



December 16, 2021

**St. Simon's on the Sound Episcopal Church
Fort Walton Beach, FL**

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Christmas Pageant was a great success!

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75th Anniversary of St. Simon's



The 75th Anniversary of St. Simon's will be celebrated on Sunday January 16th and January 23rd in the Parish Hall between services. We will be exploring St. Simon's with a Pictorial Exhibition of our history.

We will also be blessed by the music of Shepherds and Friends and delicious goodies prepared by some of our top cooks.

To get this celebration underway, for each of the next seven weeks the Epistle will include a teaser or scavenger hunt clue. Get the whole family involved! (Answers will be provided at the January events.)

This Week's Teaser: Where can you find and see the cornerstone of the 1950 Expansion?

ST. SIMON'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY WALL OF CROSSES

Help us fill this Parish Hall wall with crosses by bringing a cross and placing it in the appropriate basket in the office or in the atrium.



Father David will bless the crosses on Sunday, January 2nd.
They will be hung, permanently, in the Parish Hall the following week.

If you have questions please call Deacon Clelia
(561) 271-2890

CALLING ALL BAKERS



To once again show our thanks to all the firefighters and police officers, we are going to bake them some Christmas cheer. Please make up some sweet or savory treats and have them at the church by Monday, December 20th before 10:00 AM. You could bring them on Sunday the 19th.

Clelia and anyone who wants to help her will deliver them to the three local Fire Departments and the Police Department on the 20th.

We are not going to wrap the goodies individually, so please deliver them in pans, plates or bags that will not be returned.

Please call or text Jennifer Lee at 850-543-6504 if you can help with this outreach.

BLUE CHRISTMAS Sunday, December 19th 3:00 to 4:30 P.M.

A Service of candlelight and prayer
– a time to remember those
whose lives have touched ours.

This year we will be joined by
our friends from Gregg Chapel
as we pause to reflect on the past
year and to anticipate the coming
of Christ in our lives on Christmas
Eve.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

We will make some adjustments to our service
schedule for the holidays.

Sunday, December 26th ONE Service at 9:30 AM.
This is intended to be a "Volunteer Free" service, if
you are scheduled to usher, greet, sing in the choir,
etc. on this Sunday, you are off the hook. We will not
have a nursery or children's chapel, but would love for

**the children to join us
in church.**

We know Christmas weekend is a time for family and we want to make it as easy on folks as possible. But we also want to worship and SING, so we will have an all-request Christmas hymn sing, where you can ask for you favorite Christmas hymn from our hymnal.

Join us for a Christmas Sing-Along and Holy Eucharist.



ANNUAL EPIPHANY SERVICE OF LIGHT AND CHILI COOKOFF

That's right, we are bringing back this tradition for the Feast of the Epiphany, January 6th at 6:00 PM.

We will bless chalk for you to take home and we will enter into the nave in darkness for a special time of candlelight and prayer, and maybe a visit from three special folks!

Following this brief service, we will gather in the Parish Hall for the Ceil Lacey Memorial Chili Cookoff! We need lots of crockpots of chili for all to enjoy, so bring your favorite recipe.

After supper we will enjoy a bonfire and sparklers as we remind the world Christ is our Light and we are participating in bringing the Light of Christ to all.

Sunday, January 9th is a traditional Baptism Sunday, so if you are interested in Baptism for yourself or a child, please contact the office.

Nursery and children's chapel will resume on the 9th.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
RETURNS
JANUARY 30TH**

In order to allow time to offer Christian Education for all ages, we will be

adjusting our service times starting January 30th as follows:

9:00 AM Holy Eucharist in the Nave and Live Stream

W/Children's Chapel and Nursery.

10:15 AM Christian Education for all ages - details to follow soon.

A Nursery will be available for our youngest children.

11:15 AM Holy Eucharist in the Outdoor Chapel.

(Weather Permitting)

It's been quite awhile since we could offer Sunday School, and I am very excited about bringing it back. Details on the classes for children and youth, as well as adult classes, are being finalized and will be shared soon.

Fr. David+

BOOK GROUP

The Book Group will meet Tuesday,
January 25, 2022, at noon by Zoom.

We will be discussing *The Stranger in the
Lifeboat* by Mitch Albom.

This will mark our 15th year as a book group!
It is hard to believe, but true. Rev. Betsy
Powell organized this group in 2007.

Please call JoAnne Connell (850) 240-3051
with questions.



Rector's Bible Study

When: Tuesdays at 10:30am and 6pm

Where: Parish Hall and Zoom

If you prefer to participate via zoom and were not in the Bible study zoom classes last year, please email Fr. David so he can add you to the system. You will receive an email with the zoom link each week. His email is Rector@StSimons-fwb.org

Read the latest blog posts from our Clergy:

[Father David's Blog](#)

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LECTIONARY LESSON

Jennifer Lee will be sharing her normal Lectionary Lesson online each week.

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Have something to share?

The ePistle is published weekly on Thursdays. All submissions are due **the preceding Tuesday** and are subject to edit and approval by St. Simon's staff.

Please email Office@stsimons-fwb.org if you have something you'd like to appear in a future edition!



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