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CLERGY NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to **Ted Kirchharr** who has transitioned from Priest-in-Charge of St. Monica's, Cantonment and has been called as their Rector eff March 1 and to **Salem Saloom** who transitioned from Priest-in-Charge of St. Anna's, Poarch and has been appointed as their Vicar, eff March 1. **RETIREMENT BLESSINGS** for **Neil Kaminski** who retired as Rector of St. James, Eufaula; **Sara Phillips** who retired as Vicar of St. Mary's, Coden on February 15. We wish them all the best as they enjoy a new season of retirement. **TRANSITION BLESSINGS for those who have transitioned outside the DIOCESE** go to **Randy Sellers** who accepted a call as Priest-in-Charge of Holy Cross, Trussville, AL.

NEW 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>

UPDATE 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/>.

NEW 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.

Please RSVP to Jenn Roberts at jenn@diocgc.org by May 5.

NEW POST CONVENTION SUMMARY & SAVE THE DATE FOR 2027

The summary from the 55th Annual Diocesan Convention is now available:

<https://www.diocgc.org/post/2026-annual-diocesan-convention-summary>

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!

NEW WALKING THE WAY OF CREATION RESOURCES

Attendees to the 55th Annual Diocesan Convention participated in "Walking the Way of Creation" - a special liturgy that invited participants into a mindful journey through Genesis - *in reverse*. Many have asked for the resources to use in their own churches, perhaps for a special Earth Day event. Resources for the outdoor and indoor versions are now available on our website: <https://www.diocgc.org/post/walking-the-way-of-creation>

UPDATE 2025 PAROCHIAL REPORTS DUE (Filed in 2026)

2025 Parochial Reports were due March 1, 2026, and DFMS has now closed the filing website to churches. If you need assistance, the diocese has access until late March only. Please contact Kim Weinstein as soon as possible for any updates. This is only one of two items that are canonically required by TEC, so please complete it in a timely manner. The Parochial Report is found online at: <https://reports.dfms.org>. Each church will log in to this site with its unique login (an email) and password. A reminder with your login ID was emailed to you by the General Convention Office in December. If you need your login ID again, please contact the diocesan office, and we can provide it. Instructions, blank forms, and helpful instructions can be found at: <https://generalconvention.org/forms-and-instructions/>.

***A reminder that your reports are due online using the DFMS Filing website; paper documents are not accepted. If you wish, you can use the blank PDF version of the form as your working document, but it must be submitted online to be considered complete.**

UPDATE 2026 CHURCH PLEDGES

The attached financials reflect the most up-to-date 2026 pledge amounts. Please verify and/or send updates via email to kim@diocgc.org.

The annual pledge requests have been mailed to all churches with a follow-up email. The mailing includes a message from the Bishop that we ask you to share with your vestry. **The pledge form has been updated to include a section requesting vestry sign-off.** We ask that your contribution be a ten percent (10%) tithe of the most recent full year Operating Revenue (plate/pledge) as reported on your annual Parochial Report. If you believe that the most recent filed Parochial Report (completed in 2025 for the calendar year 2024) does not fully reflect your current financial status, use the comment section on the form to provide additional information. Please do your best to meet your annual pledge commitment for 2026; most of the annual diocesan mission/ministry budget (88%) comes from your direct financial contributions. Thanks again for your support.

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 3/1/2026)

Brewton, St. Stephen's	In process; starting transition
Destin, St. Andrew's	Very beginning of search process
Eufaula, St. James	Search committee formed; building profile
Monroeville, St. John's	In process; starting transition
Panama City, St. Andrew's	Accepting applications
Pensacola, St. Christopher's	Accepting applications
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.

- 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.
- 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 moved over into 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

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.

