



Very truly I tell you, whoever accepts anyone I send accepts me; and whoever accepts me accepts the one who sent me.
John 13:20

The Herald

May 2025



From the Senior Warden ...

Greetings Nativity Family,

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Alleluia! What a Blessed Easter Journey we all shared as a community of faith. Thank you to my Nativity Family. It truly took all of us working together, worshiping together, and giving the amazing gift of time to each other and the Church. I am so grateful to all of you.

It is that time of year when we say safe travels to those who will return to the north. We will miss you, and we will also welcome you back when you return this fall. We will keep you up to date through our weekly emails and the monthly Herald. Please ensure that we have the correct email address so that you can stay connected to your Nativity Family.

Worship Schedule

Sunday Morning
 8:00 a.m.
 and
 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday
Morning Prayer
 10:00 a.m.

Join us Online!

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 or
 Instagram.com/Nativitypsl

We are also preparing for "What a Mess, VBS" (June 16-20), one of our largest community outreach programs for children. Thanks to Elaine and her leadership and commitment to our children's ministry, we have been successful in bringing children to our church. This is another great program, and we will need lots of support with time, talent, and treasure. Please consider supporting this year's VBS program.



In closing, as summer quickly approaches with School year endings, the Choir preparing for a much-needed break, and as vacations begin, I offer this prayer:

From the Sr. Warden continued ...



*Dear God,
In this season of
vitality, we pray for
the gift of good health
and happiness. May
our bodies be strong, our minds be at
peace, and our hearts be filled with joy.
Bless us with the energy to embrace every
moment and the gratitude to cherish each
day.*

Blessings,
Deborah

Spring Luncheon 2025

The Nativity Fundraising Committee wishes to thank everyone that contributed in any way to the success of our recent Spring Luncheon. Special thanks go out to all who attended, and to the two representatives from the PSL Police Department for their interesting and informative presentation. The proceeds from the event will move us closer by a little over \$5,000 toward our goal of raising sufficient funds to replace our dying air conditioner units, and we are very grateful to all who have made that possible.

Committee members: Carol Cyrus, Polifay Green, Jacqueline Gaynor, Neville Lake, Barbara Monaghan, Marva Murray, Beverly Provo, Ike Provo, Adele Sanabria, Rose Skeete, Bob Villa

Easter Egg Hunt and Evening Prayer Service

Thank you to Deborah, Roger, Fio, Wendy, Mary, Elaine and Greg for "hiding" the eggs in our field on Saturday, April 19. It was wonderful to showcase our campus and outdoor chapel to the local community. We were truly blessed to join together for fun, fellowship, song, and prayer!



Vacation Bible School 2025 "What a Mess! VBS"

We are busy planning
VBS scheduled for:
June 16 – June 20
1:30 PM to 4:30 PM.
Children
ages 5 through 12
are welcome
please spread
the word!



This year's theme: "What a Mess! VBS." The world is a "messy" place ... how does Jesus help us respond to our messes? Many volunteers will be needed to ensure a successful week. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Elaine Clem or the church office. Monetary donations are greatly appreciated (memo line: VBS).

Youth & Families Ministry Corner

Upcoming Dates & Events:

Parents Night Out

Friday, June 6 from 7:00 – 9:30 PM

Vacation Bible School

June 16 – 20 from 1:30 – 4:30 PM

Please contact Elaine Clem or the church office for additional information.

Easter Egg Hunt & Evening Prayer



Flower Guild

Nativity's Flower Guild Ministry has been busy during the month of April as the Easter Season progressed. Here is an update on the things they accomplished as our church prepared for the glorious resurrection of Jesus at Easter:

- Providing training for creating palm crosses for Palm Sunday. Thank you, Roma Bramble.
- Decorating the altar for Palm Sunday. Thank you, Roma Bramble, Norma Messias, and Karen Schlitt.
- Replanting the areas around the front sign and entrance to our church with bromeliads, palm branches and lilies. Thank you, Eula Bryan and Norma Messias.
- Providing flowers and plants for the Altar of Repose for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Thank you, Rose Skeete and Judy Klimczak.
- Providing lilies and altar flowers for Easter Sunday. Thank you, all flower guild members including: Roma Bramble, Judy Klimczak, Rose Skeete, Eula Bryan, June Edwards, Norma Messias, Debra Burrige and Mary Mosley.
- Bringing flowers to shut-ins. Thank you Roma Bramble and Mary Mosley.

We welcome new members to this special ministry which upholds the Episcopal tradition of providing fresh flowers to the altar each Sunday!



Our new coordinator is Norma Mesias. If you are interested in joining our guild, please contact Norma at Papimesias@hotmail.com or call 772-878-8356.

Welcome Committee

Do you know that Nativity has Welcome Committees at both the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services? This ministry is headed up by Dennis Gallagher who is a natural for the job. If you attend the 8:00 a.m. service, connect with him (he often serves as an acolyte) or Ron Herman who meets people at the doors as well as providing the technology so people can visit us online. If you are aware of new people attending the early service, check out Elsa Craig who is also a "pew shepherd." At 10:30 a.m. we have five people who serve in this role: Janet Smartt (coordinator), Al Skeete, Ruth McFarlane, Gladys Siekierka, and Mary Mosley.

