

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 her children and grandchildren and the St. John's parish family by Melinda Woody.
- † **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 August 1 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...Luke & Kayce, Taylor, Dorothy & Gerald, Joni & Chelsea.
- † **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:** Diane McCusker (2); Dilshan Samaranayake (6)
- † **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, **AUG 23** 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.

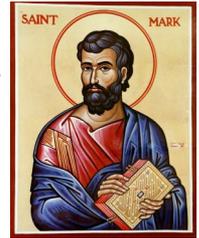
ANOINTING IN CHAPEL



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.

A Parish Wide letter has been mailed with information about the upcoming **listening groups**. These group meetings are part of the parish process in the calling of a new rector. **The groups will meet on Friday, Aug. 26 and Sat. 27th. Save the date and participate!** Fr. Klein

Fall Adult Formation:

First Corinthians, Sept 11-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.

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. The Book of Common Prayer has since 1549 helped Christians maintain a balanced approach to their spiritual life.

For Anglicans, prayer is giving our attention to God in a two-way spiritual relationship where we are present to God and he is present to us. Prayer involves listening, thinking, and conversation. It makes use of silence and also of words, music and song. Prayer is transcending and sacramental.

Prayer draws us close to Heaven. Because we Anglicans have a "common prayer" tradition we don't really pray on our own. We are joined alongside Christians

throughout the ages and around the world.

Christians pray in the name of Jesus Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit. As we pray, we offer the day to God, and he uses our prayers to bring love and justice into the world.

Prayer is at the center of the spiritual life of a Christian. It is connecting and communicating with God. It is the essence of our relationship with God. Prayer is a privilege, not a duty. Like all good things it requires discipline.

St. Joseph of Arimathea. Feast day Aug 1st.



Joseph of Arimathea played an important role in the burial of Jesus Christ. Like Nicodemus, Joseph of Arimathea was a secret

follower of Jesus who feared the Jewish establishment. It wasn't until after Jesus' death that he openly showed his allegiance to Jesus. Joseph of Arimathea took Jesus down from the cross and asked Pilate for Jesus' body and placed it in his own tomb. His account can be found in each of the four Gospels: Matthew 27:57–60; Mark 15:42–46; Luke 23:50–53; and John 19:38–42.

Joseph was from the Jewish town

of Arimathea (Luke 23:50). Arimathea is located about 20 miles northwest of Jerusalem. The name, Arimathea, means “heights.”

Collect

Merciful God, whose servant Joseph of Arimathea with reverence and godly fear prepared the body of our Lord and Savior for burial and laid it in his own tomb: Grant to us, your faithful people, grace and courage to love and serve Jesus with sincere devotion all the days of our life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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.