[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
Workshop: Pastoral Care-How to Cover Your Future	Mar 7	Holy Nativity, Panama City www.diocgc.org/event-registration
Monthly Clergy Zoom Meeting	Mar 12	Zoom
Cursillo #174	Mar 12-15	Beckwith www.coastalpilgrims.com
Speaker Series with Nicholas P. Wood sponsored by the Commission on Racial Justice & Reconciliation	Mar 19	All Saints, Mobile More details
Duvall Center Closed Noon on Good Friday & Easter Monday	April 3,6	Diocesan office
Pilgrimage to Equal Justice Initiative sponsored by the Commission on Racial Justice & Reconciliation	Apr 18	Montgomery www.diocgc.org/event-registration
Episcopal Night at the Ballpark	Apr 19	Blue Wahoos Stadium, Pensacola www.diocgc.org/event-registration
Worship in the Woods	Apr 26	Saloom Properties, Evergreen RSVP
Beckwith Sunday	April 26	Across the diocese
Beckwith Sunday Celebration	April 26	Beckwith More details
Diaconate Ordinations	May 2	Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile

BISHOP RUSSELL'S SCHEDULE

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
Visitation	Mar 1	St. Augustine, Navarre
Wednesday Visitation & Celebration of New Ministry [Mark Fitzhugh]	Mar 4	Trinity, Mobile
Funeral for The Rev. Jandy Watkins	Mar 7	Holy Trinity, Pensacola

Joint Visitation - St. Anna's and Trinity, Atmore	Mar 8	St. Anna's, Atmore
Florida Bishop's meeting	Mar 10	ZOOM
Wednesday Visitation	Mar 11	Holy Cross, Pensacola
Monthly Clergy ZOOM Meeting	Mar 12	ZOOM
Lay Worship Leader class	Mar 14	Duvall Center
Visitation	Mar 15 am	St. James, Fairhope
Cursillo Closing	Mar 15 4pm	Beckwith
Lenten Program for Senior Members	Mar 15 pm	Trinity Presbyterian, Fairhope
Spring House of Bishops meeting	Mar 17 - 24	Camp Allen, TX
COM Diaconate Interviews	Mar 28	ZOOM
Visitation	Mar 29 8:30am	St. Thomas, Citronelle
Visitation	Mar 29 11:00am	St. Peter's, Jackson
Visitation for Easter Sunday	Apr 5	St. John's, Monroeville
Visitation	Apr 12	Christ Church, Pensacola

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Treasurer's Report - February 2026

(Please Note: Report reflects funds received as of 2/26/26)

