



First Sunday of Advent
Holy Eucharist: Rite II

December 1, 2024
10 a.m.

Welcome to St. John's!

Please remember to leave your anxieties in the rack provided. Light a candle.

Listen to the organ even if it isn't playing

Make room for something unexpected to speak.

Find a seat and sit for a while. The people who came before are here beside you.

If you are very quiet you might even hear angels playing their instruments up there on the ceiling.

Let your eyes walk through a glass garden. All of these colors are born from one light.

Taste the silence. Many varieties are available – take a sip of each one.

Take it with you when you go.

(Andrew Rudd, Manchester cathedral poet in residence, June 2018.)

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.

THE GREAT LITANY

Please join in (either sing or say) the responses from the Card you were given

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray, joining together

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

All sit

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem

will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25:1-9

Read responsively by half verse

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.

All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *

to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

AT THE GRADUAL, HYMN 66 “Come, thou long-expected Jesus”

Tune: STUTTGART

Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus,
born to set thy peo - ple free; from our fears and
sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.

Luke 21:25-36

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress

among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and

foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things

have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

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.

The Prayers of the People are omitted when the Great Litany is used

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 B)

BCP, p. 367

At the Offertory Conductus,

Lift up your heads!

Mark Schweizer

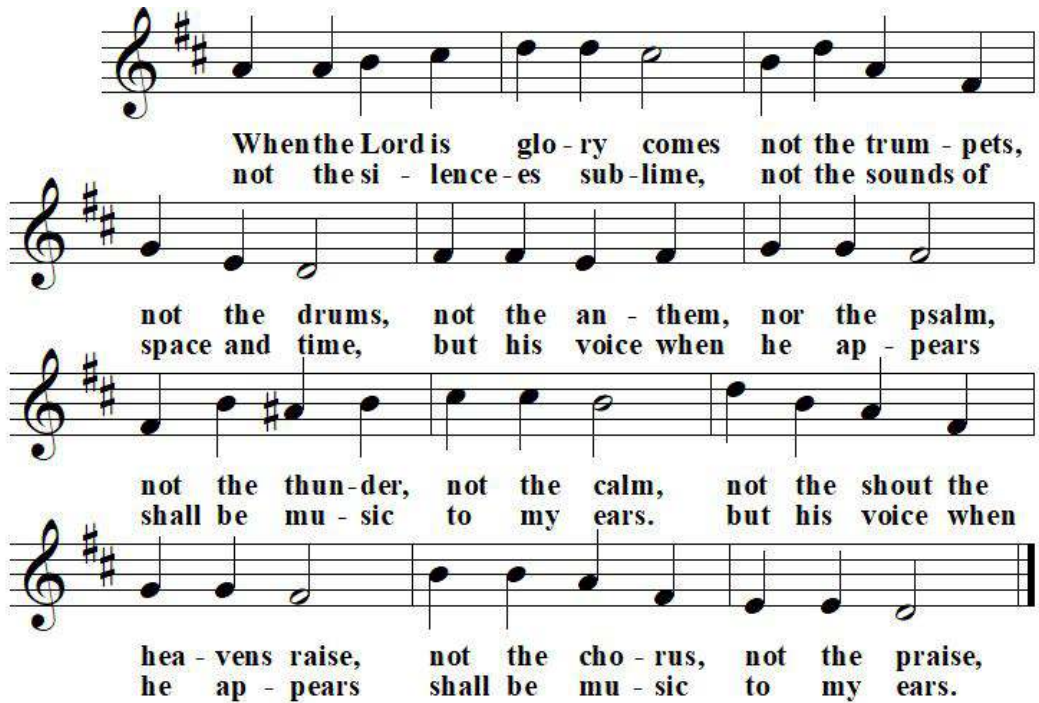
*Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold, the king of glory waits;
the King of Kings is drawing near; the saviour of the world is here.*

Fling wide the portals of your heart;
Make it a temple, set apart
From earthly use for heavens employ,
Adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer, come, with us abide;
Our hearts to thee we open wide;

From us thy inner presence feel;
By grace and love in us reveal.

