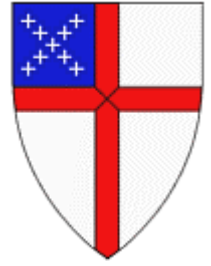




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St. Andrew's By-the-Sea Episcopal Church

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Since we have been collecting canned goods as part of our weekly offering, I've found myself almost unconsciously going about my grocery shopping in a manner that is now becoming a regular practice. That is, as soon as I enter the store I go the canned food aisle, and the first item I place in the basket is something for our food offering.

Surprisingly, or perhaps not surprisingly, this practice has had an effect on my attitude as I shop. Shopping for myself and for my family while being more mindful and aware of those for whom such shopping is not possible is an enlightening experience.

I invite you to try it, too, and see what happens. Seems like a good practice to begin, particularly around Thanksgiving.

Fr. David +

St. Andrew's By-the-Sea Annual Parish Meeting Sunday, Dec. 4—following the service

We'll elect 3 new vestry members (2 for three-year terms, 1 for two years) and 3 delegates and 3 alternates to represent St. Andrew's at the Diocesan Convention at Christ Church Pensacola, Feb. 16-18.

Eligibility requirements: confirmed communicant in good standing, 16 years of age or older.

Upcoming Events in December

- ✦ **Thursday, Dec. 1**—The St. Andrew's Bell Choir will perform Christmas songs & carols in front of Starbucks Coffee at Destin Commons between 7 p.m. and 8 p.m..
- ✦ **Saturday, Dec. 3**—**Parish Fall Cleanup:** outside landscaping maintenance & inside cleanup from 9 a.m. to noon (nursery available). See the special insert in the 11/27 bulletin or call the church office for details—bring your gloves, tools, wheelbarrows, & cleaning supplies and join in the fun!
- ✦ **Saturday, Dec. 10**—**Parish Breakfast & Christmas Parade hospitality:** come have coffee & sausage biscuits at 8:30 a.m., then stay to watch the parade or help St. Andrew's provide hospitality for parade-goers. Remember to bake & freeze your cookies: call Kathy McGee at 837-2539 for more information.
- ✦ **Wednesday, Dec. 14**—Our December Potluck & Christmas Party beginning at 5:30 p.m.
- ✦ **Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services:**
 - ★ Saturday, Dec. 24th - 7:00 p.m.—**Choral Eucharist** with choir, bell choir, & guest musicians (special music at 6:45 p.m.—7:00 p.m.)
 - ★ Saturday, Dec. 24th - 11:00 p.m.—**Candlelight Eucharist** with carols
 - ★ Sunday, Dec. 25th - 10:30 a.m.—our usual **Sunday Eucharist** with carols and a guest harpist

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after our Annual Parish Meeting on Dec. 4th!