



# ALL ANGELS BY THE SEA WEEKLY TIDINGS

July 25, 2024

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## SUNDAY SERVICE

10:00 am

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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, July 28](#)*

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2 Kings 4:42-44

Psalm 145:10-19

Ephesians 3:14-21

John 6:1-21

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

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The flowers for Sunday, July 28th are given to the glory of God.



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## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

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Last Sunday's Service



Sunday Sermons

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

[\*Sermon: Come Away and Find Rest\*](#)

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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 the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.*

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## 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

Breathe your healing and peace on all those who suffer, especially Downs IV, Holden, Anne, Victoria, Kim, Michael, Barbara, Lorraine, Maria Christine, Caitlin, Dennis, Angie and Amy Jo. Help Anne Roberts to recover from her surgery. For all who receive the care of skilled nursing, especially Timothy, Barbara, Kim, Lou and Ann; for those going through cancer treatments, and those in remission, especially, Margaret, Downs III, Victoria, Alex, Connie, Douglas, Frank, Gerta, Lauren, TJ, Jim, Stephanie, Cara, Todd, Valerie, Violet, Joan and Nancy.

We pray for those in Hospice that they will have comfort in you, especially Mary Jo and Ellen.

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## Podcast: A Bridge Between

*Episode 86: Watch Your Step*

Also available on Spotify:

*Spotify: A Bridge Between*

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## PARISH ACTIVITIES

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### New to You Summer Art Sale

During the first month, we have raised \$1600 for Turning Points.\* Thanks for all your continued support. We are accepting any used Art, and Knick Knacks you might have no more use for.

Gallery Summer hours are 9 to 1 Sunday-Wednesday or by appointment.

*\*We support Turning Points in Bradenton. They have been helping the needy in our local community since 1995. Recently, an organization called Turning Point, founded in 2012, has made national news. Please know that although these organizations have similar names, their mission is different.*



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## Men's and Women's Discussion Group

Following an excellent discussion on prayer, I thought we should jump into one of the most difficult parts of the Bible - the story of King David, Bathsheba and her husband Uriah. From 2 Samuel 11:1-15, King David sees Bathsheba bathing, sleeps with her and when he finds out she's pregnant invites her husband Uriah home from the front lines (to hopefully sleep with his wife and cover up David's deed). Uriah refuses to (because the rest of his unit is fighting) so David orders Uriah's commanding officer to have him killed in battle.

This lesson was one of the Old Testament stories on the lectionary for this Sunday. I went with the miracle story of the prophet Elisha who feeds 100 people because it matches the Gospel lesson. Nevertheless, this story of King David remains. What do we do with it? What happens when heroes of our day do something that is the opposite of heroic?

Our author for next week, Pastor Joanna Harader, wrote a piece that is normally used by preachers to prepare their weekly sermons. I thought it would be good for us to talk about. She writes, *In this story, both Bathsheba and Uriah have what King David lacks: integrity.*

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:*

[\*David, Bathsheba, and Uriah\*](#)

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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:

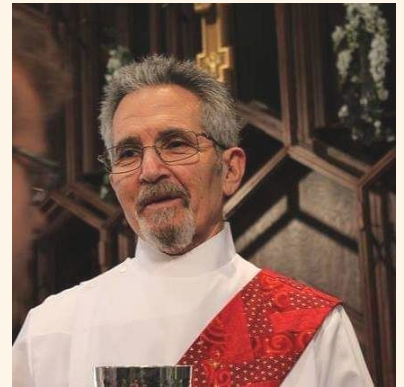
[AllAngelsLBK.org](http://AllAngelsLBK.org)

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## REFLECTION

### *The Diaconate*

I have a friend, The Rev. Tom Morelli, who will be at All Angels this Sunday. He is a deacon in the Episcopal Church and is on sabbatical from his home diocese of Los Angeles. I met Tom in San Diego in 2012 when he was not yet a deacon. We



have served together; he has mentored me in the best practices of managing a non-profit, and I have mentored him through the ordination process. Above all, and most importantly, we are close friends and often refer to each other as brothers.

Tom has many gifts and has experienced many things in his seven decades on this planet. He is a Marine, a Vietnam combat veteran, a retired financial officer for a multinational corporation (which gave him the opportunity to live in Japan), he has coached athletes in the Special Olympics, he is a prison chaplain, he is a woodworker and plays the ukulele. And, of course, he is a deacon, who deserves a long and relaxing sabbatical. One of the hallmarks of his vocation is to educate the Church on what a deacon is. Following my brother's example, I'd like to tell you a little about it.

There are three "orders" in the Church – the diaconate, the presbyterate, and the episcopate which are deacons, priests and bishops. Tom is a priest



and the episcopate which are deacons, priests and bishops. I am a priest; in the office of the presbyterate. Many of you have met our bishop, The Rt. Rev. Doug Scharf. He is in the office of the episcopate. But some of you have never met a deacon.

Deacons are the first ordained order in the New Testament. The Apostles needed help serving people in need in the rapidly growing Church. The Apostles chose seven Greek-speaking men to serve as deacons and they laid their hands on them (in the same way that Jesus laid his hands on Peter and then Peter laid his hands on the Apostles). Their names were Stephen, Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas and Nicholas. They were identified and selected by the community in Jerusalem based on their reputation, wisdom and being full of the Holy Spirit. In other words, they were already doing the work that God had called them to do; the Apostles recognized it and laid their hands on them.

As the Church grew, the episcopate made the order of presbyterate to consecrate communion, to baptize and to bless. By the end of the first 1000 years of the Church, the diaconate had lost its permanency and was used as a transitional step to the priesthood. Nevertheless, through the reformation, the Church, nearly 2,000 years after the ordination of the Seven, has reestablished the permanent diaconate.

Deacons have a three-fold ministry – ministry of the word, ministry of liturgy, ministry of charity and justice. *Ministry of the word* is being a living example of the spirit and message of Jesus in the public arena. Instead of being tied down to church governance and maintenance, they are free to show the world about the redeeming power of Christ. *The ministry of liturgy* is what you are going to see on Sunday. They call the congregation to worship, they read the Gospel, call everyone to confession, they set the table, administer the Sacrament to the people, and they dismiss the congregation. *The ministry of charity and justice* is something Deacon Tom is quite familiar with. Deacons run food banks, participate in prison

ministry, offer support for widows and the lonely, bring communion to those who cannot make it to church, and speak for those in the community who have no voice – the marginalized, the sick, the homeless.

When a deacon is not present, the priest and the congregation take the role of ministry of the word, of liturgy and of charity and justice. This congregation is full of people who are a living example of Jesus' message in our community. We have many leaders who assist with the liturgy and especially with charity and justice. Our *New to You Art Sale* is one of those shining diaconal ministries that many participate in.

It is my wish that All Angels has a deacon, or two or three deacons. If you are feeling interested in the order of the diaconate, please let me, or Tom, know.

The Word, the World, Charity and the Church need you.

- Fr. Dave

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