Thy Holy Spirit lead us on
Until our glorious goal is one;
Eternal praise, eternal fame be offered,
Saviour, to thy name!



When the Lord in glo - ry comes not the trum - pets,
not the si - lence - es sub - lime, not the sounds of
not the drums, not the an - them, nor the psalm,
space and time, but his voice when he ap - pears
not the thun - der, not the calm, not the shout the
shall be mu - sic to my ears. but his voice when
hea - vens raise, not the cho - rus, not the praise,
he ap - pears shall be mu - sic to my ears.

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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 (*sung by the choir*)

Setting: Ludivico DaViadana

Sanctus Dominus Deus sabaoth. Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.

Hosannah in excelsis. Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosannah...

Holy Lord God of sabaoth. Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

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

Please kneel, as able

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 sing,

Our Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven,
 Hal-lo-wed be thy name! Thy king-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in
 hea-ven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread, and for-give us our tres-pas-ses, as we for-
 give those who tres-pass a-gainst us; and lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-
 li-ver us from e-vil. For thine is the king-dom, and the po-wer and the
 glo-ry, for-ev-er and ev-er! A - - - men!

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

Nun komm der Heiden Heiland
(Come now, Saviour of the nations)

J. S. Bach

Spiritual

My Lord, what a morning
...when the stars begin to fall.
You'll hear the trumpet sound.
You'll hear the sinner mourn,
You'll hear the Christian shout,

Traditional

to wake the nations underground. Looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.

The Postcommunion Prayer

All kneel, as able

BCP, p.366

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



1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
 3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on



our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
 dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
 daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
 thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the



saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
 nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
 ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
 power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine



train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

Dismissal

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



THIS MORNING'S MUSIC

Happy New Year! We should be singing “Auld Lang Syne” and wearing funny hats as today is the first day of the church’s new year. This next year, using the readings specified for Cycle C in the New Revised Common Lectionary, we will once again tell the story of the advent, birth, life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Today also begins the season of Advent, the four Sundays prior to Christmas, a time of preparation and waiting. Notice how all our liturgy and music point up these themes, saving Christmas images until the Christmas season begins on Christmas Eve.

Following an ancient custom, we have the organ remain relatively silent during the season of Advent. This gives our ears a chance to rest and helps make it fresh again when it sounds in all its majesty at the Christmas Eve services.

We begin our worship today with The Great Litany, for which the *Book of Common Prayer* directs, “To be said or sung, kneeling, standing, or in procession; before the Eucharist or after the Collects of Morning or Evening Prayer; or separately; especially in Lent and on Rogation days.”

The Litany was the first English language rite prepared by Archbishop Thomas Cranmer. It was first published in 1544. The 1979 BCP titled the Litany “The Great Litany” (p. 148), distinguishing it from other litanies in the Prayer Book. When the Great Litany precedes the Eucharist, the Litany concludes with the *Kyrie* and the Eucharist begins with the salutation and the collect of the day (BCP, p. 153). The Great Litany takes the place of the prayers of the people at the Eucharist. The confession may also be omitted.

In very ancient times primitive mankind was terribly concerned about the loss of sunlight at this time of year – if the daylight continued to recede it would be certain death. Some thought that the only way to “awaken the sun” was by parading around making as much noise as possible. Of course it worked! Over time this evolved into great processions with drums, wind instruments, and various noisemakers at the time of the winter solstice. Church leaders, knowing a good thing when they saw it, incorporated these processions – which were called *conducti* (singular = *conductus*). Some of these were performed in a circle and called *branles*, while others were danced in a straight line and were called *carols*.



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.

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.

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 or 321-254-3365.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Brenda Williams.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: None known.

ADULT & YOUTH CHRISTIAN FORMATION: 9:00 a.m., 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.

