



Second Sunday of Advent
Holy Eucharist: Rite II

December 4, 2022
10 a.m.

Welcome to St. John's!

Welcome and thank you for worshiping with us today! Whatever your religious background (if any) and however you have come to be here with us, we welcome you. Whether you are online or in-person, we are glad that you have found us and we invite you to return here any Sunday so that we may continue to worship with you. Please visit us on the web at stjohnsmlb.org where you can also sign our Virtual Guest Book, and, if you are in-person, please use the welcome cards in the pew racks.

Precautions in place during this pandemic:

Based on Diocesan guidelines face coverings are no longer required. Unvaccinated persons should continue to mask as an expression of concern for others as well as their own safety. It is strongly encouraged to use the available hand sanitizer. Communion is at the altar rail, and wine will be by intinction only (see note at that point in the bulletin).

Preparation for Worship

The organ's chimes are a signal that it is time to take your seat in a pew, refrain from talking, and be in prayer and meditation as preparation for our worship together. The organ voluntary is an opportunity when, if we are properly prepared, we may hear the voice of the Holy Spirit in the confines of our mind.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Congregation joins in the portions printed in bold italics

Gathering Music

Undo

Words and Music by Scott Davis,
Wes Willis and Kevin Huguley

The musical score is written in treble clef with a 4/4 time signature. It consists of ten staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "I've been here be-fore, now here I am a-gain fo-cused on the score, but I could nev-er win, Stand-ing at the door, pray-ing You'll let me back in. try-ing to ig-nore a life of hid-ing my sin. To la-bel me a pro-di-gal would be, on-ly scratch-ing the sur-face of who To la-bel me a hyp-o-crite would be on-ly scratch-ing the sur-face of who I've been known to be. Turn me a-round, pick me up un-do what I've be-come Bring me back I've been known to be, to the place of for-give-ness and grace, need You, I need Your help, I can't do this my-self. You're the on-ly one who can un-do what I've be-come. I un-do what I've be-come. Make ev-'ry step lead me back to the sov-'reign way that You turn me a-round, pick me up, un-do what I've be-come Bring me back to the place of for-give-ness and grace need You, I need Your help: I can't do this my-self. You're the on-ly One who can un-do You are the on-ly One who can un-do You are the on-ly One who can un-do what I've be-come." The score includes various musical notations such as rests, beams, and dynamic markings.

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fo-cused on the score, but I could nev-er win,
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Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Kyrie Eleison

(sung by the choir)

Ludovico Viadana

(with Lighting of the Advent Wreath)

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you,

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

All sit

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall

lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Recited by all in unison

*Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;*

*That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;*

*That the mountains may bring prosperity to
the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.*

*He shall defend the needy among the
people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the
oppressor.*

*He shall live as long as the sun and moon
endure, **

from one generation to another.

*He shall come down like rain upon the mown
field, *
like showers that water the earth.*

*In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the
moon shall be no more.*

*Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, *
who alone does wondrous deeds!*

*And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen. Amen.*

Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles

might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Matthew 3:1-12

All stand, as able

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the

wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

All sit

The Nicene Creed

All stand, as able

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Barnabas Church, DeLand, and Church of the Advent, Dunnellon.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the bishops and clergy of The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East.

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, for Michael, Presiding Bishop, for Gregory, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Joseph, our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority.

Heavenly Father, watch over and protect our nation’s military members and their families, especially, ***David, Luke, Jeremy, Craig, Dobson, Murray, Joel, Mack, Sergio, Ryan, Jimmy, Carl Jr., Matthew, Julian, Andrew, Jim, Brandon, Kyle, Nate, Stephen, Evan, Patrick, Clay, Ian, and Marsha.***

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city of Melbourne, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let

us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel on land, on water, in the air or through outer space, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering.

We pray for our brothers and sisters who cannot be here with us today especially ***Barbara, Jan, Bryan, Lilian, Brenda, and Joe.*** *Silence*

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope,

without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

Lord, have mercy.

God of peace and justice, we pray for all those who live under armed conflict in Ukraine, Sudan, Iran and other places around the world. We pray for those with power over war or peace and those commanded to fight, for wisdom, compassion and restraint to guide their decisions. We pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. In the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. **Amen.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Holy Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Announcements

All sit

Birthday and Anniversary Prayer

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

(Eucharistic Prayer A)

At the Offertory, Anthem

I hear the prophet callin'

Pepper Choplin

“Prepare the way of the Lord.” Come and make straight the way in the desert, a highway for our God. I hear Isaiah callin’ “Fear not, your God will come.” Then will the eyes of the blind be opened. The ears of the deaf will hear. The mute will shout for joy. They’ll be shouting for joy. And the desert will be joyful and blossom as a rose. We shall rejoice with joy and singing and see the glory of God.

