

WHO'S SERVING THIS WEEK

Saturday 6:00 - PM Vigil

Chalice-bearer/Reader: Mike Carmena

Sunday 8:00 AM - 1928 BCP

Chalice-bearer: Ben Broadwater

Reader: Andrew Martin · Usher: John Belsly

Sunday 9:00 AM - Rite II

Acolytes: Nathan Lange, Madeline Lange, Jack Smith

Chalice-bearers: Sarah Stringer, Clay Slaughter

First Reading: Sharon Norcross · Second Reading: Erik Leaseburg

Prayers of the People: Jason Merritt

Ushers: Jorge Lopez-Aguado, George Joe

Sunday 11:15 AM - Rite I

Acolytes: Patrick Estes, Mharie Estes

Chalice-bearers: Melinda Woody, Matthew Clemons

First Reading: Jo Young · Second Reading: Matthew Clemons

Prayers of the People: Christina Pavlovsky

Ushers: Walter Virden, Andres Tovar

Additional Servers

ALTAR GUILD: Sarah Stringer, Sharon Norcross,
Robyn Virden, Diana Broadwater, Shelley Lowe, Dora Hale

HOSPITALITY: Linda Plemons, Hugh Partin

VESTRY COUNT/LOCKUP: Vic Whitmeyer, Clifford Bronson

Thursday, 4:30 PM - Christmas Eve - Rite II

Acolytes: Grace Beaupre, Annabelle Beaupre, Ava Crum

Chalice-bearers: Mike Beaupre, Cameron Crum

First Reading: Angela Crum · Second Reading: Grace Beaupre

Prayers of the People: Trish Williamson

Ushers: Will Lowe, Bruce Slaughter

Thursday, 8:00 PM - Christmas Eve - 1928 BCP

Chalice-bearers/Readers: Ben Broadwater, Donnie Muennink

Ushers: John Belsly

Thursday, 11:00 PM - Christmas Eve - Rite II

Acolytes: Mharie Estes, Liam Estes

Chalice-bearers: Gerald Gregory, Tom Ward

First Reading: Lisa Estes · Second Reading: Gerald Gregory

Prayers of the People: Tom Ward

Ushers: Steve Sparks, Ron Schumann

Friday, 10:00 AM - Christmas Day - 1928 BCP

Chalice-bearer/Reader: Mike Howe

Usher: Fred Bader

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The Rev. William T. Estes, Assistant to the Rector

Mr. Alan Potts, Organist/Choirmaster

The Fourth Sunday of Advent December 20, 2015 - 11:15 a.m. Rite I

<u>Hymnal</u>		<u>Prayer Book</u>
	<i>Prelude</i>	"Prelude on Stuttgart" Paul Bryan
56 v1-4	<i>Processional</i>	"O come, O come, Emmanuel" <i>Veni Emmanuel</i> 323
	Opening Acclamation (<i>Stand</i>)	
	The Collect for Purity (<i>Stand</i>)	
S-91	<i>Kyrie Eleison</i>	Healy Willan
THE WORD OF GOD		
<i>Please see the Scripture Insert for the Collect of the Day & the Readings</i>		
The Psalm will be chanted. Please see the Psalm insert.		
66	<i>Sequence Hymn</i>	"Come, thou long expected Jesus" <i>Stuttgart</i>
	Reading of the Holy Gospel (<i>Stand</i>)	
	Sermon	The Rev. David F. Klein
	The Nicene Creed (<i>Stand</i>)	326
	Prayers of the People (<i>Kneel</i>)	328
	Confession of sin and Absolution (<i>Kneel</i>)	331
	Sharing of the Peace of Jesus Christ	
	Announcements & Offertory Sentence (<i>Sit</i>)	
	Presentation of our Oblations and Preparation of the Altar	
	<i>Offertory</i>	"The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came" Manz/Ohnesorge
380 v3	<i>The Great Doxology</i>	
THE HOLY COMMUNION		
	The Eucharistic Prayer (<i>Kneel</i>)	
S-114	<i>The Sanctus & Benedictus</i>	Healy Willan
	The Lord's Prayer (<i>Kneel</i>)	
S-158	<i>Agnus Dei</i> (<i>Kneel</i>)	Healy Willan
	<i>Comm. Anthem</i>	Recit: "Then Shall the Eyes of the Blind"
		Aria: "He Shall Feed His Flock" from MESSIAH Handel
58	<i>Comm. Hymn</i>	"Lo! he comes with clouds descending" <i>St. Thomas</i> 339
	Post Communion Prayer (<i>Kneel</i>)	
438	<i>Recessional</i>	"Tell out, my soul" <i>Woodlands</i>
	<i>Postlude</i>	"Postlude on St. Thomas" Colin Mawby

