

**We are in need of more ushers for the 10 am service. Presently we only have 11 signed up. If you are interested, please contact Diane Smith at 813/713-0962 or dfs5@embarqmail.com**

**Cox Elementary School Needs**

Last year St. Mary's supplied some playground items for physical education classes. The Cox School Supply committee, has received an email from Cox's Principal, Ms. Kimberly Natal.

Their biggest need right now is

1. Hand sanitizer for the classroom in pump dispensers
2. Masks for small children. Many of the masks are too big and uncomfortable for them.
3. She would also like some "seat sacks" for the classroom and included

the link to Amazon. [https://www.amazon.com/Carson-Dellosa-CD-158035-Chairback-Buddy-Pocket/dp/1604189010/ref=sr\\_1\\_4?dchild=1&keywords=school+seat+sacks&qid=1600946461&sr=8-4](https://www.amazon.com/Carson-Dellosa-CD-158035-Chairback-Buddy-Pocket/dp/1604189010/ref=sr_1_4?dchild=1&keywords=school+seat+sacks&qid=1600946461&sr=8-4)

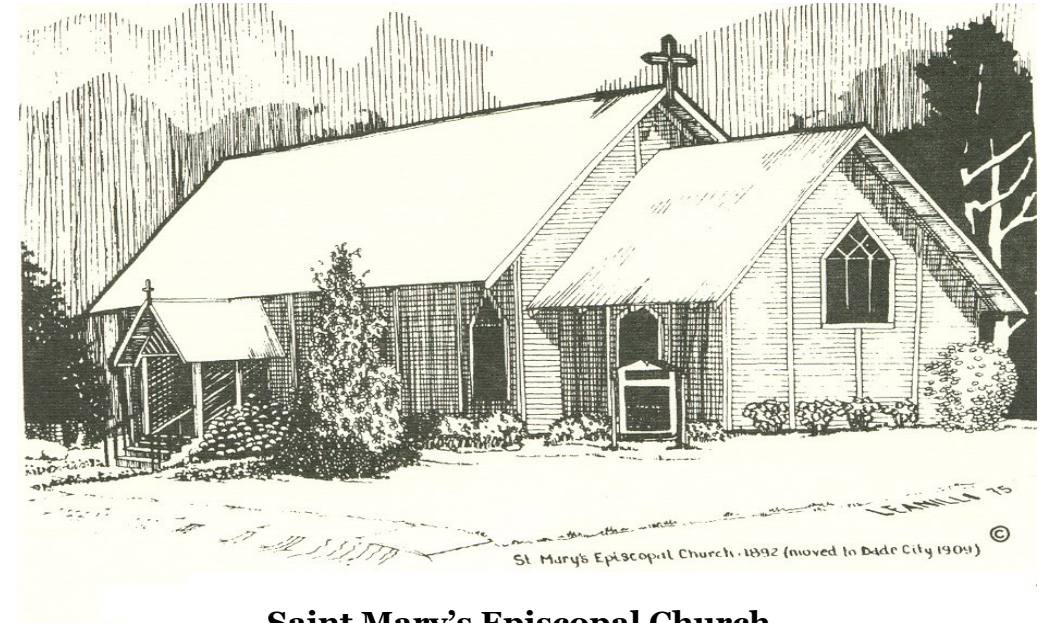
Since e many of us are at home or working from home, we will not be collecting anything at church. We ask that you order your items from a source like Amazon which would be a "Win Win" for the church,too, since we are listed as a charity so a portion of the purchase price will be donated back to the church. **The school address is:** Rodney B. Cox Elementary School , 37615 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Dade City, FL 33523 Phone number is: 352-524-5100

Thank you so much for your help and in the past and now. These children and this school are in such need Happy Shopping! Jean McNary and Nancy Meech

**Outreach**

**Food to Share Collection  
November 2020**

Date	Pounds
November 1	30
November 8	50
November 15	0
November 22	45
November 29	45
Basket Total	170



