

# ST. JOHN'S

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EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost  
Holy Eucharist: Rite II

November 17, 2024  
10 a.m.

## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

*The Congregation joins in the portions printed in **bold italics**.*



*The organ's chimes are a signal for all to take their seats, cease conversations, and be prayerful in preparation for our worship together. The opening organ voluntary is intended as a sort of "airlock," separating us from our earthly cares and ushering us into the presence of God. By being quiet and listening carefully, sometimes we may clearly hear the voice of God in our mind.*

## Hymn 632, "O Christ, the Word incarnate"

Tune: MUNICH

1 O Christ, the Word In - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,  
 2 The Church from our dear Mas - ter re - ceived the word di - vine,  
 3 O make thy Church, dear Sa - vior, a lamp of pur - est gold,

O Truth, un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky;  
 and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.  
 to bear be - fore the na - tions thy true light as of old;

we praise thee for the ra - diance that from the scrip - ture's page,  
 It is the chart and com - pass that o'er life's surg - ing sea,  
 O teach thy wan - dering pil - grims by this their path to trace,

a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.  
 mid mists and rocks and quick - sands, still guides, O Christ, to thee.  
 till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see thee face to face.

*And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. 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**

(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. *a tempo* *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, joining together

*Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen..*

## THE LESSONS

*All sit*

### 1 Samuel 1:4-20

On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the Lord had closed her womb. Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb. So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?"

After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord, and wept bitterly. She made this vow: "O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his

head."

As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. So Eli said to her, "How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine." But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord. Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time." Then Eli answered, "Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him." And she said, "Let your servant find favor in your sight." Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.

They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. In due time

Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, “I have asked him of the Lord.”

The Word of the Lord.  
***Thanks be to God.***

### **Canticle: Song of Hannah**

*Read responsively by half verse*

Hannah prayed and said, “My heart exults in the Lord;  
**my strength is exalted in my God.**

The Lord kills and brings to life;  
***he brings down to Sheol and raises up.***

My mouth derides my enemies,  
***because I rejoice in my victory.***

The Lord makes poor and makes rich;  
***he brings low, he also exalts.***

“There is no Holy One like the Lord,  
no one besides you;  
***there is no Rock like our God.***

He raises up the poor from the dust;  
***he lifts the needy from the ash heap,***

Talk no more so very proudly,  
***let not arrogance come from your mouth;***

to make them sit with princes  
***and inherit a seat of honor.***

for the Lord is a God of knowledge,  
***and by him actions are weighed.***

For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's,  
***and on them he has set the world.***

The bows of the mighty are broken,  
***but the feeble gird on strength.***

“He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,  
but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness;  
***for not by might does one prevail.***

Those who were full have hired themselves out  
for bread,  
***but those who were hungry are fat with spoil.***

The Lord! His adversaries shall be shattered;  
***the Most High will thunder in heaven.***

The barren has borne seven,  
***but she who has many children is forlorn.***

The Lord will judge the ends of the earth;  
he will give strength to his king,  
***and exalt the power of his anointed.”***

### **Hebrews 10:11-14, 15-18, 19-25**

**E**very priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” For by a single

offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,” he also adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds

no more.”

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure

water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

The Word of the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

## **GRADUAL and ALLELUIA**

*Sung by the Choir*

*Alleluia.* I was glad when they said unto me: we will go into the house of the Lord. Peace be within thy walls and plenteousness within thy palaces. *Alleluia.*

## **Mark 13:1-8**

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

**A**s Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one

leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs.”

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

## **THE SERMON**

The Rev. Susan Davidson

### **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 IV, BCP, p. 388

Let us pray for the election of a new Rector.

*Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Emmanuel Church, Orlando, and Iglesia Episcopal Jesús de Nazaret, Orlando.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the bishops and clergy of The Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Heavenly Father, watch over and protect our nation's military members and their families, especially, *Andrew, Brandon, Bryan, Caleb, Chase, Danielle, Eric, Geoffrey, Harry, Jack, Jay, John, Johnny, Kyle, Matthew B., Matthew M., Murray, Nate, Ricky, and Sarah.* Silence

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.  
*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and

love one another as he loves us. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

We pray for our brothers and sisters who cannot be here with us today especially ***Barbara, Jan, Bryan, Lilian, and Frank.*** And for those on our weekly prayer list. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

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, 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)*

*BCP, p. 361*

**At the Offertory Anthem,**

*I waited for the Lord*

Felix Mendelssohn

...He inclined unto me. He heard my complaint.  
O blessed are they that hope and trust in the Lord  
*Sallie Razor and Susan Badgio, sopranos*

**Presentation Hymn, “O day of God, draw nigh”**

Tune: SOUTHWELL



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.

