

PARISH NEWS

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

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MEMORIALS & PRAYER

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

- † **THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** – given in thanksgiving for Fr. Klein's ministry at SJC by Marty and Kendall Smith.
- † **THE LADY CHAPEL FLOWERS** - Happy Birthday Mom! Given by Rebecca Fry.
- † **THE SANCTUARY CANDLE** – given to the Glory of God.
- † **THE DE PROFUNDIS BELL** – will ring on Aug. 14 in memory of Ella Grace Fry, offered by Olga Fry; on Aug. 15 in memory of Ken Vickery, Jr., offered by Nancy Sanders; on Aug. 17 in memory of Jim Huston, offered by Charlotte and Lamar Lunsford; on Aug. 19 in memory of Bridger & Gardiner McDaniel, offered by Lin & Randy Parham; and on Aug. 20 in memory of Kermie Faust Sloan, offered by Mike & Christina Pavlovsky.
- † **PRAYER LIST (3-wk cycle)** : Hugh, Lou, Wanda, Jim, Diane, Glenna, Ann, Cindy, Vic, Courtney, Katie...Dorothy & Gerald, Joni & Chelsea, Carol, Jorge, Natallia.
- † **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:**
- † **FOR THOSE TRAVELING:** Georgette
- † **FOR PARENTS EXPECTING:** Matthew and Neola Hilliard; Robert and Maris Bosworth.
- † **BIRTHDAYS:** Olga Fry (15); Karen Wood (16); Betty Howe, Jane Whitmeyer (17); Aiden Brock (18); Angela Crum (19); Paul McKinney (20)
- † **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:**

Online Giving from Website

STAYING CURRENT WITH YOUR STEWARDSHIP IS NEVER EASIER. Visit our website www.stjohnsfortworth.com and click on the "Give" link on the Front Page and follow a few easy steps. Choose from the calendar the date that you would like your contribution submitted. Select your payment method. Select which fund from the drop-down list. The General Operating Fund is the default. Then, simply tap "Give!" to process your contribution. *Thank you!*

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.

Our Commitment to Biblical Orthodoxy!

St. John's 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 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 Times

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, **AUG 23** 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 at anytime to receive just the host.

When at the Altar rail, after receiving the host, cross your arms and the chalice-bearer will move to the next person.

CGS Atriums will open September 11th!

Teen Formation is currently on a break for summer.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study will begin September 21 at 9:30 am.

Choir and Bell Rehearsal:
Rehearsals begin August 18.
Contact Alan Potts for details at 817-675-0346.

GOOD NEWS DAILY

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

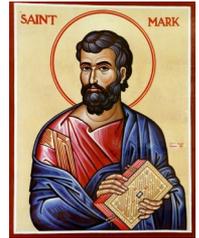
ANOINTING IN CHAPEL



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 GOSPEL OF ST. MARK

Father Foster's class on Mark meets today after the 9:00 am service in the Guild Parlor



following the 9 AM Eucharist. It concludes AUG 14th.

Listening Groups: AUG 26 - 27.

A Parish Wide letter has been mailed with information about the upcoming **listening groups**. These group meetings are part of the parish process in the calling of a new rector. **The groups will meet on Friday, Aug. 26 and Sat. 27th. Save the date and participate!** Fr. Klein

Please note, the Friday, Aug. 26 10-10:45 time slot is now full.

Fall Choir Schedules

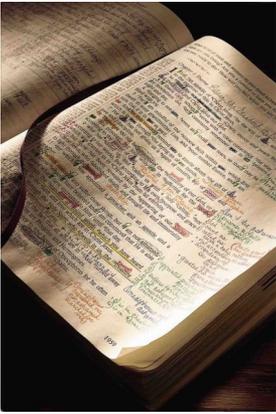
The Bell Choir rehearsals will return on Thursday, Aug 18th. Bells at 6:00 and choirs at 7:00 pm. There is always room for you in the choir! Contact Alan Potts 817-675-0346.

Fall Adult Formation:

First Corinthians, Sept 11-Nov 13

Instructor: Jason Merritt, Ph.D

In the chaos and confusion of our modern world, Christians can find



themselves wishing for the "good old days" of the early church. *But when we read St. Paul's letters, we find that the early church wrestled with the same*

kinds of problems we encounter in the church today: disunity, sexual ethics, rightly ordered worship, and confusion about basic Christian theology.

In this series, we'll work through St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians and see how the Apostle-to-the-world addressed these issues in the ancient church, and we'll learn how we can apply those lessons to our own lives and modern world. Bring your Bible and join us! **Sept 11-Nov 13.**

Outreach Opportunity



**Kairos Prison Ministry
International**

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Kairos is an ecumenical,

worldwide ministry that brings the love of God in Christ into prisons. This is a hugely important ministry to provide a Christian presence as so many prisons have only Muslim spiritual visitors. If you are interested in this ministry please speak with Fr. Klein.

