



ST. MARY'S

Episcopal Church

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A Monthly Insight into St. Mary's Episcopal Church of Madison, FL



Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him. Saying "you of little faith, why did you doubt?" Matthew 14:31

Vicar's Voice by Father Joe

It is a fearful time, more so than we have experienced in a century. This Coronavirus is so contagious that we hardly know where to turn for comfort and inspiration. Let's try scripture. In the 14th chapter of Matthew, the tax collector recounts the events of a terrible storm on the Sea of Galilee. The disciples are miles from shore and safety and they are afraid for their lives. In the distance, they see someone walking across the water toward them. They fear it might be a ghost. As the figure draws closer and speaks, they recognize him as Jesus, their lord and master. He tells them to not be afraid. Simon Peter replies that he will cross the water to meet his Lord. Initially Peter is successful, but then he becomes afraid as he notices the waves. With his fear, he begins to sink toward oblivion. Jesus reaches out to hold his hand and rescues Peter. Jesus says, "You of little faith, why did you doubt."

There is great inspiration in this message. How strong is our faith? Is it enough to overcome our fears and enable us to move forward? Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." At his first inaugural, President Franklin Roosevelt counseled out nation: "We have nothing to fear but fear itself." I humbly ask you to look for inspiration, particularly in scripture, to overcome your fears. Blessings to each of you. Joe+

Treasure by Julie Selman

Is the measure of a treasure how much pleasure it brings? Can I obtain treasure by giving up "things"? Do I receive pleasure from sharing with others? Friends, even strangers, or sisters and brothers? Do I respond willingly, or do I begrudge. The poor and downtrodden, do I often judge? What's mine, not to keep, but to wisely invest. With my motives examined, will I pass the test?

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven,....For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also". Matthew 6:19-21. NIV *One of my favorite sayings by an author unknown to me is: The best things in life aren't things.

Our Church's Stained Glass

Last month we started visiting the history of our stained glass. We will continue this month until we have covered all 12 stained glasses.



Angel

The angel symbolizes God's love and protection because they believe their father is safe in his arms. The three girls represent their three daughters Melissa, Mary and Anne.

Dedicated to the memory of Robert and Virginia Burns



Butterflies

Don loved butterflies. Butterflies are a symbol of rebirth, we are all reborn in Christ. The olive branch is entwined around the cross.

John 15:5 I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who believe in me and I in them, bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.

Dedicated by Margaret Parry in memory of her dear husband Don.



Easter Lily

The Easter lily symbolizes purity and commemorate the Resurrection and the Blessed Virgin. The original design was created by their daughter Brenda Newman.

Dedicated to the Glory of God - the Millican-Hinkel window

Either in person or on Zoom, the Boyles celebrated their 50th anniversary at St. Marys with friends and family.



September Calendar



7 Hart Cherp
8 Christopher Lyons
12 Sidney Johnson
14 John Booth
16 Chistopher Boyles
17 Ricky Lyons
18 Joanie Cruce
22 Jean Stone
25 Aidan Boyles
26 Catharine Wren
29 Sand Bacot, Sally Hubbard

Church calendar

13 Mission Board meeting
27 Church picnic @ Father Joes

Church Picnic is scheduled!

**September 27th (following end of service)
@ The Boyles residence**



We are always looking for church event photographs. Does anyone have a picture from our reopening? Or the Shepherds Hands soft reopening? If you have any photos, please email to the church secretary at liz@stmarysofmadison.org