**Saint Mary's Episcopal Church**  
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December 6, 2020

**Sundays**

**Holy Communion**

**7:45 a.m.  
10:00 a.m.**

**Daughters of the King meet the 1st & 3rd Monday in  
Freeman Hall**

**10:30-12:00**

**Wednesday, Knitty Gritty—Tanno Hall  
Thursday Men's Holy Communion and Breakfast  
Thursday Morning Prayer Group**

**3:00 p.m.  
6:30 a.m.  
7:30 a.m.**

**The Rt. Rev. Dabney T. Smith, Bishop**

**The Rev. James C. Teets 561/632-0635 [fatherjim@stmdc.com](mailto:fatherjim@stmdc.com)**

**The Rev. Jim Stratton, Assisting Priest, 813/340-7741-[jbdefs@gmail.com](mailto:jbdefs@gmail.com)**

**Organist & Choir Director: Sharon Brant**

**Parish Administrator: Sandra Sartain [sandra@stmdc.com](mailto:sandra@stmdc.com)**

**Treasurer: Jim Stokoe Sr. Warden: Dennis Alfonso Jr. Warden: Greg Gude**

**Saint Mary's Episcopal Church  
The Second Sunday of Advent  
December 6, 2020**

Voluntary: **“Love’s Pure Light”** Joel Raney  
 Responsive Reading and the Lighting of Our Advent Candle  
 Opening Prayer  
 Processional Hymn: **“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”** Truro  
**The Word of God**  
**Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins .**  
**People: His mercy endures forever.**

Song of Praise: (Repeat 3 times)  
**Holy God**  
**Holy and Mighty,**  
**Holy Immortal One,**  
*Have mercy upon us*

The Collect of the Day  
 The First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11  
 Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 BCP Page 708  
 The Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-15a  
 Sequence Hymn: **“There’s a Voice in the Wilderness “** Ascension  
 The Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

**The Sermon**

**The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.  
 We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one Being with the Father.  
 Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried, On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of Father.  
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.  
 We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets, We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church, We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

**Please pray for those on our parish prayer list who  
have urgent and on going concerns.**

Dara Morgan	Emmett Evans	David & Hannah
Everett Rigsby	Joel Graves	Ansley
Carol Jefford	Jon	Donna Smith
Lola Morgan	Betsy Philmon	Karen Berger
Alex Alfonso	Claire Davis	Barbara Tewell
Kenneth H.	Robert Alfonso	Scott Sinclair
Karen Phillips	Richard Bingham	Kristi Gaffney
Don Webb	Roy Singletary	Rob Purcell
Ann Becker	Eddie Solt	Jennifer Greenbaum
Janice Tabb	James and Julie Martin	Cecil Hicks
George Avadikian	Kristie Sokinas	Melvin Hicks
Lynn Ashford	Rose's Family	Jeannie White
Linda Bowman	Mark Mamo	Presley
Bebe Cain	Tim	Lynn Shope
Denise McKenzie	Martha	Ruth
Betty Milton	Crystal Clements	Laura Johnson
Marge Moffett	Zach Springfield	Brian Ruel
Jerry and Diane Rice	Lou	Timothy Sears
Pat Proctor	Nicholas	Cheryl Fazioli
Father Stratton	Lucy	Cynthia
Anna Kirkland	Donna Smith	Everett Boyett
Hanne Jordan	Carol Thiele	Vicki Knox
BJ Croft	Myrna Belden	Pat Beers
Jock Weightman	Chad Carey	Ashley
Jack Finnerty	Fred Wells	Elizabeth Null
Ric Plecenik	Danny Ward & Family	
Sue Szczerba	Rose Blough	
Harry	Gail S.	
David Teets	Gail G.	
Cynthia		
Sadie		
Susie		
Garrett		
Charles		
Reid Bessenger		
Jenna Goltry		

	YTD
Revenues	\$ 265,274.71
Expenses	<u>280,703.99</u>
	\$(15,429.28)

## Post Communion Prayer:

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### The Blessing

**Recessional Hymn: "Prepare the Way, O Zion"** Bereden vag for Herren  
**Postlude: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"** Beecher  
The Dismissal

