

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** – in thanksgiving for our children by Chris and Clay Slaughter.
- † **THE LADY CHAPEL FLOWERS** - given to the Glory of God.
- † **THE SANCTUARY CANDLE** – given to the Glory of God and in honor of the birthday of her great-grandson, Ken Saisuk-Robertson by Trish Williamson.
- † **THE DE PROFUNDIS BELL** – will ring on October 4th in loving memory of Rob Blakewell offered by Lin and Randy Parham; on October 5th in loving memory of Otis Traughbar offered by Trish Williamson; on October 6th in loving memory of Clyde Belsly offered by Jan Belsly; and on October 7th in loving memory of Delmar Wolfe, Sr. offered by Michael and Christina Pavlovsky.
- † **PRAYER LIST (3-wk cycle)** : Hugh, Lou, Wanda, Jim, Diane, Glenna, Ann, Cindy, Vic, Courtney, Katie...Wade & Natallia, Emily, Joni & Chelsea, Mary.
- † **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:**
- † **FOR PARENTS EXPECTING:** Matthew and Neola Hilliard
- † **BIRTHDAYS:** Hugh Leake (2); Mary Stitt (5); Steve Sparks (6)
- † **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:** Mike and Jean Carmena (4); David and Mary Boyce (6); Clay and Chris Slaughter (8)

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, **OCT 25** 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 **OCTOBER** 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.

Tower Bells Update!

The Tower Bells are scheduled for upgrade on Oct 3, 4. They should be ringing next Sunday!

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

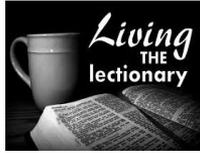


and see how the Apostle-to-the-world addressed these issues in the ancient church, and we'll learn how we can apply those lessons to our own lives and modern world. Bring your

Bible and join us! Meeting in Guild Parlor. **Sept 18-Nov 13.**

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Wednesday morning *Bible Study* meets weekly at 9:30 am.



We have begun a fresh study which shall be a study of the scriptures used in the upcoming Sunday morning Lectionary. Fr. Moseley leads the program.

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.

What is "Michaelmas?"

This week we will look at the feast day called "Michaelmas." This name comes from "Michael's Mass" in the same way as Christmas derives from "Christ's Mass." Michaelmas is the feast of "St. Michael and All Angels." We celebrated this Feast day on **September 29th.**

Michaelmas honors the three



Archangels: St. Michael, St. Gabriel, and St. Raphael.

"Michael" means in

Hebrew, he "who is like God."

In the Apocalypse or the "Book of Revelation" St. John records how St. Michael fought against Lucifer and the fallen angels defending the faithful of God.

St. Gabriel serves as a messenger for God to certain people. Gabriel is mentioned in both the Old and the New Testaments.

First, in the Old Testament, Gabriel appears to the prophet Daniel to explain his visions. Gabriel is described as, "one who looked like man," as he interprets Daniel's visions. He speaks to Daniel while he is sleeping. After Gabriel's first visit, Daniel becomes tired and sick for days. Gabriel later visits Daniel again providing him with more insight and understanding in an answered prayer.

Second, in the New Testament, Gabriel, described as "an angel of the Lord," first appears to Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist. He

tells him, "*Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth.*" Luke 1:13.

St. Gabriel announced the coming of Jesus to the blessed Virgin Mary and also the coming of John the Baptist to Zachariah.

St. Raphael by name is only in the Book of Tobit. His name means "God heals." In the Book of Tobit, disguised as a man Raphael is referred to as "*Azarias the son of the great Ananias*" and travels alongside Tobit's son, Tobiah. Once Raphael returns from his journey with Tobiah, he declares to Tobit that he was sent by the Lord to heal his blindness and deliver Sarah, Tobiah's future wife, from the demon Asmodeus. It is then that his true healing powers are revealed and he makes himself known as "the angel Raphael." Tobit 12:15.

The demon *Asmodeus* killed every man Sarah married on the night of the wedding, before the marriage could be consummated. Raphael guided Tobiah and taught him how to safely enter the marriage with Sarah.

Raphael drove the evil spirit away from Sarah restoring Tobit's vision, allowing him to see the light of Heaven and for receiving all good things through his intercession.

Sent from the hands of God, these powerful messengers of Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael bring promises of love and of hope.

The Feast Day. Since this Feast day happens as autumn starts there are many customs surrounding family meals. Autumn or Fall veggies are traditional. According to a Scottish custom, women harvest carrots on Michaelmas by digging triangular holes with a three-pronged tool. This shaped hole represents St. Michael's shield and the tool represents his spear he used against Satan and the fallen Angels.

Goose is very traditional. But turkey, duck or chicken will do fine. Roasting a nice platter of root veggies is great. Traditional stuffing is made from potatoes and sausage and lots of herbs.

There's an English legend concerning Lucifer falling into a blackberry bush after being expelled from heaven by St. Michael and spitting on the blackberries to make them bitter so that they cannot be picked after Michaelmas. This Feast day is also called "Devil Spits Day."

To celebrate Satan's fall people make Blackberry muffins and scones, and Blackberry, Apple or Raspberry tarts and pies. Apple, Bramble and Pear, Blackberry, Elderberry and Apple Jellies.

There is a traditional Scottish "Michaelmas Cake" made of a mixture of meal from cereals grown on the land, such as oats barley and rye, and moistened with ewes milk. It is baked by the eldest daughter under the supervision of her mother. However, this is a duty of great responsibility. If the cake broke in the process it was a token of bad luck. A broken cake is never eaten.

The aster flower, also known as the “Michaelmas Daisy” are often in season in many places until the end of September. They decorate the table and home.

All of these customs are wonderful “spiritual tools” to include in your home with your children and grandchildren that will help teach annually the biblical truth that angels and archangels and all the company of heaven surround us by God’s order to defend us each and every day. Something to look forward to each year.

The Collect

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals: Mercifully grant that, as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, so by your appointment they may help and defend us here on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.