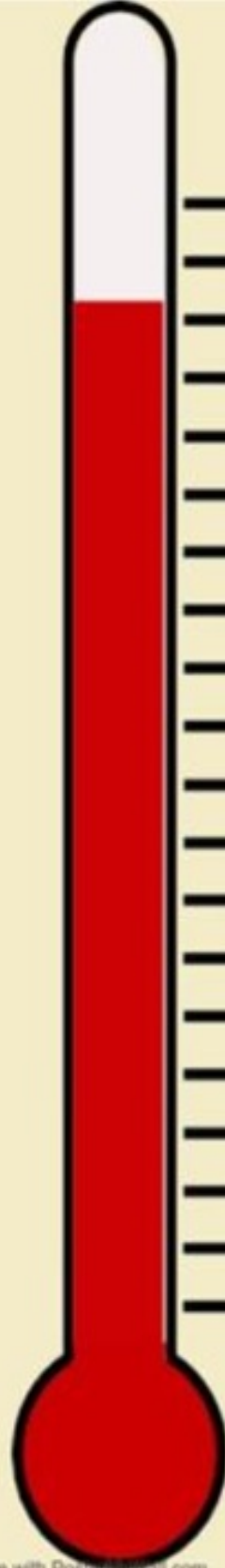
Next week we focus on the birth of Jesus, an event we know backwards and forwards, a birthday celebrated by billions of people around the world. In our celebration of God becoming fully human, as a newborn baby, we marvel over God's plan for saving all of us. Much like how parents often feel, gazing at their new baby, we see in the Christ child the promise of the future. A light in the darkness. Hope.

With the birth of Christ, the entire universe shifted. It was soon left up to the people of God to tell the story and share the Good News. It still is. I have heard several of you comment on the spirit of joy and hope here at St. Simon's which prevails now against the darkness. We have the light of Christ within us, and I believe God is doing something wonderful at St. Simon's on the Sound. I hope you can feel that too.

May you all have a blessed Christmas season, may the hope of Jesus fill your hearts, may his grace give you peace, and may we all strive to follow him as best we can.

Fr. David+

The Reverend J. David Knight
Rector, St. Simon's on the Sound
28 Miracle Strip Parkway SW
Ft. Walton Beach, FL 32548
(850) 244-8621



91%

2024 PLEDGED GIVING

As of 12/16/24

A Message from Your Treasurer

If you have already met your 2024 pledge, thank you!

As we move through Advent and Christmas and toward the end of the church's financial year, I ask you to prayerfully consider a special Christmas financial gift for our church, for its mission, or for the benefit of the choir, altar guild, flower guild, or facility repairs. In addition to your pledge, we rely heavily on the gifts for these areas to enhance our worship and fix broken things around the building.

As of December 16th, annual 2024 pledged giving is \$41,000 below the amounts pledged for the work of our parish. While this is not totally unusual for December, I think it's important for everyone to be aware of this status with only four worship services left this year. If you have yet to meet your 2024 pledge, please make it a priority before the end of the year. This will help St Simon's meet its commitments this year while setting our 2025 beginning financial position on a level needed to continue to sustain or grow our mission "To Know Christ and Make Him Known" in our community.

Finally, if you have not turned in your 2025 pledge, please just drop it in the offering plate at one of the next few services or pledge online at:

<https://www.stsimons-fwb.org/celebration-sunday/>

If you have any questions, please contact me, Cyndi, or David.

Blessings,
Van



Point your camera to the QR code on this slide and then click the link that pops up. This will allow you to fill out your Estimate of Giving Card online.

WOW Worship on Wednesdays

There will be **NO** WoW or Eucharist Services on the following dates:

December 4

December 18

December 25

January 1

Stay tuned as plans for Wednesdays unfolded for 2025

Wednesday - January 8, 2025 Epiphany



We will meet in the Atrium at 5:30 PM
to start this **Wonderful Epiphany Event**
with the chalking of the doors
followed by the visit from the Three Kings.

There will be a Chili Cookoff in the Parish Hall and then we will
have sparklers at the Outdoor Chapel.

BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULES

Father David's Tuesday Classes:

Class will meet on November 5th.

Class will **not** meet on November 12th

Class will meet on November 19th

Class will **not** meet on November 26th (Thanksgiving)

Class will meet on December 3rd

Class will meet on December 10th

Then we will break for the Christmas holidays until Tuesday, January 7th.



Sunday Adult Christian Education

Jennifer Lee's class will meet as usual

Michelle's class will start back up after the holidays.



ARE YOU A CAREGIVER?

This is a tough role and you are not alone. Meet other caregivers as we share experiences, tips, information, resources and stories. Join us as we make new friends and share our thoughts and ideas.

Caregivers Support Group



Location: St. Simon's on the Sound
Episcopal Church
28 Miracle Strip Pkwy SW, FWB

DATE: Third Tuesday of the month

12:00-1:00

Scheel Parlor

Bring your own brown bag lunch!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

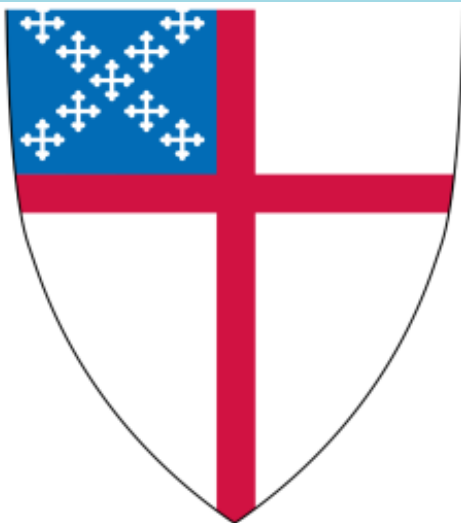
If you are a caregiver or know someone who is this is a great opportunity to share your best tips and stories and learn about community resources

For more information call

St. Simon's at
850-244-8621



Peggy Broaddus, Marcia Burpee, Jan Coakley, Thomas Coakley,
Braden Costabile, Jerry Cote, Lea Hale, Mary McKinley, Ann Moore,
Hannah King Noble, Janet Avril O'Neal, Grady Pope, Glo Roberts, John
Sanders, Kathi Stewart, Ronald Warren, Jack White, Layla Zamora,
Sofia Zamora



DIOCGC

The Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast

To stay up to date on events and happenings
throughout our
Diocese
go to

<https://www.diocgc.org/news-and-stories>

DIOCGC

Read the latest blog posts from our Clergy:

Father David's Blog



[Click Here to Register](#)

Follow the on-screen instructions to create a new password. You will need to use the same email address St. Simon's has on file for you. If you have difficulty, please email Office@stsimons-fwb.org



St. Simon's on the Sound



Episcopal Church • Fort Walton Beach, Florida

[28 Miracle Strip Parkway, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548]
[(850) 244-8621 www.stsimons-fwb.org]



St. Simon's on the Sound Episcopal Church | 28 Miracle Strip Pkwy, S.W. | Ft. Walton Beach, FL 32548 US

[Unsubscribe](#) | [Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)



Try email marketing for free today!