



April 04, 2024

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

**April 07, 2024
Service Times**

**9:30 Holy Eucharist – Nave With Children's Chapel & Nursery
10:40 Adult Christian Education
11:30 Holy Eucharist – Kendrick Chapel or Outdoor Chapel**

2nd Quarter Sharing & Caring Food Drive Starts!

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From The Rector's Desk

One of our main focuses at St. Simon's is helping each other become better disciples of Jesus. The study of the Scriptures is a primary path to becoming a better disciple of our Lord. During the Great 50 Days of Easter season, I will be offering a four week study of 1st Peter, a powerful letter from the disciple Peter to churches persecuted and scattered all over the known world, and a letter with great meaning to us today.

All are welcome to our bible studies as they are presented in person (usually in the Parish Hall) and on Zoom (links are below), with a morning offering at 10:30am and an evening offering at 6pm. We will begin the study of 1st Peter on **Tuesday, April 9th**.

You are encouraged to invite others to join us, no matter their church status. I am also including below a link to previous Bible study videos, feel free to share this link as well.

For anyone wanting to join the classes, you can come in person (bring a Bible but if you forget we have plenty), or join on Zoom, and if you are new PLEASE send me your email address so I can add you to the weekly reminder email we send out.

My email is: rector@stsimons-fwb.org

God bless and may your Easter season be joyous.

Fr. David+

The zoom links are the same each week

Zoom link for morning class:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87441485999?pwd=emdIcDN4dzNoOTJlVWVGIGdjJKTFEodz09>

Zoom link for evening class:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84037113419?pwd=bzhVZFFhRUlhRVd3UnpVVGtFT2JQdz09>

Website for videos of previous classes:

<https://www.stsimons-fwb.org/bible-study-recordings/>

Eucharistic Ministers needed to serve

With the departure of Deacon Clelia, we are in need more than ever for more Eucharistic Ministers to assist Fr. David at the altar. These ministers serve the chalice (wine) or the paten (bread), and often help with the readings of the day and the prayers of the people (although EMs who prefer not to read are welcome as well).

We will train you in how to do this vital work. Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to this important ministry. If interested please contact Fr. David, 850-244-8621 or rector@stsimons-fwb.org.

Curious? = Feel free to talk to any of our current Eucharistic ministers.



Nursery Assistant Needed

We are so grateful for Ruby Darnell, who has served wonderfully as our nursery assistant during her senior year in high school. Thank you, Ruby!

If you know of a "baby-sitter qualified" teen who would like to help in the nursery, please contact Fr. David. Pat Fullen is our outstanding nursery chief, but she needs an assistant.

Any adults interested may contact Fr. David as well. Teens and adults can be paid, or school age teens can use the nursery hours as community service.

Fr. David can be reached at 850-244-8621, or rector@stsimons-fwb.org





Please consider joining us
Saturday, April 20^h
for our annual
Spring Clean Up

We will meet at the Church at 8:00 and work until noon.
Besides many hands to make light work, we could use a
couple hedge clippers, hoes, rakes, good wheel barrels and shovels.

Please Contact Matt Smith at smithmad@live.com if you can join us.



ove is ... Our Quarterly Sharing & Caring

Food Drive

Our Second Quarter Sharing and Caring

Food Drive

Begins on

April 07, 2024

When the Brown Bags & Grocery Lists

Will be Distributed

The Ingathering of and the Blessing of the Brown Bags

will be

Sunday – April 21, 2024

At our Parish Picnic/Fund Raiser for Sharing and Caring

PICNIC WITH A PURPOSE!

THERE WILL BE A 50/50 RAFFLE
TO RAISE MONEY
FOR
SHARING & CARING FOOD BANK

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
FOR A **FOLK MASS &**
PARISH
PICNIC

APRIL 21ST - 10:30
ONE SERVICE AT 9:30

We'll have games - tho not very Daring
all to help Sharing & Caring

Wear your Beckwith
or "camp" clothes

Parish Hall & Backyard
Rain or Shine!

Meats for the grill, rolls, condiments and
drinks will be provided. A sign-up sheet
for potluck dishes will be in the Atrium!

FOOD • OUTDOOR GAMES • MUSIC

Plate & Pledge Updated Position as of February 2024

	Year-to-date Actual Plate & Pledge	Year-to-date Budgeted Plate & Pledge	Year-to-Date Remaining Balance	Annual Budget	Annual Balance
Plate	8,792.68	15,916.66	7,123.98	95,500.00	86,707.32
Pledge	81,530.26	73,244.00	(8,286.26)	439,464.00	357,933.74
Total	90,322.94	89,160.66	(1,162.28)	534,964.00	444,641.06

The February 29, 2024 balance for Plate contributions were \$8,792.68 or (45.00%) below the year-to-date projected Plate.

The February 29, 2024 balance for Pledges contributions were \$81,530.26 or (10.01%) over the projected the year-to-date projected Pledges.

The February 29, 2024 Pledge and Plate Income is deficit in the amount of \$1,162.28 to the year-to-date projection.

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

Rhoda Adams-Reiss, Jonathan Allen, Jennifer Becker, Marijane Brown, Lil Buck, Mo Byrd, Phyllis Cheney, Anne Collier, Rosemary Cox, Mary Day, Fred Happel, Bob Hauge, Beth Howell, Cynthia Johnson, Olivia Kerby, Jamie LaFollette, Michael Lightbourne, Tommy Lowrey, Teresa Mackin, Brandon McAleer, Kati McCrea, Sheridan Mounla, Thalia Newton, Frank Roberts, Ricky Scheel, Larry Scott, Molly Sheppard, Emily Smith, Kate Smith, Margaret Smith, Suzi Smith, Chris Westphal, Jon Westphal

SINGLE FRIENDS

Single Friends will meet for a Dutch Treat Lunch

At Noon on Saturday, April 20, 2024

At the Bay Cafe, The restaurant is located at

233 Alconese Ave. Fort Walton Beach

Contact Barbara Bethea 850-582-7011 or babethea7@icloud.com

If you have questions.

RSVP if possible, They need to know how big of a table to give us!

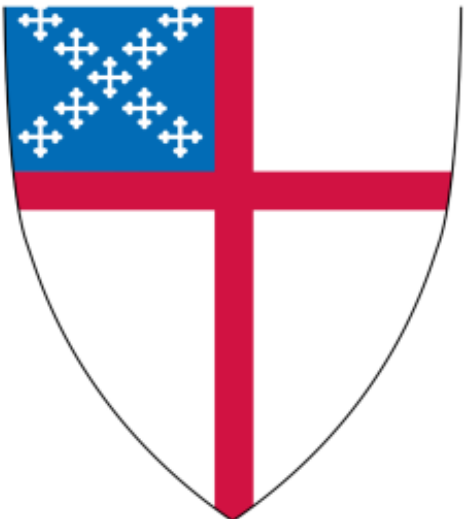


St. Simon's Book Group

The book group will meet on Tuesday, April 23rd
At Noon in the Parish Hall

We will each read a different book from our
childhood and talk about it at the meeting.





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