Fort Worth Pregnancy Center

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

- † Diapers Size 1-6
- † Pull Ups
- † Wipes
- † Nail Clippers
- † Baby Lotion
- † Baby Shampoo/Wash
- † Diaper Cream
- † 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 (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.

How do Anglicans Grow?

As we look to the future of St. John's with God's help several things come to mind. One is maintaining and growing Christ's mission here in Fort Worth. We can't slow down. Tarrant County is growing by leaps and bounds. So many people are moving into our area and many of them do not know Jesus Christ. Many of these folks wonder why it's necessary to be baptized or to receive Holy Communion. Christian fellowship for many today is more like a share time at a local coffee house or restaurant. The very notion of everlasting salvation, that every person needs a savior in God who will intervene in their life, this is strange to so many today. There are many who see Christianity only as a problem or an old fashion interference that is no longer relative. For many, Christian doctrine threatens one's freedom of choice and the freedom to construct a personal "reality." Clearly, our work is cut out for us. But, with God's help nothing is impossible. We need only the courage to apply ourselves.

In these Sunday morning reflections we gave been looking at ways our Anglican Christian faith helps us grow deeper in our life with Christ. We have explored the role that Prayer Book worship plays. How it keeps our worship and soul focused on the main thing of Christianity: JESUS. Last week we looked at the spiritual

discipline of fasting for deeper conversion.

TODAY, we look at Anglicanism's Incarnational approach to living the Christian way. Simply put, the biblical teaching of the Incarnation of God in Christ is this: God became man so that we might become one with him through Jesus.

Jesus is fully human while maintaining full divinity as well. This is a divine mystery, and something we will never be able to fully understand. The Apostle Paul calls it "*the mystery of godliness.*" (1 Tim. 3:16) This is what the Anglican faith and Prayer Book worship is all about: our union with God.

Anglicans maintain that our salvation is a free gift of God through Jesus Christ alone. The doctrine of the Incarnation personalizes our faith because it is through Jesus' humanity that we are united to the Holy Trinity.

God invites us into himself! What a bold statement to make. St. Paul writes that we "put on Christ!" (Rom 13:14)

Our worship is no mere duty to fulfill. Instead, in worship, we leave the world behind and spiritually ascend to meet with God through Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit. Here's the BOTTOM LINE: everything in our worship points to the reality of the heavenly participation that we share in Christ. AMEN

Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ. Aug 15

August 15 is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin



Mary. This feast day commemorates the death of Mary. It is a very ancient belief that when she died her body was assumed into

Heaven before any natural decay. This grace was given to her as a foretaste of our own bodily resurrection at the end of time. This is part of our creedal faith.

Because it signifies the Blessed Virgin's passing into eternal life, it is the most important of all Marian feasts. It is one of the oldest holy days in the Church, with accounts of liturgies going back to the 6th century. Christians in the East refer to it as the Feast of the Dormition or "the falling asleep of the Mother of God." The earliest printed liturgy to the belief that Mary's body was assumed into Heaven dates from the 4th century, in a document entitled The Falling Asleep of the Holy Mother of God.

The document is written in the voice of the Apostle John, to whom Christ on the Cross had entrusted the care of his mother, and it recounts the death, laying in the tomb, and assumption of the

Blessed Virgin. Tradition variously places Mary's death at Jerusalem or at Ephesus, where John was living.

Collect

O God, you have taken to yourself the blessed Virgin Mary, mother of your incarnate Son: Grant that we, who have been redeemed by his blood, may share with her the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen. **Amen**

Holy Land Trip: January 9th-18th, 2023

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to walk in the footsteps of Jesus? To see the world He saw, to be in the country that Christ was in while he was here among us? Fr. Richard and Margaret will be leading a tour to the holy land in January and you are invited to be a part of this once in a lifetime experience. You will be amazed at what you will learn and how this trip can grow and change your relationship with Christ.



For more information call Fr. Richard Moseley @ 817-988-1460.

Holy Land Trip Meeting

If you have registered or are interested in the January trip to the holy land, there will be a meeting with Fr. Richard at St. John's Church **Wednesday, August 17 at 6:00 PM.**

Text-Giving

Text-giving is extremely easy.

All you do is text the amount you would like to give to the number assigned to St. John's.



1-817-477-6437.

Put this number in your directory or address book in your phone. The first time you text this number you will be prompted to visit a secure web address. Once you are registered you will not need to repeat this step with future text-giving. After completing the registration follow the directions to make your donation. You will immediately receive a confirmation text showing your donation was successful.

