

# PARISH NEWS

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

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**September 4, 2022**

## MEMORIALS & PRAYER

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

- † **THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** – given in loving memory of Ron on his first birthday in heaven and celebrating granddaughter Ryleigh Foster's birthday by Ann Schumann.
- † **THE LADY CHAPEL FLOWERS** - given in loving memory of Gabriel Paetz by Denise and Jeff Paetz.
- † **THE SANCTUARY CANDLE** – given in loving memory of Gabriel Paetz by Denise and Jeff Paetz.
- † **THE DE PROFUNDIS BELL** – will ring on September 4th in loving memory of Daniel James Wooten offered by the Beaupré Family.
- † **PRAYER LIST (3-wk cycle)** : Hugh, Lou, Wanda, Jim, Diane, Glenna, Ann, Cindy, Vic, Courtney, Katie...Jorge, Natallia, Joni & Chelsea, The Baileys, Anne, Fr. Bob, Larry, Sherman, Brooke, Jennifer, Numan, Cynthia
- † **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:** Daniel Wooten
- † **FOR THOSE TRAVELING:** Georgette, Anne
- † **FOR PARENTS EXPECTING:** Matthew and Neola Hilliard; Robert and Maris Bosworth.
- † **BIRTHDAYS:** Brianna Wilcox (6); Randy Parham (7); Alex Leaseburg (8); Anna Stupfel, Stan J. Young (10)
- † **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:** David and Monica Black (10)

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### Online Giving from Website

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## **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, **SEP 27** 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 opens Sept. 18th!**

**Teen Study opens Sept. 18th!**

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study** will begin September 7 at 9:30 am.

**Choir and Bell Rehearsal:** Adult choir rehearsals on Thursdays. Bells at 6:00 and choirs at 7:00 pm. There is always room! Contact Alan Potts 817-675-0346.

**Children's Choir Rehearsal:** Rehearsals begin Thursday, Sept. 15, from 5:15—6:00 pm for ages 4-12. Contact Diane Lange for details at 817-908-6010.

### **GOOD NEWS DAILY**

Good News Daily booklets are here! The **SEPTEMBER** 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.



### **JOIN THE CHOIR!**

All adult choir rehearsals have returned on Thursdays. 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.

**Children's Choir Swim Party** Sunday, Sept 11 at Diane and Don Lange's home. Early afternoon. Contact Diane Lange for details at 817-908-6010.

### **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**

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 chaplains. If you are interested in this ministry please speak with Fr. Klein.

## **Diocesan Churchwomen's Fall Conference**

Saturday, October 1, 2022  
9:00 am—2:00 pm

***The Women who loved Jesus***  
*Presented by Fr. Michael Brooks*



727 Hill Street Grand  
Prairie, TX 75050

\$15 per person  
(includes Cont'l  
breakfast and catered  
lunch).

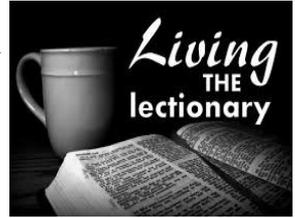
*Please register no later than 9/24/2022. Forms available in the parish office.*

## **Wednesday Morning Bible Study**

Wednesday morning ***Bible Study will begin on Sept. 7 at 9:30 am.***

We will begin a fresh study which shall be a study of the scriptures used in the upcoming Sunday morning

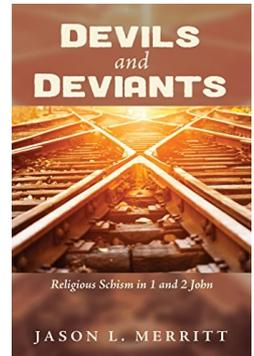
Lectionary. Fr. Klein will lead the program through September and Fr. Moseley will step in on Oct. 5.



## **GOOD FALL READING.**

Devils and Deviants: Religious Schism in 1 and 2 John, by Jason Merritt, PhD.

This is a scholarly study of how the early Church faced conflict, division and even schism. It's message gives us hope today as we wrestle with similar conflicts and heresy.



Jason L.

Merritt and his family are active members of St. John's. Jason is a Chalice-bearer, reader and teaches Adult Formation. He currently serves on the vestry. He is instructor of classical Greek and rhetoric at Covenant Classical

School and a translation consultant for Bible League International. He holds a PhD from Brite Divinity School. (TCU)

## **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. The very notion of everlasting salvation, that every person needs God, and that He 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 have been looking at ways our Anglican Christian faith helps us grow deeper in our life with Christ.

This week's meditation looks at **The Processional Cross.**

When people first visit St. John's

one thing that is new to most is seeing the liturgical procession. When the procession begins, everyone stands and sings an opening hymn. The theme of the hymn reflects the liturgical season we are in (Advent, Epiphany, Lent, Holy Week, Easter, Pentecost) and themes of the day's Scriptures.

