

Calendar

Sunday June 21 (4 Pentecost)	10:30 a.m. 12:15 p.m.	Mass ~ Rite II (In-person/COP) Green Team
Monday June 22 (Alban)	6:00 p.m.	Pastoral Care (Zoom)
Tuesday June 23 (Feria)	10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	St. Clare's Guild, DOK (Library) Stewardship Committee
Wednesday June 24 (Nativity of St. John the Baptist)	6:00 p.m.	Mass ~ Rite II
Thursday June 25 (Isabel Florence Hapgood, Tr.)	12:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	Mass & Anointing Parish Health
Friday June 26 (Isabel Florence Hapgood)		
Saturday June 27 (Feria)	4:00 p.m.	Mass ~ Rite II
Sunday June 28 (5 Pentecost)	10:30 a.m. 12:15 p.m.	Mass ~ Rite II (In-person/COP) DOK

This Week at St. John's

June 21, 2026

About the Readings

Jeremiah 20:7-13a

Jeremiah began his prophetic ministry to Judah about 627 BC and ended it about 580 BC. His career thus spanned the period of political turmoil that culminated in Judah's final defeat by the Babylonians, the destruction of Jerusalem and the burning of the temple, and the exile of the major part of the population. In a series of six laments or "confessions," Jeremiah reveals more of his personal struggle than any other Old Testament prophet. He is caught in the tension between his vocation as a speaker of God's word and his natural reaction to the hatred he aroused. Today's reading is a portion of the last of these laments. Jeremiah has been beaten and put in stocks for announcing the Lord's judgment. He then accuses the Lord of having deceived him. Though he preaches God's word of judgment, destruction has not come and Jeremiah is feeling like a fool. But he cannot keep silent. Jeremiah's own proclamation, "terror is on all around," has been turned against him as a mockery. Yet he recalls the promise of the Lord's presence and recommits himself to God's purposes.

Romans 6:1b-11

Paul proclaimed that through the sacrificial death of Christ we have all received the gift of God's grace. This is not a physical death, but the death of our old self—death to sin—so that we are no longer slaves to sin and may partake of a new life in Christ.

Matthew 10:24-39

Before sending out the Twelve on their first missionary journey, Jesus gathers them together for preparation and gives them several pieces of advice and warning. The keystone of this advice is "Have no fear!" Jesus tells the disciples not to fear, because whoever proclaims the truth, who champions the cause of Christ, will be championed by that Christ before the throne of almighty God.

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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 in memory of Lorraine & Paul Lindevald by Ian Lindevald.

Outreach Ministry Group: Food that is easy to prepare is especially needed for the Crosslines food pantry during the summer. The need is greater now that school isn't in session. We are collecting ready-to-eat food and cans with pop-top lids. Some ideas are macaroni & cheese cups, granola bars, soup, peanut butter, cereal, fruit cups, and tuna. Please help us restock the Crosslines food pantry.

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!

Summer Storytime on the Lawn: Our own Lindsey Parks will start hosting her popular *Storytime in the Park* here at St. John's. The next session is Saturday, June 27, 10:30-11 a.m., reading "Listen by Holly M. McGhee. Only canceled if pouring rain or windy.

Intercessions

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of South India (United).

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Excelsior Springs; The Rev. Jonathan Callison, Priest-in-Charge; and for the Standing Committee.

Birthdays

June 20 Krista Harris
Katie Kring
June 24 Anabelle Lee Chaffin
Todd Wilkinson
June 26 Sonja Chaffin
Vicki Ratcliff

Anniversary

June 26 James & Nikki Chaffin

Faithful Departed

June 21 Mary Virginia Johnson
June 24 Henry Ledgerwood
June 25 Etta Crews
June 26 Susan Alive Cutting

Prayer Requests

Clara	Kristen
Bill	Casey
Jim	Sarah
Patty	Dean
Nikki	Jim
Clara	Todd & Jennifer
Jim	Cara
Jessica	Darlene
Katy	Charlie
Elaine	
Darrel	
Jerry	
Pat	
Ann	
Tyler	
Tony	
Nick	

And then there is that so-hard-to believe phrase "even the hairs of your head are all counted." How can that be? Does God really have time for such trivial details? But God truly does value and care for every aspect of his creation...that's part of what makes him God! And the hair counting is meant to be some hyperbole to stress just how very important you and all of us are to him. The world cannot offer that kind of blessing. What an incomprehensible gift he has given each of us who are willing to accept it!