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SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF ALL SAINTS' DAY



Rector's Rambling

"There's not any reason, - no, not the least - why I shouldn't be one too"

We are reminded in today's hymn *I sing a song of the saints of God* that we all should be striving to be saints. I love this hymn, and it is a favorite not only of your rector but on our YouTube channel it is the most popularly played video by a large margin!

Although the 1940 Hymnal places it among *Hymns for Children*, it has become popular not only for the children but among adults as well.

It is easy enough for us to admire The Saints. We hear the stories, perhaps read deeply a biography, or even dive deeper by reading materials written by them. But are we doing this like we might read a biography of Teddy Roosevelt or Abraham Lincoln? "Sure is an interesting person who accomplished great things in their time" we might think.

But when it comes to the saints, we study them because we need to figure out how God's grace was working in them, and how they cooperated with it, to make them into the saints that they became!

The saints, those men and women of heroic virtue that we admire, all start out in the same condition. Affected by original sin, they are separated from God. But by His Grace they are born again of water and the Holy Spirit, and they make strides in avoiding falling into those occasions of actual sin and begin to mould their lives according to God's will and

purpose for them.

The key is trying to find out how God will have you serve Him and in what way will you become holier. "What is God's will for me?" is an important question that we should be asking in prayer regularly.

A wonderful thing about the lives of the saints is that they are not cookie-cutter alike. Some start out rich, some poor. Some have earthly gifts and physical advantages, and others do not. The starting point isn't the same for everyone, and the finishing point isn't either! Some saints start religious orders with many followers, others lead countries, and yet some others great leaders in the Church. Others live lives of quiet sanctity. They glorify God in simple every day ways that affect others for the better through their prayers, love, and selflessness.

Perhaps most importantly we remember today that it isn't about what we do and accomplish in a worldly way, but who we are becoming in Christ. We are becoming more humble and loving and open to the prompting of the Holy Spirit to change our lives as He sees fit.





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

Food may be deposited in the basket at the entrance of the church to aid the neighborhood ministry to the poor through **Crossroads and Georgia Street Community Co-op**.

Dedicated donations for the support of the **Malawi Education Fund** and **Rector's Discretionary Fund** can be put in the collection plate with a note in the memo line or on the envelope.

Collections of school supplies, cleaning supplies, garden tools, Christmas presents, mittens, sweaters, etc. occur throughout the year to support our community.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S OCTOBER 26—NOVEMBER 2

Sunday 11/2 ALL SAINTS DAY	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	7:30 A	Morning Prayer (chapel)
	8:00 A	Holy Communion (chapel)
	10:00 A	Choral Holy Communion
	10:00 A	Sunday School
	11:15 A	Coffee Hour
	5:30 P	Evening Prayer
Monday 11/3 All Souls Day Of the Octave	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	10:00 A	Requiem Mass (Elmwood)
	12:15 P	Requiem Mass (Chapel)
	4:00 P	Evening Prayer
	5:00 P	AA Meeting
Tuesday 11/4 St. Charles Borromeo, B.C., 1584 A.D. Of the Octave	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	12:15 P	Holy Communion
	4:00 P	Evening Prayer
Wednesday 11/5 Richard Hooker, Priest 1600 A.D. Of the Octave	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	12:15 P	Holy Communion
	4:00 P	Evening Prayer
	5:00 P	AA Meeting
Thursday 11/6 St. Leonard, Abbot c. 559 A.D. Of the Octave	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	10:30 A	Holy Communion and Benediction
	4:00 P	Evening Prayer
	5:00 P	AA Meeting
Friday 11/7 St. Willibrord, of Utrecht 739 A.D.	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	11:00 A	AA Meeting
Saturday 11/8 Anglican Saints and Worthies Octave of All Saints	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
Sunday 11/9 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	7:30 A	Morning Prayer (chapel)
	8:00 A	Holy Communion (chapel)
	10:00 A	Sunday School
	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

Collect for the Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

O GOD, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee; Mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

SUNDAY	72	Job 24:1–17 Titus 2
Monday	89:1–19	1 Kings 21:11–22 James 4:13–5:11
Tuesday	90	1 Kings 22:1–12 James 5:12
Wednesday	94	1 Kings 22:13–28 1 Tim. 1:1–11
Thursday	100, 110	1 Kings 22:29–40 1 Tim. 1:12
Friday	119:145–160	2 Kings 1:2–8, 17a 1 Tim. 2:1–10
Saturday	120, 122, 123	2 Kings 2:1–15 1 Tim. 3:1–13

Evening Prayer

SUNDAY	80	Jer. 5:7–19 2 Cor. 13
Monday	92	Job 28:12 Matt. 16:13
Tuesday	104	Job 38:1–11, 16–18 Matt. 17:1–13
Wednesday	113, 114	Job 38:19–30 Matt. 17:14
Thursday	116	Job 38:31–38 Matt. 18:1–14
Friday	119:161–176 & 117	Job 39:19 Matt. 18:15
Saturday	144	Job 42:1–9 Matt. 19:1–15

* 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

Evening Prayer

Monday through Thursday @ 4:00 PM

Christian Education – Sunday School today at 10 AM in the Undercroft.

