



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL NEWS

October 2015

Services

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist / Morning Prayer
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (with music)
5:45 p.m. Holy Eucharist
(Alternating Wednesdays)

St. John's Episcopal Church is a diverse, welcoming Christian family. We are committed to using our God-given talents to continually grow and improve in our desire to worship, spread God's love, and minister throughout our communities.



FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK

Who is my neighbor? As Christians we have many different answers for this question. Is it the person who lives next to you, or could it be only people who think as we do? Maybe it can only be Americans because how could somebody from a different part of the world be my neighbor? Does my neighbor have to be a Christian? The answers to this simple question has always been debated by Christians. Fortunately for us Jesus gives us the answer in the form of a parable.

On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

"What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"

He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

"You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live." But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

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“Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”

The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.”

Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.” *(Luke 10:25-37)*

It’s just that simple.

Blessings,

Fr. Doug



Stewardship

is an ethic that embodies the responsible planning and management of resources. I know you have heard this before, but stewardship in the Church is a bit different than just managing your resources. It is first and foremost an exercise in thanksgiving, giving back to God from that which is already God’s. Do we give to God out of thanks, or do we give to God from what is leftover?

There are many demands on our time, talent, and treasure. Those demands come from family, friends, our jobs, and from everywhere possible. Proverbs 27:18 says, “He who tends the fig tree will eat its fruit, and he who cares for his master will be honored.”

The care of the world has been entrusted to us, and we need to care for it in a manner that shows just how important a task this is. I would ask everyone to consider where our priorities are and to whom or in what do we put our trust. Consider how we spend our treasure. How do we allocate our time? Is our talent or passion hidden from the world? All of these are gifts from God. What will we do with them?

You will be receiving your pledge cards soon. Pray about it before you return it. Pray about what God is asking of you, and then take time to listen for an answer. Finally, if you pray for guidance and receive it, put it into action.

Blessings on all of you.

Fr. Doug



FELLOWSHIP DAY PLANNED

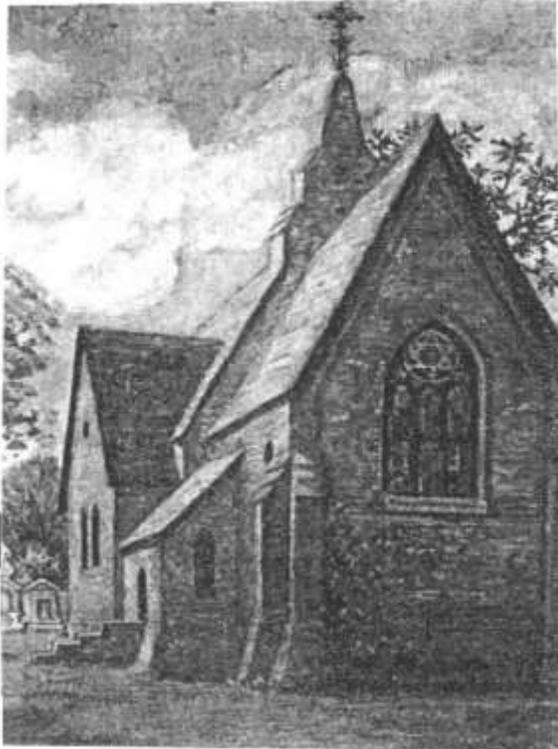
Saturday - October 24 - 9:00 to Noon
Yes, it is a workday, but we will have fun!

October is a favorite month in south Louisiana because it usually comes with wonderful weather. Let's capture a moment of that time together on Saturday the 24TH from 9:00 to Noon to engage in fellowship. And while we are enjoying each other's company and some delightful weather, here is a list of possible projects we can work on together to add spice to our fellowship while we are sprucing up our buildings and grounds!

- Pick up trash in cemetery, particularly around perimeter
- Remove old shutters on Parish Hall
- Hang new chains and seats on yellow swing set
- Touch up paint in church where office candles go and along communion kneeler
- Cut or dig up trees growing wild along the sides of our parish hall
- Trim low oak tree branches in parking area
- Trim bushes at Parish Hall entrances along Jackson and 8TH Streets
- Scatter Garden – weed-eat, pull weeds, mulch bushes and monkey grass

Bonus: For all who are having a great time together and can stay past Noon to finish up a project or two, the Straussers will treat to a delicious lunch of pizza.

November 7 is the Annual Mass at Christ Episcopal Church in Napoleonville



The Friends of Christ Episcopal Church in Napoleonville will hold their annual mass and business meeting on Saturday, November 7, beginning with Holy Eucharist at 11:00am. LaDonna Alexander will be playing the recently repaired Jardine organ during the service. The meeting of the Friends of Christ Church immediately follows the service. The Friends recently agreed to hire Roy Redman to guide them in repairing this historic organ. A members-with-reservations-only lunch will follow. For more information about The Friends of Christ Church or to donate, please contact The Friends of Christ Church, Inc., P. O. Box 27, Napoleonville, LA 70390.

