



# THE GreenSheet

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## CLERGY NEWS

**WELCOME** to **The Rev. Pam Webb** and husband **Robert**, who have moved to the Pensacola area from the Diocese of Southern Virginia. Pam has been licensed to Supply for our congregations. We extend a “warm” welcome to Pam and Robert.

## DEACON ORDINATIONS

**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Jimmy Holcomb, Ellen Huckabay, and Jessica Walker**, who were approved for ordination to the Transitional Diaconate. The Ordination Service will be held on **May 2 at 11:00 am at Christ Church Cathedral**, 115 S Conception St, Mobile, Alabama. All are welcome to attend. **Clergy are invited to vest in alb or cassock/surplice and red stole.**

## NEW DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE COORDINATOR MEETING ON ZOOM, APRIL 14

All clergy, wardens, and church disaster preparedness and response coordinators are invited to join us on **Tuesday, April 14, at 5:30 p.m. on Zoom** - Join Diocesan Disaster Preparedness and Response Coordinator, Deacon Pratt Paterson, to learn more about preparing your church for emergency situations. [LINK TO JOIN](#)

## NEW BECKWITH SUNDAY RESOURCES FOR APRIL 26

Every year on the last Sunday of April, congregations are invited to celebrate the mission and ministry of Beckwith Camp and Conference Center. Help us highlight our beloved Camp Beckwith in your Sunday service by asking folks to wear their Beckwith gear to church, using the special liturgy at <https://www.beckwithal.com/beckwith-sunday.html>, and consider donating your offering plate cash to Beckwith in support of its many projects and programs.

## NEW WAVE OF EMAIL SCAMS TARGETING CHURCHES CONTINUES

If you are feeling like you are seeing more suspicious emails, you aren't wrong! Scammers are becoming increasingly proficient at making scam emails harder to detect. To combat the risk of fraud, it is important to continue raising awareness among your congregations by regularly reminding them to verify suspicious emails or texts before acting. Here are some recent common scams: asking for gift cards, clergy impersonation, asking for urgent favors, requesting church directory access, fake invoices sent from “vendors” demanding payment, and even offering a donation of a beloved piano...

## NEW RECYCLING BINS AVAILABLE FOR FREE

St. Paul's Magnolia Springs is giving away two 16" x 16" plastic and can recycling containers, [pictured here](#). Free to a good church home. Contact Jan Pruitt at [admin@stpualsms.org](mailto:admin@stpualsms.org).

## NEW 2027 CONVENTION NECROLOGY

We invite our congregations to assist us in honoring the faithful who have gone before us. Each year at Convention, we remember by name those who have served as delegates to Convention or deputies to General Convention and have passed away since our last gathering. To help ensure no one is unintentionally missed, we kindly ask that when sharing notices of a member's passing, that you please also let the Diocese know if that person served in either of these roles. Submitting this information throughout the year will help us prepare a more complete and prayerful necrology, giving thanks for their ministry and service.

## NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE TERMINOLOGY AND CANONS OF THE DIOCESE

At the 55th Annual Convention, a resolution was adopted establishing a Committee to Review the Terminology and Canons of the Diocese. This committee will prayerfully examine portions of our governing documents—including how we describe congregational status, clergy titles, and the use of technology in diocesan governance—to ensure they continue to serve the Church's mission today.

Members will be appointed by the Bishop and Standing Committee through an open nomination process. The committee will begin its work by June 24, 2026, and report to the 56th Annual Convention.

**Nominations are open through April 10.**

**Please help us share this announcement by including [THIS BULLETIN INSERT](#) in your Sunday services, and its details in your church newsletters. *Thank you.***

Full details about the nominations are available at <https://www.diocgc.org/post/canon-review-committee>

## STEWARDSHIP MATERIALS AVAILABLE FROM TENS

2026 password: **Matthew22:4** (Note: a username is no longer required)

Annual pledge campaign materials are available on the TENS website. This year's theme is "Plenty Good Room." Resources include graphics and logos in various standard formats, customizable letters from clergy, the Stewardship Committee, and wardens, and customizable pledge/promise cards. All churches have access to TENS materials as they are included in our diocesan membership. The login credentials are changed annually for members. LOGIN at: <https://www.tens.org/>.

## SENIOR WARDEN DAY ON MAY 9

All senior wardens and anyone interested in learning about the role of senior warden are invited to attend this informative gathering on **Saturday, May 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St. Francis of Assisi, located at 1 St. Francis Dr, Gulf Breeze.** As the primary lay leader of your congregation, the role of senior warden is both sacred and significant. This workshop, led by Bishop Russell and your diocesan staff, will equip you with the essential skills and insights necessary to fulfill your responsibilities effectively and with grace. Another important aspect of this gathering is fellowship with other wardens from across the diocese, regardless of church size. Lunch will be provided.

