



# the NATIVITY Scene

*Holy Nativity Episcopal Church • Panama City, Florida*

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**Summer Time Social!**  
**All are invited on July 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm!**  
Dinner will be provided.  
Music in the Pavilion by Sharon Carroll and Friends.

## Adult Christian Education - Fr Tom

Greetings, all! We are having an exciting summer in our Sunday School class, straying away from our usual path of studying one or more of the Lectionary readings for each Sunday. Instead, we are looking at other things, this and that.

One recent summer Sunday we studied a bit and then read aloud through the NT apocryphal "Infant Gospel of Thomas", a very early non-canonical writing about the childhood of Jesus, beginning a Sabbath day when he was five years old, playing in a stream with friends and was chastised for violating Sabbath rules, numerous events right up to the occasion that's also reported in the Gospel according to Luke, when Jesus, at twelve years of age, stays behind in Jerusalem and astounds the elders in the Temple with his wisdom.

Another Sunday morning we read the OT prophecy of Obadiah, including studying the historical situation that had Yahweh so angry with Edom as to tell of their forthcoming total and everlasting desolation.

On Sundays when I am supplying in the Rector's absence, and most Sundays when I am preaching, Dr Dan Finlay, Gulf Coast State College professor who leads their EMT program, leads the class, currently in a study through Genesis.

It's all exciting stuff, and will continue through the summer with surprise after surprise. We explore freely! In our class there are no topics that may not be discussed, no questions that may not be asked, no doubts that may not be raised, nothing that may not be challenged! We meet around our long table in the parish library, the one story building at the east end of the red brick road past Smith Pavilion. All are invited and welcome. Sundays between services, 9:15 to 10:15, and our class sessions are live-streamed on the parish Facebook page. Come one, come all. Come early, come timely, come late. Coffee and several sweet treats are always on the counter.



July 5 Candee England, Kirsten McCord,  
John Thompson  
 July 7 Trey Hutt, Kate Leebrick, Beka  
Leebrick  
 July 9 Tom Ledman, Finn Oenbrink, Celia  
Stamps  
 July 10 Paul Brust, Mary Darrah, Mary  
Kathryn San Juan, Linda Weller  
 July 12 Molly Grace Bradford  
 July 13 Boopie McInnis  
 July 14 Carol Calton, Morgan Williams  
 July 15 Tiffany Ennis, Florence Fortier  
 July 16 Eliza Jeffery  
 July 17 Caleb Jeffery  
 July 18 Nell Barnett, Jenny Collier  
 July 19 Kirstie Cantrell  
 July 21 Charles Bonham  
 July 22 Dick Hebert  
 July 24 Chris Young  
 July 25 Ginny Leebrick, Kathy Mills  
 July 26 Dennis Boston, Joe Ciccarelli, Mary  
Katherine Clemons, Jim Hixson  
 July 28 Sarah Mason  
 July 29 Laura Johnson  
 July 30 Melanie Henneberg  
 July 31 Garrett Bonham, Kimberly Gailfoil,  
Nancy Phares, Maggie



July 1 Dennis and Rita Boston  
Ben and Shani Lee  
 July 3 Steve and Kathy Dick  
 July 12 Steve and Lori Bates  
 July 13 David and P.D. Landreth  
 July 23 Marcus and Taylor Duffy  
 July 30 Joe and Sandy Ciccarelli  
 July 31 Mitch and Ann Leonard

### Attention Choir members and new/potential Choir members!

You will begin choir practice  
on July 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm.

Thinking about joining the choir?  
Come and see what it is all about.

For more info contact John Durgan at  
[jrdurgan@gmail.com](mailto:jrdurgan@gmail.com) or 229-393-3336.

## YOUTH GROUP NEWS!

### Help for Rally Day

Youth and young adults, want some high school service hours or cash? Help us run our Rally Day event, you can even join in! Let us know if you are willing and able.

### Livestream Assistant

Everyone enjoys the livestream services, but help is needed maybe once a month. Training provided and recognition in the weekly bulletin!

### Ideas for Youth Ministry?

Do you have an idea for youth ministry or a passion to lead an activity? Let us know.

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## Worship Lay Ministry Schedule for July

July 4	July 11	July 18	July 25
<b>Altar Guild:</b> Joanne MacPhee and Kaew Sumpton	<b>Altar Guild:</b> Rhonda Miller, Victoria Williams, Nancy Breland	<b>Altar Guild:</b> Marla Churchill, Mary Bonham, Lisa McLendon	<b>Altar Guild:</b> Marla Churchill, Amy Russell, Barbara Knowles
<b>Ushers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Bert Churchill and Jerry Darnell <b>10:30 am:</b> John Thompson and Chris Mills	<b>Ushers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Dan and Laura Johnson <b>10:30 am:</b> Charles and Mary Bonham	<b>Ushers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Tim Phillips and Terry Jangula <b>10:30 am:</b> Linda Weller and Lori Bates	<b>Ushers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Jim Hixson and Parker McClellan <b>10:30 am:</b> Russell and Beth Brock
<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Greeters</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin: 5px auto; width: 80%;">Will resume August 15</div>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Greeters</b>
<b>Chancel Ministers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Inge Churchill <b>10:30 am:</b> Joe Ciccarelli	<b>Chancel Ministers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Kathleen Wicker <b>10:30 am:</b> George McInnis	<b>Chancel Ministers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Joanne MacPhee <b>10:30 am:</b> Joyce Dannecker	<b>Chancel Ministers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Theresa Townsend <b>10:30 am:</b> Nancy Breland
<b>Acolytes for 10:30</b> Brody Fuller	<b>Acolyte for 10:30</b> John Moore, Alex and Tom Moore	<b>Acolytes for 10:30</b> Bailey Melzer	<b>Acolytes for 10:30</b> Grady Oenbrink
<b>Lector at 10:30 am</b> Holly Melzer	<b>Lector at 10:30 am</b> Tom Ledman	<b>Lector at 10:30 am</b> Jenny Collier	<b>Lector at 10:30 am</b> Rich Doran
<b>Tablecloth Ministry:</b>	<b>Tablecloth Ministry:</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin: 5px auto; width: 80%;">Will resume in August</div>	<b>Tablecloth Ministry:</b>	<b>Tablecloth Ministry:</b>

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**RALLY DAY AND BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS**  
**AUGUST 15, 2021**

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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/Video Production- AJ Jeffery*  
*Director of Music - John Durgan*  
*Administrative Assistant - Madge Smith*  
*Children's CE Director - Beverly McDaniel*  
*Church Bookkeeper – Kathy Mills*  
*Sexton - Deana Gailfoil*  
*Nursery Attendants - Kaew Sumpton*

## **THE VESTRY**

*Fr. Steve Bates - Rector*  
*Tricia Berry 2023*  
*Joe Ciccarelli 2024*  
*Ian Crelling 2022 Sr. Warden*  
*Anna Eberhard 2024*  
*Tiffany Ennis 2022*  
*Mark Godwin - Treasurer*  
*John Hutt 2024*

*Joanne MacPhee 2023*  
*Ivan Pereira 2022 Jr. Warden*  
*Kelly Roberson 2022*  
*Karen Shores 2023*  
*Madge Smith - Clerk*  
*John Thompson 2024*  
*Gene Wicker 2023*

## **SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP SERVICES**

*Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist - Rite I*  
*9:15 a.m. - Adult Sunday School*  
*10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist - Rite II with Children's Chapel*

*Wednesday 5:30 pm - (Sept.—May) five-thirty casual service followed by supper and programs*

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