

**Deacon Tim Williford** - was born and raised in St. Petersburg, FL. Tim is the oldest of three. He has a brother and a sister. While growing up, Tim attended elementary and middle school at St. Paul's Catholic School in St. Petersburg. After middle school, he entered a special magnet program at Gibbs High School called Pinellas County Center for the Arts. Tim practiced and performed piano during his high school years. It was also during this time that he started working as a professional church musician in several parishes throughout the diocese. Tim worked as the Director of Music for Light of Christ parish in Clearwater and has been actively involved in the parish since 2003. Tim first thought about becoming a priest as a young child, but the thought went away for a while during high school. After high school, he began studying as a student at the University of South Florida and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management. The thought of priesthood reoccurred strongly during his college career. Upon graduation of college, Tim finally made the decision to enter the seminary. He was ordained as a transitional Deacon on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 and will be ordained to the priesthood on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018.