**Please RSVP to Jenn Roberts at [jenn@diocgc.org](mailto:jenn@diocgc.org) by May 5.**

## CLERGY REMINDER: NEW ASSIGNMENT FORM

Remember that clergy/employers need to submit updated employment/compensation changes with CPG. Clergy/employers need to submit this form to CPG when:

- A cleric's employment status has changed, including retirement, beginning a new assignment, changing employers, etc.
- A cleric's or lay employee's compensation changes, including when a one-time payment is made (such as an end-of-year bonus or "love" offering).

You can find the CPG form at: <https://www.diocgc.org/administrative-resources> or call Kim at the diocesan office.

## CONGREGATIONS IN TRANSITION (as of 4/1/2026)

<a href="#">Brewton, St. Stephen's</a>	In process; starting transition
<a href="#">Destin, St. Andrew's</a>	In process
<a href="#">Eufaula, St. James</a>	Accepting applications
<b>Monroeville, St. John's</b>	In process; starting transition
<a href="#">Panama City, St. Andrew's</a>	Interviewing candidates
<a href="#">Pensacola, St. Christopher's</a>	Interviewing candidates
<a href="#">Santa Rosa Beach, Christ the King</a>	Search committee formed; building profile; interim in place

Please do not contact the openings directly. For information, please contact the Rev. Ashley Freeman, Canon to the Ordinary, at [ashley@diocgc.org](mailto:ashley@diocgc.org).

## ONLINE SAFEGUARDING / RISK MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Our Safeguarding system uses a program from Presidium Academy. You can find links and guidelines on the diocesan website at: <https://www.diocgc.org/administrative-resources>. Each church must identify church Administrators; Admins can be added to the system by contacting the Diocesan Office. These Admins will add their church members to the Academy system and generate "invitations" to those needing to take Safeguarding modules.

### 1. **To Sign Up for the Safeguarding System:**

- E-mail the Safeguarding Online Administrator assigned to your parish.
- Your designated church Administrator will facilitate your access to Praesidium Academy by generating an "invitation email" which will be sent to you from [donotreply@praesidiuminc.com](mailto:donotreply@praesidiuminc.com).
- Fill in the required information (including your desired password).
- Click Accept Invite.
- You will be redirected to the login screen - please log in with your email address and the password you just created.
- You can now proceed to find and complete the required modules.

If your coursework is over 4 years old, it will be considered dated/expired and may not have been transferred to your new account. If you have any questions, please contact Dwight Babcock or Mary Poss at 850-434-7337.

## RESOURCE: LAY LEADERS DIRECTORY

The list of Lay Leaders who have been canonically certified as Lay Worship Leaders and Lay Preachers is available on the diocesan website. We have provided this list for many of our smaller parishes that occasionally need assistance when supply clergy are not available. Bishop Kendrick and Dean Joy Blaylock work in conjunction with those who are invited to lead worship or preach at a church different than their own. This has been found to be a joyful fruit of the Lay School as it deepens the bonds of relationship and ministry across our diocese.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dean Joy Blaylock at [joyblaylock@diocgc.org](mailto:joyblaylock@diocgc.org). You can find the Lay Leader list here: <https://www.diocgc.org/lay-ministry>.

## SUPPLY CLERGY LIST

[Here is the link to the supply clergy list.](#) Should you need help securing a supply priest for church services, please contact the Rev. Lydia Johnson at [lydia@diocgc.org](mailto:lydia@diocgc.org).

## LINK TO SUBSCRIBE TO THE DIOCESAN EMAIL LIST

Please consider adding the link below to your regular church communications and website so that members can subscribe and stay connected to news from around the diocese. Thank you! [SUBSCRIBE TO DIOCESAN COMMUNICATIONS](#).

## CYCLES OF PRAYER FOR DIOCESE AND PRISON MINISTRY

Congregations are invited to include both our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer and our Prison Ministry Cycle of Prayer in their Prayers of the People, newsletters, and/or bulletins, [www.diocgc.org/cycle-of-prayer](http://www.diocgc.org/cycle-of-prayer).

## MUSIC LICENSING

If your church offers music during services, it is important to follow all copyright guidelines, which include maintaining a license to perform, broadcast, or print copyrighted music. Review your church's licensing agreements, and be sure to add the streaming option if you are broadcasting services online.

Recommended licensing companies include [One License](#), [Christian Copyright Licensing International](#)(CCLI), and [Christian Copyright Solutions](#).

