

THE SUNDAY MESSENGER

HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR WEEKLY EMAIL NEWSLETTER

January 22, 2023

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY:

Dear Friends,

I spent the last week in New Orleans with my clergy group, spending most of our days in prayer and reflection together, with an afternoon left over for exploring the French Quarter. As we gathered, we realized that half of our group was in a different job than they had been when the pandemic started, there were two more children among our families than there had been, and one of us had even gotten married since we'd all seen each other last. It was truly a blessing to be with them, and I thank you all for giving me the time to be with them.

This weekend we offered prayers for the father of a parishioner, and this poem was featured in the eulogy. I offer it to you.

The Road Not Taken, by Robert Frost

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.

Blessings to you, wherever you are on the road you have chosen.

Faithfully,



TODAY @ SJ|SJ

- 8:00a** The Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)
- 10:15a** Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Atrium)
- 10:30a** The Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)
Coffee Hour following (Parish Hall)
- 12:00p** Congregational Meeting
- 5:00p** First Communion Class (Parish Hall)
- 6:00p** La Santa Eucharistía (Templo)

THIS WEEK

MONDAY January 23

6:00p Capitol City AA (Parish Hall)

TUESDAY January 24

7:00p Nar-Anon Meeting (Parish Hall)

WEDNESDAY January 25

7:00a The Holy Eucharist (Chapel & Zoom)

12:00p Messenger Article Deadline

5:30p Staff Meeting (Zoom)

7:00p Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY January 26

12:00p Centering Prayer

1:00p Bible Study

6:00p Capitol City AA

6:00p Capitol Improvement Al-Anon

Friday January 27

6:00p AA Step Study

SATURDAY January 28

9:00a Saturday Men's Group

NEW? START HERE

If this is your first time at St. John's | San Juan, please let us know! Our clergy would be delighted to meet you, and invite you to coffee sometime soon to get to know you and hear about what you're looking for in a community of faith. Please fill out one of our "Start Here" cards and either put it in the collection plate, or give it to one of our clergy.

LOOKING AHEAD

BIBLE STUDY**JAN 26 • 2PM**

Thursday afternoons we have a virtual bible Study by zoom. Please sign-up to get the weekly Zoom link and other information.

SATURDAY MEN'S GROUP**JAN 28 • 9 AM**

The Saturday Men's Group is a men's forum for connection, fellowship, and spiritual growth and development in an informal setting. We meet in-person and by Zoom to read, discuss, question, and share our spiritual experiences as disciples of Christ. (Chapel and Zoom) months.

THE CENTERING PRAYER GROUP**FEB 2 • 10 AM**

Meets Thursday for lessons, prayer and contemplative reflection. For more information contact Usrah Claar-Peck at Usrah@stjohnsoly.org

WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP**FEB 4 • 10 AM**

Explore spirituality from a woman's perspective. We share readings, stories, experiences in a safe, confidential space.

ANNUAL REPORTS DUE**FEB 1**

Ministry leaders please turn in your reports by Feb 1st. The report typically describes the events, activities, number of members any anything else you care to share about the achievements your group has accomplished in the past 12 months.

DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFIRMATION PROGRAM**FEB 5**

All youth, ages 13 to 18 (seniors in high school), are invited to come along on this Confirmation journey as to explore, learn, grapple, and discover what we believe and why. This is a 10-week series.

158TH ANNUAL MEETING**FEB 12 • 12PM**

The annual report is created each year to showcase the activities of each ministry at St. Johns | San Juan. These reports become the documented history of the church. We will also be electing members to the Vestry and delegates to Diocesan Convention, as well as talking about what the year to come has in store for St. John's | San Juan.

ST. JOHN'S CONCERT SERIES**MAR 4 • 3PM**

Organ recital by Dr. Paul Tegels plays toccatas, preludes and fugues, and variations by J. S. Bach, Pablo Bruna, Heinrich Scheidemann and Dieterich Buxtehude, and Felix Mendelssohn's *Sonata III* on the renowned John Brombaugh pipe organ. Dr. Tegels is Associate Professor of Music – Organ, Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma.

FEEDING ALL SOULS IN NEED

Help St. John's / San Juan's Outreach committee support Thurston Co. Food Bank by bring in donations to the Parish Hall. Shopping list are available online and a hardcopy lists available at display.

NEW'S FROM ST. JOHNS / SAN JUAN'S LIBRARY

Just a friendly reminder our wonderful library is open before and after services on Sunday. You can donate books or earn award points by shopping locally at Browsers Bookshop.

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UPCOMING SERVICES
ASH WEDNESDAY

The first day of Lent begins on February 22, 2023

7:00 AM Chapel

12:05 PM Church

7:00PM Bilingual Service