



ALL ANGELS BY THE SEA WEEKLY TIDINGS

March 20, 2025

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 and 10:00 am

To live-stream the service - 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 Sunday, March 23rd 8:00am](#)

[Bulletin for Sunday, March 23rd 10:00am](#)

Scripture Readings for March 23, 2025

Exodus 3:1-9

Ps. 63:1-8

Ex 3:9-15

Luke 13:1-9

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



The flowers for Sunday, March 23rd are given by Barbara Pickrell in loving memory of Hank Pickrell.



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Last Sunday's Service



Sunday Sermon

If you would like to read Rev. Dave's recent sermon,

please click the link below:

[Sermon: Let Them](#)

PRAYERS

We Pray for our People

Shed the light of your healing love on all who are sick in body, mind, or spirit. Bring health and hope to all who suffer, especially: Downs IV, Holden, Kim, Barbara, Maria Christine, Caitlin, Dennis, Angie, Amy Jo, Carling, Michael, Ian, Joan, Diana, Anne, Doris, Alyssa, Joe and Denise. For those going through cancer treatments and those in remission, especially, Margaret, Downs III, Victoria, Alex, Connie, Douglas, Frank, Gerta, Lauren, TJ, Cara, Todd, Valerie, Violet, Joan, Nancy, Julie, George and Denise. Visit and comfort all who are under the care of skilled nursing, especially Timothy, Barbara, and Kim.
Be near to all who are in hospice care especially Jeanne.

A BRIDGE BETWEEN ALEX AND DAVE

Podcast: A Bridge Between

[Episode 118: Gather Our Prayers](#)

Also available on Spotify:

[Spotify: A Bridge Between](#)

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Easter Offerings

If you would like to make an Easter offering to All Angels in thanksgiving for or in memory of a loved one, please fill out the card found in the Tidings & drop it off in the church office. You may place it in the collection plate, deliver it to the office in person, or email it to Linn at lt@allangelsbk.org.

Easter Offering

Donations for Easter are now being received as Memorials or Thank Offerings.

Please make checks payable to All Angels by the Sea
Memo line: **Easter**

Your name (please print):

Choose one of the following categories (please print names):

In Memory of: _____

In Thanksgiving for: _____



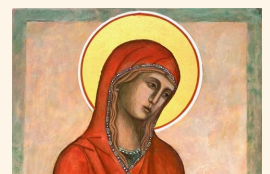
Memorial Services

The Memorial Service for Don Judd is on **Friday, April 4th at 10 a.m.**
Reception to follow.

The Memorial Service for C.J. Nager is on **Sunday, April 6th at 1 pm.** The reception for him is during coffee hour after the 10 a.m. service.

Gallery Artist

Our featured artist in March is iconographer Christine Hales. Please stop by and enjoy the work of this talented



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Choir News

Chancel Choir rehearsals are on Thursdays at 10 am.

Handbell Choir rehearsals on Thursdays 11:15 am.

New members are always welcome! Please feel free to join us!

Discussion Groups

The discussion reading for Tuesday's group is from the Wall Street Journal about Fyodor Dostoevsky's struggle with faith.

According to the author, *Dostoevsky concluded: "Happiness lies not in happiness but only in the attempt to achieve it." So does faith. Dostoevsky's supremely paradoxical idea that true faith includes doubt and embraces wonder.*

I'd like to know what you think.

For 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:

[*Dostoevsky's Struggle With Faith*](#)

Bridging Lent to Easter: *What is Jesus Teaching Us*

Bridging Lent to Easter Week 4: The Prodigal Son

Bridging Lent to Easter



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.



2025 Donation to the Ministry of All Angels

If you have not already, I invite you to make a 2025 donation to the ministry of All Angels.

There are two ways to do it, one is to email our treasurer, Sandy Wood at treasurer@allangelslbk.org.

The other way is to click here for our secure online portal:

<https://onrealm.org/AllAngelsBySeaE/-/form/give/now>

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:

AllAngelsLBK.org

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.

REFLECTION

Believing Things Not Seen

We tackled the topic of faith during our confirmation class this past Sunday. The class read eight different Bible passages about faith. Each one regarded faith as believing without seeing. If we saw something we no longer would need faith because we've seen it.



Likewise, with hope, one doesn't hope for something that one has – we hope for things not received. An example of this is my 15-year-old hopes to have a PlayStation 5 someday (he currently has a PS 4). He does not

hope for a PS 4 because, as already mentioned, he has one. He is hoping for something that he does not yet have.

When we were learning Russian, there was a newspaper called Pravda which means "truth". We had learned a phrase which basically means "trust... with proof." There is no faith involved in that scenario. If anything, faith is the exact opposite.

The first Bible lesson this past Sunday was God's promise to Abraham that he would have an heir. Abraham (called Abram at the time) was past the age of childbearing years and so was his wife Sarah (called Sarai at the time). God told Abraham to go outside at night and count the stars if he could. Each star represented his offspring. Abraham did and he believed the Lord. Originally written in Hebrew, the construction of the sentence

the Lord. Originally written in Hebrew, the construction of the sentence indicates that Abraham already believed the Lord (or did so as the Lord was speaking) before he went outside to look at the stars. God recognized Abraham's faith and counted it as "righteousness". In other words, Abraham, the father of Judaism, Christianity and Islam, believed without seeing and what he believed was beyond the realm of common sense. God then regarded him as righteous (rewarded him) because of his faith.

In business, and many things in life, it's a good idea to trust with proof. But, for a life of faith, we have to do the opposite – we need to believe in things not seen. Abraham didn't ask God for proof that he would have a child; he simply listened to God, looked at the stars, and believed. Moses didn't think he'd be able to lead his people out of captivity in Egypt, but, without proof, he believed God and then acted. Saint Mary was told by an angel that she would give birth to the messiah. She believed without proof and said, "Let it be with me according to your word." When (Saint) Joseph was engaged, but not yet married to Mary, he discovered she was pregnant. In a dream, God asked Joseph to go through with the marriage because the child she is carrying is the Messiah. Without any proof, Joseph also believed God. They were all rewarded because of their belief in things not seen.

What do you believe in that you do not see?

I believe the tomb of Jesus is empty. I believe God reanimated and resurrected him. I also believe that when I die, God will also raise me up because of my belief in Christ. There is no proof of this but count me as one of the many who believe without seeing. God rewards my belief with an abundant sense of peace and hope.

- Fr. Dave



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