

PARISH NEWS

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

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September 18, 2022

MEMORIALS & PRAYER

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

- † **THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** – given in memory of Bob's mother, Harriet Hampton by Bob and Lisa Hampton.
- † **THE LADY CHAPEL FLOWERS** - given in loving memory of my mother Lucile and my sister Carrie Lucile by Pat Atkinson-Leito.
- † **THE SANCTUARY CANDLE** – given in loving memory of Gabriel Paetz by Denise and Jeff Paetz.
- † **THE DE PROFUNDIS BELL** – will ring on September 18th in loving memory of Irene Belsly offered by Jan Belsly.
- † **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, Justina Onwubiko
- † **FOR THOSE TRAVELING:**
- † **FOR PARENTS EXPECTING:** Matthew and Neola Hilliard
- † **BIRTHDAYS:** Teel Leaverton, Josh Lambert (19); Roxie Dolph (22); Garrett Tucker (24)
- † **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, **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!

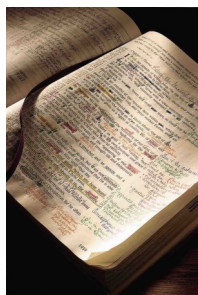
All adult choir rehearsals have returned on Thursdays. Bells at 6:00 and choirs at 7:00 pm. *There is always room for you in the choir!* Contact Alan Potts 817-675-0346.

Tower Bells Update!

The Tower Bells are currently still waiting for the upgrade. We have been notified that the repair/upgrade will occur in early October. It's going to be wonderful when it is completed.

Fall Adult Formation:

First Corinthians, Sept 18-Nov 13
Instructor: Jason Merritt, Ph.D
STARTS TODAY! 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.**

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).

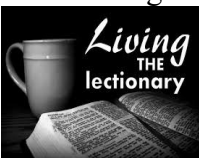
Please register no later than 9/24/2022. Forms available in the parish office.

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

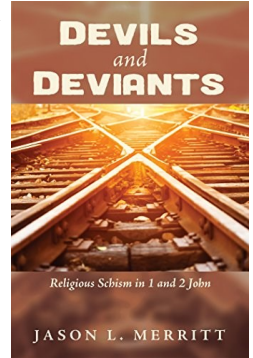


through September and Fr. Moseley will step in on Oct. 5.

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 **Summary of the Law**. Here is the text:

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. Matt. 22:37-40

For those who grew up using the Book of Common Prayer we have heard these words by Jesus every Sunday morning, and sometimes more often. The Summary of the Law was first used in the Book of Common Prayer by English Non-

Jurors in 1718 as a substitute for the Decalogue. The first American Prayer Book of 1789 adopted the Summary of the Law as either an addition to the Decalogue or as a substitution for the Decalogue. This has remained the pattern in the American Prayer Books of 1789, 1892, 1928, up to 1979. It's ironic that the 1979 BCP removed the Summary of the Law and the Decalogue from most of its Eucharistic Liturgies.

The ACNA's 2019 BCP restored the Summary of the Law in every liturgy in the 2019 BCP. The 2019 BCP also provides the proper reference of the book, chapter and verse that the Summary of the Law is found in the Gospel, which is Matt 22:37-40. This helps modern Anglicans to accomplish Archbishop Thomas Cranmer's vision of "praying the scriptures" as we worship our loving God.

Why is the Summary of the Law so important? The Decalogue was given to the people of God during their Exodus from Egypt to the Promised Land. It provides the *basic* moral and theological identity that formed the people of God. When Jesus was confronted by a Pharisee who asked him, "*Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?*" Jesus responded with the "Great Commandment" or what we call the "Summary of the Law."

Jesus reminds his Church of what God requires of his people. If we are *to be* people who *presently* live

in God's kingdom we need to know what that means. **As “kingdom people” our devotion to God is our first priority.**

As a “kingdom people” we know that God is always pouring his grace into us. Our Eucharistic worship and daily prayers are our response to his grace.

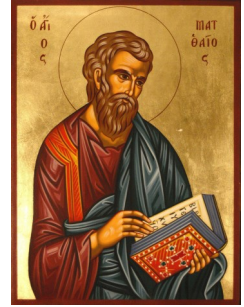
The second commandment of loving our neighbor is inseparable from the first and greatest commandment of loving God with all our heart, mind and soul.

St. John makes this clear when he says, *“If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen.”* (1 Jn 4:20) Some of our greatest acts of devotion to our Lord come when we love our neighbors. In fact, it is when we are totally devoted to God that we are able to truly love our neighbors. The same total commitment that is required to love God is required also to love those whom he created in his own image.

Anglicans grow in faith and service when we can live out the Summary of the Law. This week ask yourself, “what or who is it that you love?” Has God captured your heart, soul and mind? How can you better love your neighbor this week?

Feast of St. Matthew

The Feast of St. Matthew is September 21st. Matthew was the son of Alpheus, and he was born in Galilee. He worked as a tax collector. According to the Gospel, Matthew was working at a collection booth in



Capernaum when Christ came to him and asked, *“Follow me.”* With this simple call, Matthew became a disciple of Christ.

From Matthew we learn that salvation is for all people who come to God through Christ. Matthew wrote his gospel in Aramaic from 42 to 50 AD.

Matthew good verbal skills that make his writing reliable. Tax collectors needed to know how to write. This ability means that the words of Matthew are not only inspired by the Holy Spirit, but should represent an actual record of some of Christ's sermons. For example, the Sermon on the Mount, as recorded in chapters 5-7 is almost certainly such a recording of that great message.

Matthew wrote at a time when most Christians were Jewish converts, so Matthew's focus on Jewish perspective in this Gospel is understandable. He intends to prove to the Jews that Jesus Christ

is the promised Messiah. More than any other Gospel, Matthew quotes the Old Testament to show how Jesus fulfilled the words of the Jewish prophets.

Matthew uses many forms of speech that Jews would have been comfortable with. Matthew's love and concern for his people is apparent through his meticulous approach to telling the gospel story.

Collect

We thank thee, heavenly Father, for the witness of thine apostle and evangelist Matthew to the Gospel of thy Son our Savior; and we pray that, after his example, we may with ready wills and hearts obey the calling of our Lord to follow him; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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!

Banns of Marriage

I publish the Banns of Marriage between Jacob Lloyd Colglazier and Margaret Lee Wright, and I bid your prayers on their behalf. If you know cause or just impediment why these two persons should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, you are to declare it.

Text-Giving

Text-giving is extremely easy. Dial the number assigned to St. John's. 1-817-477-6437. Put this number in your 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 you can make your donation. You will immediately receive a confirmation text showing your donation was successful.



St. John's Family Stewardship Dinner

A special evening with Fr. David and Diane Klein

at **Joe T. Garcia's**

Wednesday, October 5th
Fellowship begins at 6:00 pm

Sign up today!

Family Style Dinner:

Two cheese nachos, two cheese enchiladas, rice, beans, two beef tacos, guacamole, tortillas, chips and salsa, and iced tea.

\$20 Adults \$12 Kids

Special diet needed? See Fr. Klein or call the Parish Office.



RSVP and Pay by Sept 30 ~ 817-927-5341