## CHURCH LEADERSHIP DIRECTORY - SUBMIT UPDATES

Annually, we request that churches update their leadership directory for the diocesan database. The update is especially important to report changes in vestry membership. Please submit your completed form linked below as soon as possible. Thank you! Direct questions to [jenn@diocgc.org](mailto:jenn@diocgc.org).

### [CHURCH LEADERSHIP DIRECTORY FORM](#)

**UPCOMING DIOCESAN EVENTS** Stay up-to-date on diocesan events by bookmarking our calendar: <https://www.diocgc.org/calendar-of-events>.

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
Zoom Meeting for Disaster Preparedness & Response Coordinators	Apr 14	Zoom <a href="#">Link to Join</a>
Pilgrimage to Equal Justice Initiative sponsored by the Commission on Racial Justice & Reconciliation	Apr 18	Montgomery <a href="http://www.diocgc.org/event-registration">www.diocgc.org/event-registration</a>
Episcopal Night at the Ballpark	Apr 19	Blue Wahoos Stadium, Pensacola <a href="http://www.diocgc.org/event-registration">www.diocgc.org/event-registration</a>
Worship in the Woods	Apr 26	Saloom Properties, Evergreen <a href="#">RSVP</a>
Beckwith Sunday	April 26	Across the diocese
Beckwith Sunday Celebration	April 26	Beckwith <a href="#">More details</a>
Diaconate Ordinations	May 2	Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile
Senior Warden Day	May 9	St. Francis, Gulf Breeze
Becoming Beloved Community Workshop	May 16	Trinity, Apalachicola <a href="#">Details &amp; Registration</a>

The **56th Annual Diocesan Convention will be held February 19-20, 2027**, at the Embassy Suites in Gulf Shores. Our hosts will be Holy Spirit, Gulf Shores, and St. Paul's, Foley. Please add this event to your church calendars!

## BISHOP RUSSELL'S SCHEDULE

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
Visitation for Easter Sunday	Apr 5	St. John's, Monroeville
Lay Worship Training	Apr 11	Mobile
Visitation	Apr 12	Christ Church, Pensacola

Wednesday Visitation	Apr 15	Christ Church, Pensacola
Small Church - Pentecost Planning mtg	Apr 16	ZOOM
Standing Committee orientation mtg	Apr 18	Duvall Center
Visitation	Apr 19	Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile
Episcopal Night at the Wahoos	Apr 19 pm	Wahoo Stadium, Pensacola
Florida Bishops mtg	Apr 21	ZOOM
Christ Church Young Adults gathering	Apr 21 pm	TBD
Visitation	Apr 26	St. Mark's, Troy
Worship in the Woods	Apr 26 pm	Saloom Properties, Evergreen, AL
JUST Pensacola Annual Assembly	Apr 28 pm	First Baptist Church, Warrington
College for Bishops Board mtg	Apr 29	ZOOM
Deacon Ordinations	May 2	Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile
Visitation	May 3	St. Mary's, Andalusia
St. James School Chapel	May 6	St. James School Chapel, Fairhope
Senior Warden Day	May 9	St. Francis, Gulf Breeze
Visitation & 50th Anniversary celebration	May 10	Holy Cross, Pensacola
Florida Bishops mtg	May 12	ZOOM
CGC Clergy monthly gathering	May 14	ZOOM

**Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast**

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**Treasurer's Report - March 2026**

(Please Note: Report reflects funds received as of 3/31/26)