All Souls Day—November 3 this year

Although All Souls is usually November 2, this year that is a Sunday so it will be kept the day after. 10 AM Requiem Mass at Elmwood Cemetery, 12:15 Mass at St. John's with reading of names submitted.

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.

AED and Narcan - In case of medical emergency an Automated External Defibrillator and Narcan are located in the hallway between the Church and the Chapel, and also one in the Undercroft.

Parking Note - being a member of St. John's does not mean that we can park in our side lot for free for Tigers, Lions games, shows at the Fox, etc. The lot is leased to Olympia Development, and we have use of it only for our church related events

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.



There may be a tax advantage to **donating stocks, bonds, securities, and property** to St. John's. Speak to your advisor and contact the Treasurer for information on how to donate

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULES

November 2

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
Brian Campbell

Ushers 10:00 AM:

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

Coffee Hour

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November 9

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
Cindy Edwards
Elizabeth Savage

Ushers 10:00 AM:

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

Coffee Hour

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The Vestry and Officers of St. John's

Peter Grim, Senior Warden
Pat Walter, Junior Warden
Cynthia Edwards, Secretary
Jared Moody, Treasurer

Terms expire January 2026

Elizabeth Butler David Gawrych
Bryan Monaco

Terms expire January 2027

Jared Moody Pat Walter
Helene Waters

Terms expire January 2028

Cynthia Edwards Peter Grim
Morley Stevenson

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

Saints and St. John's

The Roman Catholic Church has a very detailed system for discerning whether someone should be declared and venerated as a saint of the church, someone who has led a life of heroic virtue and whose manner of life is worth emulating, and whose intercession for us is efficacious.

The Episcopal Church and the larger Anglican Communion does not have such a thorough system. The closest we have in the Episcopal Church in the USA is those added to the calendar and recorded for us in what is known as the book of Lesser Feasts and Fasts. People are proposed for inclusion in the list to a committee of the Triennial General Convention and if recommended they have a three year trial use while feedback is solicited from the wider church. Some recent additions are noteworthy for what they have done to glorify God in their lives: CS Lewis, and the founders of Alcoholics Anonymous, to name just two. Others have been proposed and removed.

There are three members of that august list that have a connection to St. John's! Bishop Jackson Kemper was the great missionary bishop to the Midwest and founder of Nashotah House Seminary. He preached here in 1860, and returned again in 1866 to consecrate our first Rector as his successor in the Diocese of Wisconsin. Fr. James Lloyd Breck was the first dean of Nashotah House, founder of two more seminaries/schools, and missionary to California. He preached here in the 1860s to raise money for his seminary in Minnesota. Fr. James DeKoven preached here twice. The first time was to raise money for Racine College, an Episcopal school in Wisconsin where he was Dean after being on faculty at Nashotah House. He returned in 1873 to preach the funeral sermon for our first Rector/second Bishop of Wisconsin William Armitage. DeKoven was elected Bishop Armitage's successor in Wisconsin but his election blocked by the larger church because of his promotion of the doctrines of the ancient universal church as found in the Anglo-catholic movement.

Bishop Kemper is commemorated the church calendar on May 24, Fr. Breck on April 2, and Fr. DeKoven on March 22. Their hagiography (holy biography) is read at the weekday Masses on those days at the Holy Communion Service.

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 November 2:

Diocese of Southern Malawi: The Rt Revd Alinafe Kalemba; Diocese of Upper Shire: The Rt Revd Brighton Vitta Malasa, The Rt Revd Jackson C. Biggers, assisting; Archdiocese of Blantyre; Archdiocese of Lilongwe; St. Luke's Hospital

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity: The Church of the Province of West Africa; The Diocese of Portsmouth—The Church of England; The Diocese of Pretoria—The Anglican Church of Southern Africa; The Diocese of Puerto Rico—The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Pune—The Church of North India (United); The Diocese of Pungue River—Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola; The Diocese of Pyaw—The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)

Episcopal Diocese of Michigan

Waterford—St. Andrew's

Santo Domingo, DR—St. Margaret's

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS



November 2
Patrick Walter

November 3
Webster Burton

November 4
Sally Hudson

November 5
Helene Waters
Everyn Swain

November 7
Nathan Burton

This Week's ANNIVERSARIES

November 5

Steven & Jenifer Kelly



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., Harriett M., George W., Helene W., Jessica W., Jim Z., Julie B., Lawrence A., MJ B., Michael Z., Michael P., Paul M., Rexina M., Sabrina H., Sandra Z., Sandy D., Deb 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; 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, Charles Lewis.

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:

Anne Wood	November 2, 1983
George Alfred Weedon	November 2, 2005
Charles B. Calvert, Jr.	November 3, 1958
Frank L. Hollinger	November 3, 1979
Ethel Gleghorn	November 4, 1951
Florence M. Reithard	November 4, 1952
Florence J. Fedderman	November 5, 1964
Marry Porter	November 5, 2018
Roberto James Bruno	November 6, 1996
Edna Delaney	November 6, 2016
Ellis Ottilia	November 7, 1989
William C. Porter	November 7, 1998
Luther S. Hyde	November 8, 1949
Stanley G. Poat	November 8, 1961