



This Week at St. John's for August 18, 2019

Dear Friends,



The middle of August is often a slow time for a congregation like St. John's | San Juan, but that is certainly not the case for us this year. Last weekend, the Vestry voted to enter into a contract with the Episcopal Church Foundation to help us conduct a capital campaign in the first quarter of next year, with a primary goal of \$964,000. The parish also received the Feasibility Study Report from ECF at an all parish meeting, and had a very informative conversation with our consultant Jerry Campbell. On behalf of all of St. John's | San Juan, I'd like to thank our wardens, Mark Hampton & Ric Weatherman; our treasurer & capital campaign chair, Bob LeRoy; and the building committee chair Lou MacMillan, who have all done incredible amounts of work to get us to this exciting point.

The work began immediately. In conversation with our architect, Clint Pehrson, our leadership team has learned that our primary goal of \$964,000 should be enough (within a small margin of error) to replace the roof and address all the life safety issues that our building faces; we are truly blessed as a community. Our capital campaign and building teams are now working with our architect, engineers, and general contractor to set a stretch goal for the campaign, and to prepare everything for the campaign, which will start after the first of the year.

The Vestry then met on Thursday, August 15, at our regular August meeting. We adopted a revised budget for 2019, which Bob LeRoy presented. That budget (along with the financial reports presented at the meeting) have been posted on the parish website, and are available in hard copy to anyone who wishes by contacting the parish office during the week. We also made plans for launching the 2020 Pledge Campaign, which will occur in September, and will conclude on October 27, as well as doing initial work on the 2020 parish budget, which we are building from scratch (as opposed to making tweaks to the 2019 budget). That budget will be available as a narrative budget before the 2020 Annual Meeting, so members of the parish can get a sense of what the money we spend here accomplishes in the life of the parish.

The Vestry also took action to attempt to end the miserable saga of our mischievous sound system. We have ordered a new mixer, which is fully automated, and should finally address the problems we've been having. We've also upgraded our assisted listening system. If you are having trouble understanding what's being said, you will be able either get a small ear bud to amplify the sound, or if you have hearing aids with a t-coil, you will be able to wear a lanyard around your neck, and your hearing aids will pick up the sound from the system directly. We have ordered six receivers, and can easily order more as needed. The new components will be installed on Monday, August 26.

My thanks to each of you for being part of this community; this is an exciting time to be at St. John's | San Juan!

Faithfully,

R.C.+

Today at St. John's

Special Birthday C.H.A.T.

During the coffee hour after the 10:30 service, we will honor three of our members who are turning 90 this summer. Please join us in honoring these 1929 "babies": Bob Peck (June 1), Keith Laws (August 12), and Fred Adair (September 25).

Craft Exchange

Between services and after the 10:30 service, we will exchange craft supplies and ideas. You are welcome to take supplies even if you don't contribute. If you are wanting to make more room in your life for crafting, Monday Morning Crafters meets on Mondays from 10 am to 1 pm in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Every Sunday

Fellowship (in the Parish Hall)

- 8 & 10:30 AM: Coffee and light refreshments

Nursery Care available starting at 10 AM for young children

New? START HERE TO BEGIN YOUR LIFE IN CHRIST

- Pick up a "Start Here" Brochure and return the card.
- Introduce yourself to any of the clergy for an informal conversation about what led you here, and where you might be called to go in your spiritual life.

About Today's Readings

Welcome to our parish. In today's liturgy, we are confronted with some of Jesus' hardest words. As he traveled toward Jerusalem, certain of the great crisis that lay ahead, Jesus set forth the serious nature of discipleship. He referred to his approaching death as his "baptism." He revealed that faithfulness to God would produce opposition and division.

God's message to an unfaithful people through the prophet Jeremiah is that his word comes as hard truth. It will lay bare lies and deceit. It demands that those who speak for God speak truth, even though the message may be hard to bear.

In the second reading today, we are assured that regardless of the opposition and division which faithfulness to God may bring, we have hope. That hope is based first on the record of God's faithful people in the past, but is based above all on the record of Jesus. The "cloud of witnesses" of the past is now joined and led by Jesus "the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."

