

Curate's Report October 2023

Formation Classes: I have been teaching an in-depth Bible Study on the Acts of the Apostles for the last 5 weeks now. Originally, we were planning to have this class end on Christ the King Sunday, before Advent, but, in consultation with Alan and the members of the class, we've decided to slow it down, so it's more discussion-based (less lecture-y from my end) and extend it, until we finish the book of Acts. We're currently planning to take a break from Acts during Advent still, and do a few weeks of study on the Gospel of Mark during Advent, leading into the new Liturgical Year. During Lent, we've decided to do a 5/6 week study on different "Atonement Theories" that show up in the bible and how they work together, in the lead up to Easter.

Curate Camp: On the first Thursday and Friday of each month, I have been travelling down to Camp Allen in Navasota for Curate Cohort, affectionately known as "Curate Camp" by all the attendees. This is part of the Diocese's Post-Ordination Formation Plan and is a time for all the new Curates from around the Diocese to get together and learn from a rotating panel of guest speakers about topics like work-life balance, navigating conflict, avoiding burnout in ministry, etc.. The program itself is 2 years in length (the second year focusing on what it might mean to be in charge for the first time) so every month (excluding December, I believe) for the next two years, I'll be heading down there.

Life-Saving First-Aid/ Mental Health First-Aid Training: Not much has moved on that front, since we are not planning anything for a few months. I have not yet spoken to Christopher DeClerk, who has expressed willingness to help lead our Life-Saving First Aid Training. We are still planning on having both of these training sessions (and potentially an Active-Shooter Training) at St. Martin's and opening these up to the wider community.