*Here the Celebrant adds a Proper Preface.*

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

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. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. 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.**

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. Note that 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 until the chalice bearer passes by, then return to your seat.*

**At the Distribution, Voluntary**

*Voluntary*

Edward Rimbault

**Motet**

*Ave verum corpus*

Mozart

*...natum ex Maria Virgine vere passum immolatum in cruce pro homine. Cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine. Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.*

Hail the true body, born of the Virgin Mary: You who truly suffered and were sacrificed on the cross for the sake of man. From whose pierced side flowed water and blood: Be a foretaste for us in the trial of death.

*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, "God of the women who answered the call"

Tune: SLANE

1. God of the women who answered your call,  
 2. God of the women who walked Je-sus' way,  
 3. God of the women long put to the test,  
 4. God of the women who ran from the tomb,  
 5. O God of Phoe-be and min-ist-ers all,

Trus-ting your pro-mis-es, giv-ing their all,  
 Giv-ing their re-sour-ces, learn-ing to pray,  
 left out of sto-ries, for-got-ten, op-pressed,  
 prayed with the oth-ers in that up-per room,  
 may we be joy-ful in an-swering your call.

Wo-men like Sa-rah and Han-nah and Ruth  
 Ma-ry, Jo-an-na, Su-san-na, and more  
 qui-et-ly ask-ing: "Who smiled at my birth?"  
 then felt your Spi-rit on Pen-te-cost Day  
 give us the strength of your Spi-rit so near

give us their cour-age to live in your truth.  
 may we give free-ly as they did be-fore.  
 in Je-sus' dy-ing you show us our worth.  
 may we so glad-ly pro-claim you to-day.  
 that we may share in your min-ist-ry here.

## Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

*Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

## Voluntary

on SLANE

Ronald Arnatt



## THIS MORNING'S MUSIC

This morning's Offertory Anthem comes from *Lobgesang* (Hymn of Praise), an 11-movement "Choral Symphony" by Felix Mendelssohn. It was composed in 1840, to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the invention of Johannes Gutenberg's printing press.

Our closing hymn comes to us from one our newest approved hymnals entitled *Voices Found*, which contains hymns written by women. Carolyn Winfrey Gillette has been a pastor in rural, small town, suburban, and city churches; she has also served as a hospice chaplain, a hospital chaplain, and a school bus aide helping children with special needs. She and her husband Bruce are pastors of the First Presbyterian Union Church in Owego, NY. Carolyn is a gifted hymn writer who has written over 400 hymns which have been sung by congregations throughout the United States and around the world.



**VISITORS AND GUESTS:** Welcome to St. John's! We hope you will stay after the service for an opportunity to chat. Snacks and beverages are provided in our Parish Hall. If you have questions about baptisms, weddings, membership, or to be included on our newsletter and mailing lists please email the Church Office at [office@stjohnsmlb.org](mailto:office@stjohnsmlb.org).

**SIGN OUR VIRTUAL GUEST BOOK!** Scan the QR code at right or visit [stjohnsmlb.org](http://stjohnsmlb.org) and click on Virtual Guest Book to let us know you were here and pass on any comments.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS AND SANCTUARY CANDLE** may be given in memory of a loved one, or to commemorate some occasion. For your convenience we have placed request sheets/envelopes in the pew, or you may contact the church office at [office@stjohnsmlb.org](mailto:office@stjohnsmlb.org) or 321-254-3365.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given today to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the life of Trish Seymour, whose funeral service was held yesterday. The flowers are given by her family.

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Caroline Harrell.

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:** None known.

**THANKSGIVING WORSHIP** will be Thursday, Nov. 28, at 10 a.m. In-person only.

**PARISH BRUNCH:** Sunday, Dec. 15, following the 10 a.m. service. St. John's will provide the entree, and parishioners encouraged to bring a covered dish to share.

**ADULT & YOUTH CHRISTIAN FORMATION:** Adults meet in the Parish Hall. Children in the chapel. All are welcome!

**TGIF:** Men's Bible study, Fridays, 8 a.m., at La Loma Coney Island, 1180 Aurora Rd, Melbourne, 32935. 321-254-8559. They are studying the Book of Acts.

**DAILY BREAD:** St. John's is scheduled for the first Thursday of each month, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

The next duty day is December 5. If you can help please send an email to [office@stjohnsmlb.org](mailto:office@stjohnsmlb.org).

**FAMILY PROMISE:** One of the primary needs a support church fills is to provide meals for the families while they are sheltered in the hotels. If you do have any questions, feel free to email, text or call Ben at: [ben.kendall@gmail.com](mailto:ben.kendall@gmail.com), 832-229-0142.

**GIFTS FROM THE HEART 2024:** details for donating to this worthy cause are on page 17.

**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 Daughters' banner. We have taken a vow to pray for others and we take this vow seriously.

**DONATE TO ST. JOHN'S ONLINE!** You can now make a safe and convenient donation to St. John's via PayPal. Scan the QR code at right or visit [stjohnsmlb.org](http://stjohnsmlb.org) and click on Donate Now!



