



The Rev. Cn. Beth Tjoflat

The Rev. Canon Beth Tjoflat serves as canon for urban ministry for the Episcopal Diocese of Florida and vicar of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, a mission deeply rooted in Word and Sacrament. She is committed to following the way of Christ and to equipping and supporting those who long for concrete and relevant ways to embody the Gospel in the world.

Before coming to St. Mary's in 2017, Beth served at St. Francis-in-the-Field. While there, she was called to launch a new form of ministry. This "church without walls" -- worshipping for 10 years now -- calls us beyond our parish walls to build a community of faith with the most vulnerable among us. Engaging in wider diocesan and ecumenical activities has added context and depth to her ministry. This work includes but is not limited to: serving on the Commission on Ministry; teaching pastoral care to those on the path to ordination as deacons; serving as a spiritual advisor for Cursillo and Kairos Outside (for women who's loved ones are incarcerated); and serving as clergy chair of a delegation to General Convention.

A native of Jacksonville, Beth grew up at St. John's Cathedral. Before finally saying 'yes' to a call to ordained ministry, she worked in health care development for more than 15 years. She holds a bachelor's degree from Jacksonville University, a master's degree in professional writing from University of Southern California, and a master of divinity degree from Yale with a diploma in Anglican studies from Berkeley Divinity School at Yale. She has completed 10 units of clinical pastoral education, providing strong theory and best practices as she takes a pastoral approach to all of her work.

She and her son Daron enjoy baseball, bicycles, Mario Kart, Uno, and their two rescue beagles Blossom and Charlotte Rose. Daron and Beth have been together since 2016 and became a "forever family" in 2017.