



# **TRINITY**

**EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

December 8, 2024 - 10:30am

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**All are welcome.**

**You are invited to stay following worship for coffee and snacks, and to connect with other parishioners, staff and clergy in Bishops Hall.**

**If you are a guest today**, welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church. Please help us to connect by signing our online guestbook (scan the QR code) or visit with one of our greeters and clergy. For more information, visit us on-line or call the church office at (504) 522-0276.



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## **Children in Church**

**Safe Church** - Children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver at all times and are welcome to be in spaces for church-related activities. Please do not allow your child(ren) to enter into classrooms, the school library, or other meeting spaces alone.

**Changing tables** are located in the accessible stalls of both bathrooms in the Undercroft and Bishops Hall foyer.

**Nursery Care** is available from 10:00am - 12:00pm for children age 3 and under. A Safe Church, Safe Communities certified adult is supported by our Nursery Team to welcome our littlest church members with joy and excitement. Contact: [abond@trinitynola.com](mailto:abond@trinitynola.com).

**The Pray Ground** is located at the front left of the church and serves as a place where young children can experience worship while being physically comfortable. Spirit Bags, soft materials, and books are available in this place. Please help your child enjoy this space quietly and peacefully.

**To Parents:** Relax! God put the wiggle in children. Don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome.

**To the Members of our Parish:** The presence of children is a gift to the Church! They are members of our community and a reminder that our parish is growing. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to the parents.

**Prelude, *Nun komm der Heiden Heiland, (Savior of the Nations, Come)***

**BWV 659**

J.S. BACH

**Hymn in Procession, *On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry (Winchester New)***

BLUE HYMNAL 76

∞ Responsory for the Second Sunday of Advent

Celebrant: People of Zion, behold the Lord shall come to save the nations.

People: **And the Lord shall make the glory of his voice to be heard in the joy of thy heart.**

Celebrant: Give ear, O ruler of Israel.

People: You who lead Joseph like a sheep.

∞ Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

∞ Trisagion

*Sung by choir once, then twice by all.*



∞ The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*          **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

# The Word of God

## ∞ The First Reading

BARUCH 5:1-9

*The People sit.*

**T**ake off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, “Righteous Peace, Godly Glory.” Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God’s command For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

*Reader*  
*People*

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## ∞ The Gradual: Canticle of Zechariah: 1-9

CHANT BY WILLIAM CROTCH



**All: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \***  
**he has come to his people and set them free.**  
**He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \***  
**born of the house of his servant David.**

**Choir: Through his holy prophets he promised of old,**  
**that he would save us from our enemies, \***  
**from the hands of all who hate us.**  
**He promised to show mercy to our fathers \***  
**and to remember his holy covenant.**

**All: This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
Free to worship him without fear, \*  
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.**

**Choir: You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
To give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.**

**All: In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

**Choir: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

∞ The Second Reading

Philippians 1:3-11

**I** thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

*Reader*  
*People*

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Sequence Hymn, *Soon and Very Soon*

*Please stand as you are able.*

1. Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King!  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!
2. No more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King...  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!
3. No more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King...  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!
4. Soon and very soon, we are goin' to see the King...  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!

## ∞ The Holy Gospel

LUKE 21:25-36

*Deacon*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People*            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**I**n the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’ ”

*Deacon*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## ∞ The Sermon

THE REVEREND JOHN PITZER

∞ The Nicene Creed

*All stand and say together*

**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 the 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.**

## ∞ The Prayers of the People

*The Leader and People pray responsively.*

*Leader With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying,  
People "Lord, have mercy."*

*Leader For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church  
of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.  
People Lord, have mercy.*

*Leader For our Presiding Bishop Sean, our Bishop Shannon, and for our clergy Andrew,  
John, Gary, Bobby and Carol, and the people of Trinity Church, let us pray to the  
Lord.  
People Lord, have mercy.*

*Leader For our Congress, State Legislature, and City Council, and for the leaders of the  
nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.  
People Lord, have mercy.*

*Leader For the city of New Orleans, for every city and community, and for those who live  
in them, let us pray to the Lord.  
People Lord, have mercy.*

*Leader For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to  
conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.  
People Lord, have mercy.*

*Leader For our expectant parents and those who long to conceive or adopt. And for all  
the blessings of this life, especially those preparing for Baptism, Confirmation, and  
Marriage, let us pray to the Lord.  
People Lord, have mercy.*