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

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA MEMORIALS allow you to remember or give thanks for a loved one who has gone home to the Lord, or one still living. You may use the insert in today's bulletin. They are due by **Sunday, Dec. 15** and may be dropped in the

offering plate or delivered to the church office. There is no set cost, please give as you are led.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Brunch

Sunday, Dec. 15, following 10 a.m. service

Christmas Eve Festival Worship

Tuesday, Dec. 24, 8 p.m. Carols,
7:45 p.m.

Christmas Day Worship, Rite I, with music.

Wednesday, Dec. 25, 11 a.m.

Lessons and Carols

Sunday, Dec. 29, 10 a.m.

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, 832-229-0142.

GIFTS FROM THE HEART 2024: details for donating to this worthy cause are on page 14.

FOOD PANTRY: St John's would like to thank Shirley Muzzy and the sewing group that meets here on Thursdays. Their regular donation of canned and packaged food for the Wholeness to Freedom Food Pantry is greatly appreciated. A basket is in the Sanctuary if you would like to help.

MUFFINS & MIMOSAS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MARKET to benefit Solar Light for Africa will be held at the home of Eric and Charlene Turner, 1107 Cepheus Place in Palm Bay, on Saturday December 7 from 9:00 to noon. We have lots of new items that were purchased from the artisans in Uganda this past summer. Stop in for some delicious treats, good conversation, and do a little Christmas shopping to help us spread the light. Hope to see you there!
~ Susan Badgio, SLA Treasurer

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

A PRAYER REQUEST BOX is 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 and click on Donate Now!



THE STEWARDSHIP TEAM thanks all of you who have generously submitted 2025 pledge cards, as they are very helpful in planning our 2025 budget. If

you haven't completed your pledge card, it's not too late and still okay to turn it in. For those who have requested Pledge envelopes they will be available in December. Pledge packets are available at the back of the church. An usher can show you where they are. Thanks again for participating in our 2025 campaign.

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 or Paul Mitz, Jr. Warden. Text or phone Paul at : 321-288-4050.

ST. JOHN'S OUTREACH COMMITTEE does not have a designated partner for December this year.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Baruch 5:1-9, Philippians 1:3-11, Luke 3:1-6, Canticle 4 or 16.

To find all the lessons visit lectionarypage.net and click on the date.

SUNDAY MINISTRIES

	December 1	December 8	December 15	December 22
Greeters	A. Weeks A. Lacy	A. Weeks B. Rincones	A. Weeks J. Miller	A. Weeks
Ushers	B. Chernault J. Miller	A. & J. Lacy	J. J. McLaughlin	J. Bond L. Miller
LEM	J. Hamilton	R. Huffman	J. Bond	M. Salmon
Altar Guild	L. Bennett	M. Salmon	K. Oas	L. Bennett
DOK				
Counter	K. Wilson	K. Wilson	K. Wilson	K. Wilson
AV	B. Kendall V. Mitz	B. Kendall V. Mitz	B. Kendall V. Mitz	B. Kendall V. Mitz

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 (12/01) 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.
- Mon (12/02) Seaside Stitchers, 8:00 a.m., Parish Hall.
AA, Parish Hall, 5:30 p.m.
- Tues (12/03) Scouts, Parish Hall, 5:30 p.m.
Outreach Meeting, 7: p.m., on Zoom.
- Wed (12/04) Choir Rehearsal, 7 p.m., Choir Loft.
AA Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m. Parish Hall.
- Thur (12/05) Staff Meeting, 9:00 a.m., Rector's Office.
Daily Bread service, 10:30 a.m.
Evening Prayer, 7:00 p.m.
AA Ladies Group, 6:30 p.m., Parish Hall.
- Fri (12/06) TGIF, Men's Bible Study, 8 a.m. La Loma Coney Island Restaurant, 1180 Aurora Rd.
- Sun (12/8) 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.

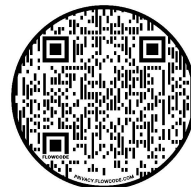
THE OFFICE will be open on Thursdays only. During the rest of the week please email the office at office@stjohnsmlb.org.

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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growing as servants of Christ, and sharing His love in word and deed.*

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