



# the NATIVITY Scene

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## HOLY WEEK

### March 25: Palm Sunday

*Both services will begin in the courtyard*

8:00 am Rite One Service

9:15 am: Sunday School for all ages

10:30 am: Rite Two Service

11:30 am: Baby Shower for Scott and Katie Wattenbarger

### March 26 & 27

7:30 am: Morning Prayer

6:00 pm: Evening Prayer

### March 28

7:30 am: Morning Prayer

6:00 pm: Stations of the Cross

### March 29: Maundy Thursday

6:00 pm: Maundy Thursday Service

### March 30: Good Friday

12:00 pm: Good Friday Service



### April 1: Easter Sunday!

8:00 am: Rite One Service

9:15 am: Easter Brunch  
and Easter Egg Hunt

*Bring a side dish to share!*

10:30 am: Rite Two Service

For more information on any of these services, please call the church office at 747-4000.

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## LENTEN SERIES AND SOUP SUPPERS

Continue through March!

WEDNESDAY, 5:30 PM

5:00 Children's Choir Rehearsal

5:30 pm: five-thirty service

6:00 pm: Lenten Soup Supper

6:30: Lenten Program, Adult Choir Rehearsal, Youth Group, and Godly Play

### THE GOOD BOOK AND TED

Join us each Wednesday during Lent for this year's Lenten series. As always, we'll gather for the 5:30 service, followed by soup suppers and programs for all ages beginning at 6:30. We begin by joining the Good Book Club as a group and follow with a series of TED talks to accompany our reading. TED talks are a nonprofit organization devoted to spreading ideas in the form of short, powerful talks. Each TED talk is a maximum of 18 minutes. An open forum discussion will follow.

**February 28 – Forgiveness. “Looking For The Man Who Broke My Neck”** Facilitated by Father Tom. Joshua Prager was 19 years old when a devastating bus accident left him a hemiplegic. He returned to Israel 20 years later to find the man who turned his world upside down. In this TED talk, Prager probes deep questions of nature, nurture, self-deception and forgiveness.

**March 7 – “My Year of Living Biblically”** In this TED talk, AJ Jacobs tries to live an entire year following every single rule in the Bible as literally as possible. Facilitated by Father Steve

**March 14 – “Normal is a Dryer Setting”** Join us as Debra Jenkins (a friend of Father Steve and Lori) explores her journey through success, philanthropy, and tragedy in an elusive quest to find “normal.” Facilitated by Father Steve

No service or programs on March 21<sup>st</sup> due to Spring Break.



The next three Wednesday nights the youth will discuss a series of online TED talks on a variety of topics. Please see websites for more details. The youth will view these talks in the upstairs youth group room and then as a group discuss the content and relevance for youth.

Youth are cooking for Wednesday night, April 25th. The plan at this stage is chicken & waffles or breakfast for dinner.

Youth are providing a prayer board. It is an opportunity for any and all to ask for the thought and support of the church community.

The pray board will consist of four sections.

1. THREATS - What challenges your faith; events or circumstances.
2. STRENGTHS - What are your spiritual supports; who or what has your back.
3. PLANS - Events or circumstances that you need guidance for.
4. CELEBRATIONS - What glorious event or circumstance do you want others to celebrate.

You can post in any section or all, as the author you can remain anonymous and please respect other privacy but not name others.

Thank-you AJ. 319-1953/aussie\_aj@holy-nativity.org

## CHOIR NEWS

by John Durgan,  
Director of Choirs

### Children's Choir

The children are working very hard preparing several pieces to sing during lent. They are also getting ready for Palm Sunday. We can use some more voices, so if you have a child who might be interested in joining us please come to our next rehearsal on Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. All children are welcome.

### 8:00 Choir

The early service choir rehearses for 30 minutes each week right after the early service. We could use some more voices, so if you like to sing please join us. The Choir usually does the offertory anthem every four or five weeks. Being able to read music is not required. Please give consideration to this ministry.

### Chancel Choir

The chancel choir Meets for rehearsal on Wednesday's at 6:45 p.m. We are in need of more voices, as we have recently lost several members. If you like to sing, and like fun fellowship, please consider joining the Choir.

In getting ready for Easter Sunday, I would like to ask for volunteer singers. We are particularly in need of Sopranos and altos. We will rehearse the Easter music for the first 30 to 45 minutes of our regular rehearsal time. If you would like to volunteer to sing just for the Easter service, please come to the rehearsals starting on the 7<sup>th</sup> of March. If you have and questions about this please call or text me at 913-3471, or email me at [jrdurgan@gmail.com](mailto:jrdurgan@gmail.com).