*Leader For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphaned, and for the sick and the  
suffering, especially... let us pray to the Lord.  
People Lord, have mercy.*

*Leader For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for  
prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to  
the Lord.  
People Lord, have mercy.*

*Leader For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed,  
especially)...let us pray to the Lord  
People Lord, have mercy.*



*Leader For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.*

*People Lord, have mercy.*

*Leader That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.*

*People Lord, have mercy.*

*Leader In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.*

*People To you, O Lord our God.*

*Silence.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## ∞ The Confession

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All* **God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## ∞ The Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*The People greet one another.*

## The Holy Communion

**Offertory Anthem, *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning***

SPIRITUAL ARR. PAUL WEBER

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,  
for the time is drawing nigh.  
Sisters, don't grow weary, brothers, don't grow weary,  
children, don't grow weary  
for the time is drawing nigh.

It's our faith makes us happy,  
for the time is drawing nigh.  
Sisters...

Oh, we are climbing Jacob's ladder,  
for the time is drawing nigh.  
Sisters...

### ∞ The Doxology

*The People stand.*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### ∞ The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A

*The People remain standing.*

*Celebrant* 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 God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*The Celebrant proceeds with the Proper Preface.*

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:

**Sanctus, S 130 *Holy, holy, holy* (Schubert/Proulx)**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The People stand or kneel and the Celebrant continues on p. 362 in the Red Book of Common Prayer.*

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

*The Celebrant continues on p. 363 in the Red Book of Common Prayer.*

*Celebrant*      And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

## ∞ The Lord's Prayer

*Read aloud together.*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues on p. 364 in the Red Book of Common Prayer.*

## ∞ The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

Cantor

Al - le - lu - ia, Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

All

There-fore let us keep the feast, al - le - lu - ia.

## ∞ The Invitation

*Celebrant*      The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died and was raised for you, and feed on him in your thoughts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## ∞ The Communion of the People

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. As you approach the altar area, please use the hand sanitizer station before receiving the host. Those who do not wish to receive Holy Communion may come forward for a blessing; please indicate this to the Priest by crossing your arms over your chest.*

**Communion Anthem, *Deep River***

*Spiritual, arr. Paul Weber*

Deep river, my home is over Jordan.  
Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into camp ground.

Oh, don't you want to go to that gospel feast,  
that promised land where all is peace?

Deep river...

**Communion Hymn, *Just a Closer Walk With Thee***

GREEN SONGBOOK 22

∞ Sending Out Lay Eucharistic Visitors

*Those who will visit the sick, home bound, and hospital bound are called forward.*

*Celebrant* In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.

*People* **We who are many are one Body, for we all share one Bread, one Cup.**

∞ The Post Communion Prayer

*All stand.*

**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, *Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding (Merton)***

BLUE HYMNAL 59

∞ The Dismissal

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the world,  
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia

Postlude, *Es ist das Heil uns kommen her*, BuxWV 186 (*Salvation is come unto us*)

DIETERICH BUXTEHUDE

**Today's Worship Leaders**

PREACHER:	The Rev. John M. Pitzer
CELEBRANT:	The Rev. Robert Hadzor
DEACON:	THE REVEREND CAROL BORNE SPENCER
ORGANIST:	Dr. Paul Weber

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Our Shared Story, Stewardship 2025** - With our lives and prayers, our presence and gifts, we are writing the next chapters in the story of Trinity Church; There is one grand story, comprised of many tiny stories, bound together by our faith in God and this community. What happens if we all lean in?

If you have not yet made a pledge for 2025, we encourage you to do so promptly. Your pledge allows us to responsibly plan for our 2025 budget, seize opportunities for growth and provide ongoing support for the ever changing needs of our community. Scan the QR code to pledge online or visit <https://trinitynola.com/pledge>.



For those who have already made a stewardship commitment for 2025, thank you!

### **Featured Events**

**TODAY! Alvin Edinburgh's 90th Birthday Party! (December 8)** - You're invited! Following the 10:30am service on Sunday, December 8, celebrate the 90th birthday of Alvin Edinburgh, TEEP's longtime director. Trinity is collecting funds to establish an endowment in Alvin's name, honor him, and lend ongoing financial support to TEEP. Make your gift towards our fundraising goal of \$50,000, at <https://trinitynola.com/alvin>.

