



Grace Episcopal Church

The 7th Sunday of
Easter

May 21, 2023

Everyone is welcome here at Grace! If you are our guest this morning, see Rev. Milly after worship. If you are tuning in online, please email or call us and tell us a bit about yourself. You may reach us through the church office at 828-254-1086 or at office@graceavl.com. Also feel free to email our Rector, Rev. Milly Morrow at milly@graceavl.com or call her between 7 am and 7 pm at 828.772.1429.

We are now receiving the Cup either by sipping or simply touching the Cup. Please do not "dip" your wafer in the Cup as that is the best way to spread germs. Thank you!

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

PRELUDE: *Processional and Trumpet Tune on "Cwm Rhondda"*

Wayne Wold

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

At the tolling of the tower bell, the congregation is asked to stand.

THE ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

OPENING HYMN: *Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise*

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COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

GLORIA

AUSTIN/CASSARINO

Glo-ry to God in the Highest and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

Lord God, Hea-ven-ly King, Al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we

worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus

Christ, On - ly son of the fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us; you are seated at the

right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, for you a - lone are the

ho - ly one, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the most high,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit in the Glo - ry of God the

Fa - - - - - ther. A - - - - - men.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST READING ACTS 1: 6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 68:1-10, 33-36 (*spoken in unison*)

- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *
let those who hate him flee before him.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; *
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of
God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *
let them also be merry and joyful.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; *
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, *
God in his holy habitation!
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; *
but the rebels shall live in dry places.
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your people, *
when you marched through the wilderness,
- 8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, *
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; *
you refreshed the land when it was weary.
- 10 Your people found their home in it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.
- 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; *
sing praises to the Lord.

34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; *

he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

35 Ascribe power to God; *

his majesty is over Israel;

his strength is in the skies.

36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! *

the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!

Blessed be God!

THE EPISTLE: 1 PETER 4: 12-14, 5: 6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

THE GOSPEL: John 17: 1-11

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE HOMILY

Rev. Mike Reardon

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: An Easter Form

Leader The Prayers of the People for The Great 50 Days of Easter is a form written for this special season. During the prayers, the congregation's response to: "Risen Lord" is: "Hear our Prayer."

Rejoicing in the mighty acts of God who has delivered his people from sin and death through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, Let us lift our voices and pray,

Leader Risen Lord,
People **Hear our Prayer.**

Leader Let us give thanks to God for the multitude of blessings he showers upon us:

For our lives and for those whom we love,
For the beauty of this home God has created for us,
For our families and our friendships,
Let us give thanks to the God of Life.

We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week: Judy Rose; Nancy Walters; Anna Grace; Katherine Kaderabek; Thomas Higginbotham; and for those celebrating anniversaries: Joan and Allyn Aldrich; Kathy and Tim Wrinn.

Leader Risen Lord,
People **Hear our Prayer.**

Leader Let us pray for the Church, that it may carry forward the redemptive works of God:

For our clergy and our bishops, we pray for Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for José our bishop; for Milly, our Rector and for Mike, our Associate Rector. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of the Province of the West Indies and in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Camp Henry and all the children and youth of the Diocese.

For the many lay people who serve the church,
And serve the world through the church.
For those gather here in worship and prayer.

Leader Risen Lord,
People **Hear our Prayer.**

Leader Let us pray for the newly baptized, that the joy of Easter may ever grow within them, and that the Spirit may guide them in lives of active faith.

Leader Risen Lord,
People **Hear our Prayer.**

Leader Let us pray for the nations and peoples of the world, that the powers that oppress and destroy may decline, and that justice, peace, and prosperity be lifted up.

Leader Risen Lord,
People **Hear our Prayer.**

Leader Let us pray for those who are sick, those who suffer, those who struggle.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or Spirit: that the hope born of Easter give them peace, acceptance and renewal, and that through their struggles they may come into closer communion with the God who redeems and restores.

Leader Risen Lord,
People **Hear our Prayer.**

Leader We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Lenore Leal Lewallen; and for those on the anniversary of their death: Charlie Brewer; Suzi Veteto; Walter MacDonald; Harold Bennett; Bobbi Cannon; Bill Smathers; Susan Barbour.

Leader Risen Lord,
People **Hear our Prayer.**

The celebrant leads a concluding prayer.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 360

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN: *See the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph*

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DOXOLOGY:

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP 361

SANCTUS: James P. Cassarino

Ho - ly, — Ho - ly, — Ho - ly Lord, God of — pow'r and might, Hea - ven and

earth are full — of your glo - ry: Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who —

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high — est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Traditional)*

BCP 364

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM:

Cassarino

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us,

There - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

(gluten free wafers available upon request)

COMMUNION ANTHEM: *I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord* 304

POST COMMUNION PRAYER BCP 365

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: *Crown Him with Many Crowns* 494

THE DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE: *Festive Finale* Phil Lehenbauer



The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God by God by Rick and Kim Hayes in thanksgiving for their children Rachael and Greg and their grandchildren Kael and Lydia.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by Kathleen Griffin in loving memory of Bob Griffin and their life together.