Congregational Pledges	MTD Actual (2026)	YTD Rec'd (2026)	YTD Budget Variance	Annual Pledge (2026)
Pledges				
Andalusia, St. Mary's	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$2,333)	\$14,000.00
Apalachicola, Trinity	\$2,250.00	\$4,500.00	\$0	\$27,000.00
Atmore, St. Anna's	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$773)	\$4,640.00
Atmore, Trinity	\$0.00	\$100.00	(\$100)	\$1,200.00 *
Bay Minette, Immanuel	\$1,977.80	\$2,486.50	\$1,445	\$6,250.00
Bon Secour, St. Peter's	\$2,084.70	\$2,084.70	\$715	\$8,221.00
Brewton, St. Stephen's	\$6,001.50	\$6,001.50	\$3,168	\$17,000.00
Cantonment, St. Monica's	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,417)	\$8,500.00
Chickasaw, St. Michael's	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0	\$0.00 *
Chipley, St. Matthew's	\$488.00	\$976.00	\$8	\$5,806.00
Citronelle, St. Thomas	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0	\$0.00 *
Coden, St. Mary's	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$88)	\$528.00
Crestview, Epiphany	\$250.00	\$500.00	\$0	\$3,000.00
Daphne, St. Paul's	\$2,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$0	\$30,000.00
Dauphin Isld, St. Francis	\$0.00	\$5,359.00	\$2,294	\$18,389.00
Defnk Spgs, St. Agatha's	\$0.00	\$1,299.15	\$382	\$5,500.00
Destin, St. Andrew's	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$333)	\$2,000.00 *
Dothan, Nativity	\$9,766.66	\$9,766.66	\$0	\$58,600.00
Enterprise, Epiphany	\$875.00	\$1,750.00	\$0	\$10,511.00
Eufaula, St. James'	\$1,275.00	\$2,550.00	\$0	\$15,300.00
Fairhope, St. James'	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	(\$7,500)	\$90,000.00
Foley, St. Paul's	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$4,902)	\$29,409.00
Ft. Wltn Bch, St. Simon	\$4,209.67	\$8,419.30	\$0	\$50,516.00
Greenville, St. Thomas	\$3,316.19	\$6,082.59	\$3,138	\$17,670.00
Gulf Breeze, St. Francis	\$0.00	\$1,210.00	(\$1,290)	\$15,000.00
Gulf Shores, Holy Spirit	\$0.00	\$2,812.50	(\$2,813)	\$33,750.00
Jackson, St. Peter's	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$233)	\$1,400.00
Laguna Beach, St. Thomas	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,012)	\$6,069.00 *
Lillian, Advent	\$875.00	\$1,750.00	\$0	\$10,500.00
Magnolia Spgs, St. Pauls	\$3,750.00	\$3,750.00	\$1,250	\$15,000.00
Marianna, St. Luke's	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$2,404)	\$14,426.00
Milton, St. Mary's	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$1,885	\$9,688.00
Mobile, All Saints'	\$1,666.67	\$3,333.34	\$0	\$20,000.00
Mobile, Christ	\$6,816.67	\$10,300.00	\$0	\$61,800.00
Mobile, Good Shepherd	\$2,635.00	\$2,635.00	\$0	\$15,810.00
Mobile, Redeemer	\$1,090.42	\$2,183.42	\$0	\$13,117.00
Mobile, St. Andrew's	\$0.00	\$226.00	(\$521)	\$4,480.00
Mobile, St. John's	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,811)	\$10,868.00
Mobile, St. Luke's	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0	\$0.00
Mobile, St. Paul's	\$0.00	\$16,576.00	(\$14,595)	\$187,024.00
Mobile, Trinity	\$2,083.32	\$2,083.32	\$0	\$12,500.00 *
Monroeville, St. John's	\$567.73	\$567.73	(\$221)	\$4,730.00
Navarre, St. Augustine's	\$500.00	\$1,500.00	\$500	\$6,000.00
Niceville, St. Jude's	\$6,658.00	\$6,658.00	\$0	\$39,958.00
Ozark, St. Michael's	\$0.00	\$1,631.00	\$0	\$1,631.00
Pnma City, Holy Nativity	\$3,774.25	\$7,548.50	\$0	\$45,290.00
Panama City, St. Andrew's	\$726.00	\$726.00	(\$2,607)	\$20,000.00
Panama City, St. Patrick's	\$317.10	\$317.10	(\$183)	\$3,000.00
Panama City Beach, Grace	\$1,225.25	\$2,450.50	\$0	\$14,703.00
Pensacola, Christ	\$0.00	\$11,958.00	(\$11,959)	\$143,500.00
Pensacola, Holy Cross	\$4,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$2,000	\$24,000.00
Pensacola, Holy Trinity	\$1,281.13	\$2,562.26	\$0	\$15,370.00
Pcola, St. Christopher's	\$5,933.00	\$11,866.00	\$0	\$71,200.00
Pensacola, St. Cyprian's	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$583)	\$3,500.00
Pensacola, St. John's	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$3,117)	\$18,700.00
Pt St. Joe, St. James'	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$250)	\$1,500.00 *
Robertsdale, St. John	\$135.00	\$135.00	(\$135)	\$1,620.00 *
SRB, Christ King	\$4,583.33	\$9,166.66	(\$0)	\$55,000.00
Troy, St. Mark's	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,667)	\$10,000.00 *
Wewahitchka, St. John's	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0	\$2,000.00
Total Pledges	\$94,612	\$179,822	(\$46,060)	\$1,337,174

*Estimated - Pledge not received as of March 4, 2026