Look for our gold badges to let us know when you notice a newcomer to our church. Please invite new people to fill out the yellow "Connect" cards in the pews, and, if they show real interest, direct them to a Welcome Committee member who can provide them with a "goody bag" and, after the 10:30 service, invite them to coffee hour.

It is very important that we as lay ministers promote



the good will of our congregation as we await the coming of a new rector. We have been blessed with wonderful supply priests, especially Father Michael and Father Bob, as well as our hardworking Senior and Junior Wardens, Deborah and Pete; however, it is up to all of us to encourage new members to see the blessings that they can receive from our wonderful church. Remember what Matthew tells us in 28:16-20, known as "The Great Commission," share the words of Jesus and of his Resurrection with the world.

Easter Outreach



Utilizing the Lillies

Many thanks to Eula, Norma and Ann



Daughters of the King



Wonderful things are happening in the St. Lucia Chapter of the Daughters of the King (DOK) at Nativity. The motto of this order which has as its mission prayer, service and evangelism is apropos for where we are as we search for a new rector:

For his Sake...I am but one, but I am one.
I cannot do everything, but I can do something.
What I can do, I ought to do.
What I ought to do,
by the Grace of God, I will do.
Lord, what will you have me do?

The ministry of DOK has been the foundation of our church since it was a small mission of St. Andrew's in Ft. Pierce. These daughters have provided the backbone for our parish as it grew. Over time, the ministry lost its relevance to many as we aged as a parish. Thankfully, Dottie Johnson, president for several years, supported by Alvey Flournoy and Wendy Chadbourne as officers kept the chapter going. However, last year, our chapter almost dissolved. Thanks to the Diocesan support from DOK President Nadine Craig and her board members who met with us monthly, we now have three new members going through the discernment process as well as two transfers from other churches joining us as we meet on the first and third Sundays of the month between services. As Nativity's mission statement says, "all are welcome" to attend these meetings and learn about this international ministry of faith.

In April, our members elected the following officers to serve our church as the Prayer of the Order states: "We ask it all For His Sake, our King and Savior, Jesus Christ." Please pray for these

women who have stepped up to lead the renewal of the St. Lucia Chapter of the Daughters of the King:

Mary Mosley, *President*
Karen Schlitt, *Vice President*
Janet Smartt, *Secretary*
Wendy Chadbourne, *Treasurer*
Nancy Landry, *Past President and Advisor to the Order*

May Birthdays & Anniversaries



May 1: Joan Gordinier Rogers
May 2: Margaret Lewis
May 5: Noel Gittens
May 7: Marva Murray
May 8: Greg Clem
May 10: Frank Wood
May 18: Marcel Hosein
May 18: Patricia Vaida
May 19: Paula Hosein
May 20: Adela Sanabria
May 21: Stanley Abrahams
May 28: Joan Smithler
May 29: Eugenie Grant
May 30: Marley Roberts
May 30: Sonia Cummins



May 1: Greg & Elaine Clem
May 6: Ronald & Maureen Nickel
May 26: Rev. Robert & Phyllis Brandt

Picture Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter 2025



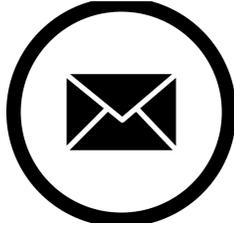
Picture Easter 2025



Weekly Emails

We send a weekly email that includes a weekly calendar and announcements, and other important information.

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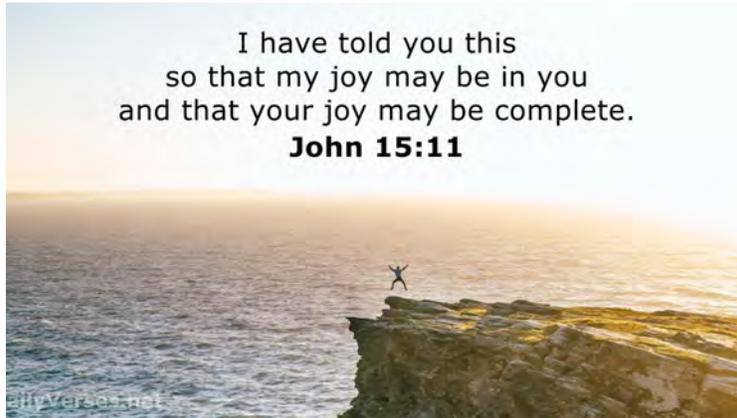


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*Did we miss your birthday or anniversary?
Help us update our records!*

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I have told you this
so that my joy may be in you
and that your joy may be complete.
John 15:11



OUR MISSION:

UNITED BY GOD'S GRACE

Loving and Serving ALL People in Christ's Name

OUR VISION:

As a Christ-centered oasis, the Church of the Nativity will be a place to experience acceptance and love. We will invite ALL people to come, be spiritually replenished, and leave eager to do the work God has called each of us to do. We will reflect God's love and limitless possibilities through our commitment to meaningful worship, spiritual formation, sweeping outreach, and robust growth.



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