

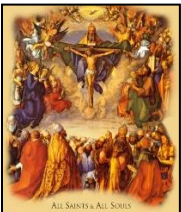
WEEKLY MESSAGE – November 5th - Fr. Thomas

When did Halloween become a “season” and not simply one night in the calendar? Has anyone else noticed the rise in the number of movies and TV programs glorifying vampires, werewolves, demons and related under-worldlings, at any time of year? This is nothing new necessarily; old timers will remember Bella Lugosi’s portrayal of Dracula in the 1930’s film rendition of the popular classic. According to reports, Lugosi was actually a kindly, generous grandfather type in real life – who knew?

For some, the attraction to the “Dark Side” will always be more powerful, given the perverse nature of humanity. C.S. Lewis reminded his readers in *Mere Christianity* that there are two equal and opposite dangers: to either completely ignore the Devil and all his work, or show an unhealthy amount of interest in Satan. Vampires exist by extracting the blood from their victims; Jesus gives us his Body and Blood so that we can be a part of His eternal life, now and in the world to come.

A story is told about a family whose young daughter was seriously injured. She needed a transfusion, and the only match they could find was from her six year old brother. The parents asked the boy if he would be willing to give some of his blood so that she could live and he consented. A while after his blood was taken, the little boy awoke, looked around and quietly asked, “When will I die?” The brave boy had willingly given blood to his sister, thinking that it would allow her to live but would mean death to him. As we celebrate the feast of All Saints and commemorate the souls of the faithful departed on November 2nd, let us recall with thanksgiving those who have, and continue in this present time to give their lives for the Gospel. “For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and He will guide them to the springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.” Rev. 7:17

THIS WEEK AT ST. DAVID’S



EVENSONG – Sunday, November 5th at 4:00 p.m. in honor of All Saints Day. Reception follows

HOSPITALITY HOUR - is hosted by the Congregation. Thank you for bringing a breakfast snack or beverage to share. We are looking for volunteers to host Congregation Sunday once or twice a year. The only tasks include putting foods on trays for consumption, putting beverages on drinks table, and clean-up afterwards. Next week November 12th, it is hosted by the St. David’s Men’s Organization.

ST. DAVID’S WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY – meets on Sundays at 11:30 a.m. in the Mark Room.

ST. DAVID’S MEN’S BIBLE STUDY – meets on Tuesdays, at 7:00 p.m. in the Mark Room.

ST. DAVID’S MEN’S ORGANIZATION – meets on Tuesday, November 7th, at 8:00 p.m.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN – are hosting their annual Fashion Show & Luncheon on Saturday, November 11th at Breaker’s West. Save the date - \$45.00 per person. Don’t forget the advance Special Raffle where you can purchase a \$5.00 ticket for a chance at a “Round of Golf for Four.”

GO FUND ME – Help us pay off the church mortgage by giving something *extra*. Contribute through the website, or on FB at <https://www.gofundme.com/payoff-st-davids-mortgage>, - it is tax deductible.

PLEASE PRAY... For the sick: Claudette, Leona, Rick, James, Patricia, Bob, Laura, Jan, Tim, Bill, Ethan, Donna, Cindy, Ashlyn, Charlotte, Bruce, Tom, Robin, Linda. For those celebrating a birthday: Dennis South, Judy Devonish, Desmond Chambers, Cecil Wray. For our expectant mother: Chanean. For the faithful departed: Alva Bethea.

ALL SAINTS – On the feast of All Saints, Nov. 1st and the commemoration of All Souls, Nov. 2nd, we remember those who have departed this life, and are now at rest in heaven, or hopefully soon to arrive. I encourage you to address your pre-need arrangements and to seriously consider St. David's in your estate planning. Your decisions and actions today will bear fruit in the hopefully distant future to ensure the continuation of the ministries which we support. If you need information on a niche in our memorial garden, or advice on how to arrange for a part of your estate to be left to our church, either in a life insurance policy, annuity, appreciated property or real estate, a representative of the parish will be willing to help you. Without a will, you leave the decision of how your assets are distributed to the State of Florida or IRS. *All of us go down to the dust, yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

GARDEN OF FAITH – A fundraiser to celebrate life - Become a part of this new and exciting church project. By custom designing a brick for our garden, it will become a permanent part of our community's history, as you leave a legacy of love and prayers. Your design can honor friend, family, relatives, or a special occasion. Mark a special time in your life by filling in the order form and returning it with your check or cash to the Parish Office (4x8 \$100, 8x8 \$200, replica \$20 providing an order is placed).

A COLUMBARIUM is a place for the respectful and final resting place of urns holding a deceased's cremated remains. For some years in our Church cremation, especially in South Florida, has become more and more common practice. At the Last Judgment and General Resurrection Christians will be given *spiritual* bodies distinct from but at the same time resembling our physical bodies, according to St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. Therefore, cremation is an acceptable form of final disposition in our Church. It is appropriate that the remains of our loved ones be kept on the church property as a reminder that we enter eternal life through Baptism, and enter into our final rest by the grace of God's mercy. Our columbarium at St. David's has some niches available. Each costs \$1,500 and will hold two standard size urns, and includes the engraved name plate and the urn provided by the church. Contact the church office for details.