



# ALL ANGELS BY THE SEA WEEKLY TIDINGS

March 21, 2024

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## SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 and 10:00 am

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To live-stream - go to [AllAngelsLBK.org](https://www.AllAngelsLBK.org), click on the "All Angels Enter Here" picture and you will be routed to our YouTube channel.

Zoom - go to <https://zoom.us/j/5955701807> and watch and listen live. Be sure to stick around after the service for our coffee hour chat-with-your-neighbor time.

The bulletin can be found on the All Angels Website:

[AllAngelsLBK.org](https://www.AllAngelsLBK.org) or at the following link:

[\*Bulletin for Palm Sunday, March 24\*](#)

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Scripture Readings for March 24, 2024

John 12:12-16  
Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 31:9-16  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Mark 15:1-39

[\*Click Here for the Readings\*](#)

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## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

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Last Sunday's Service



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## Sunday Sermons

If you would like to read Rev. Dave's recent sermon,  
please click the link below

[\*Sermon- God Spoke to Patrick, God is Speaking to You 3.17.24\*](#)

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## TURNING POINTS

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Margie Dawson, Director of Development for Turning Points, receives the proceeds from the All Angels New to You Art Sale in the amount \$9319.



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## PRAYERS

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### **A Prayer for Peace Among the Nations *(BCP 816)***

Let us pray in this time of conflict for peace in Israel, Palestine and Ukraine.

*Almighty God our heavenly Father, guide the nations of the world  
into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them  
that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become*

## **Centering Prayer**

Centering Prayer invites you to pray with them, every day, at 8 am, wherever you are. When you enter into prayer at 8 am (Eastern), you will know that others are praying at the same time.

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## **We Pray for our People**

Bring health and hope to all who suffer, especially: Downs IV, Holden, Anne, Victoria, Kim, Michael, Barbara, Lorraine, Maria Christine and Caitlin. We pray for those recovering from surgery, especially Josh and Philip. We pray for those going through cancer treatments and those in remission, especially, Margaret, Downs III, Victoria, Alex, Connie, Douglas, Frank, Gerta, Lauren, Jennifer, TJ, Jim, Stephanie, Cara and Todd. Visit and comfort all who are under the care of skilled nursing, especially Timothy, Barbara, Kim and Lou. Be near to all who are in hospice care especially Jean.

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## **A BRIDGE BETWEEN ALEX AND DAVE**

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**Podcast: A Bridge Between**

*[Episode 68: Humble Thyself](#)*

Also available on Spotify:

*[Spotify: A Bridge Between](#)*

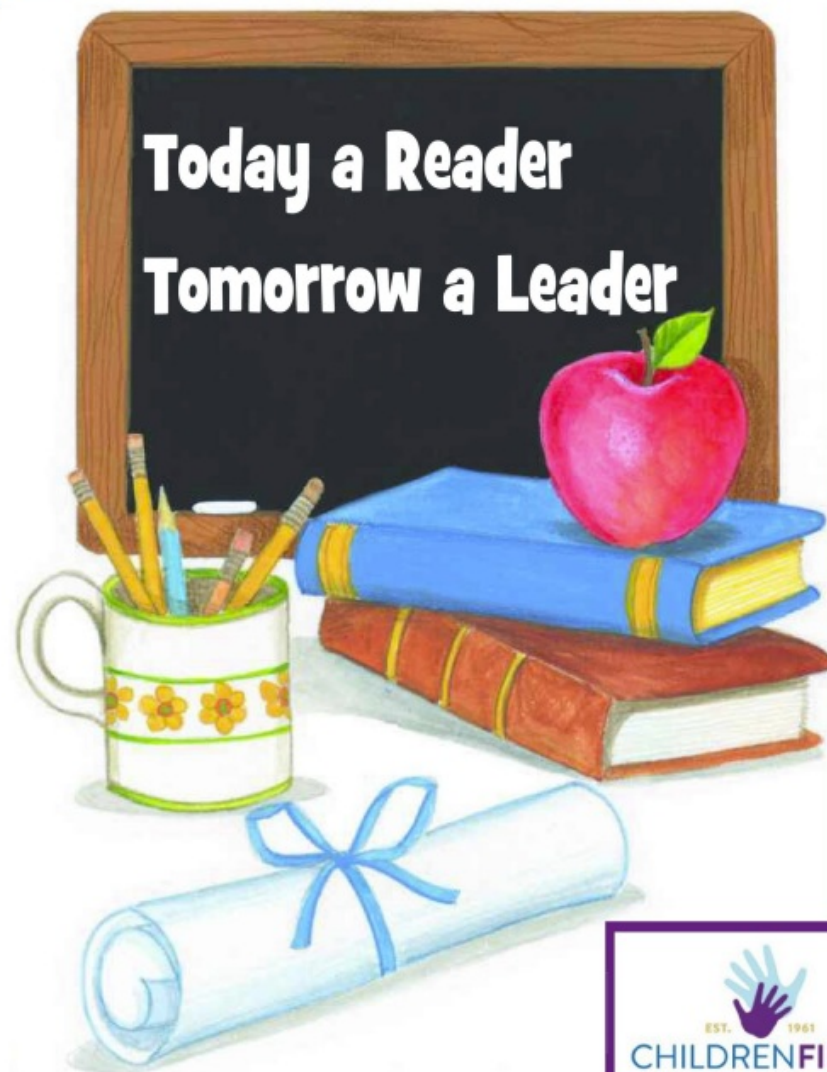
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**MARCH BOOK DRIVE**

