



St. John's Church

The Parish Chronicle

December 4, 2022

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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Rector's Rambling

Today we are starting a new tradition at St. John's with the lighting of our Garden Tree.

Although it is still the season of Advent we wanted to add some festive brightness to the garden with the lighting of the tree, and already we are looking into perhaps next year lighting the larger pine tree that is growing here in the garden! And next year we hope to add a manger scene to the garden as well.

Inside we are keeping the proper liturgical season of Advent, a penitential time of preparation, we want to also reach out to our neighborhood with the reminder that all the festivity of the 'holiday' season is in fact about the 'holy day' that is to come...the birth of Jesus Christ!

At 5:30 we will gather in the parish garden for a shortened service of Evening Prayer with the blessing and lighting

of the tree, and will sing Carols as we enjoy some hot chocolate and other refreshments. God willing the those living in the neighborhood will join us for the festivities - so lets make sure our own St. John's folks come back this evening to join us to welcome them and give thanks to God for the opportunity to do this!

Next Saturday we have a special occasion at 6 PM. The premier of the PBS Documentary on the Churches of Detroit will take place at the Fillmore Theatre. St. John's is one of the featured churches included in the production.

It was a great joy to be asked to be a part of this - a great opportunity to share via public broadcasting. Later the next week it will be broadcast on Channel 56.

There are tickets available for the premier on Saturday. Contact Elizabeth in the parish office during the week and we can make sure that there is a ticket for you.



ABOUT ST. JOHN'S

To Our Visitors

Welcome! The parishioners and clergy of St. John's are delighted that you have come to worship with us. We hope this house of prayer provides you with a place in which you can find solace, comfort, and strength. We invite your inquiries about the ministries available here at St. John's.

We offer a barrier-free environment for the infirm and handicapped. An access ramp for wheel chairs is located at the **SOUTHWEST** entrance of the church, near Woodward Avenue in the garden. There is also an elevator in the building which provides access to the undercroft, so everyone may fully participate in activities and fellowship.

We would be very pleased if you plan to return to St. John's on a regular basis, to **WORSHIP** as part of our parish family. Please complete a Visitor's Form located in the Order of Service and place it in the collection plate or give it to an usher.

Thank you for coming! We look forward to greeting you following the service today and hope to chat with you during our time of fellowship in the undercroft.

Communion Procedure

The Episcopal House of Bishops, in a 1979 teaching, lays out the following guideline for non-Episcopalians to receive communion in an Episcopal Church: The persons should 1) have been Baptized with water in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, 2) believe Christ is present in the sacrament, 3) have been admitted to Holy Communion in their own denomination, and 4) are attempting, by God's grace, to live in love and charity with their neighbor. If you have any questions, please speak to the priest.

To receive the Host, raise your crossed hands, right palm over left. You may also receive directly on the tongue. If you do not wish to receive the Cup, cross your arms over your chest and wait for the chalice bearer to pass by.

If you are not receiving communion, you still may come forward to the rail, cross your arms over your chest, and receive a blessing.

If you are physically unable to approach the rail, please inform an usher and the Sacrament will be brought to you.

Pastoral Care

Please inform the clergy if you or a family member are ill, hospitalized, or unable to attend the regular worship of the Church so that a pastoral visit can be arranged. Please contact the clergy to discuss arrangements for baptisms, weddings, or burials **before** any announcement or other plans are made.

Outreach

Every Sunday: *Food or clothing* may be deposited in the basket at the entrance of the church to aid the neighborhood ministry to the poor through **Crossroads**.

First Sunday of the month: The *loose offerings* collected are given to support the mission work of the Church in Malawi, Central Africa. Please add a cash gift or extra check in the collection plate every first Sunday of the month!

Third Sunday of the month: The *loose offerings* collected are given to support the ministry of the Rector's Discretionary Fund.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S DECEMBER 4—DECEMBER 11

Sunday 12/4	7:00 A 7:30 A	Morning Meditation (online) Morning Prayer (chapel)
SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT	8:00 A 10:00 A	Holy Communion (chapel) Choral Holy Communion Sunday School
	11:15 A 5:30 P	Coffee Hour Evening Prayer & Tree lighting

Monday 12/5	7:00 A 12:15 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion
St. Sabas, Archbishop 532 A.D.	4:00 PM 5:00 P 6:30 P	Evening Prayer AA Meeting Alpha Course

Tuesday 12/6	7:00 A 12:15 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion
St. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, 342 A.D.	4:00 P	Evening Prayer

Wednesday 12/7	7:00 A 12:15 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion
St. Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, 397 A.D.	4:00 P 5:00 P	Evening Prayer AA Meeting

Thursday 12/8	7:00 A 10:00 A	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion and Benediction
Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	4:00 P 5:00 P	Evening Prayer AA Meeting

Friday 12/9	7:00 A 11:00 A	Morning Meditation (online) AA Meeting
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Saturday 12/10	7:00 A 6:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) PBS Documentary Premier Fillmore Theatre
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	11:15 A 5:30 P	Coffee Hour Evening Prayer

