

Calendar

Sunday August 3 (8 Pentecost) <i>Sundae Sunday!</i>	10:30 a.m.	Mass ~ Rite II (In-person/ FBL)
Monday August 4 (John Vianney)		
Tuesday August 5 (Oswald of Northumbria)		
Wednesday August 6 (Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ)		
Thursday August 7 (Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ, Tr.)	12:00 p.m.	Mass & Anointing
Friday August 8 (Dominic)		
Saturday August 9 (BVM)	2:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	Lisa Mothersead Committal Mass ~ Rite II
Sunday August 10 (9 Pentecost)	10:30 a.m.	Mass ~ Rite II (In-person/ FBL)

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This Week at St. John's

August 3, 2025

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

"The Teacher," as this writer calls himself, has had worldly success in acquiring many things, but when he realizes that "the man who comes after me" will get all that he has acquired, he gives over to despair and becomes cynical.

Colossians 3:1-11

The final reading from Colossians in this lectionary cycle also addresses the theme of establishing priorities in our lives. We are reminded to set our minds on "things that are above, not on things that are on earth . . ." (3:2). This section of the letter is focused on dying and rising in Christ. Death is not the final answer, since we have been given new life in Jesus Christ. Thus the community is urged to "put to death" (v. 5) certain vices: sexual sin, impurity, evil passions and desires, greed—getting rid of anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language. The believers are now clothed with a "new self," and in this new life, "Christ is all and in all!" (v. 11)—thus eradicating all former divisions of race, social class, nationality, and religious ancestry.

Luke 12:13-21

The Gospel readings for the next two Sundays examine issues of material possessions in the life of discipleship. Today's passage, which is unique to Luke, begins with a man addressing Jesus as "Teacher" and asking him to act as an arbitrator in a dispute over a family inheritance. Since inheritance issues fell under the jurisdiction of Torah, it was a common practice to ask a rabbi or religious man to act as a judge in such matters. Then, as now, disputes about inheritances could tie up property for indefinite periods of time and cause long-lasting conflict. The man asks Jesus to command his brother to divide the family inheritance with him. However, Jesus perceives that the man's motivation is prompted by self-interest rather than being a genuine inquiry about the workings of inheritance laws (cf Deut. 21:15-17; Num. 27:1-11; 36:7-9). Thus he refuses to be drawn into such a dispute, as he warns his listeners about the destructive nature of covetousness: "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions" (12:15). Jesus then tells the parable of the rich fool.

(Commentaries from *Synthesis CE: A Lectionary Study Guide*)

Announcements

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

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God from the general fund.

Outreach Ministry Group: Rare Breed provides assistance to at-risk youth from 13-24 years old. They supply basic necessities, life skills training and support services. Their drop-in center is located at 301 N. Main Ave. near public transportation. You can support this organization by donating requested items during August. Some suggestions are deodorant, sunscreen, antifungal foot spray, aloe vera gel, coloring books for adults, craft items, embroidery floss and hoops. You may also write a check to St. John's with "Rare Breed" on the memo line.

Frozen Treats: Join us Saturday for ice cream treats after the 4:00 service. Ice cream, root beer and a variety of toppings to make your own sundae will be provided at coffee hour on Sunday. We want to thank you for your fantastic support of our outreach projects.

Rectory Remodel Contributions: Due to interest expressed by parishioners in helping with the purchase of appliances for the rectory remodel, a list (with prices) of the ordered machines is available. If you would like to contribute to the rectory remodel, please contact David Westervelt with your inquiries.

Inquirer's Class: The Inquirer's Class begins today, Sunday, August 3 and continue August 10, 17, 24, 31, meeting at 12:30 p.m. in the Library.

Welcoming Our New Bishop: One Church, One Table, One Spirit.

Bishop Amy Meaux will make her first pastoral visit to St. John's the weekend of **September 6-7**, joining us for worship on Saturday at 4:00 p.m. and Sunday at 10:30 a.m. After the Saturday service, we will host a fellowship dinner at 5:30 p.m., and ALL members of St. John's—whether you attend on Saturday or Sunday—are warmly invited. The main course will be provided. **A sign-up sheet for side dishes and desserts** is posted on the church bulletin board. Let's come together as one church to share a meal and extend a joyful welcome to Bishop Amy!

Intercessions

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

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Peter & All Saints Episcopal Church, Kansas City; The Rev. Jonathan Frazier, The Rev. Donna Stanford; and for the Congregational Vitality ministry.

Birthdays

August 2 Douglas Patton
August 3 Shirley Rogers
Sherrie Rumstein
August 4 Mary Jane Robertson
August 6 Candace Iott

Anniversary

August 6 Russell & Rhonda Axtell

Faithful Departed

August 2 Ralph Compton
George B. Morris
Fannie Price
S. I. Smith
August 4 Arlene F. Schmidt
August 5 Lafayette Herd
August 6 Edna Coley
August 7 Donna Gamel
Terri Price

Prayer Requests

Clara	Kristen
Bill	Casey
Jim	Sean
Patty	Donna
Nikki	Marilyn & family
Jim	Carolyn
Jessica	Louise
Katy	Kenny
Elaine	Christina
Darrel	Lora & family
Jerry	Bill
Pat	Nick
Ann	Patrick & LaDonna
Sheila	

And [Jesus] said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." (Luke 12:15)

How easy it is to measure our life by what we have, rather than by what we have given. Jesus once again invites us to use generosity as the ideal measuring stick.