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DUVALL CENTER CLOSED

The Duvall Center office of the bishop and diocesan staff will be closed on Monday, May 25, in observance of Memorial Day.

NEW CLERGY NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to **The Rev. David Knight**, who will retire as Rector of St. Simon's on-the-Sound, Fort Walton Beach, effective July 1. David still plans to stay busy, assisting part-time as an associate rector at Christ Church, Pensacola, effective August 2.

NEW ORDINATION NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to **Jimmy Holcomb, Ellen Huckabay, and Jessica Walker**, who were all ordained to the Transitional Diaconate this past Saturday at Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile. We wish them all the best as they begin their new ministries!

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**. 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.**

NEW STEWARDSHIP AND GENEROSITY BEST PRACTICES

A Free Webinar: Thursday, May 21, 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. CT

Clergy and lay leaders are invited to a [virtual workshop](#) and training with **Davey Gerhard, Executive Director of TENS: The Episcopal Network for Stewardship on Thursday, May 21 at 5:30 p.m.** We will be talking about the theology and practice of faithful stewardship and generosity for congregations. Our gratitude for God's abundance shows through in our generosity towards our neighbors and our congregations. Learn tools and tips on how to create campaigns that are transformational, mission-focused, and uplifting. Please [register for this free webinar](#), and join us on May 21.

NEW WEBSITE RESOURCE

In support of our shared commitment to honor the dignity of every human being, a new LGBTQ+ resources section has been added to the diocesan website, at www.diocgc.org/congregational-resources.

These materials are available to assist congregations, clergy, and lay leaders with formation, pastoral care, and thoughtful engagement. We invite you to review the resources and use them as appropriate within your local context.

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.

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/>.

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 5/1/2026)

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|---|---|
| Brewton, St. Stephen's | In process; starting transition |
| Destin, St. Andrew's | In process |
| Eufaula, St. James | Accepting applications |
| Monroeville, St. John's | In process; starting transition |
| Panama City, St. Andrew's | Call made |
| Pensacola, St. Christopher's | Interviewing candidates |
| Santa Rosa Beach, Christ the King | 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.

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.

2. 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.
3. Fill in the required information (including your desired password).
4. Click Accept Invite.
5. You will be redirected to the login screen - please log in with your email address and the password you just created.
6. 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. 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.

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.

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

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. [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 |
|-------------------------------------|--------|---|
| Senior Warden Day | May 9 | St. Francis, Gulf Breeze |
| Becoming Beloved Community Workshop | May 16 | Trinity, Apalachicola Details & Registration |
| TENS Webinar on Stewardship | May 21 | Zoom Details & Registration |
| School for Ministry Graduation | Jun 20 | TBD |

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 |
|---|----------|---|
| 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 |
| 50th Anniversary celebration | May 10 | Holy Cross, Pensacola |
| Florida Bishops mtg | May 12 | ZOOM |
| CGC Clergy monthly gathering | May 14 | ZOOM |
| Visitation | May 17 | Holy Nativity, Panama City |
| Seminary of the Southwest Graduation | May - 20 | Austin, TX |
| East Carolina Bishop-elect Consecration | May 23 | Riverfront Convention Ctr, New Bern, NC |
| Visitation | May 24 | Good Shepherd, Mobile |
| Visitation | May 31 | St. Simon's, Fort Walton Beach |
| CGC Clergy monthly gathering | June 11 | ZOOM |

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Treasurer's Report - April 2026

(Please Note: Report reflects funds received as of 4/30/26)

