

ST. JOHN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

First Sunday after the Epiphany, The Baptism of Our Lord
Holy Eucharist: Rite II

January 7, 2024
10 a.m.

Welcome to St. John's!

Welcome today if your heart is singing, and welcome if your heart is breaking.

Welcome if you're anxious about tomorrow,
and welcome if you don't have a care in the world.

Welcome if your conscience is troubling you,
and welcome if you're barely able to contain your experience of forgiveness.

Welcome if you leapt out of bed this morning,
and welcome if you had to drag yourself out.

Welcome to you if this is your first visit,
and welcome to you if you have barely missed a single Sunday
since you first became a part of this community.

Whether you are here as a wanderer or a pilgrim, a seeker or a skeptic,
a saint or a sinner, a regular or a visitor, a friend or a stranger; you are welcome!

And we invite you to belong here even before you believe.

(Adapted from Liverpool Cathedral)

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.

Voluntary

*O Gott, du frommer Gott
(O God, thou beloved God)*

Johannes Brahms

Hymn 398, "I sing the almighty power of God"

Tune: FOREST GREEN

1 I sing the al-might - y power of God, that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food;
 3 There's not a plant or flower be - low, but makes thy glo - ries known;

that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the lof - ty skies.
 he formed the crea-tures with his Word, and then pro-nounced them good.
 and clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy throne;

I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;
 Lord, how thy won - ders are dis - played, wher - e'er I turn my eye,
 while all that bor - rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,

the moon shines full at his com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
 if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
 and ev - ery-where that I could be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

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.*

Gloria in Excelsis

Davidson

(Organ)

f Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
 peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al -
 migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo - ry. *mp* Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly
 Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a -
 way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
mf you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive
rit. our prayer. *f* For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone
 are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,
 with the Ho - ly Spi - rit in the Glo - ry of God the
 Fa - ther. A - - - - men.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

THE LESSONS

All sit

Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the

darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29

Recited responsively by half verse

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the Lord *
all are crying, "Glory!"

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.

The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to

believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied – altogether there were about twelve of them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual and Alleluia

All stand, as able

Al-le - lu-ia, Al - le - lu-ia, Al-le - lu-ia, Al-le - lu - ia.

5
Open our ears, O merciful God; Let us hear your sav - ing Word.

Repeat Alleluia as needed

Mark 1:4-11

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glorify to you, Lord Christ.

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the

thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Nicene Creed

All stand, as able

BCP, p. 358

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All kneel, as able

Form I, BCP, p. 383

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 Grace Episcopal Church, Ocala, and Corpus Christi Episcopal Church, Okahumpka.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the bishops and clergy of The Scottish Episcopal Church.

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, for Michael, Presiding Bishop, for Justin, 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, ***Brandon, Bryan, Caleb, Danielle,***

Eric, Geoffrey, Harry, Jay, John, Johnny, Kyle, Matthew B., Matthew M., Murray, Ricky, and Sarah.

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 reasonable 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, and Brenda.*** And for those on our weekly prayer list, ***Richard, Frank, Carl, Roberta, and Carol.*** *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 the Holy Land, 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.***

The celebrant adds a concluding collect.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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, of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power **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)

BCP, p. 361

At the Offertory, Anthem

An After-Christmas Carol

J. F. Davidson

There's snow on the mountain and ice on the pond; But God's in his heaven, and Jesus has come
The Wise Men are home in the Back of Beyond; To show every sinner he's welcome back home,
The Shepherds have left us; the heavens are dumb; To be this world's Saviour from hunger and fear,
There's no one to tell us why Jesus has come. And give us new courage to face the New Year.

The tree drops its needles, a sign we must go;
The long road to Egypt is covered in snow;
Where-ever we travel for food we'll pay dear:
Who knows what's before us this coming New Year?

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Presentation Hymn 448, "O love, how deep, how broad, how high" Tune: DEUS TUORUM MILITUM

O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing
thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.