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WELCOME TO SAINT JOHN'S

We are blessed that you have joined us in our worship of Jesus Christ. At Saint John's we worship in the Episcopal Tradition; fostering a place where forgiveness, conversion and spiritual renewal can evolve; enabling Christian formation to help us grow that our life may be consecrated to God's work. We pray that you have found us faithful in our witness of His Love and you will make Saint John's your spiritual home.

Receiving Holy Communion

All visitors who have been baptized with water, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and who have been admitted to Communion in their own church are welcome to share the Holy Eucharist. We are all called to repent of our sins and to approach the Holy Communion as an expression of the Real Presence of Jesus Christ. When you come forward to receive the Holy Body and the Precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ please approach the Altar Rail in prayer. Cross your right hand over your left that the sacred Host may be laid in the palm of your right hand. When the Chalice is offered help guide it (if necessary) to your lips. When your communion is complete, pause to give thanks before returning to your seat. If you are not receiving Communion today, you are most welcome to come to the Altar Rail for a blessing; simply cross your arms over your heart.

Ladies wearing lipstick, please remember to blot your lips before coming forward for Communion if you desire to receive directly from the chalice. (If you generally receive by intinction, of course, this is not necessary.) Thank you! — St. John's Altar Guild

If you receive Holy Communion by Intinction

If you make your communion by intinction (which is dipping the Host in Consecrated Wine), our Bishop asks that you retain the Host in the palm of your hand after receiving it and the priest, deacon or lay minister will touch it to the Wine and place it on your tongue.

A Private Prayer before receiving Holy Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, by the will of the Father and the work of the Holy Spirit Your death brought life to the world. By Your Holy Body and Blood free me from all my sins and from every evil. Keep me faithful to Your teaching, and never let me be parted from You. Amen.

A Private Prayer after receiving Holy Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, may I receive these precious gifts in purity of heart. May Your Body and Blood bring me healing and strength, now and for ever. Amen.

WHO'S SERVING NEXT WEEK (DEC 27)

Saturday 6:00 - PM Vigil

No vigil service Dec 26

Sunday 8:00 AM – 1928 BCP

Chalice-bearer/Reader: Clifford Bronson
Usher: John Belsly

No 9:00 AM Service

Sunday 10:00 AM - Rite I

Acolytes: Emma Leaseburg, Michael Leaseburg
Chalice-bearers: Tom Ward, Gerald Gregory
First Reading: Kristy Leaseburg
Second Reading: Tom Ward
Prayers of the People: Gerald Gregory
Ushers: Bill Dolph, Erik Leaseburg

No 11:15 Service

Additional Servers

ALTAR GUILD: Holiday Weekend - All Teams
HOSPITALITY: Holiday Weekend / No Coffee Hour
VESTRY COUNT/LOCKUP: Gerald Gregory, Bob Hampton

If you are unable to serve, please try to find a replacement, or call the parish office as soon as possible. Thanks!

said, "I will return to you." (John 14:18)." In the Scriptures, collects, and petitions in the liturgy, along with our extensive hymnody and liturgical music Anglicans have celebrated a deep faith in our Lord's return.

On the first Sunday of Advent we dismissed quickly the false teaching of a "rapture theory" or a "secret return" of our Lord that is so common in modern Protestant theology. Then we looked carefully at what our Lord did say would happen in between His first and second coming. In the Cenacle, Jesus made a promise to the Apostles that He would abide within the Church until His second Coming. This was His gift to the Church of His Word, Sacraments and His Spirit.

The second Sunday of Advent begins to disclose the mysterious Plan of God for the salvation of man and all of creation. It reveals the active mercy and tenderness of God. We hear this mercy through the prophets of old and from Jesus who call us to take more lasting steps of faith trusting in God. These words of encouragement and support when joined to a prayerful and sacramental encounter with Jesus provides a peace in the heart which nothing and no one can take away.

The third Sunday of Advent is "Gaudete Sunday." The Latin word Gaudete means "Rejoice" and is inspired from the reading from Philippians 4:4 "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice!" This Sunday is preparing us for the Incarnation of God in Christ. Rose vestments and hangings emphasize our joy that Christmas is near, and we also light the rose candle on our Advent wreath. Join us this morning!

