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## St. John's Church

# The Parish Chronicle

December 29, 2024

## FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS



### Rector's Rambling

Merry Christmas! We continue our celebration of the Feast of the Nativity today.

Most people know the song *The 12 Days of Christmas*. But few know that the 12 days **begin** on Christmas Day, and in fact are a Church season. From The Feast of the Nativity on the 25th, until January 5, we celebrate Christmas! Even though the radio stations that have been playing Christmas music since the beginning of November went back to playing pop music on December 26, we are singing hymns about the glory of that Christ Child born in Bethlehem. Even though the world has moved on, we celebrate! Thanks be to God! So don't throw out that tree yet. Don't take down that garland yet. Perhaps one more pause under the mistletoe is a good idea.

But more importantly, allow the wonderful reality of the gift of Jesus Christ becoming man sink deeply into your mind and your heart. It is too wonderful a mystery to be confined to one day. The fact that God Himself stooped to save his fallen creation, by taking human flesh and becoming one of us, is that which should fill us with awe and wonder. And this great gift should also fill

us with gratitude that He loves us so much that he would do this for us. Jesus, born as a defenseless child, came ultimately to pay the price for our sins so that we can be reconciled to God, but that is looking forward 33 years in Jesus' life, and three months forward on the Church calendar.

Speaking of looking forward on the Church and secular calendars, with this being the year-end, if you would like a contribution to count toward 2024 for tax purposes, it does need to be postmarked by December 31, or you may bring it in to the parish office, or slip it through the mail slot on the freeway service drive side of the building. Also, if you have a last minute need to dispose of stock or other securities for your tax advantage, St. John's would be happy to be of help. Be sure to speak with the parish office ASAP so that that can happen on time.

Wednesday, January 1, is the Feast of the Circumcision and we will have our regular 12:15 PM service that day, which will be our only weekday service this week. Next Sunday, January 5, is the Second Sunday after Christmas Day and the 12th day of Christmas. We will have our regular Sunday service schedule on that day as well.



## 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 29—JANUARY 5

<b>Sunday</b> 12/29	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	7:30 A	Morning Prayer (chapel)
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS	8:00 A	Holy Communion (chapel)
	10:00 A	Choral Holy Communion
	11:15 A	Coffee Hour
	5:30 P	Evening Prayer

<b>Monday</b> 12/30	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	12:15 P	Holy Communion
St. Thomas Becket, Archbishop and Martyr, 1170 A.D.	5:00 P	AA Meeting

<b>Tuesday</b> 12/31	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	12:15 P	Holy Communion
St. Sylvester I, Pope 335 A.D.	4:00 P	Evening Prayer

<b>Wednesday</b> 1/1	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	12:15 P	Holy Communion
THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD	5:00 P	AA Meeting

<b>Thursday</b> 1/2	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	10:30 A	Holy Communion
	4:00 P	Evening Prayer
	5:00 P	AA Meeting

<b>Friday</b> 1/3	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	11:00 A	AA Meeting

<b>Saturday</b> 1/4	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
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<b>Sunday</b> 1/5	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	7:30 A	Morning Prayer (chapel)
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS	8:00 A	Holy Communion (chapel)
	10:00 A	Choral Holy Communion
	11:15 A	Coffee Hour
	5:30 P	Evening Prayer

*NOTE: The Chronicle went to the printer last Tuesday. Calendar updates or changes can be found at [www.StJohnsDetroit.org](http://www.StJohnsDetroit.org)*

**Collect for the First Sunday after Christmas**

**A**LMIGHTY God, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin; Grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

**THE DAILY OFFICE READINGS (The Lectionary)\*****Morning Prayer**

SUNDAY	145	Isa. 9:2-7 Luke 2:1-20
December 30	33	Isa. 59:1-3, 15b-21 1 John 2:1-17
December 31	147	Isa. 62 1 John 2:18
CIRCUMCISION	103	Deut. 30:1-10 Eph. 2:11
January 2	37:26	Isa. 63:7-14 1 John 3:1-11
January 3	66	Isa. 64:4 1 John 3:13
January 4	92	Isa. 65:17 1 John 4

**Evening Prayer**

SUNDAY	68 or 27	Isa. 63:7-16 2 Pet. 1:1-12
December 30	111,112	Isa. 60:13 Heb. 2
December 31	90, 150	Deut. 10:12-11:1 Heb. 3
CIRCUMCISION	148	Deut. 30:11 Rev. 19:11-16
January 2	2, 110	Isa. 63:15-64:1 Heb. 4:1-13
January 3	34	Isa. 65:8-16 Heb. 4:14-5:14
January 4	91	Isa. 66:1-2, 5-13 Heb. 6:1-12

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

**WISH LIST** — PLEASE HELP US WITH THESE ITEMS

*New items to come soon.*

**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** –**Daily Morning Meditation**

Streamed daily @ 7:00 AM

**Holy Communion**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday @ 12:15 PM

Thursday @ 10:30 AM

**Evening Prayer**

Monday through Friday @ 4 PM

*Services can be attended in person, or by livestream*

**Christian Education** – Sunday School and the Dante class resumes in January and the Alpha Course as well.

**Donations Accepted** - we are accepting donations of individually wrapped packages of snacks (e.g., granola bars, cookies, nuts, etc.). While you're shopping, please consider buying some, and bringing them in for the Church to use for Coffee Hour.

**Parking Note** - being a member of St. John's does not mean that we can park in our side lot for free for Lions 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.