<b>Congregational Pledges</b>	<b>MTD Actual (2026)</b>	<b>YTD Rec'd (2026)</b>	<b>YTD Budget Variance</b>	<b>Annual Pledge (2026)</b>
Pledges				
Andalusia, St. Mary's	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	\$0	\$14,000.00
Apalachicola, Trinity	\$2,250.00	\$6,750.00	\$0	\$27,000.00
Atmore, St. Anna's	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,160)	\$4,640.00
Atmore, Trinity	\$200.00	\$300.00	\$0	\$1,200.00 *
Bay Minette, Immanuel	\$716.10	\$3,202.60	\$1,640	\$6,250.00
Bon Secour, St. Peter's	\$668.20	\$2,752.90	\$698	\$8,221.00
Brewton, St. Stephen's	\$743.10	\$6,744.60	\$2,495	\$17,000.00
Cantonment, St. Monica's	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	(\$1,125)	\$8,500.00
Chickasaw, St. Michael's	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0	\$0.00 *
Chipley, St. Matthew's	\$488.00	\$1,464.00	\$13	\$5,806.00
Citronelle, St. Thomas	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0	\$0.00 *
Coden, St. Mary's	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$132)	\$528.00
Crestview, Epiphany	\$250.00	\$750.00	\$0	\$3,000.00
Daphne, St. Paul's	\$2,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$0	\$30,000.00
Dauphin Isld, St. Francis	\$0.00	\$5,359.00	\$762	\$18,389.00
DeFnk Spgs, St. Agatha's	\$723.30	\$2,022.45	\$647	\$5,500.00
Destin, St. Andrew's	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$500)	\$2,000.00 *
Dothan, Nativity	\$4,883.33	\$14,649.99	\$0	\$58,600.00
Enterprise, Epiphany	\$875.00	\$2,625.00	\$0	\$10,511.00
Eufaula, St. James'	\$1,275.00	\$3,825.00	\$0	\$15,300.00
Fairhope, St. James'	\$7,500.00	\$15,000.00	(\$7,500)	\$90,000.00
Foley, St. Paul's	\$7,352.25	\$7,352.25	\$0	\$29,409.00
Ft. Wltn Bch, St. Simon	\$4,209.67	\$12,628.97	\$0	\$50,516.00
Greenville, St. Thomas	\$1,042.99	\$7,125.58	\$2,708	\$17,670.00
Gulf Breeze, St. Francis	\$4,333.00	\$5,543.00	\$1,793	\$15,000.00
Gulf Shores, Holy Spirit	\$5,625.00	\$8,437.50	\$0	\$33,750.00
Jackson, St. Peter's	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$350)	\$1,400.00
Laguna Beach, St. Thomas	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,517)	\$6,069.00 *
Lillian, Advent	\$875.00	\$2,625.00	\$0	\$10,500.00
Magnolia Spgs, St. Pauls	\$0.00	\$3,750.00	\$0	\$15,000.00
Marianna, St. Luke's	\$3,606.50	\$3,606.50	\$0	\$14,426.00
Milton, St. Mary's	\$2,422.05	\$2,422.05	\$0	\$9,688.00
Mobile, All Saints'	\$1,666.67	\$5,000.01	\$0	\$20,000.00
Mobile, Christ	\$5,150.00	\$15,450.00	\$0	\$61,800.00
Mobile, Good Shepherd	\$1,317.50	\$3,952.50	\$0	\$15,810.00
Mobile, Redeemer	\$1,090.42	\$3,273.84	\$0	\$13,117.00
Mobile, St. Andrew's	\$200.00	\$426.00	(\$694)	\$4,480.00
Mobile, St. John's	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$2,717)	\$10,868.00
Mobile, St. Luke's	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0	\$0.00
Mobile, St. Paul's	\$31,185.34	\$47,761.34	\$1,005	\$187,024.00
Mobile, Trinity	\$1,041.66	\$3,124.98	\$0	\$12,500.00 *
Monroeville, St. John's	\$135.00	\$702.73	(\$480)	\$4,730.00
Navarre, St. Augustine's	\$500.00	\$2,000.00	\$500	\$6,000.00
Niceville, St. Jude's	\$3,329.00	\$9,987.00	\$0	\$39,958.00
Ozark, St. Michael's	\$0.00	\$1,631.00	\$0	\$1,631.00
Pnma City, Holy Nativity	\$3,774.25	\$11,322.75	\$0	\$45,290.00
Panama City, St. Andrew's	\$2,749.00	\$3,475.00	(\$1,525)	\$20,000.00
Panama City, St. Patrick's	\$268.80	\$585.90	(\$164)	\$3,000.00
Panama City Beach, Grace	\$1,225.25	\$3,675.75	\$0	\$14,703.00
Pensacola, Christ	\$11,950.00	\$23,908.00	(\$11,967)	\$143,500.00
Pensacola, Holy Cross	\$2,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$2,000	\$24,000.00
Pensacola, Holy Trinity	\$1,281.13	\$3,843.39	\$0	\$15,370.00
Pcola, St. Christopher's	\$5,933.00	\$17,799.00	\$0	\$71,200.00
Pensacola, St. Cyprian's	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$875)	\$3,500.00
Pensacola, St. John's	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$4,675)	\$18,700.00
Pt St. Joe, St. James'	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$375)	\$1,500.00 *
Robertsdale, St. John	\$135.00	\$270.00	(\$135)	\$1,620.00 *
SRB, Christ King	\$0.00	\$9,166.66	(\$4,583)	\$55,000.00
Troy, St. Mark's	\$2,503.00	\$2,503.00	\$0	\$10,000.00 *
Wewahitchka, St. John's	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0	\$2,000.00
<b>Total Pledges</b>	<b>\$130,974</b>	<b>\$310,795</b>	<b>(\$26,214)</b>	<b>\$1,337,174</b>

\*Estimated - Pledge not received as of March 31, 2026