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 in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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, S-130

Setting: Franz Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.**

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.

At the Distribution, Eat this Bread

Taizé

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and common time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn: "Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst." The lyrics are printed below the notes.

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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.

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 120, "The sinless one to Jordan came"

Tune: SOLEMNIS HAEC FESTIVUS



1 The sin - less one to Jor - dan came,
 2 Up - ris - ing from the wat - ers there,
 3 A - bove him see the heaven - ly Dove,
 4 How blest that mis - sion then be - gun
 5 O Christ, may we bap - tized from sin,
 6 On you may all your peo - ple feed,



1 and in the riv - er shared our stain;
 2 the Fa - ther's voice did then de - clare
 3 the sign of God the Fa - ther's love,
 4 to heal and save a race un - done!
 5 go forth with you a world to win:
 6 and know you are the Bread in - deed,



1 God's right - eous - ness he thus ful - filled,
 2 that Christ, the Son of God, had come
 3 now by the Ho - ly Spi - rit shed
 4 Straight to the wil - der - ness he goes
 5 grant us the Ho - ly Spi - rit's power
 6 who gives e - ter - nal life to those



1 and chose the path his Fa - ther willed.
 2 to lead his scat - tered peo - ple home.
 3 up - on the Son's a - noint - ed head.
 4 to wres - tle with his peo - ple's foes.
 5 to shield us in temp - ta - tion's hour.
 6 that with you died, and with you rose.

Dismissal

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

Voluntary

Improvisation on SOLEMNIS HAEC FESTIVUS



THIS MORNING'S MUSIC

Yesterday was the Feast of the Epiphany (from the Greek word meaning manifestation.) Our Christian holiday commemorates the first manifestation of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, represented by the Magi, the manifestation of his divinity, as it occurred at his baptism in the Jordan River and at his first miracle, at Cana in Galilee. In the West the evening preceding Epiphany is called Twelfth Night, concluding the Twelve Days of Christmas. We continue in the Season of Epiphanytide until Ash Wednesday ushers us into the Lenten season.

Johannes Brahms (1833 - 1897) was a German composer and pianist. Born in Hamburg into a Lutheran family, Brahms spent much of his professional life in Vienna. In his lifetime, Brahms's popularity and influence were considerable. He is sometimes grouped with Johann Sebastian Bach and Ludwig van Beethoven as one of the "Three Bs", a comment originally made by the nineteenth-century conductor Hans von Bülow. His setting of O GOD, THOU BELOVED GOD is one of his very few compositions for organ.

"I sing the almighty power of God" is one of the outstanding hymn texts of Isaac Watts, (1674 -1748, and first found in his Divine Songs Attempted in Easy Language, for the Use of Children,)1715. It is rare that a profound theologian and hymn writer can write well for children, but at least in this one hymn Watts succeeded. His collection was the first hymnal written exclusively for children. The words are filled with vivid pictures of the handiworks of God, and remind us that God is everywhere in our midst. (It is alright for adults to sing this, too!)

"O love, how deep, how broad, how high" is attributed to Thomas à Kempis (1379 -1471) and first found in the 15th century *Karlsruhe* manuscript. We sing this text today in the translations by Benjamin Webb (1819 -1885). Of it, the American hymnodist Austin Lovelace observes, "Is it really possible to measure the dimensions of the love of God – how deep, how broad, how high? This

ancient hymn attempts to do it by rehearsing the entire life, ministry, death, resurrection and ascension of Christ plus the sending of the Holy Spirit. And all of Christ's life and work was "for us" – a phrase which is repeated over and over." (from *Hymn Notes* by Austin Lovelace)

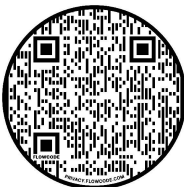
The Reverend Fred Pratt Green (1903 - 2000) was a British Methodist minister and one of the 20th century's outstanding hymnodists. His poem which we hear this morning in a musical setting by Dr. D. is a brilliant juxtaposition of the nativity events with our modern day situation. The final stanza makes an exceptionally fitting period to the paragraph that has been our Christmas celebrations.

