



St. John's Church

# The Parish Chronicle

December 8, 2024

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT



*Ss. Joachim and Anne, Chora Church in Istanbul*

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### Lectors Guild

Brian Campbell

### Outreach Committee Chair

Debbie Swain and Chris Golembiewski

### Usher Captains

John Barge & Peter Grim



## Rector's Rambling

Today we have two overlapping "Feasts" to celebrate on Sunday. First, and primarily, today is The Second Sunday in Advent. In the Book of Common Prayer there is something called the Tables of Precedence (p. li) which spells out for us which Holy Days always take precedence and can't be bumped by another Feast Day occurring on the same day. If the Feast of St. James (July 25) occurs on a Sunday then that it the primary celebration that Sunday (Collects and Lessons) rather than The Sunday after Trinity. However, the Sundays in Advent always take precedence

Today is one of those days that overlap. December 8 is the Feast of the Conception of St. Mary, but because it occurs this year on Sunday we observe the Second Sunday in Advent instead. Today's other Feast Day will be observed tomorrow at the 12:15 Service. This holy day celebrate the conception of Mary by her parents St. Anne and St. Joachim. Her birthday is celebrated on September 8th (9 months later). St. John the Baptist's conception is mentioned in scripture too, and of course Our Lord's mirac-

ulous conception is celebrated on March 25th as the Feast of the Annunciation.

Each of these conceptions have different but interrelated theological implications. John the Baptist's conception is in preparation of him being the forerunner of Christ and occurs to a woman beyond childbearing years. Mary's conception is celebrated because it will be from her flesh, through her own womb, that the second person of the Trinity will take human flesh to dwell among us. And of course Jesus' conception by Holy Ghost is the incarnation of God.

These feast days are also an important reminder that from the moment of conception we are the Lord's and therefore every life is sacred.

Next Sunday we have our official visitation by our Diocesan, required by Canon Law every 3 years. The Rt. Rev'd Bonnie Perry was last with us in 2021 when she preached at Choral Morning Prayer. This time she wants to do the Holy Communion Service. She will be leading and preaching at the 10 AM Service and will be present at coffee hour 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 1—DECEMBER 8

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

<b>Monday</b> 12/9 Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
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<b>Tuesday</b> 12/10	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer
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<b>Wednesday</b> 12/11	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
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<b>Thursday</b> 12/12	7:00 A 10:30 A 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion and Benediction Evening Prayer AA Meeting
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<b>Friday</b> 12/13 St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr, 304 A.D.	7:00 A 11:00 A	Morning Meditation (online) AA Meeting
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<b>Saturday</b> 12/14	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
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<b>Sunday</b> 12/15 THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT	7:00 A 7:30 A 8:00 A 10:00 A 11:15 A	Morning Meditation (online) Morning Prayer (chapel) Holy Communion (chapel) Choral Holy Communion 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 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 Rev. 18:1-10

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

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

*Replacement Fans for the Church - need 7 @ \$52 each  
Coming Soon - sponsor a new kneeler in the Church.*

**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 with Benediction

**Evening Prayer**

Monday through Thursday @ 4 PM

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

**Christian Education** – Sunday School today at 10 AM in the Undercroft. Dante class resumes in January and the Alpha Course is Thursday at 6:30 PM.

**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 8

#### Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:

E – Richard Moritz  
S – C. Stevenson

#### Altar Guild 10:00 AM:

Sarah Babcock  
Denise Grim

#### Lay Ministers 10:00 AM:

Brian Campbell  
Morley Stevenson  
Tom 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

### December 15

#### Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:

E – Richard Moritz  
S – C. Stevenson

#### Altar Guild 10:00 AM:

Sarah Babcock  
Nancy Donnelly  
Suzanne Porter  
Melody Huffer

#### Lay Ministers 10:00 AM:

Brian Campbell  
Morley Stevenson  
Adrian Leskiw

#### Ushers 10:00 AM:

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

#### Coffee Hour

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## 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

### 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.

**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 8:**

Primate of the Province of Central Africa—The Most Rev'd Albert Chama; The Mothers Union of Malawi; Diocese of Chikwawa; Diocese of Dedza

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer**

*Second Sunday in Advent: Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan; The Diocese of Kobe—The Nippon Sei Ko Kai; The Diocese of Koforidua—The Church of the Province of West Africa; The Diocese of Kolhapur—The Church of North India (United); The Diocese of Kollam—Kottarakkara—The Church of South India (United); The Diocese of Kondoa—The Anglican Church of Tanzania; The Diocese of Kongor—Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan*

**Episcopal Diocese of Michigan**

Ann Arbor—Canterbury House

Mendoza, DR—St. Ann's

San Francisco, DR—Good Samaritan

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**



**Have you given us YOUR Birthday?**

**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., 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., Johny 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:**

Tunis Edwin Stinsom	December 8, 1961
Gladys Samples	December 8, 1978
Mary A. Selig	December 9, 1955
John W. Cherry, Jr.	December 9, 1958
Lucretia A. Berdan	December 10, 1986
Mary Maybury Weber	December 10, 1989
Clinton M. Ripley	December 11, 1943
Katherine Speaker	December 11, 1943
Doris Marie Graham	December 12, 2013
Daniel Bateman	December 12, 2017
Rufus Perry	December 13, 1970
Kathleen Duncan McNab	December 13, 2004
William Guse	December 14, 1958
Adele Louise Huebner	December 14, 2005