| Congregational Pledges | MTD Actual (2026) | YTD Rec'd (2026) | YTD Budget Variance | Annual Pledge (2026) |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Pledges | | | | |
| Andalusia, St. Mary's | \$3,500.00 | \$7,000.00 | \$2,333 | \$14,000.00 |
| Apalachicola, Trinity | \$2,250.00 | \$9,000.00 | \$0 | \$27,000.00 |
| Atmore, St. Anna's | \$4,640.00 | \$4,640.00 | \$3,093 | \$4,640.00 |
| Atmore, Trinity | \$100.00 | \$400.00 | \$0 | \$1,200.00 * |
| Bay Minette, Immanuel | \$328.10 | \$3,530.70 | \$1,447 | \$6,250.00 |
| Bon Secour, St. Peter's | \$0.00 | \$2,752.90 | \$13 | \$8,221.00 |
| Brewton, St. Stephen's | \$507.80 | \$7,252.40 | \$1,586 | \$17,000.00 |
| Cantonment, St. Monica's | \$1,000.00 | \$2,000.00 | (\$833) | \$8,500.00 |
| Chickasaw, St. Michael's | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0 | \$0.00 * |
| Chipley, St. Matthew's | \$488.00 | \$1,952.00 | \$17 | \$5,806.00 |
| Citronelle, St. Thomas | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0 | \$0.00 * |
| Coden, St. Mary's | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | (\$176) | \$528.00 |
| Crestview, Epiphany | \$250.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$0 | \$3,000.00 |
| Daphne, St. Paul's | \$2,500.00 | \$10,000.00 | \$0 | \$30,000.00 |
| Dauphin Isld, St. Francis | \$4,596.00 | \$9,955.00 | \$3,825 | \$18,389.00 |
| DeFnk Spgs, St. Agatha's | \$442.80 | \$2,465.25 | \$632 | \$5,500.00 |
| Destin, St. Andrew's | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | (\$667) | \$2,000.00 * |
| Dothan, Nativity | \$0.00 | \$14,649.99 | (\$4,883) | \$58,600.00 |
| Enterprise, Epiphany | \$875.00 | \$3,500.00 | \$0 | \$10,511.00 |
| Eufaula, St. James' | \$1,415.00 | \$5,240.00 | \$140 | \$15,300.00 |
| Fairhope, St. James' | \$15,000.00 | \$30,000.00 | \$0 | \$90,000.00 |
| Foley, St. Paul's | \$2,450.75 | \$9,803.00 | \$0 | \$29,409.00 |
| Ft. Wltn Bch, St. Simon | \$4,209.67 | \$16,838.64 | \$0 | \$50,516.00 |
| Greenville, St. Thomas | \$1,926.50 | \$9,052.08 | \$3,162 | \$17,670.00 |
| Gulf Breeze, St. Francis | \$2,234.00 | \$7,777.00 | \$2,777 | \$15,000.00 |
| Gulf Shores, Holy Spirit | \$2,812.50 | \$11,250.00 | \$0 | \$33,750.00 |
| Jackson, St. Peter's | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | (\$467) | \$1,400.00 |
| Laguna Beach, St. Thomas | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | (\$2,023) | \$6,069.00 * |
| Lillian, Advent | \$875.00 | \$3,500.00 | \$0 | \$10,500.00 |
| Magnolia Spgs, St. Pauls | \$0.00 | \$3,750.00 | (\$1,250) | \$15,000.00 |
| Marianna, St. Luke's | \$0.00 | \$3,606.50 | (\$1,202) | \$14,426.00 |
| Milton, St. Mary's | \$0.00 | \$2,422.05 | (\$807) | \$9,688.00 |
| Mobile, All Saints' | \$1,666.67 | \$6,666.68 | \$0 | \$20,000.00 |
| Mobile, Christ | \$5,150.00 | \$20,600.00 | \$0 | \$61,800.00 |
| Mobile, Good Shepherd | \$1,317.50 | \$5,270.00 | \$0 | \$15,810.00 |
| Mobile, Redeemer | \$1,090.42 | \$4,364.26 | \$0 | \$13,117.00 |
| Mobile, St. Andrew's | \$514.00 | \$940.00 | (\$553) | \$4,480.00 |
| Mobile, St. John's | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | (\$3,623) | \$10,868.00 |
| Mobile, St. Luke's | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0 | \$0.00 |
| Mobile, St. Paul's | \$15,600.00 | \$63,361.34 | \$1,020 | \$187,024.00 |
| Mobile, Trinity | \$1,041.66 | \$4,166.64 | \$0 | \$12,500.00 |
| Monroeville, St. John's | \$252.75 | \$955.48 | (\$621) | \$4,730.00 |
| Navarre, St. Augustine's | \$500.00 | \$2,500.00 | \$500 | \$6,000.00 |
| Niceville, St. Jude's | \$3,329.00 | \$13,316.00 | \$0 | \$39,958.00 |
| Ozark, St. Michael's | \$0.00 | \$1,631.00 | \$0 | \$1,631.00 |
| Pnma City, Holy Nativity | \$3,774.25 | \$15,097.00 | \$0 | \$45,290.00 |
| Panama City, St. Andrew's | \$2,334.00 | \$5,809.00 | (\$858) | \$20,000.00 |
| Panama City, St. Patrick's | \$413.70 | \$999.60 | \$0 | \$3,000.00 |
| Panama City Beach, Grace | \$1,225.25 | \$4,901.00 | \$0 | \$14,703.00 |
| Pensacola, Christ | \$23,900.00 | \$47,808.00 | \$0 | \$143,500.00 |
| Pensacola, Holy Cross | \$2,000.00 | \$10,000.00 | \$2,000 | \$24,000.00 |
| Pensacola, Holy Trinity | \$1,281.13 | \$5,124.52 | \$0 | \$15,370.00 |
| Pcola, St. Christopher's | \$5,933.00 | \$23,732.00 | \$0 | \$71,200.00 |
| Pensacola, St. Cyprian's | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | (\$1,167) | \$3,500.00 |
| Pensacola, St. John's | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | (\$6,233) | \$18,700.00 |
| Pt St. Joe, St. James' | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | (\$500) | \$1,500.00 * |
| Robertsdale, St. John | \$270.00 | \$540.00 | \$0 | \$1,620.00 * |
| SRB, Christ King | \$4,583.00 | \$13,749.66 | (\$4,584) | \$55,000.00 |
| Troy, St. Mark's | \$833.00 | \$3,336.00 | \$0 | \$10,000.00 |
| Wewahitchka, St. John's | \$0.00 | \$2,000.00 | \$0 | \$2,000.00 |
| Total Pledges | \$129,410 | \$440,206 | (\$7,901) | \$1,337,174 |

*Estimated - Pledge not received as of April 30, 2026