The Cross solemnly leads the acolytes, choir, assisting lay ministers such as chalice bearers, and the clergy to the Altar. As the Processional Cross moves solemnly among those gathered for worship a number of people turn towards the Cross and bowed their heads as it passes. Not everyone does this, by most do. It's a beautiful, solemn, reverent gesture that functions much like a prayer of adoration. It is also an ancient and longstanding Christian tradition.

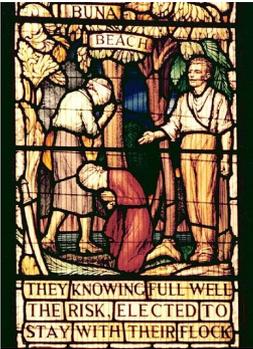
The Processional Cross represents the true Cross that Jesus suffered and died upon. His death on the Cross turned the world upside down! For Anglicans the Cross is our central sign of our salvation. It's a sign of God's grace daily in our lives. It's a sign of the Christian Faith that is actively transfiguring the cosmos!

In our worship at St. John's we have several processional crosses. They are used at various times of the liturgical year. The Processional Cross reminds us that we are called to lift up the Cross of Christ in our own hearts and minds and keep it in the midst of our

congregation.

## The Feast of the Martyrs of Papua New Guinea, 1901 and 1942

On Friday, September 2nd Anglicans around the world will be celebrating a Holy Day dedicated to the Martyrs of New Guinea.



The Anglican church in Papua New Guinea has been enriched by martyrdom twice in the 20th century. James

Chalmers, Oliver

Tomkins and

some companions were sent to New Guinea by the Anglican Bishop of London and the London Missionary Society. They met their death by martyrdom in 1901. Forty years later, during World War II, New Guinea was occupied by the Imperial Japanese Army and Christians were severely persecuted. Among those who died for the faith were two English priests, Vivian Redlich and John Barge, who remained with their people after the invasion of 1942 but were betrayed and beheaded, together with seven Australians and two Papuan evangelists, Leslie Gariadi and Lucian Tapiedi.

There is great power in the blood of martyrdom. Efforts to destroy Christianity in New Guinea failed!

Inspired by the long human-chain of witnesses Fr. David Hand began laboring in Papua New Guinea. In 1963 he became Bishop of New Guinea. With much time and sacrifice Anglican parishes started developing everywhere. At this time New Guinea was part of Australia's Diocese of Queensland, but in 1977 Papua New Guinea's Anglicans became an autonomous Province within the Anglican Communion called the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea (ACPNG) and Bishop David Hand was elevated to Archbishop. Five new dioceses were created.

Archbishop David was succeeded in 1983 by The Most Rev'd George Ambo, the first Papua New Guinean to hold this position. He was followed by The Most Rev'd Bevan Meredith in 1989, The Most Rev'd James Ayong in 1996, The Most Rev'd Joseph Kopapa in 2010, The Most Rev'd Clyde Igara in 2013 and currently The Most Rev'd Allan Migi in 2017 serves the Church.

There remain MANY CHALLENGES the Church in Papua New Guinea face daily! For example: there are over 800 languages among 7.3 million people. 80% of the population live in remote rural areas without electricity, shops, roads or access to markets. A third of the population are illiterate, particularly women, and most

families struggle to pay for the most basic education for the children. Few have paid jobs and over 75% rely on subsistence farming and a non-cash economy.

Sexual abuse and trafficking of young girls and boys, violence and sorcery are major problems.

Yet, over 90% of the population is Christian. The first Anglican missionaries landed just over a century ago but the church has finally reached the heavily populated Highlands only 60 years ago, and some areas have not yet been explored.

In 2015, just over 30 years after becoming an independent Province in the Anglican Communion, there is a wholly indigenous priesthood, three religious orders, and PNG missionaries working overseas.

There are over 140 parishes that sponsor hundreds of mission stations, medical centers and chapels. Most of this outreach is in remote mountain, coastal or island areas.

The Anglican Church through her preaching, teaching and healing provide the only education and health services to most of these communities.

Weather, terrain, distance and cost are formidable obstacles to meetings, training and communication.

### **Collect**

*Almighty God, we remember*

*before you this day the blessed martyrs of New Guinea, who, following the example of their Savior, laid down their lives for their friends; and we pray that we, who honor their memory, may imitate their loyalty and faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

### **DHC Regional Gathering**

A common theme for all those who stood for Provincial Council this year was the desire to have regional gatherings that would enable women from states in the same area to gather together. The first regional gathering is being held in Dallas, Texas, hosted by the Daughter's chapter at Church of the Holy Communion Cathedral. Anyone is welcome to attend, regardless whether or not you live in Texas! This event is open to all women - we encourage you to invite a friend.

Registration for the Gathering may be done on the Daughters' website. Additionally, we have reserved a block of hotel rooms at The Hyatt Place at a discounted rate. We are looking forward to seeing you in September!

# Rally Day

## Sunday, September 11

Wonderful “Rally Day Food” by  
Feastivities

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd  
Teen Formation and Study

Hospitality

Choir

Children’s Choir

Bible Study

*and more*