**High School Episcopal Youth Community (EYC)** will meet on Wednesdays in December from 6:00pm - 8:00pm at Molly's House for some holiday themed fun! 12/11 Gingerbread House Competition; 12/18 Christmas Movie Night. **This month's social outing is a festive evening with friends and beignets at Celebration in the Oaks TODAY! Sunday, December 8th from 6:00pm-8:00pm.** Email Ashley Bond at [abond@trinitynola.com](mailto:abond@trinitynola.com) for more info.

**Walking the Mourner's Path (begins January 2)** is a Christ-centered, non-denominational grief support program. This eight-week program is designed to help participants navigate the stages of grief and honor their loved one in a guided small group setting. The next Walking the Mourner's Path workshops will meet on Thursdays at 5:00 beginning on January 2, 2025. Closing Eucharist on February 20, 2025. Space in the group is limited. Please contact Ninette Eastman at 504-339-3278 or [nmceastman@gmail.com](mailto:nmceastman@gmail.com) if you would like to participate.

### **The Season of Advent**

**Advent Home Eucharists (December 12 and 19)** - On three Wednesdays in the season of Advent, Trinity will offer in-home Eucharists hosted by Trinity parishioners. It is a wonderful opportunity to gather and worship with a small group of church family - a chance to connect with familiar faces and meet someone new. Attendees are asked to bring an hors d'oeuvres to share. RSVP online at <https://bit.ly/trinityhomeeuch>.

#### **Thursday, December 12**

Hosted by George & Sarah Young  
1309 Octavia Street  
New Orleans, LA 70115

#### **Thursday, December 19**

Hosted by Alice Parkerson  
& Brooke Duncan  
303 Rue St. Ann  
Metairie, LA 70005



**Evening Prayer with Healing: A Light in the Darkness (December 10)** - While the holidays can be a time of joy, it can also be a season of darkness and longing for people experiencing a loss, illness of a loved one, or simply the burden of too much going on in our lives. Join us for a healing service of music and light. Please join us at 6:00pm in the Chapel on the second Tuesday of the month.

**Krewe de Voix Christmas Concert (December 13)** - Krewe de Voix Chamber Choir, directed by Paul Weber, will present their annual Christmas concert at Trinity on Friday, December 13 at 7:00pm. The program will feature Palestrina's Missa de Beata Virgine, as well as carols and motets of the season. This highly anticipated holiday program is free and open to the public. Donations will be accepted at the door.

**Children's Christmas Liturgy (December 22)** - Our Children's Christmas Liturgy will take place Sunday, December 22 from 5:00pm - 7:00pm. The children will show us the way to Bethlehem. After this simple yet joyful service, we will gather in the circle drive to share in some holiday cheer under the twinkling lights of an old magnolia tree. Contact Ashley Bond at [abond@trinitynola.com](mailto:abond@trinitynola.com).

### **Worship: Beyond Sunday**

**Tuesday Morning Eucharist** - Join us for Eucharist in the Chapel, every Tuesday at 7:30am.

**YogaMass (January 4)** - Offered on the first Saturday of every month at 10:30am in the sanctuary, YogaMass brings together the practice of yoga, breath work, meditation, and Holy Communion. Contact [abond@trinitynola.com](mailto:abond@trinitynola.com).

### **Christmas Memorial Flowers and Music**

**Christmas Memorial Flowers and Music** - Help adorn our worship space for Christmas and honor or remember a loved one by giving to the Christmas Memorial Flowers and Music fund. All gifts, great and small, are appreciated.

Give online at <https://trinitynola.com/christmas-memorials/>, scan the QR code or send a check via mail. Please send the names and your donation to the church office, attention: Ashley Eastham, (or by email to [aeastham@trinitynola.com](mailto:aeastham@trinitynola.com)) and indicate whether your dedication is intended for Christmas Flowers or Christmas Music. The dedications will be printed in the bulletins for Christmas Eve services. **The deadline for submissions is December 13.**



### **Christmas Worship Schedule**

**Christmas Eve, 4:00pm in the Church** - Rite II Festive Holy Eucharist

**Christmas Eve, 9:30pm in the Church** - Rite II Festive Holy Eucharist featuring Schubert's Mass in G for choir, soloists and orchestra with carols beginning at 9:00pm.

**Christmas Day, 10:30am in the Church** - Rite II Holy Eucharist

## **Christmas Giving Opportunities**

**Christmas Giving Tree for Anna's Place Youth (Due December 17)** - Anna's Place youth programs offer a comprehensive arts-based curriculum in a safe and nurturing environment to help alleviate the inequalities that disproportionately affect communities in poverty. Sponsor the Christmas wish list of one specific youth by selecting a name off of the Christmas Giving Tree in Bishops Hall. The deadline for returning wrapped presents is Tuesday, December 17.