LAY MINISTERS

Acolyte: Sally Withers; Chalicer: Lorie Tola

Lectors: Bonnie Kistler, Bill Smith; Intercessor: Nancy Lewis

Ushers: Vicki and Paul Vest

Greeters: Nancy Lewis, Tahani Sticpewich, Jennifer Witt

Vestry Member of the Day: Kim Hayes

ELECTRONIC GIVING MADE EASY: Grace Church receives electronic giving via our website at graceavl.com. There is a “Give to Grace” button on the top blue banner of our home page. Additional ways to give to our “*virtual collection plate*” and various fundraising efforts are through the Simple Church app and the Venmo app @GraceEpiscopal-Church.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Readers for Pentecost May 28

It has been a tradition to have the lesson for Pentecost read by a number of people in different languages, simultaneously. If you are able and willing to read (or sign) in another language, please contact Carol Booth (carolbooth5@gmail.com) no later than May 22. Thank you.



ADULT YOUTH GROUP

Do you remember the joy of Youth Group? That joy came from service, fellowship and yeah, all the pizza you can eat!

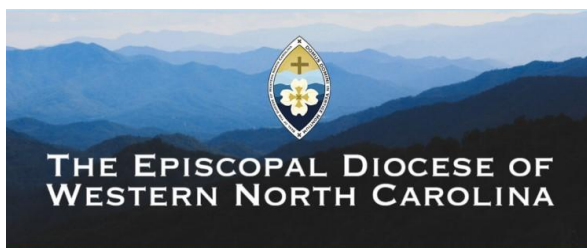
Join Rev. Milly after services on June 4th for pizza, games and a service project! And let's remember the joy of belonging and fellowship - centered in loving service. (18 and older are welcome!)

Rsvp to Milly@graceavl.com

PUBSING



Come join us for our PubSing, an informal gathering one Sunday each month to sing hymns, old-time gospel, folk music, and Americana inspirationals. We'll meet on May 21 at Zillicoah Beer Company, 870 Riverside Dr., Woodfin from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Bring a chair for the outdoor event. For directions go to <https://www.zillicoahbeer.com/>. For more information contact Monty Wooten at montywooten@bellsouth.net.



The [EPISCOPAL PUBLIC POLICY NETWORK \(EPPN\)](#) is a grassroots effort of [The Episcopal Church's Office of Government Relations](#) to educate, equip and engage individual Episcopalians in federal public policy advocacy, guided by the resolutions of the General Convention and the Executive Council. To sign up for EPPN Action alerts that come to your personal email AND to receive a unique code to listen in on the fast-paced, 30-minute Zoom call every Thursday at 1 pm ("Congress Weekly"), [register here](#) as an [EPPN](#) network member. If you need assistance, or to learn more about any Action Alert, go to <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ogr> or contact eppn@episcopalchurch.org for more information.

Here is the latest resource prepared by EPPN for your information and use:

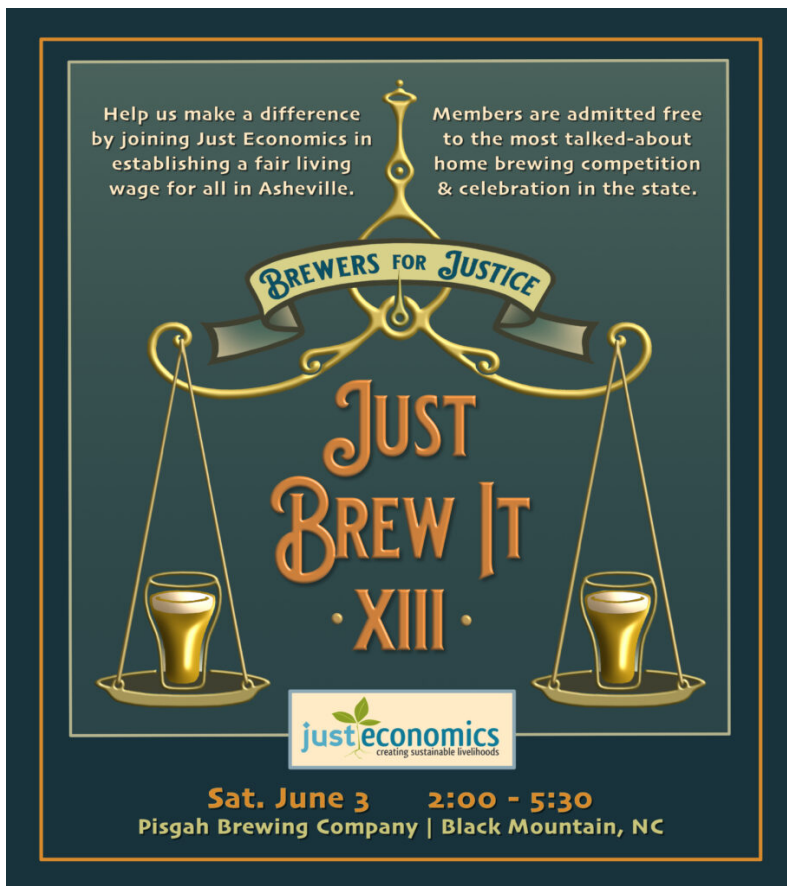


- Urge Congress to End Gun Violence! It is out of love for the living God and reverence for human life that The Episcopal Church calls upon Congress to act decisively to limit access to deadly firearms and invest in proven efforts to interrupt violence and make our communities safer.
- Tune in to EPPN's new podcast Episco-Pols Go deeper into issues EPPN covers such as immigration, healthcare, foreign relations, the environment, and much, much more, all through the lens of The Episcopal Church.

THE SPIRITUAL WORK OF RACIAL JUSTICE

Join St. Eugene's Catholic Church (72 Culvern St. Asheville 28804) on May 28th as they host Dr. Patrick St. Jean to discuss new ways to re-imagine healing, love and hope together. The event will also be live streamed. The program will be held between the Masses from 10:15-11:15.

JUST ECONOMICS JUST BREW IT ON SATURDAY JUNE 3RD



Just Economics is one of our Outreach partners; this is their biggest fundraising event of the year -- and a lot of fun too. Even people who don't like beer will find something palatable; those who do will be very happy indeed. JE membership is required for entry and costs \$30 -- you can sign up at the Just Brew It website here:

<https://www.justeconomicswnc.org/news-events/just-brew-it>

Just Economics' work is crucial to Asheville's beleaguered low-wage worker population, both through empowering workers to advocate for themselves, and for making it clear to the whole community what a living wage is.

PISGAH LEGAL SERVICES EVENT

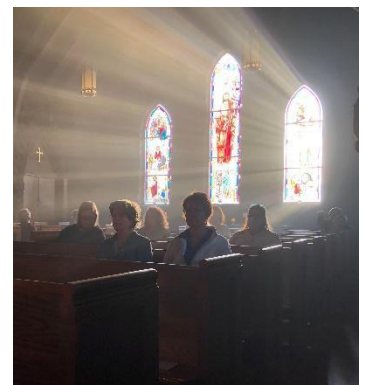


An evening for Kids Deserve Justice, Wednesday, May 31, 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the Salvage Station. Join Pisgah Legal Services for an evening of community and celebration at the Salvage Station! Come together for local food, drinks, music, and family fun at this mainly outdoor event for all ages. There will also be a silent auction full of fun packages and experiences. All proceeds from the auction will support Pisgah Legal's Children's Law Program.

For details and to purchase tickets, visit <https://www.pisgahlegal.org/kidsjusticeevent>

WEEKLY TAIZÉ Tuesday evenings at 6pm

These ecumenical services are known for their melodic chants and prayers. Although music forms a central part of the service it is mixed with comforting periods of silence allowing for contemplation. Lighted mostly by candlelight in the sanctuary of Grace Church, the vesper light of approaching evening offers a safe and nurturing space for a well-deserved moment of peace in our hectic lives. Healing prayer is offered throughout the service for oneself or on behalf of someone else.



For more information on Taizé at Grace visit: www.graceavl.com/taize-grace



MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Mondays at 10:30 AM, we study the scriptures for the upcoming Sunday service. Please join us virtually by clicking on the button at graceavl.com/.

THE PASTORAL CARE TEAM AT GRACE: Reach out to us with any pastoral care needs you, or your family, may have, by emailing the team at Pastoralcare@graceavl.com. You can also email, text or call Fr. Mike at 860.771.1656 or Rev. Milly at 828.772.1429, Sunday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., unless it's a pastoral emergency.

WOMEN WALKING THE WAY: *Thursdays at 8:00 am* meet at the Bird Sanctuary parking lot. Women of Grace, please consider joining Rev. Milly for a weekly walk at Beaver Lake, devoted to deep listening to how we as women walk the way of Jesus. No need to email or notify Milly; just come!

PRAYING TOGETHER: Rev. Milly holds open spiritual direction sessions for individuals or couples weekly by appointment Wednesdays 1-3 pm in the sanctuary. *Please email Rev. Milly to schedule your time with her.* milly@graceavl.com.

