



## Please welcome to the parish, Deacon James A. Gibson TOC.

Deacon Jim grew up in Tampa, Florida. He is a retired Navy Captain. He is married to Fran and they reside in Canton. They have one daughter, Dr. Frances Ezzell, who is an assistant professor of Speech Language Pathology at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, TN. He was ordained to the diaconate in October 2009 in the Diocese of St. Petersburg and he served at Light of Christ Parish, Clearwater; St. Patrick's, Largo; and St. Brendan's, Clearwater Beach. In addition to his regular diaconal duties, he was in charge of the RCIA program and all annulment petition preparations at Light of Christ, made regular hospital and rehabilitation visits at St. Patrick's and prepared adults for Confirmation and did annulment work at St. Brendan's. He is a Third Order Carmelite. In 26 years of naval service, he served onboard the aircraft carrier USS Saratoga, the commissioning crew of the destroyer USS John Rodgers and three headquarter units. In his civilian employment after coming off of active duty and after working in the family business for many years, he worked as Director of Tangible Personal Property assessments for the Property Appraiser of Pinellas County and Pasco County and as Senior Appraisal Manager for Hillsborough County. He has had the privilege of participating in the selection of young people for assignment to US Service Academies for four US Senators from Florida. He earned his Bachelor of Science degrees in Aerospace Engineering from Auburn University and in Business Administration from the University of South Florida. He holds a Master of Theology degree from St. Leo University. He and his wife enjoy the arts including Broadway Theater, Symphony, Choral music and Dance. He is looking forward to meeting everyone and serving where he can.