



St. Mary's Messenger



ST. MARY'S
Episcopal Church

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*For as yet they knew not the scripture, that
he must rise again from the dead.*

John 20:9

Vicar's Voice

By: Father Joe Boyles

This month marks two important events in the history of the early church. Forty days after Easter, we celebrate the Ascension of Jesus Christ our Savior. This year, that takes place on Thursday May 13. Having planted the seeds of the church, Jesus departs His earthly home to sit at the right hand of God to be our advocate and mediator, now and forever. He leaves the disciples with this command: baptize new Christians into the church and spread the Gospel truth. He promises that they will not be left alone, but He will send the Holy Spirit to strengthen and enlighten them.

Ten days later (Sunday May 23) they are gathered in the Upper Room in Jerusalem with a larger group of converts when Jesus' promise is fulfilled on the Day of Pentecost. The Holy Spirit descends on them as if their heads were on fire and they began to speak in many tongues but with universal understanding. One of our most theologically important windows on the south side of the church depicts this important event. "Almighty God, you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel that it may reach the ends of the earth. Amen."

Daughters of the King

By: Brenda Newman



The Daughters of the King is an order for women who are communicants of the Episcopal Church.

By reaffirmation of the promises made a baptism and confirmation, a Daughter pledges herself to a life-long program of prayer, service, and evangelism, dedicated to the spread of Christ's Kingdom and the strengthening of the spiritual life of her parish.

We wear the silver cross of the order at all times to remind us of our pledge. Continually strengthening our walk with Christ, and service of his kingdom, we are supported by our sisters.

Our chapter at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Madison, Florida, reestablished on April 2, 2017 is named the St. Mary and Martha Chapter, and has four active members, the minimum required to form a chapter. We invite others to join us.

At St. Mary's, we meet once a month to ask for special and confidential prayers for members of our church and the community, evaluate the needs of the congregation to see where we can help and to assist the Priest in anything requested. Eucharistic visiting is included in these duties, as well as pastoral care.

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Our Memorial Garden

The end of May brings the memorial holiday weekend, with that in mind maybe this month if you are out and about, come by our beautiful memorial garden and sit for a spell.



"Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these."
Luke 12:27

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Donations to the local chapter are voluntary, and annual dues are required only to The Order. Most of our donations are of time and service.

Our motto is:

*THE MOTTO OF THE ORDER
For his Sake....*

*I am but one, but I am one.
I cannot do everything, but I can do something.*

*What I can do, I ought to do.
What I ought to do,
by the grace of God I will do.
Lord, what will you have me do?*

We encourage you to join us in this special mission. Please contact one of our members if you are interested: Joanie Cruce, Melva Morfaw, B.J. Curtis and Brenda Newman.

May Calendar



20 Travis Kinsley
28 Ada Cherp
Rylan Sparkman

Church calendar

1 ECW conference @ Camp Weed
2 Mission board meeting
3 Read in the park
25 SHSV FREE Health clinic at St. Mary's
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27 SHSV FREE Health clinic at Greenville UMC