HAVE YOU ACCESSED OUR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY? An online directory is available to our members. *If you want to know how to become a member of Grace, please contact Rev. Milly Morrow at milly@graceavl.com.*



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THIS WEEK'S SERVICES AND MEETINGS

Date and Time	Service or Meeting	Location
Sundays, 9:15	Children's Sunday School	Atrium
Sunday, 10:30a	Holy Eucharist Service*	Sanctuary/YouTube**
Mondays, 10:30a	Monday Morning Bible Study	Zoom **
Mondays, 3p	Pastoral Care Team Meeting	Zoom
Tuesdays 6p	Taizé Service	Sanctuary
Wednesdays, 1-3p	Praying Together with Rev. Milly - <i>by appointment</i>	Sanctuary
Wednesdays, 5:30p	Centering Prayer	Zoom**
Wednesdays, 6:30p	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Thursdays, 8a	Women Walking the Way	Beaver Lake
	* BULLETIN AVAILABLE **LINK ON HOME PAGE	graceavl.com

OUR PRAYER LIST

For Parishioners: **Rusty Herman; Daniel and Hannah Johnston; Joan Mahon; Walt Noble; Laura & Tsz-yan Snyder; Tim Wrinn; Kelly and Sydnor Thompson.**

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: **Bill Coward; Ed Denison; Bobbie Eblen; Eunice Ferguson; Dorothy Engel; Marion Mayfield-Johnson; Deb Pegel; Rita Spragg; Shirley Turner.**

For For Others: (Names will remain on the list for 6 weeks unless we hear otherwise.) **Linda Adams** (neighbor of Cliff and Anne); **Angela** (sister of Steve Booth); **Wes Auret** (godson of Elaine Potter); **Molly Breslin** (friend of Gary Coffey and family); **Gabriel and Lara Brongel and family** (grandson and daughter of Jackie Schauer); **Cherie Brown** (daughter of Ed and Maria Woeckener); **Porter Claxton** (friend of Ginny Moser); **Jimmy Cole** (lifelong friend of Sonny Rawls); **Ann Derwort** (sister of Jeanne Sims); **Cody Ervin** (friend of Hannah Pennell); **Woody Geizentanner** (friend of Pat & George Davis); **Patricia Grace** (friend of Gael Paschal); **Jackie Haines** (sister of Carol Booth); **Angela High** (friend of Vicki Vest); **Cherry Howe** (friend of Rusty Herman & Janice Orson); **Laury Keen** (friend of James Cannon's sister); **Candy Kelly** (friend of Dodie King); **Carroll Lambert** (mother of Rachel B); **Mary and Rachel Lewallen** (daughters of Debbie Lewallen); **Gene Mahon** (brother of Pat Mahon); **David Moltke-Hansen and Patricia Poteat** (friends of Jeanne and Ron Sims); **Barney Noble** (son of Joyce and Walt Noble); **Bob Noble** (brother of Walt Noble); **Pam** (neighbor of Mike Reardon); **Michele and Kevin Randall** (niece and nephew in law of Jeanne and Ron Sims); **Lindsey Rice** (daughter in law of Debra and John Rice); **Sarah and Bo** (friends of Amy and Phillip Trees); **Ara Vickers** (friend of Tahani Sticpewich).

For Those Who Have Died and Their Families: **Lenore Leal Lewallen** (mother-in-law of Debbie Lewallen).

For Those in Service to Our Country: **Tommy Brown** (grandsons of Ed & Marla Woeckener); **Martha and Matt Cardenas** (daughter & son-in-law of Hannah Pennell); **Matthew George** (son of Zoe Davis); **Jason Marino** (son of Lynda McCredie); **Sarah Jane Wilkey** (daughter of Diane & Tony Wilkey).

For Those in the Episcopal Church: **Michael** (our presiding Bishop); **José** (our Bishop); **the clergy, vestry, staff, ministries, and people of this parish; Church of the Advocate.**

For our President Joe Biden, his Cabinet, Congress & our country; for victims of violence across the

world; for local agencies & those who work for relief of the poor; for better stewardship of the environment; for resolution of crises throughout our world.

Please go to graceavl.com/spiritual-growth/prayer-ministries/ for more opportunities to request prayer. Get permission from anyone you would like to add to this list and contact our Pastoral Care Ministry at pastoralcare@graceavl.com or contact the church.

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The Right Reverend José McLoughlin, *Bishop*
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The Reverend Mike Reardon, *Associate Rector*
James Cassarino, *Director of Music*
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Jill Stevenson, *Office Manager*
Angel Stoudt, *Sexton*
Archie Clarkson, *Tech Director*
Katherine Johnson, *Wedding Coordinator*