**Gifts for Seniors at Clover (Order by December 16)** - This year we will continue the tradition of providing Christmas gifts for the Clover (formerly Kingsley House) Adult Day Care Program. Gift packages are curated and purchased directly from The Fancy Pelican by emailing [tina@tffpnola.com](mailto:tina@tffpnola.com) or scan the QR code in this bulletin or near the Giving Tree in Bishops Hall.



**Christmas Ministry Cards** - Need a thoughtful Christmas gift? Christmas Ministry Cards are \$25 each and benefit a Trinity ministry including: Trinity Loaves and Fishes, Trinity Educational Enrichment Program (TEEP), Medical Mission, Music Ministry, Trinity Loaves and Fishes Africa, and our Mission Commission (Outreach). Cards may be purchased at Jack's House during the week, or at coffee hour on Sunday mornings.

**Christmas Essentials Envelopes (Deadline December 18)** - Selected families from Clover (formerly Kingsley House) and Jesus Project Ministries will receive a Christmas Essentials Envelope with a letter and a \$100 gift card to WalMart. To donate, contact [jpitzer@trinitynola.com](mailto:jpitzer@trinitynola.com).

## **Children, Youth and Families**

**High School Pilgrimage to France (June 6-15, 2025)** - High School students are invited to travel to Taizé, a faith community in Burgundy, France, where we will join the monastery's rhythms of daily prayer, service, and rest. This is a unique opportunity for high schoolers to connect with themselves, one another, and God. For more information, email Ashley Bond at [abond@trinitynola.com](mailto:abond@trinitynola.com).

**Guild of the Christ Child (GOTCC)** - Is your family growing? Please let us know! If you are expecting, adopting, fostering, and anything in between, please email Maria Elliott at [melliott@trinitynola.com](mailto:melliott@trinitynola.com) so that we can pray for you and your family.

**Godly Play** is a Montessori approach to the spiritual formation of children and is offered every Sunday at 10:30am during the school year. Classes are organized by grade (PK3-5th). To learn more contact Ashley Bond at [abond@trinitynola.com](mailto:abond@trinitynola.com).

## **Adult Formation**

### **Sundays**

**Rector's Forum** - You're invited to the Rector's Forum, Sundays at 9:15am, held in our new Menge Family Board Room at Jack's House! This weekly gathering is a wonderful opportunity to explore the Sunday Episcopal Lectionary readings in greater depth. Each session, we'll dive into the themes, context, and insights of the Scripture, with plenty of time for discussion, questions, and reflection. Whether you're curious about the readings, looking to deepen your understanding, or simply want to connect with fellow parishioners, all are welcome!

**12 Steps are for Everyone** is for anyone seeking a practical path to spiritual and emotional freedom. Join us Sundays at 9:15am in the Church Board Room. Contact Patty Justice at [justicepatty8@gmail.com](mailto:justicepatty8@gmail.com).

**Faith and Fiction Class** meets at 9:15am in the classroom just off the Trinity School Library in-person, and also on Zoom. Facilitators choose short stories (mostly secular) to discuss from a Christian perspective, looking for glimmers of the divine, illustrations of God's grace, and insights about how to live our lives in accord with the teachings of Jesus. New members and "drop-ins" are always welcome. Contact Merry Toups at [merryparis@yahoo.com](mailto:merryparis@yahoo.com).

### **Weekdays**

**Mens Bible Study Breakfast** - This group gathers for a home-cooked breakfast and Bible study with the rector, The Reverend Andrew R. Thayer, from 6:30am - 8:00am on Wednesdays.

## **Diocesan Events**

Women Gather in Community-Solomon Center (December 12) - Advent is a time of waiting and preparation for the birth of Jesus, a time of prayerful yearning for Emmanuel, "God with us." And, it is often hard to find the quiet we need to open our hearts to receive what is longing to be born in us. This day will be about setting aside time for that kind of opening. Our facilitator is The Rev. Liz Emblar-Beazley, Rector of Grace Memorial Episcopal Church in Hammond. All are welcome, on Thursday, December 12 from 9:00am - 3:00pm, fee: \$50 (includes lunch). Questions: Please call Lisa Holden (504) 296-7234.

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