



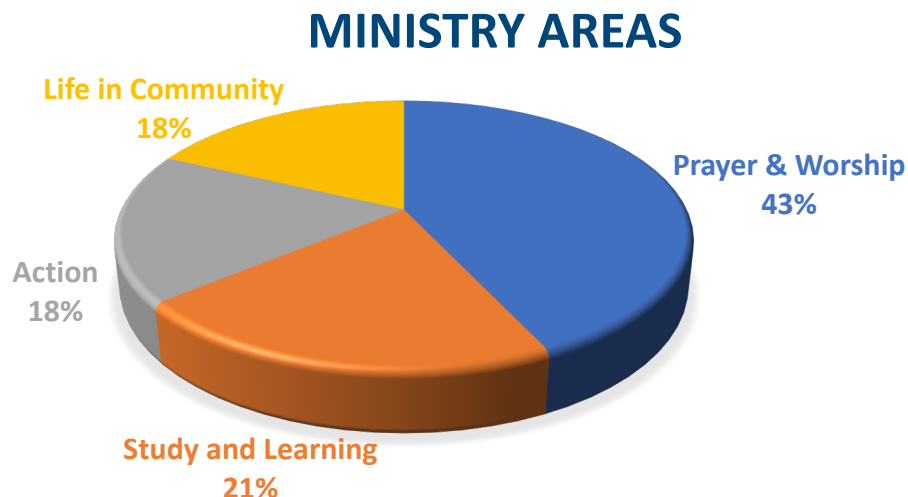
The Stories Behind Our Numbers— Your Generosity in Action

St. John's/San Juan is a community transformed by the love of Christ. Your financial support inspires, sustains, and empowers us.

We all know we are approaching another rainy season without having replaced the roof over our heads at St. John's. We will be moving ahead in early 2021 with a **capital campaign** that will help secure the funds to address this and other critical needs. **However, the most important financial decision you will make for St. John's ministries in 2021 is the amount of your pledge to support the operating budget for our church.** It will do little good to repair the building if we cannot sustain the vital ministries that take place in it and are the heart of our church home. Once our **annual campaign** is complete, and we know there are ample financial resources to continue and nurture all we do here, then we can move onward from 2020 and its many challenges and embrace the possibilities for a restored and enhanced worship space that a successful **capital campaign** in 2021 will bring.

Bringing Our Mission to Life... How our use of your donations reflects our shared beliefs and practices.

Below are our four ministry areas with their corresponding portion of our 2020 operating budget.



Prayer and Worship (43%)

As we are able in person and online, we pray, sing, and celebrate the Eucharist, the liturgy, and our faith-filled journey together.

- Sunday Eucharist (English & Spanish)
- Wednesday Eucharist
- Centering Prayer
- Compline
- Altar Guild
- Choir
- Clergy
- Lectors & Intercessors
- Lay Eucharistic Ministers
- Acolytes
- Sound Technicians
- Greeters & Ushers

*“For humanity, to praise God is unquestionably natural. To **worship** with one’s community, a blessing. To gather with friends and raise one’s voice in prayer set to the rich soundtrack of Anglican church musical tradition is a profound grace, at least for me. I had not done much singing since high school when my husband and I joined St. John’s choir when we first moved here in 2017. To try to capture the richness this music has added to my spiritual life in writing is to try to describe the lingering emotion of the last haunting note of a Lenten anthem... perhaps possible for some other writer, but a bit too daunting for me. I simply feel incredibly grateful to be brought into the richness of this musical and sacramental tradition. Beyond the music itself is the community behind it, and being a member of the choir is what made St. John’s our church home. Please join me in supporting this foundational ministry.” -- Caitlin Bird*

Study & Learning (21%)

Through lifelong Christian formation, from preschoolers to adolescents to adults, we continue to seek the knowledge that informs and deepens our faith.

- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- Bible Study
- Education for Ministry
- Library
- Adult Forums

*“I’ve had the pleasure of working with talented colleagues on St. John’s **Library Ministry** for several years. Some of my fondest memories are with the successful projects that produced good works and the group’s camaraderie. I give my service back to the church through this ministry for all it has given me. The library room itself is a quiet place to read and reflect. It is inviting, welcoming...a feeling of haven that gives intimacy to the individuals and groups that enter. Often the solace mends the spirit. In the past, the library has offered books for study groups, maintained donations of parish writer’s works and served as an archive by scanning over 11,000 parish photos and retaining hard copies for future reference. Now, it offers both thoughtful theological reflections and options for pure reading enjoyment. In addition, there are wonderful children’s books and the parish Artist of the Quarter presentation on display as well. As a group, we have presented tabletop, coffee hour check-outs. We have used our fundraising and parishioner donations to further the library’s mission. This ministry continues to connect with the parish through the monthly Chronicle with members’ current reviews waiting for a time when we can all be at church once more.” -- Mary Knotts*

Action (18%)

Together, we care for one another and honor our commitment to our community through caring acts and offerings of love.