### Attention Church Ladies! The Celebration Committee is hosting...

**Baby Shower on Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>** after the 10:30 am service! The Celebration Committee is hosting a Diaper Shower for April Dick and Sunny Barton. Bring two bags of all sizes of diapers!

**Baby Shower on Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>** after the 10:30 am service! The Celebration Committee is also hosting this shower for Katie and Scott Wattenbarger. They are having a boy and are registered at Amazon and Target.

**Wedding Shower on Sunday, April 22<sup>th</sup>** after the 10:30 am service for Betsy McLendon (daughter of Bob and Lisa McLendon). It will be an all out champagne celebration!

## Adult Christian Education by Fr. Tom

*Our weekly Adult Sunday School class is working through Lent with a combination of the Lectionary readings for each Sunday and the daily readings of The Good Book Club's study of the Gospel according to Luke. When Luke (from TGBC) and Mark (from Lectionary Year B) have comparable readings, it makes for a fascinating comparison and contrast, as the evangelists (gospel writers) have similar but different perspectives on almost everything. Everyone is invited and welcome. In the Mary Stuart Poole Library down the brick road beyond the new pavilion, class meets between Sunday morning services, 9:15 to 10:15 every week; but folks come early and folks come late, and we are glad to see you!*

*EfM. Some folks have asked me about EfM, the Education for Ministry course of the school of theology of the University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee, that we offer locally. It does not lead to ordination, but has to do with each person's ministry in the church and the world as a baptized Christian. EfM is an unparalleled opportunity to study Old Testament, New Testament, Theology, and Church History, at a similar level that ordination candidates study in seminary. An EfM student, enthusiast, and mentor for nearly thirty years now, I can say that I learned far more, especially about Holy Scripture, in EfM than I did my seminary years. We offer the course on a school year basis, classes meet Wednesday evenings after our regular parish worship and supper, September through May; and registration for next fall's session will be opening soon. If you feel you might be interested in this marvelous program, you are invited and welcome to email me at [twellerpc@gmail.com](mailto:twellerpc@gmail.com). There is an annual tuition cost, but financial aid grants are available.*

March	<b>Sunday School 9:15 am</b> In our Chapel Room in the two-story building	<b>Children's Church 10:30</b> In Kids' Kingdom after the children's sermon at the beginning of the worship service. They return to "big church" for communion.	<b>Nursery 10:15</b> Younger children enjoy being in the nursery with Catherine Churchill or Emily Brock and our faith- ful nursery Volunteers.
<b>4</b>	Beverly McDaniel	"The Faces of Easter I & II" Liz Ward 864-420-5855	Sandy Ciccarelli 265-9276
<b>11 DST: Spring Forward</b>	Beverly McDaniel	"The Faces of Easter III & IV" Liz Ward 864-420-5855	Kaew Sumpton 872-3782
<b>18</b>	Beverly McDaniel	"The Faces of Easter V & VI"	Pat Spangler 215-5247
<b>25 Palm Sunday</b>	<b>10:00 am- Children meet in Kids' Kingdom for palms and to sing in courtyard</b>	"The Faces of Easter VII" Karen Shores 867-1084	Kathy Brust 814-8014

In Children's Ministry, throughout the month of March, we will be pointing toward Easter by offering our children broader perspectives and understanding of the Easter story. They will hear the lessons, consider the stories, and be allowed to wonder about the events and their meaning for us about Jesus. The children are then encouraged to express their own understanding and creativity through activities such as crafts, art work, or thinking pages. Get your children to tell you the stories. Their versions may be interesting, or insightful, or sometimes quite amazing.

Also preparing for Easter, please bring candy-filled plastic eggs or bags of wrapped candy (no gum please) to any of the services, or drop them by the church office through March 25, Palm Sunday. On Palm Sunday the children will sing in the courtyard where the service begins, so please have them come to Kids' Kingdom by 10:00 to practice our music, get their palm branches, and prepare for the processional from the courtyard into church.

On Easter Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, we will enjoy the Easter Breakfast at 9:15 followed by the egg hunt at 9:45 for the younger children and at 10:00 for the graders. I will be asking many of you to help on Easter morning by supervising the Flowering of the Cross and the Easter Egg Hunt. The Dad Patrol will be on duty to maintain our Christian virtues of caring and sharing.

Please remind your children to bring their Easter Baskets and flowers, and you can bring cameras and phones for many pretty pictures. The older I get, the more I understand the importance of making our faith celebrations memorable and meaningful for our children. If you have questions, comments, or suggestions, I welcome your calls. And let me thank you again for the kindness and love you continue to offer me during my sadness. I truly love and appreciate this church.





