

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 God's many blessings by Jay and Melissa Inman.
- ✠ **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 14th in loving memory of Ernest Chilton offered by Trish Williamson and on September 17th in loving memory of Gabriel Alexander Paetz offered by Jeff and Denise Paetz.
- ✠ **PRAYER LIST (3-wk cycle)** : Hugh, Lou, Wanda, Jim, Diane, Glenna, Ann, Cindy, Vic, Courtney, Katie... Joni & Chelsea, and Bill.
- ✠ **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:** Sandy Wade
- ✠ **FOR THOSE TRAVELING:** Anne
- ✠ **FOR PARENTS EXPECTING:** Matthew and Neola Hilliard; Robert and Maris Bosworth.
- ✠ **BIRTHDAYS:** Christina Pavlovsky (11); Fr. Bob Bosworth+, Priyanthi Warnesuriye (15); David Leaseburg (16); Dorothy Gregory, Melinda Woody (17)
- ✠ **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:** Bruce and Sue Slaughter (14)

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, **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 18-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 18-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

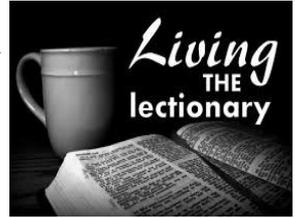
\$15 per person
(includes Cont'l
breakfast and catered
lunch).

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.***

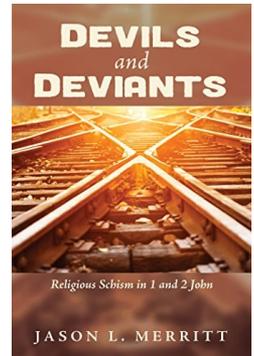
We will begin a fresh study which shall be a study of the scriptures used in the upcoming Sunday morning Lectionary. Fr. Klein will lead the program through September and Fr. Moseley will step in on Oct. 5.



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 weeks meditation looks at the place of the "Collect" in our Prayer Book Services.

Prayer is such an important discipline for Anglicans. No wonder our book of worship is titled The Book of Common Prayer. As we gather for worship each Sunday we hear the celebrant offer several Collects. The "Collect for Purity" is one we hear repeated at the beginning of every Eucharist. The "Collect of the Day" is new each Sunday or Holy Day and is assigned to the lectionary lessons for that Sunday or special service. If you pray the Offices of Morning or Evening Prayer you will find several Collects to choose from. **So, what are they?**

Most Collects follow a set formula. This formula was worked out by the ancient Church and was "standardized" by Archbishop Thomas Cranmer for the first Book of Common Prayer (1549). The formula is simple.

1. There is an opening prayer to **God the Father** addressing his property and actions in the world on our behalf.
2. There is a request or truth which often addresses the property and action of **God the Son: Jesus Christ**.
3. There is a closing doxology which often addresses the **Holy Spirit** and the "**Amen**."

Most Collects are Trinitarian. There are always exceptions to the rule above, but this formula is Cranmer's mainstay.

Let's look at some examples.

The Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Easter.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

In this prayer, *first*, we are praying to **God the Father**. He is “Almighty” of rules over all. Here the prayer acknowledges him to be the source of everlasting life.

Second, reflecting on Jn 14:6 that **Jesus Christ** is the “*way, the truth and the life*” we acknowledge that the Christian life is all about following in the redeeming mission of Jesus by walking in his “steps.” This “walking” is the exercising a steadfastness of theology and worship that grows our faith and leads us to eternal life.

Third, our prayers are offered through Jesus Christ in the power of the **Holy Spirit**.

The Amen is both our personal statement of faith and it is a collective voice of the whole people of God.

Let’s look at one more prayer. **The Collect for Purity.**

This prayer Archbishop Thomas

Cranmer adapted into English from the Latin prayer used in England. Its oldest known source is in the 10th century *Sacramentarium Fuldense Saeculi X*.

Here it is:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

This prayer acknowledges how truly open we are to be with God at all times. It addresses the central place of humility that helps us to properly grow in faith. God alone can cleanse our soul from the stains of the world so we can properly love him with all our heart, mind and actions.

It acknowledges the very Presence of God. To love God is the highest of all Christian virtues. In the Summary of the Law we learn that in loving God we are capable of loving our neighbors and one’s self. In fact, it is God who turns us into worshippers and our purpose in gathering is to worship and adore him.

Holy Cross Day

Holy Cross Day or “The Exaltation of the Holy Cross” is a major feast on **Sept. 14** in honor of Christ’s self-offering on the Cross for our salvation.

The Feast recalls the Passion of our Lord. How, on the Cross he drew the world to himself. As Christians, we should always marvel in this mystery of our redemption, and daily seek the grace we need to take up our cross and follow him.

Historically, the feast has been associated with the dedication on Sept. 14, 335 AD, of a complex of buildings built by the Emperor Constantine (285-337 AD) in Jerusalem on the sites of the Crucifixion of Christ and Christ's tomb. This includes a large basilica and a circular church.

Constantine's mother, St. Helena (255-330 AD), supervised the construction and a relic of the true Cross was discovered during the work of excavation.

Holy Cross Day provides us with a joyous opportunity to remember that it is only by the love and work of God that we have any place awaiting us in heaven.

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. 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!

Annual Stewardship Dinner at Joe T. Garcia's.

Wednesday, Oct 5
6:00 Fellowship
7:00 Dinner



Be sure to sign up and attend this special evening with Fr. David and Diane Klein

Welcome
to Rally Day
*Let's work together to
have a great year!*

Wonderful food by Feastivities

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
Teen Formation and Study

Hospitality

Choir

Children's Choir

Bible Study

and more