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*This is last Sunday to bring books for the book drive.*

# **BOOK DRIVE**



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# PARISH ACTIVITIES

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## Choir News

### No choir practice on April 4th

- Choir meets every Thursday (October – May) at 10:00 am – ALL are WELCOME!
  - Bell Choir meets every Thursday (October – May) at 11:15 am – ALL are WELCOME!
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## Save the Date

Thursday, April 11th:  
Spring Fling

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## Gallery Artist

Our featured artist for March is Jill Krasner. Please stop by and enjoy the work of this talented local artist. Checks should be written to All Angels by the Sea.







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## Combined Men's and Women's Discussion Group Wednesday, March 27th at 10:00am

Next week is Holy Week which means we are meeting on Wednesday as a combined group. There is no Tuesday meeting.

Also, this coming Monday, anyone and everyone is invited to meet in front of the ticket booth at Lecom Baseball Park at noon to watch the Blue Jays and Pirates. We'll purchase tickets in the same section, have lunch inside the park and enjoy the 1:05 start time.

Attached is our article for Wednesday; David Brooks is asking for the American people to resist the lure of us-vs.-them thinking. I'd like to know what you think about his article.

For next week, and those in person, I'll have the coffee ready. For those on Zoom, here's the link: <https://zoom.us/j/5955701807>

*To read the article, click the link below:*

[\*Resist the Pull of Us Vs. Them\*](#)

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## Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

One of the most important things we do is gather after the service for coffee hour. If you are interested in hosting, the sign up sheet is on the Gallery table. If you would like help, sign up and we will find someone to show you how it is done.

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## Online Giving

If you would like to give to the offering plate electronically, you can find the online giving link on our All Angels website by clicking the link below:

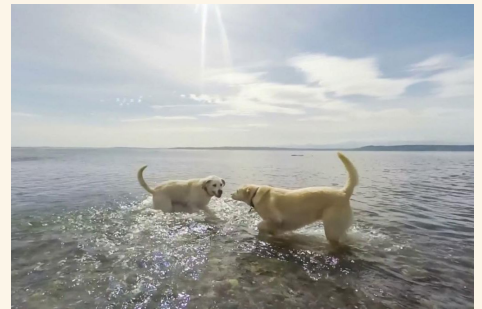
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## REFLECTION

### *Where is Heaven*

Last week I wrote to you about the opposite of Heaven (you know, that *other* place). It figures that this week I should write to you about Heaven. In particular, is Heaven a place? Is it a state of mind? Is it a fabrication to control the masses? Or, is it something else entirely.



Let me ask you a question: if you were asked to point to Heaven, where would you point?

A recent survey of Americans showed that nine out of ten believe heaven is real. 85% of those surveyed believe they are going there. A friend of mine said, "I find it strange that 85% believe they are going to Heaven because with America's declining belief of Christianity how do people think they are going to get there?" Come to think of it, how can we get nine out of ten Americans to agree on anything? Perhaps that's a part of the unity of the Holy Spirit. Nevertheless, my friend's question assumes that heaven is a place (*how do they think they'll get there*). But is it a place?

How many of you, when asked to point to where heaven is, would point up? The Old Testament points to heaven being in the sky or beyond the skies. If you point up, you'd be following the model found in the Hebrew Scriptures. Instead of pointing up, would you point to heaven being inside



your heart? Jesus said that the Kingdom of Heaven is around, near, and in us. By pointing inward, you'd be following the New Testament model.

When asked about where Heaven can be found, how many would point to their family or friends? How many would point to their pets? Actor and social commentator, Will Rogers, said this about heaven: *if dogs are not in heaven, I want to go to where they are*. Speaking of dogs, it is said that within some Native American tribes, they believe heaven is *where we will dance with our dogs*.

Where is Heaven? Some would point to good work being done in their community. We recently had a group from All Angels and Temple Beth Israel tour the Turning Points facility in Bradenton. They saw firsthand the good work being done to help those experiencing homelessness and what is being done to keep people from experiencing it. Jesus said that the Kingdom of Heaven is for those who do the will of God the Father. He expanded on that theme by saying that when you heal the sick – both mental and physical – you proclaim (through your actions) that the Kingdom of God has come near.

Some point to heaven with their hands folded in prayer. For those folks, Jesus would say the Kingdom is around, near, and within when people love, when they sacrifice for one another, when they pray, and when they serve one another. That's heaven.

When pointing toward Heaven, some would point to the Church (and All Angels in particular). We are building the beloved community here; and that, to this author, feels like heaven. Going back to the Hebrew Scriptures (the Old Testament), it is written that heaven is not big enough to hold God's presence. In the New Testament, Jesus said that not even the gates of hell can withstand the growing presence of the Church. That's reassuring to know that God is bigger than heaven which means God's presence is in all the places where one would point – up, or inside, or

presence is in all the places where one would point – up, or inside, or toward those helping people, to the Church, and to hands that are folded in prayer. It seems that Heaven is wherever you would point because it is all around, and inside, and outside too.

- Rev. Dave

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