



## NEWS AND NOTES FOR MARCH 29, 2020

**VISITORS AND GUESTS:** following the 10 a.m. service, we serve coffee and refreshments in the Fellowship Hall - outside, turn right, down the ramp, + 30 feet, turn right to the red double doors! We invite you to participate and enjoy with us. If you have questions about baptisms, weddings, membership, or any other need we can respond to, please speak with Fr. Eric or Deacon Elizabeth after the service, or call the Church Office at: 321-254-3365. And if you wish to know more about this church or to be included on our weekly and newsletter mailing lists, please fill out the card you will find in the pew rack and give it to an usher or mail it to us.

**COMMUNION AND THE CORONAVIRUS:** As you will know if you are reading this, St. John's, along with what appears to be the vast majority of churches, has suspended public worship gatherings. We have also suspended Christian education, home visitation of shut ins, Lenten Soup Suppers and other meetings. We will continuously update this response as circumstances dictate.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS AND SANCTUARY CANDLE** may be given in memory of a loved one, or to commemorate some occasion. We do not have altar flowers during Lent, but you may still sponsor the Sanctuary Candle, even during this time of livestream worship. Contact the church office at [office@stjohnsmlb.org](mailto:office@stjohnsmlb.org) or 321-254-3365.

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** None known.

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:** None known.

### **Children's Ministry:**

**Kings' Kids** (1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade): 9 a.m., St. Nick House (just east of the Sanctuary). **Suspended.**

### **BIBLE STUDIES:**

**Monday afternoon:** 1 p.m., Parish Hall, led by Hope Johnson. **Suspended.**

**Tuesday early evening:** 5:30 p.m., at the home of Anneke Bertsch, 2725 Cozumel Dr, Apt 1615. Call (321) 428-4170 for more info. **Suspended.**

**Tuesday evening:** 7 p.m., Eric's office, led by Deacon Elizabeth. Studying 1 and 2 Samuel. **Suspended.**

**Wednesday evening:** 7 p.m., online only. Email [office@stjohnsmlb.org](mailto:office@stjohnsmlb.org) for details.

**TGIF:** Men's breakfast and Bible study, Fridays, 8 a.m., online only. Email [office@stjohnsmlb.org](mailto:office@stjohnsmlb.org) for details.

**ONLINE BIBLE STUDIES** are beginning! We will have a general study on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. and we will try a virtual TGIF study at 8:30 a.m. on Fridays, for the men. Details have been sent out via St. John's Chat and are available on the church website by visiting [stjohnsmlb.org](http://stjohnsmlb.org) and clicking on COVID-19 Response. Or send an email to [eric@stjohnsmlb.org](mailto:eric@stjohnsmlb.org) and we will send a link to join one of the studies online.

**DRIVE-IN WORSHIP** is being planned. Equipment has been ordered to allow us to gather in our cars to maintain social isolation even while we gather. We will use our outdoor altar in the park and there is room for many cars in that area. This will likely be on a Sunday evening at 5 p.m. Worshipers will stay in their cars, following the service by FM radio and Communion will be distributed from car to car. Email [office@stjohnsmlb.org](mailto:office@stjohnsmlb.org) to learn the details as

this develops.

**A PRAYER REQUEST BOX** is now available from the St. John's Order of the Daughters of the King. We have taken a vow to pray for others and we take this vow seriously. In lieu of access to the prayer box, please give prayer requests directly to Sarah Kendall at 537sarah@gmail.com or 702-203-6093.

**LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS** are cancelled for the remainder of Lent.

**FAMILY PROMISE:** We can always use new volunteers for this important outreach. Please speak to Ben Kendall for details.

**ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** Sunday, 9 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Studying the book of Genesis. **Suspended.**

**FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS:** Please bring your donations to the baskets in the rear of the sanctuary, or mark them and leave in the Parish Hall. Thank you for your generous response. During this crisis, please remember that pantries continue to need our support. Drop off your contributions at the church office during the week. You can leave them outside the office door if no one is available.

**ST. JOHN'S MEAL MINISTRY:** Parishioner-prepared meals are available for those times you or someone you know is unable to prepare a meal for

themselves. Meals are located in the Parish Hall kitchen in the mini-freezer marked "Meal Ministry". The lock combination is 1887. Take what you need, being sure to check the ingredients list provided by the Parishioner/Chef. Please review the FAQs on the mini-freezer. We always need new meals added! We recommend that there be **NO home visitations** at this time.

**WE HAVE 2 DAILY BREAD TEAMS!** We provide food serving teams for the third Sunday, 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m, and the fourth Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. The third Sunday team is led by Doug Ludwig (321-243-3686 or [ludwig.murray@att.net](mailto:ludwig.murray@att.net)). The fourth Thursday team is led by Ian Johnson (321-674-0932 or [johnsoni051075@gmail.com](mailto:johnsoni051075@gmail.com)). The upcoming duty days are Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 a.m and Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. Your help is greatly appreciated! Daily Bread is now passing out meals to-go. If you are healthy and not in an at-risk group, your help is still needed.

**ST. JOHN'S OUTREACH** for the month of March has been designated for Habitat for Humanity of Brevard County. Anything in the lavender or blue envelopes in March will go to the Faith Build project of Habitat. You may just send your contributions marked clearly for "Outreach."

### **LENT AND EASTER HIGHLIGHTS**

Palm Sunday Brunch, April 5, following 10 a.m. service has been cancelled.

Maudy Thursday Worship, Thursday, April 9, 7 p.m. has been cancelled.

Good Friday Worship, Friday, April 10, 7 p.m. online only. Email [office@stjohnsmlb.org](mailto:office@stjohnsmlb.org) for details.

Easter Worship, Sunday, April 12, 6:30 a.m., 7:45 a.m. & 10 a.m.

The **SUNDAY MINISTRIES SCHEDULE** is not being printed until it is known when these ministries will again be needed.

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:** Matthew 21:1-11; Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29. Isaiah 50:4-9; Psalm 31:9-16; Phillipians 2: 5-11; Matthew 26: 14-27:66.