We begin again at the Distribution to use hymns from the Taizé tradition in hope that ALL in the congregation will join with the choir in singing these simple refrains. Today's example is interspersed with short verses sung by the choir. Give it a try! We think you'll be glad you did.



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: Marie Johnson, Jan Louks.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: None known.

ADULT AND YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION. On hiatus until Feb 4.

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

COFFEE HOUR. A sign-up sheet to bring snacks, or assist with set-up/clean-up, on Sunday morning is in the Parish Hall.

SUNDAY MINISTRIES

	Jan 7	Jan 14	Jan 21
Greeters	A. Weeks A. Lacy	A. Weeks K. Oas	A. Weeks J. Miller
Ushers	J. & S. Hamilton	J. Bond L. Miller	J. & J. McLaughlin
LEM	J. Bond	J. Hamilton	K. Oas
Altar Gld	M. Salmon	D. Miller- Caldwell	K. Oas
Daughter	L. Miller	J. McLaughlin	L. Fletcher
Counter	K. Wilson	K. Wilson	K. Wilson
AV	B. Kendall V. Mitz	B. Kendall V. Mitz	B. Kendall V. Mitz

THANK YOU FR. TERRY! Fr. Terry Highland will retire from his official position as Priest Associate here at St. John's effective Jan. 1. No, the Highlands aren't going anywhere! Fr. Terry is focusing his time and energy on serving as the Diocesan Chaplain to the Daughters of the King. We will have a special coffee hour to thank Fr.

Terry and Mary TODAY.

RECTOR'S VACATION: Fr. Eric Turner, Rector, will be on vacation Jan 13 through Jan 20. The Rev. Susan Davidson will preach and celebrate on Sunday, Jan. 14.

ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL PARISH MEETING will be held Sunday, Jan. 28 beginning at 8:30 in the Parish Hall. We will elect 5 new vestry members (additional nominations may be made), hear the finance report for 2023 and 2024, hear about the Diocesan Convention and discuss other parts of our life and mission. Don't miss it!

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!

DAILY BREAD: If you can help serve please contact the office or Jackie Bond. The next service day is Feb 1.

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,

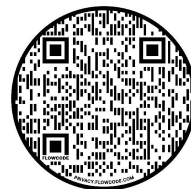
please give prayer requests directly to any Daughter listed on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

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.

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 January is the Clergy Fund. These funds are not adequately supported through the regular parish budget. The funds are used to provide assistance by way of gift cards to people in need, for which we get calls and requests almost daily. Please support this worthy Outreach fund. Contributions marked for outreach will go directly to the Clergy Discretionary Fund.

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: 1 Samuel 3:1-10(11-20), 1 Corinthians 6:12-20, John 1:43-51, Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17. To find all the lessons visit the webpage: lectionarypage.net and click on the date.



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

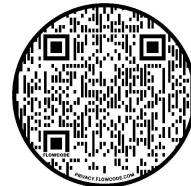
- Sun (1/7) Christian Education on hiatus until Feb 4
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also Live Streamed.
Daughters of the King, 11:30 a.m.
- Mon (1/8) AA, 7 p.m. Parish Hall.
- Tues (1/9) Scouts, 5:30 p.m. Parish Hall.
- Wed (1/10) Choir Rehearsal, 7 p.m. in the Choir Loft.
- Thurs (1/11) Seaside Stitchers, 9 a.m., Parish Hall.
Staff Meeting, 9 a.m., Rector's Office
Evening Prayer, 6 p.m. Sanctuary.
- Fri (1/12) TGIF, Men's Bible Study, 8 a.m. La Loma Coney Island Restaurant, 1180 Aurora.
- Sun (1/14) Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also Live Streamed.

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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