College/Young Adult Retreat, Fri-Sun, Jan 1-3

College/Young Adult Retreat will be held at Camp Crucis January 1st-3rd. Open to college and post college young adults, the weekend begins on Friday evening and ends with closing mass Sunday, which will be at Christ the Redeemer in Fort Worth. Forms available at anglicanyouthministries.com under "events" or at campcrucis.org. Cost: \$50 but is "buy one, get one free" (if you bring someone who is new to Camp Crucis). Interviews for Camp summer staff will follow the closing mass. E-mail Fr. Polley markdpolley@gmail.com with questions.

2016 High Altar Flower Memorials

The Flower Memorials listing for 2016 is now available; it is kept in a binder in the parish office. Open dates for the High Altar flowers for this year are:

Jan 10	Apr 17	May 29	Aug 28
Jan 24	Apr 24	Jun 12	Sept 4
Jan 31	May 8	Jul 10	
Apr 3	May 22	Aug 21	

In 2016 the cost for High Altar flowers will be \$75, a \$10 increase. If you would like to offer the Altar flowers on one of the above dates, please call Diane in the parish office.

Keeping you informed...

Dec weekly goal	\$10,874
Dec 5-6th offering	13,655
Dec 12-13th offering	10,505
Prepaid Pledges	\$2000
AYM Tea Room	\$2,876

PARISH NEWS

Weekly News for the Family and Friends of St. John's Church

The Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 20, 2015

MEMORIALS & PRAYER

ALL MEMORIALS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF ALMIGHTY GOD...

- ✠ **THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** - *no flowers on altar in Advent*
- ✠ **THE LADY CHAPEL FLOWERS** - *no flowers in Lady Chapel during Advent*
- ✠ **THE SANCTUARY CANDLE** - in celebration of the birthday of our son, Patrick, by Jack and Olga Fry.
- ✠ **THE DE PROFUNDIS BELL** - will ring on Dec 22 in loving memory of Cornelia Brown (offered by Trish Williamson), on Dec 24 in loving memory of Charles R. Wood (by Carol and Rusty Wood), and on Dec 25 in loving memory of LaVerne Easter (by Lin and Randy Parham)
- ✠ **PRAYER LIST:** We most humbly beseech Thee, O Lord, to comfort and succor those in need of Your healing and helping hand: Tom, Becky, Lisa, Hannah, Sean, Stephanie, Katie, Austin, Felicia, Ashley, Charles, Wallace, Tracie, Wanda, Gayle, Ella, Don, Barbara, David, Mark, John, Skip, Tristan, Rodger, Lou, Melissa, Diane, E.C., Ruth, Joe, John Patrick, Susan, Jim, Kooper, Chelsea, Martha, Traci, Geraldine, Lauren, Aiden, Lily, Kasie, Frank, Thadeus, Dawn, Michael, Patricia, Margaret, Harriet, Mary, George, Marjorie, Jack, Joe... Betty, Lynda, Cindy, Renée, Mindy... Joni, Kathy, Seth, Marti, Jim, Brian, Tara, Dylan, Brenden, Austin, Terry... Renee, McKenna, Margarita, Daniel, Mallorie

Note: Names on the prayer list are on a three week cycle unless requested longer

- ✠ **FOR PARENTS EXPECTING:** Molly & Taylor; Carrie & Chris; Kate and Chris
- ✠ **FOR THOSE TRAVELING:** Trish, Kate, Charley
- ✠ **FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:** Cornelia, Charles, LaVerne, Marianne
- ✠ **FOR TROOPS SERVING:** Matthew, Nicholas, Aaron, Charlie, Paul, Adam, Blake, Jamie, Shane...
- ✠ **BIRTHDAYS:** Harley Stinson (20), Anne Martinsen (22), Geoffrey Hyder (23)
- ✠ **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:** Charissa and Mike Christopher (24), Larue and Brian Perkins (26).

Visitors' Page

Visitor's Card

Help us get to know you! Please fill out a Visitor's Card and place it in the Offering Plate.

Hospitality

"Coffee Hour" is held every Sunday morning from 10:15-11:00 in the Parish Hall. Stop by after the 9:00 service or before the 11:15 for the fellowship. Visitors are especially welcome!

Nursery

Nursery for infants through age 5 is located at the east end of the Education wing. Ask an usher for directions. The nursery is open from 8:50 -12:30.