Hasty Miller, Cantor

Presentation Hymn 54, “Savior of the nations, come”

Tune: NUN KOMM DER HEIDEN HEILAND

(Please stand as able)

2. Wond-rous birth! Oh, wond-rous child of the Vir-gin un-de-filed!

Might-y God and Ma-ry's son, Ea-ger now his race to run!

All things come of Thee, O Lord.

And of Thine own have we given Thee.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus and Benedictus

Viadana

(sung by the choir)

Sanctus, sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

Pleni sunt coelli et terra gloria tua.

Hosannah in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, holy God of the hosts of heaven.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Please kneel as able

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for

many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of

the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The usher will indicate when it is time for your row to come forward to the altar rail to receive Communion. If you wish to receive Communion in your pew, please let the usher know and it will be brought to you. When you go forward, an usher will indicate where to kneel at the rail, then hold your hands in front of you, one on top of the other, to receive the bread. Due to COVID restrictions, wine is by “intinction” only. No one sips from the common cup. If you wish to receive the wine, after the clergy places the bread in your hand, just hold it out for the chalice bearer, who will dip it in the wine and place it on your tongue. If you do not wish to receive the wine, simply consume the bread and cross your arms over your chest when the chalice bearer comes by, then return to your seat.

Communion Hymn, "Eat this bread"

Taizé

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and ne-ver be hun - gry

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

The Post-Communion Prayer

All kneel, as able

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Hymn 59, "Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding"

Tune: MERTON

Descant

2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age let us rise;
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

1 Hark! a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age let us rise;
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, comes with par - don down from heaven;
4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

1 "Cast a - way the works of dark - ness, O ye child - ren of the day."
2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;
4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.
5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ!
Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!



THIS MORNING'S MUSIC

With the liturgical reforms of the 1960s one pervasive idea that emerged was that of “*actuoso participatio*” or actual (that is, full) participation by the laity in the Mass. In the Roman Catholic tradition this went so far as practically to eliminate choirs who were discouraged from singing the great choral music of the past, relegated to awkward spaces in the church building, and the great hymnody was replaced by some weak theology and even weaker music. We can be thankful that our Episcopal traditions held fast and our *Hymnal 1982* is a strong statement of our firm stand. While we strongly believe that *actuoso participatio* by every member of the congregation is very important, we have not eliminated the possibility that choirs may add to our worship by using some of the great music of the past. As one significant church leader put it, “even when the choir sings the Ordinary of the mass alone the congregation still participates. They participate by *listening*”.

This morning's anthem at the Offertory harkens back to some of our primitive roots with the “call-and-response” music which was so prevalent in the Appalachian region.

During the Distribution of communion please join with the choir in singing the brief refrain from the Taizé community while going to and from the altar and while in your pew. It's a great way of rejoicing in our *actuoso participatio* and helps build our sense of community.

VISITORS AND GUESTS: Welcome to St. John's! We hope you will stay after the service for an opportunity to chat. Nibbles, coffee and bottled water will be provided in our Parish Hall. If you have questions about baptisms, weddings, membership, or any other need we can respond to, please 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 call the office or email us at office@stjohnsmlb.org.

SIGN OUR VIRTUAL GUEST BOOK! Scan the QR code at right or visit stjohnsmlb.org and click on Virtual Guest Book to let us know you were here and pass on any comments you would like to make!

THE ALTAR FLOWERS AND SANCTUARY CANDLE may be given in memory of a loved one, or to commemorate some occasion. Contact the church office at office@stjohnsmlb.org or 321-254-3365.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Eric Turner, Brenda Williams, Charlene Turner.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: None known.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Sunday, 9 a.m. in the Chapel. Studying the Book of Jonah, in-person and online. Visit stjohnsmlb.org and click on Worship Live Stream for the Zoom link.

YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: (Middle and High School) meets in the parish hall at 9 a.m.

TGIF: Men's Bible study, Fridays, 8 a.m., at La Loma Coney Island, 1180 Aurora Rd, Melbourne, 32935. 321-254-8559.

MUSIC AT ST. JOHN'S: Let Dr. D know that you'd like to be a part of the music in the parish. Singers and instrumentalists are welcome. There are no auditions; all that is necessary is an ability to read music and a willingness to be faithful.