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**LOANING OF CHURCH ITEMS:** If you would like to borrow tables, chairs, cribs, linens, etc. please speak with Kathy Oas, Sr. Warden, [kmoas40@gmail.com](mailto:kmoas40@gmail.com) or Paul Mitz, Jr. Warden. Text or phone Paul at : 321-288-4050.

**ST. JOHN'S OUTREACH FOCUS** for the month of November is Daily Bread. They have several programs to assist the transition out of homelessness, providing hot showers, clean clothes, blankets, mats, and sleeping bags. Daily Bread accepts donations of new and gently-used clothes, both men and women. Their future plans include Providence Place, a 120 unit permanent supportive housing community on Sarno Road,

scheduled to open in 2026. Visit [dailybreadinc.org](http://dailybreadinc.org) | to learn more.

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:** 2 Samuel 23:1-7, Psalm 132:1-19), Revelation 1:4-8, John 18:33-37.

To find all the lessons visit [lectionarypage.net](http://lectionarypage.net) and click on the date.

### SUNDAY MINISTRIES

	<b>November 17</b>	<b>November 24</b>	<b>November 28 Thanksgiving Day</b>	<b>December 1</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	A. Weeks J. Miler	A. Weeks	A. Weeks	A. Weeks A. Lacy
<b>Ushers</b>	A. & J. Lacy	J. Bond L. Miller	TBD	B. Chernault J. Miler
<b>LEM</b>	J. Bond	M. Salmon	K. Oas	J. Hamilton
<b>Altar Guild</b>	M. Salmon	K. Oas		L. Bennett
<b>DOK</b>	Linda Fletcher	Julie Miller	N/A	
<b>Counter</b>	K. Wilson	K. Wilson	N/A	K. Wilson
<b>AV</b>	B. Kendall V. Mitz	B. Kendall V. Mitz	B. Kendall V. Mitz	B. Kendall V. Mitz

### 2025 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

The Stewardship Team thanks all of you who have generously submitted 2025 pledge cards. If you still haven't filled out your pledge card, it's okay to still turn it in. Pledge packets are available at the back of the church. An usher can show you where they are.

Pledge envelopes will be available in December, for those who have requested 2025 pledge envelopes. Submitted pledge cards are very helpful in planning our 2025 budget. Thanks again for participating in our 2025 campaign.



**GIFTS FROM THE HEART (GFTH)** will be open for business beginning on December 7th. Their goal is to collect 1,000 gifts for the Christmas Pop-Up Shop where parents participating in several approved programs can purchase gifts for

their children at deeply discounted prices. Although St. John's will not be hosting a Giving Tree with ornaments this year, we encourage parishioners who wish to give to this very worthy cause to use one of the methods below:

**Shop the wish lists** - Purchase directly from either of these online registries:

1. Go to Gifts from the Heart Christmas Shop website and scroll to How to Give.
2. Click on Amazon or Target this will take you directly to their page.

Alternatively you may type or copy the following links into your browser:

### **AMAZON**

<https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/5BOUE8RIBNQG>

### **TARGET**

<https://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift-giver?registryId=552e5310-1665-11ec-bb7c-df277178efe4&type=CUSTOM>

**Drop off new, unwrapped toys** at Sorenson Moving & Storage, 950 W. Eau Gallie Blvd, Melbourne.

**Donate directly using the GFTH website:**

<https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E343557&id=1>

**Volunteer in the gift shop:** About 20 volunteers are needed to help throughout set up, shop hours and breakdown.

**We are grateful for the generous support from our church family to help others!**





## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

- Sun (11/17) Christian Formation, 9:00 a.m. Adults in the Parish Hall; Youth in the Chapel.  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also Live Streamed.  
Young AA, 4:00 p.m.
- Mon (11/18) AA, Parish Hall, 5:30 p.m.
- Tues (11/19) Scouts, Parish Hall, 5:30 p.m.
- Wed (11/20) Choir Rehearsal, 7 p.m., Choir Loft.  
Boy Scouts Committee, 6:30 p.m. Parish Hall.
- Thur (11/21) Seaside Stitchers, 9:00 a.m. Parish Hall  
Staff Meeting, 9 a.m., Rector's office.  
Evening Prayer, 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary.  
AA Ladies Group, 6:30 p.m., Parish Hall.  
Vestry Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Chapel.
- Fri (11/22) TGIF, Men's Bible Study, 8 a.m. La Loma Coney Island Restaurant, 1180 Aurora Rd.
- Sun (11/24) Christian Formation, 9:00 a.m. Adults in the Parish Hall; Youth in the Chapel.  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also Live Streamed.

**THE OFFICE** will be open on Thursdays only. During the rest of the week please email the office at [office@stjohnsmlb.org](mailto:office@stjohnsmlb.org).

*All Zoom and Livestream links are available by visiting [stjohnsmlb.org](http://stjohnsmlb.org) > Parish Life > Calendar, then clicking on the event. Or you may email [office@stjohnsmlb.org](mailto:office@stjohnsmlb.org) and we will send you the link.*

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