Want to stay in touch during the week?
To join the newsgroup, e-mail a request to
Webmaster@stjohnsdetroit.org

Social Media

[Wedwww.Facebook.com/StJohnsDetroit](http://www.Facebook.com/StJohnsDetroit)

www.Twitter.com/StJohnsDetroit

www.YouTube.com/StJohnsPriest

Collect for the Second Sunday in Advent

BLESSED Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE DAILY OFFICE READINGS (The Lectionary)*

Morning Prayer

SUNDAY	25	Isa. 52:1-10 Luke 1:26-56
Monday	33	Isa. 8:5-8, 11-20 Mark 2:23-3:6
Tuesday	48	Isa. 9:18-10:4 Mark 3:7-19
Wednesday	50	Isa. 11:1-10 Mark 3:20
Thursday	62, 63	Isa. 13:1-5, 17-22 Mark 4:1-20
Friday	73	Isa. 24:16b Mark 4:21-29
Saturday	80	Isa. 28:1-13 Mark 4:30

Evening Prayer

SUNDAY	119:89-104	Amos 3:1-8 1 Thess. 2:1-13
Monday	42, 43	Isa. 9:8-17 Rev. 11:15
Tuesday	46, 47	Isa. 10:5-7, 13-21 Rev. 12:1-12
Wednesday	49	Isa. 12 Rev. 13:1-10
Thursday	66	Isa. 13:6-15 Rev. 14:1-13
Friday	77	Isa. 26:11-19 Rev. 15
Saturday	65	Isa. 28:14-22

** If there is no "ending" verse listed, then read * If there is no "ending" verse listed, then read to the end of the chapter.*

WISH LIST — PLEASE HELP US WITH THESE ITEMS

- Repainting of the black iron fencing\$3,000
- Cement curb on freeway side of building supporting historic fencing along building\$8,200
- Sanding, repairing, and repainting of the surface of the fences.*

Announcements

SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER

Sunday Evening Prayer is prayed at St. John's at **5:30 PM**. Join us for this 25 minute Service to finish the Sabbath Day as we started it - in worship and thanksgiving.

Weekday Services This Week –

Morning Meditation

- ◆ Streamed daily at 7:00 AM

Holy Communion

- ◆ Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday at 12:15 PM
- ◆ Thursday 10:30 AM

Evening Prayer

- ◆ Monday - Thursday at 4 PM (Ministry Center)

Services can be attended in person, or by livestream

Christian Education – Sunday School meets at 10 AM in the Undercroft. All children welcome.

Gift Giving Tree - Be sure to take a tag, and bring back an unwrapped gift or two in support of the Georgia Street Community Collective. Gifts due by December 11. The tree is in the ministry center.

Garden Tree Lighting - Be sure to join us this evening,, December 4th at 5:30 as we light our Garden Tree. A short service of prayer, and lots of caroling, will be offered, and refreshments.

Pledge Cards - be sure to submit your 2023 Pledge Card as soon as possible.

Alpha Course - Meeting on Monday Nights. Next session will take place in January, day of the week to be determined.

Parking Note - being a member of St. John's does not mean that we can park in our side lot for free for Pistons/Red Wings games, shows at the Fox, etc. The lot is leased to Olympia Development, and we have use of it for our church related events, but not at other times when they are using it.

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULES

December 4

Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:

E – Richard Moritz
S – Langmuir

Altar Guild 10:00 AM:

Jane Burton
Elisabeth Johnson
Carolyn Ricca

Lay Ministers 10:00 AM:

Brian Campbell
Morley Stevenson
Adrian Leskiw

Ushers 10:00 AM:

Peter Grim
Bryan Monaco
Thomas Nash
William Porter

Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour

December 11

Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:

E – Richard Moritz
S – Langmuir

Altar Guild 10:00 AM:

Judy Lees
Denise Grim

Lay Ministers 10:00 AM:

Brian Campbell
Morley Stevenson
Suzanne Nicholson

Ushers 10:00 AM:

John Barge
Libby Schudel
Christopher Smith
George Waters

Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour

Ushers in reserve: David Boulton, Morley Stevenson

The Vestry and Officers of St. John's

Peter Grim, Senior Warden
Morley Stevenson, Junior Warden
Durene Brown, Secretary
Glenn Burton, Interim Treasurer
Cathy Morgan, Assistant Treasurer

Terms expire January 2023

Sarah Babcock	John Barge
Jimmie Baber	Rod Gillespie
Peter Grim	Tracy McAllister

Terms expire January 2024

Glenn Burton	Morley Stevenson
Cathy Morgan	Tristan Williams

Terms expire January 2024

Durene Brown	Charles Roby
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The Vestry typically meets monthly at 6:30 PM in the undercroft, September through June. All St. John's parishioners are welcome to attend.

St. John's Teaching Notes

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy 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 quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. Amen.