ST. JOHN'S CHAT is a great way to keep up with St. John's news and information! If you are not subscribed to this list, please email office@stjohnsmlb.org. Note that this is separate

from the weekly “**St. John’s eNews**” which comes out every Thursday at 4 p.m. You may request a subscription to that list as well!

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Open House at the Turner’s
 Sunday, Dec. 11, 4 - 7 p.m.
 4581 Bellaluna Dr., W. Melbourne

Christmas Brunch
 Sunday, Dec. 18, following 10 a.m. service

Christmas Eve Festival Worship
 Saturday, Dec. 24, 8 p.m. Carols, 7:40 p.m.

Christmas Day Festival Worship
 Sunday, Dec. 25, 10 a.m.
 No Christian Ed. Resumes Jan. 8.

Festival of Lessons and Carols
 Sunday, Jan. 1, 2023
 No Christian Ed. Resumes Jan. 8
 Worship at 10 a.m., In-person and livestream

Epiphany, Festival of Light
 Friday, Jan. 6, 2023, 7 p.m.
 With other area churches.

SUNDAY MINISTRIES

	Dec 4	Dec 11
Greeters	A. Weeks	A. Weeks
Ushers	L. Fletcher J. Bond	J. & S. Hamilton
LEM	D. Miller- Caldwell	J. Bond
Altar Guild	L. Bennett	M. Salmon
Counter	G. Bradley	K. Wilson
A/V	B. Kendall V. Mitz	B. Kendall V. Mitz

PRAYER IS AVAILABLE at the altar rail immediately following the service.

A PRAYER REQUEST Box is now available from the St. John’s Order of the Daughters of the King in the Sanctuary beside the votive candles. 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 any Daughter listed on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

FAMILY PROMISE: is always in need of volunteers. If you can help please speak to Lee Steininger or Ben Kendall for details.

NEED A ZOOM MEETING? A “zoom room” is available for church zoom meetings or hybrid meetings. Please contact office@stjohnsmlb.org to set it up.

DAILY BREAD: Additional servers would be most welcome for the first Thursday of each month, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. The upcoming duty day is January 5. If you can help please contact Jackie Bond.

LOANING OF CHURCH ITEMS: If you would like to borrow tables, chairs, cribs, linens, etc. please speak with Fr. Eric or Deborah Miller-Caldwell, Jr. Warden. Please contact Deborah at farxpert@gmail.com, Fr. Eric at eric@stjohnsmlb.org, or call the church office at 321-254-3365.

ST. JOHN’S OUTREACH FOCUS for the month of December has been designated for Wholeness to Freedom Food Pantry, serving the needs of the community in our own backyard. This is the same food pantry that receives the non-perishable foods we collect and deliver to them monthly. For more information visit their website at wholenesstofreedom.org. Contributions in the blue or lilac envelope, or marked for Outreach will go to the food pantry. Jim Begley from Wholeness to Freedom will speak to the congregation today.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY information is available in the church newsletters, *The Good News*. Visit stjohnsmlb.org > About > Church Newsletters. More detailed reports are available from the church

office.

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Isaiah 35:1-10, James 5:7-10, Matthew 11:2-11, Psalm 146:4-9



You are personally invited to join a community of women who believe in the power of prayer, service to others, and the sharing of the gospel to expand the Kingdom of God. You can find out more about the DOK St John's Chapter by contacting Mary Highland at 321-831-2796 or mhighland7@gmail.com.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

- Sun (12/4) Christian Education, 9 a.m., Adults: Chapel and online.
Youth: Parish Hall only.
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also Live Streamed.
Daughters of the King, 11:30 a.m. Chapel
- Mon (12/5) AA, 7 p.m., Parish Hall.
- Tue (12/6) Boy Scouts, 5:30, p.m. Parish Hall.
Outreach Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.
- Wed (12/7) AA, 5:30., Parish Hall
Choir Rehearsal, 7 p.m. in the Choir Loft.
- Thur (12/8) Staff Meeting, Rector's Office, 11 a.m.
- Fri (12/9) TGIF, Men's Bible Study, 8 a.m., La Loma Coney Island Restaurant, 1180 Aurora Rd.
- Sun (12/11) Christian Education, 9 a.m., Adults: Chapel and online.
Youth: Parish Hall only.
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also Live Streamed.
Christmas Open House at the Turner's, 4581 Bellaluna Dr., 4 - 7 p.m.
Family Promise Hosting begins

All Zoom and Livestream links are available by visiting stjohnsmlb.org > Parish Life > Calendar, then clicking on the event. Or you may email office@stjohnsmlb.org and we will send you the link.

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