

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 celebration of their wedding anniversary & in thanksgiving for their many blessings by Ben & Diana Broadwater.
- ✠ **THE LADY CHAPEL FLOWERS** - given in loving memory of Jack Fry by Rebecca Fry.
- ✠ **THE SANCTUARY CANDLE** – given to the Glory of God and in honor of the birthdays of her grandchildren, Olivia and Brian Matthews by Trish Williamson; and in loving memory of Stephen Hooker by Sharon Norcross.
- ✠ **THE DE PROFUNDIS BELL** – will ring on July 19 in memory of Stephen Hooker offered by Sharon Norcross and on July 22 in memory of Jack Fry offered by Olga Fry.
- ✠ **PRAYER LIST (3-wk cycle)** : Hugh, Lou, Wanda, Jim, Diane, Glenna, Ann, Cindy, Vic, Courtney, Katie...Dottie, Christopher, Bob, Luke & Kayce.
- ✠ **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:** Kylee Benson
- ✠ **FOR PARENTS EXPECTING:** Matthew and Neola Hillard; Robert and Maris Bosworth
- ✠ **BIRTHDAYS:** James Davis (22)
- ✠ **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:** Ben and Diana Broadwater (19)

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 so much!*

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 Services and Rites

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, **JUL 26** 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 to receive just the host alone.

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

CGS Atriums are currently on a break for summer.

Teen Formation is currently on a break for summer.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study has concluded for the summer. We will return in September.

Choir and Bell Rehearsal: Choir rehearsals are suspended for the summer. Rehearsals start back up in August.

GOOD NEWS DAILY

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

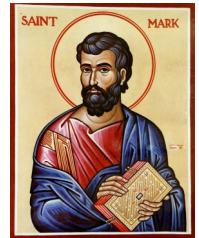
NEW PARISH DIRECTORY

A new Parish Directory will be available in October at the Stewardship Dinner. We have three DRAFT DIRECTORIES printed. One is in the **Narthex at the front door**. One is in the **Office**. The third is in **Gregory Hall**. **PLEASE CHECK YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION. PLEASE PUT A CHECK NEXT TO YOUR NAME AFTER REVIEWING IT.** Make sure your name, address, phone number and if you want to include your email is correct.

THE GOSPEL OF ST. MARK

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

The course is on the Gospel according to St. Mark (Jun 19-Jul 31). It meets the Guild Parlor following the 9 AM Eucharist.



Listening Groups: AUG 26 - 27.

The **listening groups** will be formed as part of the parish process in the calling of a new rector. **The groups will meet on Friday, Aug. 26 and Sat. 27th.** More information will follow by letter.

Just save the date and participate! Fr. Klein

Fr. Bosworth at St. Timothy's.

Fr. Bob has been called into service as a "guest organist" at St. Timothy's for the Sundays of July 17th, 24th, and 31st.

REGISTER NOW FOR CAMP CRUCIS SUMMER CAMP 2022

Junior High

July 24-29
6th-9th Grade

Senior High

June 26-July 2
9th-12th Grade

Register online at:

<https://campcrucis.org/summer-camps>

Outreach Opportunity

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.

Union Gospel Mission

Union Gospel Mission of Tarrant County (UGM-TC) is a united Christian organization and ministry dedicated to providing love, hope, respect and a new beginning for the homeless and needy in Tarrant County.

Here are some opportunities to get involved using your talents, gifts and love for Christ.

Kitchen and Dining. Assist the kitchen staff in preparing and serving meals. We schedule 10 volunteers per meal/per location/per shift. Sack lunches are also needed for residents and guests of the Mission. These are made from home per UGM-TC Sack Lunch guidelines.

Alpha. Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the basics of Christian

faith. Typically run over 11 weeks, each session looks at a different question that people can have about faith and is designed to create conversation.

Chapel. Help share God's love and worship by leading a chapel service or sharing musical talents.

MANY MORE

OPPORTUNITIES! Other opportunities are available for both in-person or from home. If you are interested in volunteering at UGM-TC please contact Dana Walser, Volunteer Coordinator, at 817.338.8402. Address: 1321 East Lancaster Ave, Fort Worth, TX 76102. Website: www.ugm-tc.org.

Feast of St. Gregory of Nyssa, Bishop and Theologian - July 19th. Died 396AD.

