

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 to the Glory of God.
- † **THE LADY CHAPEL FLOWERS** - given to the Glory of God.
- † **THE SANCTUARY CANDLE** – given to the Glory of God.
- † **THE DE PROFUNDIS BELL** – will ring on July 24 in memory of Glen Coolidge offered by Lin and Randy Parham.
- † **PRAYER LIST (3-wk cycle)** : Hugh, Lou, Wanda, Jim, Diane, Glenna, Ann, Cindy, Vic, Courtney, Katie...Dottie, Christopher, Bob, Luke & Kayce, Randy, Taylor.
- † **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:** Juane Reed, Charles McKinney (25); James R. Wooten (26); Walter Virden (27); Bryan Blakely (28); Nuwan Warnesuriye (29); Mark Oliver (30)
- † **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 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 **AUGUST** edition is available. You may pick up a copy in the narthex, the chapel entrance, or the office.

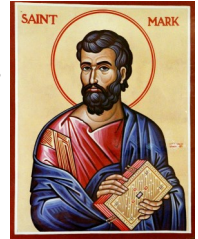
ANOINTING IN CHAPEL



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.

THE GOSPEL OF ST. MARK

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

The Curate's House Update.

We are happy to report that the curate's house is nearly done. We have spent a fair amount of money preparing the house for Fr. Richard and Margaret to occupy in September. If you can make any donation to help us cover many added expenses that would be great! Just put in the "Note" section of your check it's for the curate's house. *Thanks so much!!*

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.

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.

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. Christian fellowship for many today is more like a share time at a local coffee house or restaurant. The very notion of everlasting salvation, that every person needs a savior in God who 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.

There are areas that we must grow courageous in. (1) to pray and worship. Seeking forgiveness, and guidance so we may seek comfort in God's 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 and worship. 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. The proper worship of God is mandatory for every Anglican. **Our Sundays belong to God.** On the night before Jesus died on the cross he instituted and explained what he wants every Christian involved in on Sunday morning. This means receiving his Body and Blood as often as is possible. Sunday is the Church's celebration of Easter through-out the year. (BCP 687 ff)

2. Fast. The Prayer Book instructs us to exercise this spiritual discipline. Fasting is taking control of our life and our 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 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. Catechesis! To be a Christian means *learning and teaching* others to be a laborer in God's world. Paul writes: "*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. St. Paul wants us to do what it takes to learn and pass on one's conviction of the Christian faith and worldview.

Christianity is clearly a worldview and it will ALWAYS compete against other

"worldviews." Formation in a proper theology is what we need.

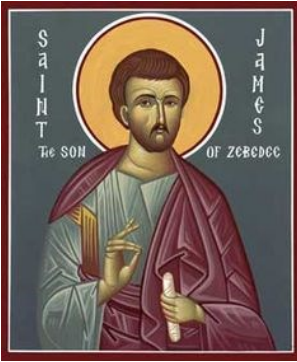
St. Paul continues, "*I would rather speak five words with my mind in order to instruct others, than ten thousand words in a tongue.*" (1 Cor. 14:19)

The word he uses for "instruct" is the Greek word katēcheō. This means the active handing on to another by thought, word, and deed those things which all Christians must know, live, and pray. Prayer Book worship and liturgy are proper catechesis.

Formation such as adult studies and the CGS (Catechesis of the Good Shepherd), and youth and outreach activities are vital and necessary *catechesis*.

Faith-filled 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.*

St. James the Elder, Apostle, Feast Day, July 25th.



James the son of Zebedee and his brother John were among the twelve disciples of Our Lord. James, John, and

Peter were privileged to behold the Transfiguration of our Lord, to witness the healing of Peter's mother-in-law, the raising of the daughter of Jairus and to be called aside to watch and pray with Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane on the night before his death.

James and John were fisherman like their father. Jesus nicknamed the James and John as “sons of thunder.” Maybe because they both were headstrong and impulsive. On one occasion Jesus and the disciples were refused the hospitality of a Samaritan village, and James and John proposed to call down fire from heaven on the offenders.

James’ faith remained weak until after the resurrection. Once, when he and John asked Jesus for the privilege of sitting beside him in glory, Jesus promised them only a share in his suffering. (Mk 10:35–45) They both had to learn through experience that the greatest calling

of a servant of Jesus, one’s greatest “position” is to serve others.

James discovered that following Jesus Christ can lead to hardship, persecution, disappointment and even death. The “reward” we look forward to is eternal life with Jesus in heaven.

About 42 AD, shortly before Passover, James was beheaded by order of King Herod Agrippa I.

Agrippa I came from a long line of violent rulers. He was the grandson of Herod the Great who tried to kill Jesus as an infant (Matt 2), and nephew of Herod Antipas (who beheaded John-the-Baptist (Mk 6) and who examined Jesus on Good Friday. (Lk 23) His is son Herod Agrippa II heard the defense of St. Paul before Festus. (Acts 25)

James was the first of the Twelve to suffer martyrdom, and the only one of the Twelve whose death is recorded in the New Testament.

Tradition has it that James the Elder made a missionary journey to Spain, and that after his death his body was taken to Spain and buried there. His burial place at Compostela, Spain is a major site of pilgrimage.

Collect

O gracious God, we remember before you today your servant and apostle James, first among the Twelve to suffer martyrdom for the Name of Jesus Christ; and we pray that you will pour out upon

the leaders of your Church that spirit of self-denying service by which alone they may have true authority among your people; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Turning to Jesus Christ

Turning to Christ brings us into fellowship with God. Baptism, makes us Christian and begins our sacramental life in the



Church. The apostle Peter, proclaiming the Gospel, said, *“Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”* (Acts 2:38)

Peter speaks of three graces: faith, repentance, and Baptism. These are graces because they work together to unite us to Jesus and become children of God the Father. Jesus said: *“I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”* (Jn 14:6) As we come to the Father through Jesus Christ, God the Holy Spirit enlightens our minds and hearts to know him, and we begin living

the Christian way. Our first steps are often simple and sometimes uneasy. But with time it all becomes better.

To continue to live faithfully as Christians, we must rely upon the grace of the Holy Spirit. When the disciple Thomas encountered the risen Jesus, he acknowledged him by saying, *“My Lord and my God!”* (Jn 20:28)

These words of the Apostle need to be our words as well. To be Christian we must, like Thomas, wholeheartedly submit to the living Christ as our Lord and God.

You must know the Lord Jesus and believe in him, surrendering your daily life to him and live with joy because you are one of his joyful followers!

Let us pray

Lord Jesus, Master Carpenter of Nazareth, on the Cross through wood and nails you wrought our full salvation: Wield well your tools in our soul, that we who come to you rough-hewn may be fashioned into a truer beauty by your hand; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, world without end.

Amen.