**Giving** - If you are away on Sunday, you can mail your offering envelope to St. John's, or contribute online with the our QR code through the GiveButter giving platform.



## LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULES

### December 29

#### Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:

E – Richard Moritz  
S – C. Stevenson

#### Altar Guild 10:00 AM:

Sarah Babcock  
Elizabeth Savage

#### Lay Ministers 10:00 AM:

Brian Campbell  
Morley Stevenson  
Brian Campbell  
Elizabeth Savage  
Pam Beeghly

#### Ushers 10:00 AM:

John Barge  
Peter Grim  
Bryan Monaco  
William Porter  
Libby Schudel  
George Waters  
Terry Donnelly  
Darren Savage  
Elijah Buxo

#### Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour

### January 5

#### Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:

E – Richard Moritz  
S – C. Stevenson

#### Altar Guild 10:00 AM:

Jane Burton  
Elisabeth Johnson  
Carolyn Ricca

#### Lay Ministers 10:00 AM:

Brian Campbell  
Morley Stevenson  
Cindy Edwards

#### Ushers 10:00 AM:

John Barge  
Peter Grim  
Bryan Monaco  
William Porter  
Libby Schudel  
George Waters  
Terry Donnelly  
Darren Savage  
Elijah Buxo

#### Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour

### The Vestry and Officers of St. John's

Charles Roby, Senior Warden  
Pat Walter, Junior Warden  
Durene Brown, Secretary  
Jared Moody, Treasurer

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#### *Terms expire January 2025*

Durene Brown                      Charles Roby

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#### *Terms expire January 2026*

Elizabeth Butler                  David Gawrych  
Bryan Monaco

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#### *Terms expire January 2027*

Jared Moody                      Patrick Walters  
Helene Waters

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

### The 166th Anniversary of St. John's

On Monday evening December 6, 1858, Mr. Henry Porter Baldwin brought together in his home on Woodward Avenue above George Street (*now Fisher Freeway—ed.*) twenty-one of his neighbors, to discuss with them the formation of a new parish. Mr. Baldwin had removed to his present home in 1856, and had realized more and more the urgency of planting the Church in this rapidly growing neighborhood. Frequently he had pressed it upon the Churchmen of the city. When, in the spring of 1858, Mr. Cargill offered for sale his property at the corner of High Street (now Fisher Freeway - ed.), occupied by a brick residence, Mr. Baldwin at once purchased it, for \$12,000. When, therefore, he invited these gentlemen to a meeting in his house, it was not for the exchange of expressions as to the necessity or the desirability of a new venture, for the creation of a sentiment to result at some future day in an actual undertaking. He offered a splendid piece of ground, 125 feet on Woodward Avenue and 175 feet on High Street, for the site of a church, a chapel, and a rectory; further, he had obtained plans for these three buildings, which contemplated the removal of the residence on the corner, to admit of putting the church. Moreover, he pledged \$1,000 toward the chapel, and a brick rectory to be built entirely at his own expense on the south side of the lot, provided a subscription of \$7,500 in all could be raised to erect the chapel.

This first meeting was speedily followed by another. One week later, at the same place, reports were received, and action taken, the Rt. Rev. Samuel A. McCoskry, D. D., D.C.L., Bishop of Michigan, presiding. The subscription committee showed pledges amounting to \$7,600. Articles of Agreement were drawn up, and signed by twenty of those present; the day following five more names were added. St. John's was organized.

The Articles of Agreement being thus signed, attested, and duly recorded, **the first parish meeting was held on St. John's Day, December 27, 1858**, for the election of a Vestry. Messrs. Baldwin and Roberts were made Wardens; Mr. Stimson, Secretary; Mr. Rose, Treasurer. The same evening the (building) plans of Messrs. Jordan and Anderson were formally adopted; a Building Committee was appointed and instructed to proceed.

~ Edited by Fr. Kelly from St. John's 50th Anniversary Book

**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 29:**

Retired Bishops of Malawi: Bishop Biggers, Bishop Tengtenga, Bishop Arden; Bishop Boyle; Diocese of Zomba

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer**

*First Sunday after Christmas: The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Kutgi—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Kwara—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Kwoi—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Kyoto—The Nippon Sei Ko Kai; The Diocese of Kyushu—The Nippon Sei Ko Kai; The Diocese of Lafia—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)*

**Episcopal Diocese of Michigan**

Ann Arbor—Church of the Incarnation  
Jalongo, DR—St. Matthew's

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**



**December 31**  
Steve Langmuir

**This Week's ANNIVERSARIES**

Have you given us your  
Anniversary?



**OUR PRAYER LIST**

**Healing and Comfort:** Alice B., Sarah B., Al F., Bonnie B., Brianna W., Christopher B., Daria R., Durene B., Endolyn C., Elaine D., Eleanore S., 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.

*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; Orange County, 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, Zachary Livingston, & John R. Nicholson, III, graduate of West Point

**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:**

Helen Elizabeth Hodgson	December 29, 1953
Marjorie Elsea	December 29, 1997
Irving Gordan Hawkins	December 30, 1958
Irene H. Hind	December 30, 1974
Hugh A. Tuttle	December 31, 1968
Marcella E. McGowan	December 31, 1978
Arthur Russell	January 1, 1953
Wesley G. Beaumont	January 1, 1963
Martha Schreiter	January 2, 1950
Mabel Miller	January 2, 1951
Alexander R. Flucker	January 3, 1962
Clara M. Ray	January 3, 1970
Herman D. Curtis	January 4, 1969
Norman H. Hill	January 4, 1971