- Communications (*The Chronicle, The Messenger*)
- Pastoral Care
- Outreach -- organizations supported include the following:
 - Camp Michael
 - Mother & Child TBH
 - Chaplains on the Harbor
 - Monarch Justice for Children
 - Cielo
 - Olympia Free Medical Clinic
 - Community Kitchen
 - St. John's Shelter Meals
 - Episcopal Relief and Development
 - Thurston County Food Bank
 - Interfaith Works
 - Tiny Homes
 - Kairos
 - Union Gospel Mission
 - Mission to Seafarers

*"For many of us, the **Outreach** ministry is at the core of our Christian faith. Its mission embodies Christ's call to act compassionately to help meet the physical and spiritual needs of others. St John's/San Juan's budget reflects this call as well, funding the Outreach ministry year after year. In this past year, our church funded church volunteers who fed over 2,700 homeless. Your contributions supported both a free dental and medical clinic for those without medical care, helped fund the local Foodbank, and was used to build Tiny Homes for the poor. Based on a bequest from a former parishioner, the Outreach Committee bought four laptops for special needs children who otherwise would have lacked access to virtual schooling this year. Contributions from our caring congregation come in other ways as well: not only through volunteer labor preparing meals, but also through in-kind donations (for example providing Christmas gifts annually for over 50 nursing home residents without family), and through direct monetary donations (for example the "Thanks Offerings" on Sundays to celebrate anniversaries, birthdays, and other blessings in our lives). By giving generously to St. John's Annual Campaign and contributing to Outreach in any of these other ways, you are extending Christ's love and God's care beyond our walls into the larger community. You are the arms of the cross, receiving blessings from above, giving thanks to God, and reaching out with that love and support to embrace our brothers and sisters in need."* -- Anne Hall and Sherry Sullivan

*"**Pastoral Care** is the link between the congregation and parishioners who are unable to attend church for either long or short periods of time. It is a way to keep them included and let them know they are not forgotten. Through visits, cards, and phone calls, they can feel like they are still a part of the church body. They are able to receive the Holy Eucharist and pastoral visits in time of need. They also know that someone is there to help if they need it after surgery or illness. We do not want anyone to feel alone. I feel very privileged to be part of this ministry. I feel that I am bringing church to the people I visit and that is a humbling experience. I spent my working career helping people and this is a way to help people in a very personal way."* -- Elaine Ross

Life in Community (18%)

As a community of faith and friendship, we gather for fellowship, fun, encouragement, and shared ministry.

- Hispanic Community
- CHAT
- Concert Series
- Dickens Faire
- Tri-Parish Picnic

“St. John/San Juan is a charming, loving, and welcoming Episcopal community, a community that has shown resilience, adaptability, and ingenuity through many challenging times, like the one we are currently facing. I joined the St. John/San Juan community in fall of 2013. I was invited by Charo Garcia de Portaro. Since joining the community, I have had the opportunity to help in different ministries and committees, like the one that helped hire our Rector and the one that is helping with the capital campaign. These opportunities have allowed me to gain a better understanding about the Episcopal polity and the wonderful job the different ministries are doing to keep St. John/San Juan afloat and invested. I look forward to many more years of service, collaboration, and friendship among my fellow parishioners.” -- Columba Fernandez

*“Songwriter Joni Mitchell memorializes the line, “You don't know what you've got till it's gone!” in her song about a parking lot replacing a natural paradise. Similarly, the effects of COVID on our church life have highlighted the profound value of even the most routine activities at St. John's. For me, **CHAT**, is one of those simple, but deeply important ministerial times. Sharing a meal together, large or small, connects us, reminds us of our common humanity and life needs. At St. John's it is also an invitation to have a conversation, to share in the daily ups and downs of our lives, to look for opportunities to support each other in life's challenges, and to warmly welcome the newcomer looking for a church home. Simple or fancy, the goodies offered at CHAT are a pathway to sustenance, of our bodies - and our communal life. When we, with God's help, move beyond the limitations of COVID, let's remember “what we've got” in CHAT. Oh, the deliciousness, chatter, and love that lies ahead!” -- Michael Clifthorne*



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