

# PARISH NEWS

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

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**May 8, 2022**

## **MEMORIALS & PRAYER**

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

- † **THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** – given in loving memory of Vicki Gossett and in celebration of Ben's birthday by Kristy Leaseburg.
- † **THE LADY CHAPEL FLOWERS** - given in the Glory of God.
- † **THE SANCTUARY CANDLE** – given in celebration of the birthday of her daughter, Becky by Olga Fry .
- † **THE DE PROFUNDIS BELL** – will ring on May 9 in loving memory of Austin Doak offered by Lin and Randy Parham; on May 10 in loving memory of Kenneth Fry offered by Olga Fry; and on May 13 in loving memory of Dennis Williamson offered by Trish Williamson.
- † **PRAYER LIST (3-wk cycle)** : Hugh, Lou, Wanda, Jim, Diane, Glenna, Ann, Cindy, Vic, Courtney, Katie, Marie, Terry, Ricky, Paul, Carolyn, Sherry, Joni & Chelsea, Diane, Cole, Monica & Josephine, Darnell, Mark, Bill & Jennifer, Sri Lanka, its people & country... The Church, Jon, Molly, Eva Mae, Hana, Teel, John, Taylor, Renee, Pam.
- † **THE MINISTRY OF THE FORT WORTH PREGNANCY CENTER**
- † **THE CHILDREN AND STAFF AT COOK MEDICAL CENTER**
- † **MILITARY SERVICE:** Danushka Fernando
- † **FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:** Bill
- † **FOR THOSE TRAVELING:**
- † **BIRTHDAYS:** Carson Watkins (8); Monica Black (9); Derek Opitz, Rebekah Craig (11); Rebecca Fry, William Wood (12); Christy Merritt (13); Leland Price, Karen Meza, Michael Anthony Brown (14)
- † **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:**

## **Visitors' Information**

### **Visitor's Card**

Help us get to know you! Please fill out a Visitor's Card, located at Pews and place it in the Offering Plate or hand it to one of the clergy.

### **Hospitality**

"Coffee Hour" is after the 9:00 am mass.

### **Prayer Ministry**

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

### **Counseling Office**

Fr. Bob Bosworth, Ph.D. Pastoral Associate is on staff as a licensed Clinical Pastoral Counselor for individual, marriage, and family counseling. Hours are Tues and Fri 10am-7pm and Sat 10am-4pm. Appointment required. Call 859-475-4475 or visit: Dr-Bosworth.com

## **How to Join St. John's?**

If you are Anglican or Episcopalian and wish to join St. John's, we will process a letter of transfer. If you are from a denomination, we will let you know when the next Inquirers Class begins. If you are not yet baptized, please see Fr. Klein.

### **Low-Gluten Hosts**

St. John's offers low-gluten (less than 0.01%) communion wafers on request. If you are gluten intolerant, please speak with the clergy.

## **Parish Contact Information**

St. John's Anglican Church is a Parish of the Anglican Communion, the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA) and the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth. Our Bishop is the Right Reverend Ryan S. Reed, SSC, D.D. St. John's uses the 2019 Book of Common Prayer (ACNA) and the 1928 Book of Common Prayer.

## **Office Hours**

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

## **Worship Services and Rites**

Sat Vigil: 6:00 pm  
Lady Chapel. Sunday Morning: 8:00, 9:00, 11:15, Wed Morning: 7:30 am Lady Chapel.

## **Our Vestry**

Sr. Warden - Tom Ward 2025  
Jr. Warden - Gerald Gregory 2023  
Clerk - Rusty Wood 2023

## **Vestry Members:**

Jacob Belk 2023, Bob Hampton 2024, Don Lange 2024, Jason Merritt 2024, Christina Pavlovsky 2024, Clay Slaughter 2025, Kendall Smith 2025, Patrick Wells 2023, Trish Williamson 2025.

## **Treasurer**

Bob Hampton

## **Delegates to Diocesan Convention**

Gerald Gregory  
Jason Merritt  
Tom Ward

Next Vestry Meeting in Guild Parlor is Tuesday, **MAY 24** at 7:00 PM.

## Current Announcements

### Receiving the Precious Blood of Christ.

You can receive the Precious Blood of Christ by either intinction or directly from the chalice.

