

Calendar

Sunday October 27 (23 Pentecost)	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study Mass ~ Rite II (In-person/ FBL)
Monday October 28 (Sts. Simon & Jude)	6:00 p.m.	Pastoral Care (Zoom)
Tuesday October 29 (James Hannington)		
Wednesday October 30 (Feria)	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Mass Dinner Adult Bible Study & Choir
Thursday October 31 (All Hallows' Eve)	12:00 p.m.	Mass & Anointing
Friday November 1 (All Saints' Day)		
Saturday November 2 (All Souls' Day)	4:00 p.m.	Mass ~ Rite II
Sunday November 3 (All Saints' Sunday)	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study Mass ~ Rite II (In-person/ FBL)

This Week at St. John's

October 27, 2024

About the Readings

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Jeremiah began his prophetic ministry to Judah in 627 BCE and ended it about 580 BCE. He spans the period leading up to Judah's final defeat by the Babylonians (587 BCE), the destruction of Jerusalem and the burning of the temple, and the exile of a good part of the population. Today's reading comes from a section (chaps. 30–33) consisting of promises of restoration (30:1-4). In it are gathered Jeremiah's oracles of hope for an eventual renewal for Israel. Jeremiah envisions the restoration of Judah by imagining God's fashioning a new exodus.

Hebrews 7:23-28

In the first part of chapter 7, the author describes the superiority of Melchizedek to Abraham, thus also demonstrating the superiority of his priesthood to the Levitical priesthood. Jesus' priestly claim is based not upon physical descent nor upon ineffective law. It is based upon his indestructible life and is attested by the divine oath. Today's reading points out that Jesus' priesthood is also superior because of its permanence—he will forever function as our high priest—and because of his character—he is holy, blameless, unstained, separated from sinners. Thus Jesus' sacrifice of himself, "once and for all" (v. 27), as he fulfills the role of high priest and sacrifice, was all that was needed, now and forever, to redeem humanity.

Mark 10:46-52

The story of the healing of blind Bartimaeus is filled with vivid detail. Bartimaeus calls Jesus "Son of David," a messianic title, recognizing Jesus' true identity. Although blind, Bartimaeus can "see" Jesus more clearly than others because of his faith. No healing word or action of Jesus is recorded, just a response to Bartimaeus's faith. On one level, his faith, in the sense of confidence and persistence, is answered with healing. On another level, his recognition of Jesus is answered with salvation. The phrase "made you well" means both *heal* and *save*. Bartimaeus responds by becoming a disciple. This story is similar to the healing of the blind man of Bethsaida (8:22-26). These two stories of new sight frame the whole section dealing with Jesus' predictions of the passion and the disciples' misunderstanding. Eyes must be opened to see the true meaning of Jesus' messianic suffering and so correctly follow him on this new way to life with God.

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(Commentaries from *Preparing for Sunday*)

Announcements

Welcome! We are glad to have you here to worship with us at St. John's today or with us online.

The flowers at the Altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Patti's brother Marty by Larry & Patti Goforth.

Outreach Ministry Group: Michael Richerson won first place at the Chili Cook-Off. Blake Roop earned second place, and David Allred came in third. Combining the Chili Cook-Off votes, auction bids and donations, we raised \$1385.00 for Harmony House. Thank you to everyone who made the Chili Cook-Off so successful!

Thanksgiving Baskets: Once again, we will be collecting food and paper products for three families for Thanksgiving. There's a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for what's needed. Please bring your items to the parish hall by November 24. You can also make a monetary donation by writing a check to St. John's with "Thanksgiving baskets" on the memo line to help pay for perishables.

A Sign-up Sheet is Posted for Wednesday Night Dinner. Mass will be at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner and Adult Bible Study. The price is \$10.00 per person. We need you to sign up or call the church office **no later** than noon on Monday. We have to turn in a count to the caterer as to how much food we need.

Sunday Adult Bible Study meets in the library at 9:30 a.m. Contact Victor Matthews for more information.

Green Team's theme for 2024 has been nurturing native pollinators. We intend to offer a workshop on Mason Bees and, for those who would like, an opportunity to construct wooden houses to attract them to your yards. Depending on interest, this will be scheduled in January. A sign-up sheet to determine interest in this event is posted. Thank you!

St. John's welcomes Fr. Chandler Jackson as celebrant and preacher at 4:00 p.m.

Reminder: Necrology slips are due into the parish office. Slips are available: ask your usher for one. Slips maybe turned into your usher or placed in the offering plate.

Intercessions

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Scottish Episcopal Church.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Stephen's, Monett; The Rev. Angi Tharakan, Long-Term Supply Clergy and Bishop's Warden; and for the Diocesan Disciplinary Board & Intake Officer, The Rev. Barbara Wegener.

Birthdays

Oct. 27 Samantha Tellatin
Oct. 29 Deborah Jones
Buena Esther
Nov. 1 Isabel Bowers

Faithful Departed

Oct. 28 John David Achord
Oct. 29 John L. Braig
Oct. 30 Oney Armstrong
Oct. 31 Marie Ruth Price
Charles Saltgaver
Nov. 1 Robert J. Moon, Sr.

Prayer Requests

Clara	Sarah
Bill	Deidre
Jim	Kristen
Sandy	Casey
Patty	Pat
Nikki	Jenn
Jim	Diana
Jessica	Tiffany
Katy	Lee
Elaine	Leon & Family
Darrel	
Jerry	
Pat	
Ann	

Mark 10:51 – Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again."

The blind man articulates the faithful prayer of all steward-disciples. We want to see! Help us see the world around us through eyes of God's love and mercy.