

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 honor of their anniversary by Tom and Lliisa Lewis.
- ✠ **THE LADY CHAPEL FLOWERS** - given by Mike Howe.
- ✠ **THE SANCTUARY CANDLE** – given in loving memory of Jack and his mother, Ella Grace by Olga Fry.
- ✠ **THE DE PROFUNDIS BELL** – will ring on August 8 in memory of Sissy Woolums, offered by Trish Williamson; on August 9 in memory of Mary Taylor, offered by Jane Cox; on August 13 in memory of Jason Smith, offered by Marty and Kendall Smith; and on August 13 in memory of Elaine Walker, offered by William Walker and Carol Searcy.
- ✠ **PRAYER LIST (3-wk cycle)** : Hugh, Lou, Wanda, Jim, Diane, Glenna, Ann, Cindy, Vic, Courtney, Katie...Taylor, Dorothy & Gerald, Joni & Chelsea, Carol.
- ✠ **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:** Betty
- ✠ **FOR THOSE TRAVELING:**
- ✠ **FOR PARENTS EXPECTING:** Matthew and Neola Hilliard; Robert and Maris Bosworth.
- ✠ **BIRTHDAYS:** Alan Potts (8); Karen Dye, Mindy Opitz (9); Jane Cox (12)
- ✠ **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:** Erik and Kristy Leaseburg (7); Ron and Debra Hughes (10); Truman and Pat Marshall (13)

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 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, **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 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 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 will resume August 18. Contact Alan Potts for details at 817-675-0346.

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

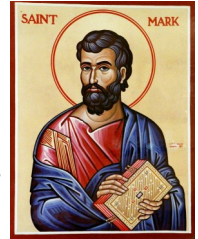


We offer the sacrament of healing during the 9:00 am and 11:15 am services. *This is done by one of the clergy in the Lady Chapel immediately after you have received Holy Communion.* If you desire prayer and anointing, please go into the Chapel.

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. It concludes AUG 14th.



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

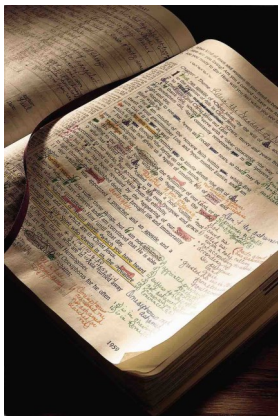
Fall Choir Schedules

The Bell Choir rehearsals will return on Thursday, Aug 18th at 6:00 pm in the church. The Adult Chancel Choir rehearsals will resume on Thursday, August 18th at 7:00 pm in the choir room..

There is always room for you in the choir! Contact Alan Potts 817-675-0346.

Livestream is off line temporarily.

The online broadcast of our 11:15 am service is temporarily off line. We are having connectivity and software issues. We are working to resolve this as soon as possible. Thanks for understanding.



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. Bring your Bible and join us! **Sept 11-Nov 13.**

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.

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

For Anglicans, fasting has always been part of our Prayer Book discipline. We particularly

associate fasting with the season of Lent. Rightly so, for Lent is a season of spiritual preparation in which we remember Christ's temptation, suffering, and death. It's a season that helps us gain focus over our life again.

Fasting is required by the Prayer Book on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, the 40 Days of Lent, the Ember Days four times a year, and all Fridays throughout the year, excepting any that fall between Christmas and Epiphany. (BCP 689)

Fasting helps us to cultivate an attitude of gratitude in giving something up for God.

Of course, any proper spiritual discipline will help us to structure into our weekly and yearly rhythms and patterns that help us clean up our spiritual house.

Today, we live in a culture of "instant everything." Fasting for God is far from the minds of most Christians. Instead of fasting many complain that they never have enough. So, one of the best ways to train our mind off ourselves and focus back onto the Lord is through fasting.

Anglican ascetical theology understands fasting as a gift that God has given in order to help us persevere in our relationship with him. We become closer to God. More aware of the needs of our soul. Fasting can apply to most anything. We can fast from food, habits, etc.

Fasting is a biblical means for

deeper conversion. Fasting is not an end in itself, but a means to something more: GOD.

It is directed to the renewal of our hearts and refreshing of our soul.

Anglicanism with its emphasis on concrete sacramental living is always thinking about conversion or the change of our heart.

Our God is a jealous God! He wants us... every part of us!

For Christian growth to be authentic, it needs to be manifested, that is, come alive in all areas of our lives. God displays his love by touching us incarnationally. *“The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.”* (Jn 1:14)

So, as an Anglican we must form positive expressions that remind us that we are created by God with a body and soul. **OUR GREATEST NEED IN THIS LIFE** is God! The necessary steps we all must take for the full conversion of our mind and hearts must necessarily take place in our bodies, senses, thoughts, actions, and habits.

The discipline of fasting seeks to order our life by grace with our cooperation through discipline and prayer.



**St. Claire,
Abbess of
Assisi, 1253
AD. Aug 11th.**

Chiara
Offreduccion
was born in

Assisi on July 16, 1194. She was the eldest daughter of Favorino Sciffi, Count of Sasso-Rosso and his wife Ortolana. Her father was a wealthy representative of an ancient Roman family and her mother was a very devout woman belonging to the noble family of Fiumi.

As a young girl Clare was dedicated to prayer. She was 18-years-old when she heard St. Francis of Assisi preach during a Lenten service in the church of San Giorgio and asked him to help her live according to the Gospel.

On Palm Sunday in 1212 AD, Clare left her father's home and went to the chapel of the Porziuncula to meet with Francis.

While there, Clare's hair was cut in a monastic style and she was given a plain robe and veil. She joined the convent of the Benedictine nuns of San Paulo, near Bastia, under Francis' guidance.

Francis eventually sent Clare to San Angelo in Panzo, another Benedictine nuns monastery. At this monastery Clare's sister Catarina, took the religious name Agnes and joined her.

Overtime, other women joined them. They became known as the "Poor Ladies of San Damiano." They all lived a simple life according to a Rule of Life which Francis gave them.

Clare and her sisters wore no shoes, ate no meat, lived in a poor house, and kept silent most of the

time. Their lives consisted of manual labor and prayer. Yet, they were very happy, because they felt very close to Jesus all the time.

San Damiano became the center of Clare's new order, which was then known as the "Order of Poor Ladies of San Damiano." Clare became the abbess of San Damiano. Ten years after Clare's death, the order became known as the Order of Saint Clare.

Today, some 810 years later this devoted Order of Franciscan women flourish in the Roman Catholic and Anglican Communion around the world. May their witness remain strong.

Let us pray

O God, whose blessed Son became poor that we through his poverty might be rich: Deliver us from an inordinate love of this world, that we, inspired by the devotion of your servant Clare, may serve you with singleness of heart, and attain to the riches of the age to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Holy Land Trip: January 9th-18th, 2023



Have you ever wondered what it would be like to walk in the

footsteps of Jesus? To see the world He saw, to be in the country that Christ was in while he was here among us? Fr. Richard and Margaret will be leading a tour to the holy land in January and you are invited to be a part of this once in a lifetime experience. You will be amazed at what you will learn and how this trip can grow and change your relationship with Christ. For more information call Fr. Richard Moseley @ 817-988-1460.

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.

