

JANUARY 2025

## St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church

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# The Epistle to the Elizabethans

## A WORD FROM FR. NORM.....



The Advent season has come and gone. John's reminder to get our lives right with God helped to prepared us to meet Him in the Christmas season.

What a wonderful celebration of joy and life we were able to experience at St Elizabeth's. Many members of our community brought their gifts and talents and laid them at the manager on Christmas Eve in the form of music, decorating the church and time and talent from all.

We begin the year 2025 with hope and expectation. The Gospel reminds us that the light has come into the world. We seek that light and hope that only God can bring.

This month, members of our church will join me as delegates at the convention. We will be heading to Holy Trinity, Vero Beach to join Episcopalians from around the Diocese of Central Florida. It will be a time to hear what our Bishop envisions for the diocese in the year and years to come. We will have a chance to pass the budget for the diocese for 2025. Election of new officers for various committees will take place and any agenda items that come to the floor will be addressed. It is always good to be reminded that we work within a larger community and remain part of this wonderful communion. The Sunday before the convention, we will join at the Russell Building for our annual meeting. I hope many will want to come and hear the reports and budget for our church in the New Year. Many have worked hard to get us where we are today as we continue to be optimistic for God's plan for this church for years to come. It is a time to let your voice be heard and share with others in the church regarding the ministry here.

As we start this year, we need to renew our commitment to growing the church, enhancing existing programs and seeking God's will through prayer and study.

God knows what is best for our church; we only need to seek His advice. New Vestry members will be voted in at the annual meeting. We will seek delegates to represent the church at the Diocesan Convention in 2026.

A lot of decisions that will affect our future are coming our way. Each of you are important to the body of Christ. As a body of believers, it is important that each member of the body come together. When the body is complete, health will always be present.

I look forward to serving with you in 2025. May God grant us an extra abundance of His knowledge and blessing as we begin this New Year together.

*Fr. Norman +*

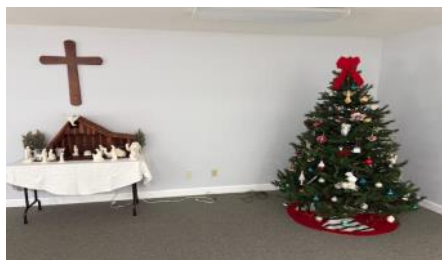
### January Birthdays

Athena Adams	2
Chrissie Grimison	3
Robert Bodeau	4
Alan Baisley	9
Judy Mastro	11
Nancy French	12
Laura Goodger	15
Mitch Kapp	15
Carol Pasquarosa	17
Guy McKenzie	19
George Shedler	20
Ken Marble	21
Amanda Watson	22
Mary Jane Ingui	23
Jim Bonet	29

### January Anniversaries

Jonathan & Lorraine (Rai) Childs	8
Ken & Diana Iverson	16
Robert & Roberta Bodeau	21

*St. Elizabeth's beautifully decorated for Christmas!*



*Office Angels Sharon & Dodie*



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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**



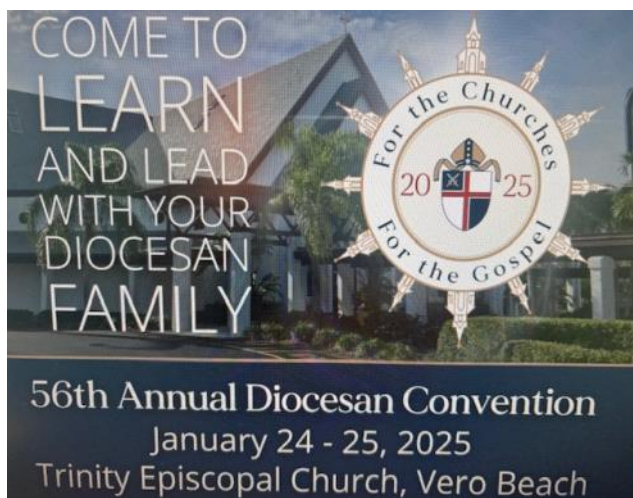
*Wishing you and your families a  
HAPPY NEW YEAR! ~ 2025*

**ULTREYA**

ULTREYA Meeting ~ Friday, January 17, 2025 ~ 6:00pm in the Russell Bldg



Sunday, January 19, 2025 after the 9:00am Rite I service ~ One service only on this day  
Meeting will be held in the Russell Bldg followed by a Continental Breakfast.





*In December a new Shade was installed on our new Swing Set*

**Our Christmas Carol Sing Along held on Wednesday, December 11th with Bill Ingui, Collette Lavoie-Loo and Gary Gustin**



**Ken Dean & Barry Brown ~ "Ringers" for The Salvation Army**



**Special Visiting Choir Medley from the US/Canada came to St. Elizabeth's on Christmas Eve!**

*The Sacré-Coeur / Saint Louis de Gonzague Choir*  
 would like to express its deepest gratitude to Saint Elizabeth Church for hosting their Christmas Eve concert.

**Who we are:**  
 Originally from Haiti, we are members of a choir born from the merger of two Catholic school choirs: Sacré-Coeur (for girls) and Saint Louis de Gonzague (for boys). Established in November 1996, this choir continues a long-standing tradition of 28 years and counting of offering concerts and leading masses or special services throughout the year. We are students and young professionals deeply connected to our faith and eager to serve our community wherever we are.

Some of our members had to leave our beloved motherland and relocated in different parts of the world. Today, a handful of us from the States, motivated by the love of music and our Christmas Eve tradition, decided to join together to sing on Christmas Eve. In spite of how spread out we are, we held virtual rehearsals and many traveled far, so we can meet in Florida for the special occasion. Unfortunately, the parish that hosted us last year and invited us again this year recently told us they would no longer have a concert which left our musical hearts parish-less. We felt like Mary and Joseph looking for a place to stay, but Saint Elizabeth took us in. Again, we thank Father Norm Desrosiers for welcoming us. We hope to bring Christmas joy to the St Elizabeth family. **Joyeux Noël! Merry Christmas!**

20th Anniversary concert in Port-au-Prince, Haiti

*Sacré-Coeur / Saint Louis de Gonzague Choir*  
**Musical Program Christmas Eve 2024**  
 Our eclectic repertoire will include Gregorian chants, and familiar Christmas songs in languages ranging from Latin, French, German, English and Haitian Creole. We hope you enjoy.

- O Veni, Benedict Emmanuel  
(O Come, O Come Emmanuel)
- Chorale Des Veuilleurs  
(Wake O Wake, And Sleep No Longer)
- Puer Natus in Bethlehem
- Hodie Christus Natus Est
- Adeste Fideles  
(O Come All ye Faithful)
- Joy to the World
- Entre le blanc et le gris  
(Between the on and the grey donkeys)
- Berger Secoue Ton Sommeil Profond  
(People Look East)
- Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
- Stille Nacht  
(Silent Night)
- Children of the Tropical Climate
- Mimmi, Christens  
(O Holy Night)

