

Calendar

This Week at St. John's

May 17, 2026

Sunday May 17 (7 Easter)	9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Formation Hour Mass ~ Rite II (In-person/COP)
Monday May 18 (Easter Feria)	6:00 p.m.	Vestry
Tuesday May 19 (Dunstan)	10:30 a.m.	DOK (Library)
Wednesday May 20 (Alcuin of York)	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Mass Choir
Thursday May 21 (Lydia of Thyatira)	12:00 p.m.	Mass & Anointing
Friday May 22 (Helen of Constantinople)	.	.
Saturday May 23 (Easter Feria)	4:00 p.m.	Mass ~ Rite II
Sunday May 24 (Pentecost Sunday)	9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Formation Hour Mass ~ Rite II (In-person/COP)

About the Readings

Acts 1:6-14

In the account of the Ascension from the Book of Acts, the disciples are gathered together with Jesus in Jerusalem after the Resurrection. They know that something important is to happen, but they are still uncertain about what it is to be. So they ask Jesus if now he will “restore the kingdom to Israel” (1:6). Although they were hoping for a declaration of the restoration of the Davidic throne, Jesus reminds them that the timing of God’s plan for the Kingdom is known only by the Father. He speaks instead of personal transformation through the Holy Spirit. This will empower them to become his witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Today’s Epistle also warns of the need for protection for the followers of Jesus in a world that is hostile and threatening. Believers have already experienced such “fiery ordeals” (1 Pet. 4:12). In living triumphantly through these trials, Christians are tested and found trustworthy. Indeed, to share Christ’s suffering is a privilege, for it is a promise also to share in his glory: “rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ’s sufferings” (v. 13a). To enter into Christ’s life in this way is possible because the Spirit of God rests upon believers. We cannot follow Christ’s way of sacrificial love without Christ’s power in our lives. Suffering in itself brings no merit, and it is only the suffering that one endures as a disciple that can glorify God, “so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed” (v. 13b). Furthermore, believers reviled in the name of Christ are blessed “because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you” (v. 14).

John 17:1-11

We may think of today as our “Expectation Sunday” between Jesus’ Ascension and the Day of Pentecost. Our Gospel passage is a portion of the “high priestly prayer” from Jesus’ Farewell Discourse in John. Although the other Evangelists picture Jesus at prayer, only rarely do they reveal the contents of those prayers. Jesus offered this prayer for his disciples—of every place and time—on the night before he died. In it he sums up the significance of his earthly life, as he asks for the Father’s continuing care of his followers. Jesus has finished the mission he was sent to do and asks that God’s glory now be revealed through him. He also prays for God’s protection for his disciples, who are understandably confused and frightened concerning the forthcoming events. Even though they will fail badly in the next few hours, when they see Jesus arrested and executed, their internal commitment and outward witness to the Gospel will survive. Christ’s revelation of himself to the world is now complete; and as he looks up to heaven, he declares that his “hour has come” (Jn. 17:1). This is the hour of Jesus’ self-offering, and through that offering he will come to glory. Thus Jesus asks the Father to glorify the Son so that the Son may in turn glorify the Father. Jesus has been given authority to grant eternal life, through which the one true God and Jesus as God’s Messiah are manifested.

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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.

Help Needed: Each Sunday we have the opportunity to share fellowship and welcome visitors during coffee hour. We need your help in providing refreshments. See the sign-up sheet in the parish hall to see what dates are available. Please consider taking a turn hosting coffee hour.

Flowers for the Altar: Just a reminder that the Altar Flowers sign-up sheet with instructions is posted on the bulletin board outside the parish hall. What a great way to brighten our services and honor or memorialize loved ones and special occasions. Many spaces are available. Sign up today!

Formation Hour: Join Fr. Ben in conversations about what it can mean to be an Anglo-Catholic Episcopalian. During the course of the conversations, we'll explore how it fits into the broader Anglican tradition, its far-reaching and lasting effects on the Episcopal Church, and how it has influenced our own community at St. John's. Grab a cup of coffee or tea and pull up a chair at the table beginning at 9:15 a.m. in the Parish Hall!

Pridefest is Saturday, June 13 this year. Activities include a Pride Mass at 10 a.m. at Christ Church, a parade starting at 11:30 at the Martin Luther King Jr. Historic Bridge, and a booth downtown on the square from noon until 5 p.m. The Rev. Benjamin George-Thoms will be the Homilist, and the Celebrant will be The Rt. Rev. Amy Dafler Meaux at the Mass. We are looking for volunteers:

- Sing in the choir at the Mass; contact person; Kenny Kabak
- Create items to be given away at the booth
- Help with set up / clean up at the booth
- Just come: pray with us at Mass & celebrate diversity
- Readers for the Mass are needed
- Donate water and/or cookies for the booth
- March in the parade
- Volunteer to work in the booth

Contact Melissa (417 440-0288; melissa.gallian@gmail.com) to sign up for greeters (one hour or more) in the booth, want to march in the parade, donate water and cookies, and/or read a lesson at the Mass (one volunteer). If you wish to join the choir, contact either Melissa or Kenny Kabak at Christ Church. Thank you in advance for whatever help you can provide.

**We are still polling for interest in hosting a Blood Drive at St. John's.
Please fill out a slip if interested in participating.**

Announcement: New baby girl, Lydia Juliane Carter was born, Saturday, May 9th. She was 6 pounds, 7 ounces, and mom (Latesa Carter) and daughter are now home.

Intercessions

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Kansas City; The Rev. Canon John Spicer, Rector; The Rev. Jean Long, Associate Rector; The Rev. Rita Kendagor, Associate Rector; The Rev Anne Hutcherson, Associate Rector Emeritus; The Rev. Adam James, Deacon; The Rev. Janette Platter, Deacon; and for the Armed Forces – Active Duty, Reserve, Guard, Veterans, Retirees & their Families.

Birthdays

May 16 Janice Jones
Angie Patterson
May 17 Anthony Gamel
May 18 Mark Lathrom
May 21 Alnita Mulvihill

Anniversaries

May 18 Keith & Jeanine Jones
May 21 David & Kim Westervelt

Faithful Departed

May 17 Joseph D. Wingo
May 19 Eva Aileen Ollis
Warren Simons
May 20 Connie Nowak
May 21 Daisy Cravens
Fred Smith Lines
May 22 Terry Bremer
R. Fred Schweitzer

Prayer Requests

Clara	Kristen
Bill	Casey
Jim	Sarah
Patty	Dean
Nikki	Penny
Clara	David
Jim	Elizabeth
Jessica	Melissa
Katy	Janet
Elaine	Darlene
Darrel	Charlie
Jerry	Cara
Pat	Glen
Ann	Wayne
Tyler	Becky
Tony	Joe & Mary
Nick	Mike
	Jim

Jesus prays with the Disciples, "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they all may be one." And guess what? We are some of "those who will believe in me through their word." Down through the ages, these words have been repeated and reread, and though we certainly are not yet all one, one of the ways we can show our gratitude to our Creator and Redeemer, is to be part of that continuing band of the faithful who are eager to spread the Good News.