

Your Cathedral in the City Monthly

December 2024/January 2025

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Letter From the Dean

It's that time of year when darkness comes earlier in the evening, and we await the coming of Christmas when we hear the words; "The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it." We take great comfort in those words

attributing all kinds of bad and scary things to the darkness. Pain, sorrow, grief are all part of the darkness to be avoided, and yet we know that is not possible. What if we could broaden our perception of light and dark? What if with the prologue of John, we read Psalm 139? "Darkness is not dark to you; darkness and light to you are both alike." God is there too, waiting to embrace us, and teach us. What if the darkness could surround us like a cloak, giving us both rest in the quiet, and courage for the light? This Advent let us be free of the dualistic thinking that one is good and the other bad. Let's live with the benefits of both, knowing God is present. Go into the night and from the darkness enjoy the stars.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anne M. Maxwell".

The Very Rev. Anne M. Maxwell, Dean

Joyfully proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ through grace-filled worship, radical hospitality, and incarnational faith.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

sunday

8:30a | Holy Eucharist | Chapel

9:30a | Formation Hour for all ages

10:30a | Holy Eucharist | Cathedral Nave
and St. Julian's Chapel (Online)

10:30a | Children's Chapel | Chapel

5:00p | EYC | EYC Room

wednesday

12:00noon | Lunch Bunch
(Eastbrooke Clubhouse)

5:00p | Enneagram
(1st Wed. of the Month), St. Francis Hall

thursday

12:00p | Noon Eucharist (chapel)

SUNDAY FORMATION

for adults

9:30a | THIS WEEK - Community Partners
Forum, Parish Hall

9:30a | Theology & Literature, Yelverton Room

for youth

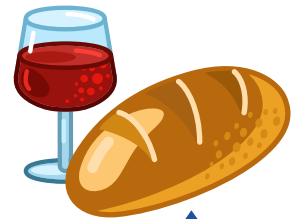
9:30a | Embracing the Questions, EYC Room

for children

9:30a | Bible Adventure, upstairs classrooms

10:30a | Children's Chapel (during 10:30 service)

**Host a Home Eucharist
in the New Year
contact Gracey
details on facing page**



A Look Ahead

Next month and beyond at Your Cathedral in the City



Las Posadas Advent Journey

Sunday, December 1st-December 22nd

The Mexican tradition of Las Posadas, meaning “shelter” or “lodging,” lends us an opportunity to practice the welcoming spirit of community and hospitality in a tangible way. The Posada is a traditional community enactment of Joseph and Mary's search for lodging in preparation for the birth of Jesus. Get details about how you can provide shelter to Mary and Joseph in your home at standrews.ms/posadas.



Advent Wreath Making and Celebration of the New Church Year

Sunday, December 1st, 9:30am

- Bring greenery to contribute to our Advent Wreath activity if you can
- Wreath rings can be purchased for \$10; Packs of candles can be purchased for \$5; or you can bring your own
- All supplies for making a wreath will be available
- Activity bags for children
- To celebrate the beginning of the new church year that starts on the 1st Sunday of Advent, we will also have a New Year's celebration and “Countdown” to the start of the 10:30am service

Holiday Open House at the MS

Museum of Art

Tuesday, December 3rd, 6:15pm

Featuring a performance by the St. Andrew's Cathedral Children's Choir

Advent Market

Thursday, December 5th, 5:00-7:00pm

- An evening of shopping with local vendors in the Cathedral Parish Hall
- A portion of all purchases go towards our Angel Tree Ministry

Formation Hour with Sister

Madeleine Mary

Sunday, December 8th, 9:30am

Explore the Benedictine lifestyle with our special guest. Sister Mary helps people explore the connections between faith, care for creation, and Benedictine spirituality. Learn more at standrews.ms/benedictine.

Feast of Saint Nicholas

Sunday, December 8th, 10:30am

Saint Nicholas will join us for the 10:30am service to share a sermon about his life and works.

Advent Festival of Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 8th, 4:00pm

Reception to follow.

Advent Retreat with The Rev. Mark

Bozzuti-Jones

Sunday, December 14th, 9:00am - Noon

At St. Christopher's Episcopal Church. This retreat, will be led by the Rev. Dr. Mark Bozzuti-Jones, the Director of Spiritual Formation at the Trinity Retreat Center. Rev. Bozzuti-Jones will lead the group in exploring the themes of light, hope, and love. More details at standrews.ms/light-retreat.

Ordination of Transitional Deacon

Saturday, December 21st, 10:30am

Young Adult Christmas Party

Saturday, December 21st, 7pm

Joint party with Chapel of the Cross, at the home of Boudreaux Dulske.

Greening of the Cathedral

Sunday, December 22nd, 11:30am

Stick around after the morning services to help our team decorate the campus with wreaths, bows, and garlands for Christmas. Lunch provided for volunteers.

Young Families Potluck Brunch

Sunday, December 22nd, 11:30am

Potluck breakfast/brunch gathering after church at Taylor Davis' house. Kid's activity included! RSVP davista@gosaints.org.

Christmas Eve Services

Tuesday, December 24th, 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 11:00pm

Bishop Wells will celebrate at the 5:00 service, which will also be livestreamed at standrews.ms/virtualworship. Nursery available at 3:00 and 5:00.

Christmas Day Service

Wednesday, December 25th, 10:30am

Christmas Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 29th, 10:30am

No 8:30 service this Sunday.



Feast of the Epiphany & Burning of the Greens

Sunday, January 5th, 5:00pm

Dinner in the Parish Hall at 5pm, church service in the Nave at 6pm, Burning of the Greens to follow outside.

Home Eucharists

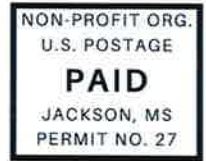
January-February

Weekly Home Eucharist services hosted in parishioners' homes with communion and fellowship. If you are interested in hosting, contact Gracey Belote.

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Registration and staff applications for all spring DOY events open

Wednesday, January 1st

Meal Prep for Stewpot's Opportunity Center

Sunday, January 12th, 11:30am

Stewpot's Opportunity Center provides a cold weather shelter that offers a warm meal to their guests. We will be preparing freezer meals that they can serve this winter. Lunch provided to volunteers.

Burnt Offerings (Men's Dinner)

Thursday, January 16th, 6:00pm

\$10 to attend includes sides. You may bring your own meat or join in on beef tenderloin for \$15.

Annual Parish Meeting

Sunday, January 26th, 9:30am

Lunch in the Parish Hall following the 10:30am service.

Diocesan Annual Council on the MS Gulf Coast

Friday, January 31st- Sunday, February 2nd

Clergy will be in attendance - Morning Prayer will be offered on Sunday in the Cathedral Nave.

Candlemas Service

Sunday, February 2nd, 6:00pm

Candlemas is one of the oldest Christian liturgical observances dating back to the 4th century. It observes Jesus being presented at the Temple 40 days after his birth as was the custom. Luke 2:22-24 tells the story of Mary and Joseph arriving at the Temple, in accordance with the Law of Moses, to make sacrifices for their eldest son and to complete the rites of purification for Mary. Simeon and Anna, devout worshipers in the Temple, saw Jesus with the eyes of their hearts and recognized him as the Messiah. From their praise we have the Song of Simeon which is also found in our Book of Common Prayer. We celebrate this day with a quiet, contemplative, candlelit, service in the Nave.