If you want to receive by intinction please keep the sacred host in your open hand and the chalice-bearer will take the host and dip a small portion of it carefully in the Precious Blood and place the host on your tongue.

*Of course, you are always invited to receive just the host alone. When at the Altar rail, after receiving the host cross your arms and the chalice-bearer will move to the next person.*

**CGS Atriums** open for preschool – 5<sup>th</sup> grade after the 9:00 am service.

**After you receive Holy Communion, please bring your child(ren) to the atrium!**

**Teen Formation** open for 6<sup>th</sup> grade through high school after the 9:00 am service. **Brianna Wilcox, Jacob Belk and Patrick Wells.** Class will meet in the Green Room.

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study:** “**The Prophet Isaiah.**” Fr. Klein is leading a study on prophets of the Old Testament on Wed 9:30-10:30 am. Please join us!

**Choir and Bell Rehearsal:** Practice is on **Thursdays. 6:00 pm is bell choir and 7:00 pm is chancel choir.** Join us. **Alan Potts**

### GOOD NEWS DAILY

Good News Daily booklets are here! The May edition is available. You may pick up a copy in the narthex, the chapel entrance, or the office.

## ANOINTING IN CHAPEL



We offer the sacrament of healing during the 9:00 am and 11:15 am services. *This is done by one of the clergy in the Lady Chapel immediately after you have received Holy Communion.* If you desire prayer and anointing, please go into the Chapel.

## THE BISHOP IKER CHALLENGE

The 22nd Annual Golf



Tournament will be held **Friday, June 3, 2022** at Squaw Valley Golf Course in Glen Rose, TX. Funds raised from the

challenge will benefit Camp Crucis. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office, or you may register online at [www.thebishopikerchallenge.com](http://www.thebishopikerchallenge.com).

*Ensure your spot now by registering before May 22.*

## FR. KLEIN'S CLASS RETURNS

Fr. Klein's class on Anglicanism will return for May 8, 15 and the 22. This class is preparing people for reception in the Church and for Confirmation. Please join us Sundays after the 9:00 am service.



## BISHOP REED'S VISITATION



Bishop Reed will make his annual visitation for **baptisms and confirmations** on Sunday, May 29th. On that Sunday we will combine our service schedule to 8:00 am and 10:00 am. The Bishop will be with us at 10:00 am. A reception will follow.

## WELCOME DEACON FRED

We welcome the Rev.

Deacon **Fred Hotz**,  
Obl. OSB to St.  
John's. Dn.

Fred was born in Mexico City, Mexico in 1969. He is fully bilingual in both English and Spanish. Growing up, he lived in Mexico for 25 years, where he attended both the American and British schools. He earned his University undergraduate degrees from St. John's University in Collegeville, MN, holding a BA in Peace Studies, and a BA in Government/Political Science. He later earned an MBA in International Business from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN. He studied for his masters in Hispanic Ministry at the University of Dallas, the Stanton Centre for Ministry and subsequent coursework at Nashotah House, WI.

Dn. Fred is an Oblate of the Order of St. Benedict, St. Benedict's Abbey in Bartonville, IL. He was ordained a Deacon on July 16,



2011. Since his ordination, he has served at Saint Timothy's Anglican Church for 10 years. He has served on mission trips including two visits to the Holy Land and SOMA trips to Honduras, Mexico, and Kenya.

He has a secular job in international logistics. He and his wife **Emilia** of 28 years have three daughters, Emilie Anna (27), Gretta Sophia (25) and Katelynn Lisette Hotz (22).

## A 'NEXT STEP' VESTRY DAY

**A special vestry meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 21 from 9:00 to 11:00 am.**

### BREAKFAST

will be served from 8:00 to 9:00 am!

The meeting will be with **Fr. Ron**

**McCrary**. We will begin to design the next steps in our transition for a new rector. This is an important meeting. Please let Tom Ward or Fr. Klein know if you cannot be there.



## Felicia Feland Requiem Mass

The requiem mass for Felicia Feland is scheduled for Tuesday, May 10 at 10:00 am. Reception follows. Burial in National Cemetery.