¶ *This Collect is to be repeated every day, after the other Collects in Advent, until Christmas Day.*

The “Collects” are those collected prayers of the Church, gathered and ordered over the centuries, that express the intentions of the people to God. Some Collects, such as the Collect for Purity said at the beginning of every Communion Service (“Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known...”) are very ancient. The Collects appointed for each Sunday of the year in the Propers (the appointed prayers and readings for Sundays and Holy Days) in the 1928 Book of Common Prayer are English translations of those of the ancient Western Liturgies codified in the old Latin Mass. Other newer Collects are added and supplemented as necessary. The Collects appointed for the day set the theme or tone for the worship of that day.

Some Collects not only set the tone for the day, but for an “octave” – that day and the seven days following for major Feasts such as All Saints’ Day. Other collects set the tone for an entire season.

The Collect for the First Sunday in Advent is one of those “All Season” Collects. It is intended to be said daily between that first Sunday and until Christmas (the next season). At Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, and Communion services, this Collect is said after the collect that might be appointed for that day. It is a daily reminder that, for the Season of Advent, we are to put away darkness (sin) and put on the armor of light (God’s righteousness), in preparation for the upcoming celebration of his Nativity (Christmas), *and* we are to do this in anticipation of his return in glorious majesty to judge the quick (the living) and the dead.

Even if you do not pray Morning and/or Evening Prayer every day from the prayer book (you can and are encouraged to do so), you may still recite this Collect every day in your own personal moments of prayer.

~ Fr. Kelly

**A DAILY PRAYER FOR
St. John's Church**

Bless, O Lord, this parish, and grant that Thy Name may be worshipped here in truth and purity, to all generations. Give Thy grace and wisdom to our Clergy, that they may exercise holy discipline, and be themselves patterns of holiness, simplicity, and self-denial. Bless all who worship here; take from us all pride, vanity and self-conceit, and give to us true humility and self-abasement. Enlighten our minds, subdue our wills, purify our hearts, and so penetrate us with Thy Spirit, and fill us with Thy love that we may go forth animated with earnest zeal for Thy glory; and may Thy living Word so dwell within our hearts that we may speak with that resistless energy of love which shall melt the hearts of sinners to the love of Thee. Open, O Lord, the hearts and hands of Thy people, that we may be ready to give and glad to distribute to our necessities. Bless the founders and benefactors of this parish, and recompense them with the riches of Thine everlasting kingdom, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Cycle of Prayer for Malawi, week of December 4:

Primate of the Province of Central Africa—The Most Rev'd Albert Chalma
The Mothers Union of Malawi

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

2nd Sunday in Advent: The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East; The Diocese of el-Obeid—Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan; The Diocese of Offa—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Ogbaru—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Ogbia—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Ogbomoso—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Ogoni—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Episcopal Diocese of Michigan

Mendoza, DR—St. Ann's
Santo Domingo, DR—Cathedral of the Epiphany

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

December 6
Robert Hart

December 7
Durene Brown



This Week's ANNIVERSARIES

December 10
John & Tracy
McAllister



OUR PRAYER LIST

Healing and Comfort: Alice B., Sarah B., Al F., Bonnie B., Brianna W., Cathy M., Christopher B., Daria R., Doug R., Durene B., Elaine D., Gail W., Gordon D., George W., Helene W., Jessica W., Jimmy J., Jim Z., Johnny C., Julie B., Lawrence A., MJ B., Michael Z., Michael P., Paul M., Rexina M., Robert H., Sabrina H., Sandra Z., Sandy D., Virginia B.

If you would like to add a name to the Prayer List, please call the Church Office at 313-962-7358.

Serving in the United Nations: Sharon G. Lowery

Police Officers and Firefighters: For parishioner officers – Federal Service: Pat Walter; Holly Springs, NC: Michael Walter; and Fairfax County, VA: Stephen A. Shillingford.

Those Serving in the Military: Especially for Alan Mullin, Andrew Timpner, Brian Shea, Damon Dalby, Elijah Buxo, Ian Bass, Jonathan Walter, Kurt Helfrich, Nick Myers, Nick Norville, Steven Campbell, Joseph J. Sharpe, Ted Decker, Brian Finocchiaro, Catherine Finocchiaro, and Zachary Livingston

Diocese and the National Episcopal Church: That there may be a greater understanding of the Authority of Holy Scripture, and our submission to that Authority.

Year's Mind of Death:

Enid E. Towar	December 4, 1973
Joanne Theresa Biscorner	December 4, 2020
Edward W. Klein	December 5, 1968
Elizabeth Reynolds	December 5, 1970
Laura J. Doremus	December 6, 1975
Gail Seitz	December 6, 1996
Lawrence M. Upham, Jr.	December 7, 1970
Ralph V. Burke	December 7, 1972
Tunis Edwin Stinsom	December 8, 1961
Gladys Samples	December 8, 1978
Mary A. Selig	December 9, 1955
John W. Cherry, Jr.	December 9, 1958
Jacob W. Kisellurgh	December 10, 1975
Lucretia A. Berdan	December 10, 1985