As we gather in Eucharist, we are indeed surrounded by the witness of those in ages past whose faith in God led them to hard and tough decisions. In Christ and with each other the joys and the hard disciplines of faith are united. We recall Christ's death and resurrection and our own incorporation into his dying and rising, which began in us in baptism.

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This Week « August 19 - August 24 »

◆ Special this week [Learn more at stjohnsoly.org](http://stjohnsoly.org)

Monday, August 19

Monday Morning Crafters	10 AM
Quilters	12:30 PM
◆ Strengthening Sanctuary	6 PM

Tuesday, August 20

Wednesday, August 21

Holy Eucharist	7 AM
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Thursday, August 22

Centering Prayer	12 PM
◆ Library Committee Lunch (see <i>News & Notes</i>)	1:30 PM

Friday, August 23

Saturday, August 24

Men's Group	8:30 AM
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About Today's Music

"Thaxted" is a hymn tune by the English composer Gustav Holst. It is based on the stately theme from the middle section of the Jupiter movement of his orchestral suite *The Planets* and named after Thaxted, the English village where he resided much of his life. In 1921, He adapted the theme as a unison song with orchestra to fit the patriotic poem "I Vow to Thee, My Country" by Cecil Spring Rice. It appeared as a hymn-tune called "Thaxted" when his friend Ralph Vaughan Williams included it in *Songs of Praise* in 1926.

François-Clément Théodore Dubois (24 August 1837 – 11 June 1924) was a French composer, organist and music teacher. Although he wrote many religious works, Dubois had considerable hopes for a successful career in opera. His fascination with Near-Eastern subjects led to the composition of his first staged work, *La guzla de l'émir*, and his first four-act opera, *Aben-Hamet*, which broke no new ground. His other large-scale opera, *Xavière*, is a wildly dramatic tale set in the rural Auvergne. The story revolves around a widowed mother who plots to kill her daughter, Xavière, with the help of her fiancé's father to gain the daughter's inheritance. However, Xavière survives the attack with the help of a priest, and the opera finishes with a conventional happy ending.

The music of Dubois also includes ballets, oratorios and three symphonies. His best known work is the oratorio *Les sept paroles du Christ* ("The Seven Last Words of Christ"), which continues to be given an occasional airing; his *Tocatta in G* (1889), for the organ, is a recital staple, by no means solely in France. The rest of his large output has almost entirely disappeared from view. He has had a more lasting influence in teaching, with his theoretical works *Traité de contrepoint et de fugue* (on counterpoint and fugue) and *Traité d'harmonie théorique et pratique* (on harmony) still being sometimes used today.

From Wikipedia

Next Sunday « August 25 »

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 58:9b-14 • Hebrews 12:18-29 • Ps. 103:1-8 • Luke 13:10-17

8 AM HOLY EUCHARIST	<i>traditional, simple</i>
10:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST	<i>festive, timeless</i>
6 PM SANTA EUCHARISTÍA	<i>intergenerational, in Spanish</i>
8 PM COMPLINE	<i>nighttime chant service with compline choir</i>

News & Notes

Video sermons are posted!

Visit stjohnsoly.org/sermons or our YouTube channel.

Feasibility Study Reports are available

If you wish to have a hard copy of the Feasibility Study Report, they are available in the Parish Hall today, and in the church office during the week. They are also available on our website, www.stjohnsoly.org

Spanish Mass & Celebration

August 18

In honor of the Feast of Saint Mary The Virgin, the 6 pm Spanish Service will celebrate the Feast in the Sanctuary, not outside like previously planned. There will be a celebration following the service. All are welcome to attend. This is an especially accessible service, even if Spanish isn't your native language.

Library Committee Luncheon

August 22

The Library Committee will gather at Jennifer Jones' home for a luncheon and meeting starting at 1:30 pm. If you are interested in attending, please contact Jennifer Jones at 360-352-6862 or jbjones742@comcast.net for directions.