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

The Fourth Sunday of Eastertide is referred to as "Good Shepherd

Sunday.” Jesus makes a promise in today’s Gospel to be our Shepherd. He wants to lead us to eternal life. Amidst all the other voices that clamor for our attention daily, the one voice that we need to keep our ears open for is the voice of our Shepherd. The other voices that we hear often scheme so loud they get our attention. So we must be discerning. Good stewards know that it takes a compassionate heart, a habit of prayer, a hunger for the Eucharist and a love of neighbor to be in a position to truly hear the voice of the Good Shepherd. What might we do today to prepare us to more authentically hear the voice of God?

## LA GRAN FAMILIA

### **Honoring:**

A special woman in your life

**Benefitting:** The on-going

ministry of La Gran Familia Children’s Home in Cuahémoc, Chihuahua, Mexico. The

Diocese of Fort Worth has supported this ministry for the last 22 years.

Please make checks payable to the Diocese of Fort Worth with Mother’s Day in the memo line. You can also make a donation online at:

<https://stjohnsfortworth.com>

Thank you for your continued support of La Gran Familia!

## THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE!

We have entered in the Easter season or Eastertide. St. Athanasius (d. 373 AD) said “the fifty days from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation as one feast day, indeed as one great Sunday.” The Easter Octave begins on Easter Sunday and ends today, the 2nd Sunday of Easter, which is the “eighth day” of Easter. Historically, the focus of this day has been on the Christian soul as a new creation. That is what Easter made possible and that is what occurred when we were baptized. We became a new creation in the eyes of God. St. Paul writes, “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.” 2 Cor 5:17. Our lives are no longer worldly; they are now spiritual. Our fallen nature was nailed to the cross with Christ. It was buried with him, and just as Christ was raised up by the Father, so are we raised up to “walk in newness of life.” (Rom 6:4)

We walk in newness of life, but yes, we still sin? Very few people will reach absolute perfection in this life. But, being redeemed in Christ is being sanctified, or made holy, which is a day by day process of growing in grace, where grace helps us conquer our proclivity to keep on sinning. Yes, we still sin, but with less frequency

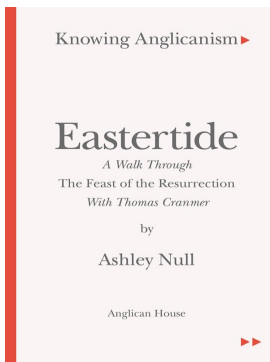


as we mature. As God’s “new creation” we are no longer a slave to sin, as we formerly were. Sin has no power over us. (Rom 6:6,7) We have been made anew for righteousness. We now have the choice to “let sin reign” or to count ourselves “dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.” (Rom 6: 11,12) This is the blessing of Easter Morning! Today, the “Eighth Day” of Eastertide reminds us that being God’s new creation in Christ is a wondrous and sacred thing, a plan formed in the heart of the Father and realized on the Morning the Tomb was Empty! Amen

The Rev. Canon Ashley Null, PhD’s *Eastertide—The Feast of the Resurrection* is a wonderful Prayer Book journey through the festival season on a daily basis from sundown Easter Sunday until the Saturday before Pentecost Sunday.

## **EASTERTIDE—THE FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION**

Here is a good book to add to your library. It is part of a new teaching series “Knowing Anglicanism” that is published by Anglican House Publishers.



Go to their website at:  
<https://anglicanhousepublishers.org>.

## **Eastertide Outreach Opportunity**

### **Fort Worth Pregnancy Center**

**The Fort Worth Pregnancy Center is currently in need of the following items:**

- Diapers Size 1-6
  - Wipes
  - Baby Lotion
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  - Gender Neutral bibs, burp cloths, socks infant mittens
  - New Baby Clothes for Baby Gifts (Size Newborn 0-9 months)
  - Gently used maternity and baby/toddler clothes & shoes size NB – 4T
  - Pull Ups
  - Nail Clippers
  - Baby Shampoo/Wash
  - Diaper Cream
- (Size 2T-4T most needed)
- Baby accessories (carriers, bouncers, swings, etc.)

You may deliver your donated items directly to the Fort Worth Pregnancy Center (3221 Cleburne Rd., Fort Worth, TX 76110) or you can bring them here to St. John's, and we will deliver them for you.