THIS MONTH'S  
birthdays

- Mar. 5 Inge Churchill, Jerry Darnell,  
David Grossman, Betsy  
McLendon, Nelson Scott
- Mar. 6 Catherine Churchill
- Mar. 8 Terrell Hartzog
- Mar. 9 Cassie Casady, Michael Lovchuk,  
Samuel McLane
- Mar. 10 Andrew Collier
- Mar. 12 Tom Caldwell, Ashley Metzler,  
Oliver Provencher
- Mar. 14 Russell Brock, Noah Patterson
- Mar. 15 Lauren Williams
- Mar. 17 Sarah Austin
- Mar. 18 William Cramer
- Mar. 19 Robert Faison, Nicholas Stuart
- Mar. 20 Dana Dye
- Mar. 21 Laney Lee
- Mar. 22 Tommy Harding, Kay Young
- Mar. 24 Nancy Breland, Georgie Hartzog
- Mar. 25 Dorothy Allen
- Mar. 26 Chappell Syfrett
- Mar. 27 Lee Gagnet, Paul Hunt, Nicolas  
Pereira
- Mar. 28 George McInnis, Alex Russell
- Mar. 30 Kendall Lovchuk
- Mar. 31 Grace Smith

Cooking Class by Florencia Pereira




THIS MONTH'S  
anniversaries

- Mar. 4 David and Natasha Lithway
- Mar. 8 Jerry and Catherine Shores
- Mar. 11 Nathan and Bethany Nowak
- Mar. 15 Jimmy and Sue White
- Mar. 16 Jeff and Margie Mahalak
- Mar. 22 Gene and Kathleen Wicker
- Mar. 23 Brent and Lori Faison

## Cursillo Weekend

### May 10-13, 2018

### Beckwith Camp and Conference Center

Our own Lori Bates, will be the Lay Rector for this wonderful weekend! On staff from Holy Nativity will be Fr. Steve (Priest), David and Madge Smith, and Judi Lawrence. This would be a perfect time to spend a weekend with people from all over the diocese becoming closer to God!

Cursillo is a three-day weekend that introduces people to simple methods for nurturing and growing their relationships with Christ. It provides an experience of living in a Christian community centered in worship, prayer, study of scripture and interaction with other Christians.

It's mission is to build up our parish churches by encouraging and empowering its members to prepare for doing the work of the church-the spreading of the Gospel.

Cursillo is truly a wonderful gift in our diocese!

If you are interested in learning more, contact the office at 747-4000 or Madge Smith- [madge@holy-nativity.org](mailto:madge@holy-nativity.org) or Steve Bates- [fr.steve@holy-nativity.org](mailto:fr.steve@holy-nativity.org) Or Lori Bates- [loribatesinteriors@hotmail.com](mailto:loribatesinteriors@hotmail.com)



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>4 The 3rd Sunday in Lent</b>  8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel	5	6	7  5:00 pm: Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:30 service followed by Lenten Soup Supper and all programs 6:30 pm: Adult Choir Rehearsal	8  2:00 pm - 8:30 pm Supper at Grace volunteer work	9	10
<b>11 The 4th Sunday in Lent</b>  <b>Spring Forward! Change your clocks!</b>  8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel 11:30 am—Diaper Shower for Dicks and Bartons	12	13  6:00 pm-EfM Alumni Dinner and Program	14  5:00 pm: Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:30 service followed by Lenten Soup Supper and all programs 6:30 pm: Adult Choir Rehearsal	15	16	17
<b>18 The 5th Sunday in Lent</b>  8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am-Sunday School 9:15 am-Vestry Meeting 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel	19  Book Club 5:30 pm-Panera Bread 6:30 pm-Parish House	20	21	22  5:00 pm: Laundry Love at Wash Depot	23	24
Spring Break!						
<b>25 Palm Sunday</b>  8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am-Sunday School 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel 11:30 am-Baby Shower for Wattenbargers	26  7:00 am-Morning Prayer  6:00 pm-Evening Prayer	27  7:00 am-Morning Prayer  6:00 pm-Evening Prayer	28  7:00 am-Morning Prayer  6:00 pm-Stations of the Cross	29  6:00 pm-Maundy Thursday Service	30  12:00 pm-Good Friday Service	31