November 8 is Veterans Day Observance

St. John's will recognize its veterans on Nov. 8, the Sunday closest to Veterans Day. Lesley Marcello has begun preparations for the Veterans Recognition this year. The list of veterans recognized last year, plus additions received afterwards was emailed to all. Please check that copy or the one in the narthex by Nov. 2, and make sure your veterans are included with their connection to the person listed (spouse, father, brother, cousin, sister, etc.). Make any necessary corrections on the list in the back of church, and include your name. You can also email corrections and questions directly to Lesley Marcello at lesleywm@hotmail.com.



St. John's Calendar

October 2015

Call or email the office
to schedule activities at the church or parish hall
985-447-2910 or stjohndoffice@bellsouth.net

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September 27 8a Eucharist 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Eucharist 11:30 Hospitality	28 6p AA subgroup 7p CODA	29 6:30p Bible Study 7p AA	30 6:30p Choir Practice	October 1 5:30p Cemetery Assoc. Mtg 6:30 TaWaSi 7p AA	2	3 5p GRACE LUTHERAN
4 8a Eucharist 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Eucharist 11:30 Hospitality	5 6p AA subgroup 7p CODA	6 6:30p Bible Study 7p AA	7 5:45p Evening Service 6:30p Choir Practice	8 7p AA	9	10 5p GRACE LUTHERAN
11 8a Eucharist 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Eucharist 11:30 Hospitality 11:30: ECW	12 6p AA subgroup 7p CODA	13 6:30p Bible Study 7p AA	14 10a Thibodaux Music Club 6:30p Choir Practice	15 7p AA	16	17 9a-3p (private recital & reception) 5p GRACE LUTHERAN
18 8a Eucharist 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Eucharist 11:30 Hospitality 3p: MASJ Concert VESTRY AGENDA DUE	19 6p AA subgroup 7p CODA	20 6:30p Bible Study 7p AA 7:30p Nicholls Concert	21 5:45p Evening Service 6:30p Choir Practice	22 Vestry Newsletter Article Due 6p VESTRY MTG 7p AA	23	24 FELLOWSHIP DAY 9-Noon 5p GRACE LUTHERAN
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Fr. Doug's Thibodaux Office Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 9am to 4pm.
Church Office Hours: Tuesday through Thursday, from 9am to noon.

Weekly Meetings

Wednesday services

Wednesday evening Holy Eucharist services alternate between Trinity and St. John's. The schedule for services during the month of October is listed here, and is included in the weekly bulletin and on the calendar at our website.

September 30 Trinity 6:00 pm
October 7 St. John's 5:45 pm
October 14 Trinity 6:00 pm
October 21 St. John's 5:45 pm
October 28 Trinity 6:00 pm
November 4 St. John's 5:45 pm
November 11 Trinity 6:00 pm

Choir

Join us for choir practice on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. Contact LaDonna Alexander at ladonna_alexande@bellsouth.net, or tel. 985-803-0652, for more information.

Bible Study

All are welcome to join Bible Study on Tuesdays at 6:30pm. Contact Alice Strausser for details and location.

AA Infinity Group

Alcoholics Anonymous meets in the parish hall Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7:00pm.

CODA

Co-Dependents Anonymous meetings are on Monday evenings at 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the parish hall. For more information, call 985-447-8159 or 985-526-8565 or visit www.coda.org.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY....

Charles Melancon (10/3)

Mary Katherine Blackburn (10/6)

Leea Breeding (10/9)

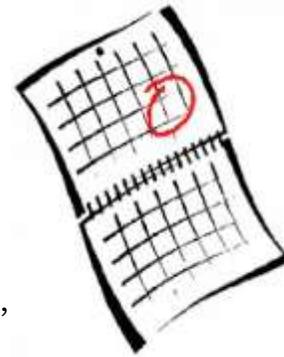
Julie Eschete (10/18)

Dot Pugh (10/27)

Mary Davis (10/31)

Dianne Guthrie (10/31)





Mark your calendar...

- **Oct. 18 Music at St. John's Concert Series**, at 3 p.m., presents vocalist Julianne Korn, Sandra King on piano and Billy King on acoustic bass in a program of folk songs, show tunes and classical favorites, with the impeccable stylings of Thibodaux's own King family! Tickets are \$15 at the door, or \$45 for the four concert season.
- **Oct. 24 Fellowship Day** from 9 a.m. to noon. Activities will include beautifying the grounds and church, with pizza to follow. All are welcome!
- **Nov. 1 All Saints Observance** will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the cemetery, with bagpipes and prayer in remembrance of those members of our church who died this past year.
- **Nov. 7 Annual Mass** at the historic Christ Episcopal Church in Napoleonville. The service begins at 11 a.m., and will include music. Luncheon (for members with tickets) will follow.
- **Nov. 8 Veterans Day Observance** will occur at both 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services. Be sure to give Lesley Marcello updated information to include in our memorials.

Pastoral and Communion Visits to Parishioners

Please contact the office at stjohnoffice@bellsouth.net or 985-447-2910 to give Fr. Doug contact information to schedule a pastoral visit to homebound members of St. John's. We also schedule Communion visits on Sundays. All visits can be scheduled through the office Tuesday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. to noon, or you can leave a message on the phone if you call outside of office hours. The email and telephone messages are checked daily.

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