**Lay Eucharistic Minister:** 7:45 am. Mimi Cass-Clark  
10:00 am. Dennis Alfonso  
**Acolytes:** 7:45 am. Sarah Denney  
10:00 am. Milt Larsen  
**Ushers:** 7:45 am. Cathy Bennett, Carol Smith  
10:00 am. Chick and Nancy Meech  
**Altar Guild:** Bebe Cain, Nancy Meech,  
Cathy Stokoe, Cindy Dunkelberger

**Birthdays:** December 6- Bonnie Harrison  
7- Lorie Larkin  
8- George Wiemer  
9- Diane Riggelman, Simone Yebba,  
Kinlee Gude  
10- Eddie Cox

**Family Cycle of Prayer:** The Jennings Family: Rob, Carol; Robby and Avery;  
The Jones Family: Patrick, Sherri; Jeret; Bill and Renie Jordan; Hanne Jordan

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St. Luke's, Fort Myers; St. Margaret of Scotland;  
Sarasota, St. Mark's, Marco Island, St. Mark's, Tampa, St. Mark's, Venice and St.  
Martin's, Hudson

**The Flowers at the Altar** are given to the Glory of God by *Melinda Bessenger* in loving memory of Frank, and by *George and Jill Wiemer* in thanksgiving for their grandchildren.

**All of the following have been suspended until further notice.**

**Coffee Hours**  
**The Tuesday Night Bible Study**  
**Thursday morning Ladies Bible Study**  
**Love One Another postponed until further notice.**

## Prayers of the People for Advent 2020

### *Celebrant*

We seek the mighty God in the most unlikely places; as a child in a stable, and in an empty tomb. May God hear these prayers, which come from the unlikely corners of our lives.

### *Intercessor*

O God, you are the potter, and we are the clay, the work of your hand. We pray for the church; for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Dabney our Bishop, and all priests and deacons, that you might form us and mold us into the church you would have us be.

**Come Lord Jesus, and hear our prayer**

In your time, O Lord, the valleys shall be lifted up, the mountains and hills shall be made low, and the rough places will become a plain. We pray for our nation, and all nations, that your peace would be manifest in every corner of the earth.

**Come Lord Jesus, and hear our prayer.**

In your Kingdom, O Lord, you bring unending comfort; you feed your flock like a shepherd, and gather the lambs into your arms. We pray for the sick, the suffering, and those in distress of any kind, especially those with urgent and on-going needs on our Parish prayer list; that you would heal all injuries, comfort all grief, and settle all wrongs. We pray especially for

**Come Lord Jesus, and hear our prayer.**

Your great works of redemption, O God, span the ages. We pray for those who rejoice this week as they celebrate their birthday and anniversaries; that they might obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing might flee away.

**Come Lord Jesus, and hear our prayer.**

In the fulness of time, O God, you sent your son, to be born of our sister Mary. And his name was Emmanuel: God With Us. We thank you for your Presence with us, and we pray that you might be always present with those whom we love but see no longer. (Especially...)

**Come Lord Jesus, and hear our prayer.**

### *Celebrant*

Give us ears to hear, O God, and eyes to watch, that we may know your presence in our midst during this holy season of joy as we anticipate the coming of Jesus Christ. Amen.

## Confession and Absolution

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

## Welcome and Parish Notices

### The Holy Communion

#### Offertory Anthem: "Every Valley"

John Ness Beck

#### The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A

*The people remain standing.*

The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*  
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and  
Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever  
sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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### *Celebrant and People*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
The people stand or kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when  
we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent  
Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die  
as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his  
arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice  
for the whole world

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took  
bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,  
and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the  
remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to  
them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which  
is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink  
it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Christ has died.*

*Christ is risen.*

*Christ will come again.*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise  
and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you  
these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and  
Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify  
us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity,  
constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of  
your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and  
with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Al-  
mighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

### The Lord's Prayer

#### Holy Communion (Open to all Baptized Persons)

Communion Hymn: "Emmanuel"  
"He Came Down"  
"O Food to Pilgrims Given"

Bob McGee  
Cameroon Traditional  
O Welt ich dich lassen