# Worship Lay Ministry Schedule for March 2018

Mar. 4	Mar. 11	Mar. 18	Mar. 25
<b>Altar Guild:</b> Nancy Breland, Victoria Williams, Rhonda Miller	<b>Altar Guild:</b> Mary Bonham, Lisa McLendon, Marla Churchill	<b>Altar Guild:</b> Amy Russell, Barbara Knowles, Byron Matthews and Karen Tucker	<b>Altar Guild:</b> Tim and Monica Phillips, Mary Mittiga, David Burriss
<b>Ushers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Jerry Darnell <b>10:30 am:</b> Russell and Beth Brock	<b>Ushers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Dan and Laura Johnson <b>10:30 am:</b> Dick and Nancy Hebert	<b>Ushers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Terry Jangula and Tim Pride <b>10:30 am:</b> Steve Dick and Bill Bradford	<b>Ushers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Tim Phillips and Bert Churchill <b>10:30 am:</b> Alan and Jeanette Tremaine
<b>Greeters</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Larry and Kay Young <b>10:30 am:</b> Charlie Commander and Mary Ellen Pettis	<b>Greeters</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Dawn Johnson <b>10:30 am:</b> Sue White and Wes Eberhard	<b>Greeters</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Donna Jangula <b>10:30 am:</b> Ian Crelling	<b>Greeters</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Monica and Alex Phillips <b>10:30 am:</b> Ken and Hannah Davis
<b>Chalice Bearers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Suzanne Grossman and Theresa Townsend <b>10:30 am:</b> Edyth Brown and Brian Leebrick	<b>Chalice Bearers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Inge Churchill and Gene Wicker <b>10:30 am:</b> Joyce Dannecker and Todd Williams	<b>Chalice Bearers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Karen Tucker and Byron Matthews <b>10:30 am:</b> George McInnis and Nancy Breland	<b>Chalice Bearers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Gayle Ahrens and Gene Wicker <b>10:30 am:</b> Scott Clemons and Kelly Roberson
<b>Acolytes</b>  <b>10:30 am:</b> Morgan and Ashtyn Williams, John Moore, Emma Crelling, Andrew Collier, Milly Eberhard	<b>Acolytes</b>  <b>10:30 am:</b> Joseph Thompson, Paul Brust, Bailey Melzer, Lauren Berry, Madelyn Reeder, Linda Taylor King	<b>Acolytes</b>  <b>10:30 am:</b> Jack Thompson, Ginny and Kate Leebrick, Jackson Lee, Grady Oenbrink, Stevens and Shelby Roberson,	<b>Acolytes</b>  <b>10:30 am:</b> Jacob Brock, Bekah Leebrick, Grace Ennis, Will Melzer, Michael Watts, James Thompson, Tyler Shores, Nicolas Pereira
<b>Lector at 10:30 am</b> Jenny Collier	<b>Lector at 10:30 am</b> Rich Doran	<b>Lector at 10:30 am</b> Michael Lovchuk	<b>Lector at 10:30 am</b> Tom Ledman
<b>Tablecloth Ministry:</b> Mary Bonham	<b>Tablecloth Ministry:</b> Mary Ellen Pettis	<b>Tablecloth Ministry:</b> Teresa Durgan	<b>Tablecloth Ministry:</b> Chris Stamps

## Holy Week

**Stations of the Cross (March 28)**

Morgan Williams

**Maundy Thursday (March 29)**

**Ushers:** Dan and Laura Johnson

**Chalice Bearers:** Gene Wicker

**Acolytes:** Jack Thompson, Ginny Leebrick, Grace Ennis, Bailey Melzer

**Good Friday (March 30)**

**Ushers:** Dan and Laura Johnson

**Chalice Bearers:** TBA



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**DIOCESE OF THE CENTRAL GULF COAST**

*The Rt. Rev. Russell Kendrick - Bishop  
The Rev. Steven B. Bates - Rector  
The Rev. Tom Weller, Associate*

**CHURCH STAFF**

*Youth Director - Andrew Jeffery  
Director of Music - John Durgan  
Administrative Assistant - Madge Smith  
Children's CE Director - Beverly McDaniel  
Church Bookkeeper – Kathy Mills  
Nursery Attendants - Kimberly Gailfoil, Catherine Churchill, and Kaew Sumpton*

**THE VESTRY**

*Fr. Steve Bates - Rector  
Tricia Berry - 18-21  
Ian Crelling 16-19  
Tiffany Ennis 16-19  
Mark Godwin - Treasurer  
Tom Hairston 16-19  
Mike Harding 17-20  
Tom Ledman 17-20 Jr. Warden*

*Ivan Pereira 18-21  
Mary Ellen Pettis-18-21  
Brian Leebrick 18-21  
George McInnis 17-20 Sr. Warden  
Kelly Roberson 17-20  
Madge Smith - Clerk  
Joy Thompson 16-19*

**SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP SERVICES**

*Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist - Rite I \*  
9:15 a.m. - Adult and Youth CE, Children's  
Sunday School (Sept. - May)  
10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist - Rite II\*\*  
Wednesday 5:30 pm - five-thirty Eucharist \*  
and programs*

*\*Nursery Provided  
\*\*Children's Church and Nursery Provided*