Tri-Parish Picnic

September 1

Our annual Tri-Parish Picnic is an opportunity for worship and fellowship among the three Thurston County Episcopal churches: St. Benedict's, Lacey; St. Christopher's Community Church, Steamboat Island; and St. John's • San Juan. As always, the picnic will start with the Eucharist at 10:30 AM, with a festive meal to follow. Cheeseburgers and hot dogs will be provided and grilled, and members of St. John's • San Juan are asked to bring side dishes to share. There will be an 8 AM service at St. John's that morning, though it will be with limited music, due to the picnic. The picnic will be held at Tumwater Historical Park, 802 Deschutes Way SW, Tumwater, WA 98501.

Attendance

August 4, 2019		August 11, 2019	
8am	29	8am	44
10:30am	84	10:30am	80
6pm	20	6pm	26
Compline	16	Compline	21
Total	149	Total	171

Focus on Outreach

Providence Community Care Center (PCCC) needs ground coffee, granulated sugar and powdered creamer in large containers. Your contributions to the Thurston Co. Food Bank, YWCA Other Bank, Rosie's Place and El Hogar are gratefully accepted anytime during the year. Thank you for all you do to support those in need in our larger community.

Prayer List

Your prayers are requested

If you or a loved one wish to be added to the prayer list, please let a clergy member, a pastoral care member, or the front office know. It is our practice to retain prayer requests for one month, unless requested otherwise.

The lonely be sets on high, and those who mourn are lifted to safety.
Job 5:11

- **For members and friends** of the parish who are sick, sorrowful, or in any kind of trouble: Kathleen P., Mary Ann M., Raymond M., Beth D., Dawn C., Tom R., John C., Jordie, Terralyn, Bob L., Laurie Y., Don D., and Hope D.
- **For our Nation** and all those affected by violence, for those living in fear, and for all who are working for social justice.
- **Pray for Bishop Rickel and the bishop's staff, All Commissions, Committees & Programs of the Diocese, and Retired clergy, clergy widowers and clergy households of the diocese** according to the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer.
- **Pray for the Anglican Church of Southern Africa and The Most Revd Thabo Makgoba - Archbishop of Capetown and Primate of Southern Africa** according to the Anglican Cycle of Prayer.
- **For members and friends of this parish serving in the Armed Forces:** Dylan Smith, Ryan Gilbert, Christopher Hagen, Justin Claar, Richie Rainier, Jon & Simon Kidder, Jessie Leonard, Lissy Slezak, Shanon & Brendan Fallon.

We commend to God's never-failing care

- **all those we love but see no longer.**

Ministry at St. John's

Worship & Formation

Sunday

8:00am Holy Eucharist
9:20am The Forum (*Sept.-May*)
10:30am Holy Eucharist
6:00pm La Santa Eucaristía
8:00pm Compline

Wednesday

7:00am Holy Eucharist
10:00am Bible Study (*Sept.-June*)

Thursday

Noon Centering Prayer

Music

PARISH CHOIR The Parish Choir rehearses in the Parish Hall on Wednesdays at 6:30pm, and sings at the 10:30am Eucharist on Sundays between September and June.

COMPLINE CHOIR The Compline Choir rehearses at 6pm on Sunday evenings, and leads Compline at 8pm on Sundays. Compline is a quiet, meditative service that concludes the day.

JUBILATE CHOIR The Jubilate Choir rehearses 2pm to 3:30pm on Thursdays between September and June.

Children & Families

There are opportunities for children and families each week at St. John's. Our program year will start in September.

Service

Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee meets at 12:15pm on the first Sunday of the month.

Fellowship

Sunday

CHAT Coffee Hour After Ten-thirty.

Recovery

Sunday

4pm Adult Children of Alcoholics, Guild Room

Tuesday

Noon Overeaters Anonymous, Library
7pm Nar-Anon, Guild Room

Saturday

6pm Nar-Anon, Guild Room
1pm Adult Children of Alcoholics, Guild Room

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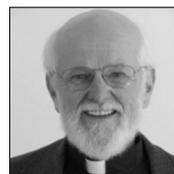
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Class of 2021

Mary Bruce
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