Sunday School

Sunday School for kids preschool thru senior high is held Sept-May from 10:25-11:10 during Coffee Hour. Adult classes are periodically offered at the same time in Guild Parlor.

Prayer Ministry

Prayer cards are located in each pew for your prayer needs. To access the parish prayer chain, email Diane at office@stjohnsfortworth.com or call 817-927-5341.

Joining St. John's?

Just fill out the New Member Registration Form found on the wall rack in the Narthex or in the Office. If you are Anglican or Episcopalian we will process a letter of transfer for you. If you are from another denomination, you will be registered as a baptized communicant and we'll let you know when the next Inquirers Class begins. If you are not yet baptized, Father Klein will contact you regarding baptismal instruction.

Low-Gluten Hosts

St. John's offers low-gluten (less than 0.01%) communion wafers on request. If you have a gluten intolerance issue please speak with one of the clergy.

Weekly Services

Saturday Evening
Vigil Mass 6:00 p.m.

Sunday Morning
8:00 a.m. 1928 BCP
9:00 a.m. Rite II
11:15 a.m. Rite I

Child-Care 8:50 - 12:30.

Wednesday Eucharist
7:00 am (followed by
breakfast out)

Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Closed for Lunch
12:00—1:30 PM

Our Vestry

Senior Warden

Tom Ward 2017

Junior Warden

Vic Whitmeyer 2018
Clerk
Gerald Gregory 2016

Vestry Members

Clifford Bronson 2016
Jack Fry 2016
Bob Hampton 2017
Mike Howe 2017
Will Lowe 2016
Christina Pavlovsky 2017
Teresa Sparks 2018
Mark Stupfel 2018
Rusty Wood 2018

Treasurer

Walter Virden, IV

Assistant Treasurer

Steve Tredennick

Delegates to Diocesan Convention

Tom Ward
Vic Whitmeyer
Dorothy Gregory

Next Vestry Meeting

December Meeting
Sun, Dec 20
10:15 am

Weekly Programming

Sunday School

Meets from 10:25-11:10 Sept-May in the Bevan wing. Contact: Lisa Estes
No classes Dec 27 or Jan 3.

Anglican Youth Ministries

For youth in grades 6-12. Meets 1st Sundays at 10:25 in the AYM Room for education and spiritual growth and 3rd Sundays at 12:30 in Mitchell Hall for fellowship and activities. Contact: Fr. Estes.

Adult Sunday Class

Topic: "Advent Meditations from the Book of Revelation." Meets 10:20 to 11:05 in the Guild Parlor. Contact: Fr. Klein *Final class today*

Wednesday Bible Study

Morning Class - Meets 9:30-10:45 in the Green Room. Topic: The Epistles of John. Contact: Fr. Estes *Next meeting, Jan. 6th.*

Evening Class - Meets 7:00-8:00 pm in the Green Room. Topic: the Book of Acts. Contact: Fr. Klein *Next meeting, Jan 6*

Thursday Choir Practice

- 6:00-7:00 Hand Bells
 - 7:00-8:00 Chancel Choir
- Next practice for bells and choir: January 7th*
Contact: Alan Potts



Announcements

Vestry Meeting, Sunday Dec 20, 10:15

The December Vestry meeting has been moved to Sunday, Dec 20th at 10:15 to avoid Christmas week. For more info see Tom Ward.

Christmas Flower Memorials

If you would like to contribute to the Christmas Flowers this year in memory or in honor of a loved one, or in thanksgiving, please fill out the form found in the Narthex or on the table outside the office and **return it to the parish office by Tuesday, Dec 22.**

Altar Guild Christmas Prep, Dec 20 & Dec 24

Preparations for Christmas services has been divided into two sessions to accommodate holiday schedules:

- Sun, Dec 20 at 12:30 - Candle filling and Polishing fest
- Thurs, Dec 24 at 10 am - Altar setup and Christmas flowers setup

Office Holiday Closings

Thurs-Fri, Dec 24-25, 28: CLOSED
Tues-Wed, Dec 29-30: open 9-12
Thurs-Fri, Dec 31-Jan 1: CLOSED
(As usual, please do not attempt to access the building when we're closed unless you know how to operate the alarm system.)

Advent Meditations

"Advent Meditations from the Book of the Revelation" is the theme of the Adult Sunday Class. Each Sunday is a reflection from the Book of Revelation along with the Collect and Scriptures for the day. Advent is a season that celebrates a promise from Jesus. He