Gregory of Nyssa was born about 335 AD in Cappadocia (present day Turkey). He came from a large Christian family of ten children, five boys and five girls. Two of the most influential people on the development of his thought are two of his elder siblings—his sister St. Macrina (327 - 379 AD) and St. Basil (330 - 379 AD). Along with Basil and their friend Gregory of Nazianzus (329 - 391 AD), Gregory of Nyssa forms the third of a trio of Christian thinkers, collectively known as “the Cappadocian fathers”, who established the main lines of orthodoxy in the Christian East.

St. Basil, who became the powerful bishop of Caesarea, was the most politically skilled churchman of the group.

St. Gregory of Nazianzus was a brilliant orator, best known for his five “theological orations,” which succinctly summarized “the Cappadocian consensus.”

But the deepest thinker of the three was St. Gregory of Nyssa. Gregory stands at a crossroads in the theological development of the Christian East: he sums up many of the ideas of his great predecessors, such as the Jewish philosopher Philo of Alexandria (20 BC - 54 AD) and the Christian theologian St. Origen (185 - 254 AD), and initiates the development of themes that will appear in the most prominent of the later Byzantine thinkers, notably the Pseudo-Dionysius (500 AD) and St. Gregory Palamas (1296 – 1359 AD).

Gregory was a highly original thinker, drawing inspiration from the Greek philosophical schools, as well as from the Jewish and developing Eastern Christian traditions. He formulated an original synthesis that was brilliant.

Gregory of Nyssa left us with a rich resource of ideas, both philosophical and theological. He has played a pivotal role in the development of Western Christian thought. Not only that, but several of Gregory's most important

theories influenced modern thinkers such as John Locke and Immanuel Kant.

Collect

Almighty God, who has revealed to your Church your eternal Being of glorious majesty and perfect love as one God in Trinity of Persons: Give us grace that, like your bishop Gregory of Nyssa, we may continue steadfast in the confession of this faith, and constant in our worship of you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit; who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

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 really necessary to be baptized or to receive Holy Communion. The very notion of salvation, of needing a savior in God who will intervene in their life, is strange to so many today. There are many who see Christianity only as a real problem, as an old fashioned institution that threatens to their modern personal desires.

How do we minister among such people and to their families with the Gospel of Christ? This is a big topic. But three things spring to mind. (1) pray to God for guidance and assurance and vision, (2) we must take seriously the spiritual discipline of fasting for deeper conversion, and (3) we must labor seriously and sacrifice for the results we want to see.

1. Pray. This is essential. Jesus tells us that "*the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.*" (Matt 9:37) The harvest is as plentiful as it's ever been. What isn't plentiful are serious Christians who are willing to sacrifice and actually live the faith! We must pray for God to give us courage. To open our eyes to see his vision for the future of St. John's and pray that men and women will join in the labor of building up the Church and making disciples.

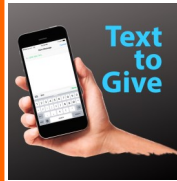
2. Fast. This is a spiritual discipline that our Prayer Book instructs us to exercise. Fasting is taking control of our life and the day. By fasting we help put our heart on the path way to Christ. It expresses conversion of the heart within ourselves. It helps us take our focus off ourselves, and our too often worldly appetites and desires, so we can learn to hunger for the good things of the Lord, so only God can fill our deepest hungers. Fasting equips us with the

ability to fight the spiritual battles that are ahead of us as we seek to grow St. John's and build up the Body of Christ so the Kingdom of God may flourish.

3. To be a Christian means we are always learning and teaching others to be a laborer in God's world. Paul writes to the Corinthians: *"since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church."* (1 Cor. 14:12) What he meant by *"building up the church"* was to put primary interest in solid catechesis. Paul continues, *"I would rather speak five words with my mind in order to instruct others, than ten thousand words in a tongue."* (1 Cor. 14:19) The word he uses for *"instruct"* here is the Greek word *katēcheō*. Catechesis is the work of "hand on to another by instruction in thought, word, and deed" those things which Christians must know, but also those ways in which they should live and pray.

Proper, faithful catechesis builds up the church, not only in the growth of her members, but the growth of her membership! Catechesis is the tool of the Holy Spirit that molds the church to make disciples and feed disciples.. That is absolutely true.

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.

