



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Calendar and Announcements

December 1, 2024

Prayers and Thanksgivings

St. John's is interested in meeting the pastoral needs of our community. If you have prayer requests, please contact Sheri Rasmussen at sheri@austinstjohns.org. If you would like the Daughters of the King to include you in their prayer list, please contact Sandra Ward at 1redsand2@gmail.com.

If you find that your situation is causing spiritual, emotional difficulties, or if you are in need of food, do not hesitate to contact Mother Minerva 512-593-1778 or revminerva@austinstjohns.org or Deacon Victoria 512-297-5953 or deaconvic@austinstjohns.org

The Episcopal Church has a Rite of Reconciliation (Confession). Please use the button on *The Bridge* to schedule an appointment with Mother Minerva for Reconciliation.

HEALING AND GUIDANCE:

Karen, Frank, Doug, Carol, Loman, Bridget, Denise and Wayne and Family.

We also remember and pray for all our loved ones for whom the Daughters of the King are praying.

BIRTHDAYS:

12/3: Cay Riley

The altar's flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of our dear friend and fellow Brit, Yetta Hubble, by Joyce Swinnea and Glenda Patterson.

Is your anniversary or birthday missing?
Please email sheri@austinstjohns.org

Announcements

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE- On December 8 at 1:00 PM we will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We will have a Rosary starting at 12:30 PM before the 1PM service. All are welcome!

THE POSADAS AT ST. JOHN'S– The Posadas will be held at St. John's this year. Join us on Saturday, December 21 at the Parish Hall. More details and time coming soon.

GREENING OF THE CHURCH– Come help us hang wreaths, decorate window sills, and raise the Christmas tree on Sunday, December 22 at 2:15 PM in the church in Sanctuary. Pre-greening of the church will be on December 19 at 11:00 AM in the Parish Hall.

PASTORAL CARE- St. John's Pastoral Care Ministry provides communion to members physically unable to attend services in person. This service is provided monthly.

The ministry wants to provide pastoral care to all members in need. This includes Eucharistic visits, prayer visits and well check phone calls. The contact person for the ministry is Sheri Rasmussen. Please send requests for Pastoral Care to **Pastoralcare@austinstjohns.org**

Christian Formation

SUNDAY CHRISTIAN FORMATION- St. John's congregants can get into the holiday spirit with discussions on movies and hymns during Christian formation this coming Advent.

We will discuss *The Bishop's Wife*, starring Cary Grant, David Niven, and Loretta Young, on Sunday, December 1 and *It's a Wonderful Life*, starring Donna Reed and Jimmy Stewart, on Sunday, December 15. Both discussions will take place in the parish hall between 9:45 AM and 10:30 AM. While separate works of art, both films contrast the brick and mortar of structures with the warmth and compassion of the human heart.

Choir director Philip Riley will lead us in discussing Advent hymns on December 8 and Christmas hymns on December 22 from 9:45AM to 10:30 AM by the piano and organ in the narthex.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN FORMATION- The Children's Christian Formation meets every Sunday from 12:20 PM-1:00 PM in the parish hall.

Children's Christian Formation team and the entire St. John's Episcopal Community invite the parishioners families with children, grandchildren and your neighbors' children to join us each Sunday.

How: Through weekly scriptures, prayer, and activities, children learn God's love for each other, kindness, empathy, compassion, forgiveness, and how to be a Jesus follower.

CORNERSTONE LITERARY CIRCLE- Cornerstone Literary Circle meets Wednesdays at 5:30 PM. We'll continue reading *A Map is Only one story* Edited by Nicole Chung and Mensah Demary Please check the weekly Christian Formation for more information.

WEDNESDAY LECTIONARY CLASS- Each Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM, we meet via Zoom to study the Bible readings for the following Sunday. The Zoom link to can be found in the weekly Christian Formation email.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY — Each Thursday Morning at 10:00 AM in the Parish Hall. We will continue reading *Life Lessons from Phillipians*. Please check the weekly Christian Formation email for more information.

Events for the Coming Week

Sunday, December 1

First Sunday of Advent

- 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I
- 9:45 AM Christian Formation
- 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II
- 12:20 PM Children's Christian Formation – Parish Hall
- 1:00 PM Santa Eucaristía Rito II

Monday, December 2

- 6:30 PM Yoga in the Narthex
- 7:00 PM Men's Group

Tuesday, December 3

- 11:00 AM Wardens/Rector Meeting
- 6:30 PM ESL Class

Wednesday, December 4

- 8:00 AM Buildings and Grounds Maintenance
- 5:30 PM Cornerstone Literary Circle
- 7:00 PM Lectionary Bible Study

Thursday, December 5

- 10:00 AM Thursday Morning Bible Study
- 7:30 PM Choir Practice

Friday, December 6

- 9:00 AM FARMacy
- 6:30 PM ESL Class

Saturday, December 7

- 10:00 AM Daughters of the King
- 2:00 PM All Rhythms

Sunday, December 8

Second Sunday of Advent

- 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I
- 9:45 AM Christian Formation
- 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II
- 12:20 PM Children's Christian Formation – Parish Hall
- 12:30 PM Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary
- 1:00 PM Santa Eucaristía Rito II