

ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND SCHOOL



THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

[PROPER 9]

Sunday, July 4, 2021
9 a.m.

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM EPISCOPAL CHURCH!

VISION

We are thriving as a grateful, open and affirming community of worship and learning; where love and welcome move us toward God's reign by emulating Christ so hunger, isolation, and fear are no more.

MISSION

Inspired by Christ and empowered by the Spirit, the people of St. John's:

- ◆ *Love God*
- ◆ *Love our Neighbors... ALL of them*
- ◆ *Gather and grow together as a spiritual, educational, and inclusive community*
- ◆ *Rely on scripture, embrace tradition, and practice prayerful reflection*
- ◆ *Exercise responsible stewardship of God's gifts and resources*

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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PRELUDE

Prélude

Charles-Alexis Chauvet

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The People stand and join in singing the opening hymn.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Hymnal No. 408 ~ Tune: *Mit Freuden zart*

Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation;
with healing balm my soul he fills,
and every faithless murmur stills:
to God all praise and glory.

What God's almighty power hath made,
his gracious mercy keepeth;
by morning glow or evening shade
his watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of his might,
lo! All is just and all is right:
to God all praise and glory.

Let all who name Christ's holy Name
give God all praise and glory;
let all who know his power proclaim
aloud the wondrous story!
Cast each false idol from its throne,
the Lord is God, and he alone:
to God all praise and glory.

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

The People remain standing, the Priest says

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People Glory to God for ever and ever.

The Priest continues

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

GLORIA

The Priest and People say

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Priest Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

COLLECT FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

Priest Let us pray.

Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country sought liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

The People are seated.

HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Ezekiel 2:1-5

Steve A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel:

Yahweh said to me: "O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you." And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard God speaking to me, "Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their

ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God. Whether they hear or refuse to hear, for they are a rebellious house, they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.'"

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The People remain seated.

THE PSALM

Psalm 123

Please join in singing the refrain. Choir leads will sing the verses.

Our eyes look to you, O LORD our

God, un - til you show us your mer - cy.

REFRAIN

To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens.
As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters,
And the maid to the hand of her mistress,
So our eyes look to you, O Lord our God, until you show us your mercy.

REFRAIN

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, for we have had more than enough of contempt,
Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the derision of the proud.
So our eyes look to you, O Lord our God, until you show us your mercy.

REFRAIN

Setting by Carolyn Jennings

THE EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Carol A Reading from Paul's second letter to the Church in Corinth:

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to God about this, that it would leave me. And God said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The People stand.

HOLY GOSPEL

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Mark 6:1-13

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The People are invited to be seated after the prayer.

SERMON
Rev. Karen

NICENE CREED

The People stand and say together

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The People begin, followed by Scotty as Leader.

People O God, stand us on our feet and speak to our souls of Your sufficient grace.
Leader Quicken our ability to recognize and endure the thorns in this life for the sake of Christ, whose power dwells within us and gives us strength through our weakness.

People O God, You know the hearts and souls of us all, including those who govern in this World, this Country, and this Community.
Leader Fill us with ever-increasing fortitude and determination to persist in speaking Your truths of love, justice, and mercy on behalf of the most beleaguered and oppressed near and far.

People O God, restore hope and wholeness to all who struggle with chronic illness, homelessness, or recovery, and infuse their supporters with energy and endurance.
Leader We now join our hearts together to pray for those in need, especially...

Those participating in person can offer their needs and concerns aloud, while those participating remotely can type them into the chat function on Zoom.

People O God, ease the sorrow of all who mourn as those who now live again in You, are filled with joy in the bliss of eternal peace.
Leader We pray especially for...

Those participating in person can remember those who have passed aloud, while those participating remotely can type them into the chat function on Zoom.

People O God, we *pause* in this moment to offer You our other heartfelt thanksgivings.
Leader We are especially thankful for...

Those participating in person can offer their thanksgivings aloud, while those participating remotely can type them into the chat function on Zoom.

Priest Almighty Creator, our Eternal God, embolden our willingness to shake off the dust of rejection and mockery when we step out in faith and turn our lives to Christ. Fill us with humility in spirit to be as the footsteps of Jesus on all the paths we travel. We ask through Jesus, our Prophet and Redeemer; and the Holy Spirit, the Breath of God; who together with You reign as One God, now and forever.

People Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Priest says

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The People kneel. The People observe a moment of silence. The Priest and People say

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People Amen.

PEACE

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

*All people turn to each other to wish Christ's Peace by bowing,
waving, or otherwise acknowledging those around you.*

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Priest says

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

The People are seated.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

*If you feel moved to contribute to St. John's, please place a donation in the basket as you leave
or text a donation using the instructions on page 14 of this bulletin.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

God of the Ages

Woodlands, arr. Arlen Clarke

The People stand while representatives of the congregation bring the offerings and money or other gifts, to be presented and placed on the Altar.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP 1: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 1

SURSUM CORDA

The Priest faces the People and says

The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Priest Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Priest proceeds

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body.

Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

The Priest and People say

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The People stand or kneel. The Priest continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Priest and People

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Priest continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with St. John Chrysostom and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

People AMEN.

The Priest invites the People to pray by saying

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Priest invites the People to pray

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People and Priest

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

FRACTION ANTHEM

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Priest Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Priest says the following invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All God's people are welcome at God's table.

When prompted, please come forward to the altar.

Please remain standing while receiving communion.

After receiving the sacred feast in your hands from a priest, please return to your seat, observing careful social distancing while moving about.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake

Richard Farrant

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Priest says

Let us pray.

Priest and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The People stand.

BLESSING

The Priest blesses the People, saying

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be among you, and remain with you always.

People Amen.

FLOWERS

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God,
and in gratitude to God for the blessing and beauty of nature that surrounds us;
for local mountains, mists, trees, flowers, and birds;
and for the magnificence of the Pacific Ocean by Pauline Afrasiabi.*

The People stand and join the choir in singing.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Spread, O Spread, Thou Mighty Word

Hymnal No. 530 ~ Tune: *Gott sei Dank*

Spread, O spread, thou mighty word,
spread the kingdom of the Lord,

that to earth's remotest bound
all may heed the joyful sound;

word of how the Father's will
made the world, and keeps it, still;
how his only Son he gave,
earth from sin and death to save;

word of how the Savior's love
earth's sore burden doth remove;
how forever, in its need,
through his death the world is freed;

word of how the Spirit came
bringing peace in Jesus' name;
how his never-failing love
guides us on to heaven above.

Word of life, most pure and strong,
word for which the nations long,
spread abroad, until from night
all the world awakes to light.

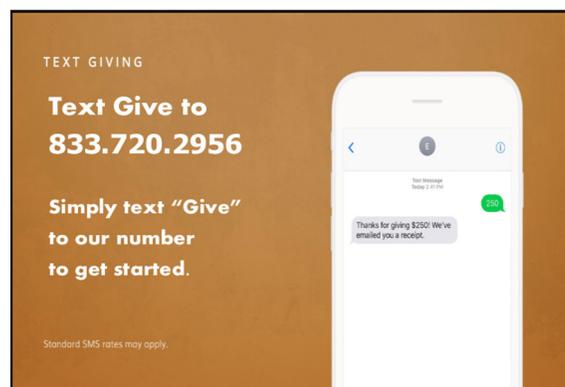
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DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Praeludium and Fugue in G Minor
Johann Seb. Bach



ALL THE ST. JOHN'S NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

NEXT RSM FOOD PANTRY COMING JULY 7

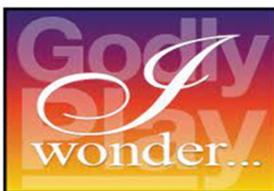
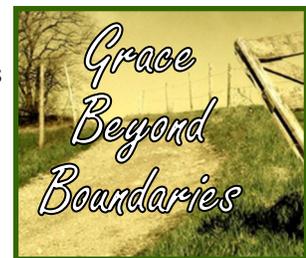
If you have a heart for helping our hungry neighbors, join us this Wednesday, July 7 at Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church, 30605 Avenida de las Flores in Rancho Santa Margarita. We can use help all day (11 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or for just an hour or two! Contact Roger Bradshaw, parishbradshaws@me.com. Distribution is from Noon-4 p.m.

JULY 7 IS ALSO LAUNDRY LOVE LAKE FOREST TIME

It's time again for our Laundry Love ministry at Sparklean Laundry, 23532 El Toro Road in Lake Forest Wednesday, July 7. It's likely that we will be able to meet onsite this month, so check with Juan Chacon if you want to join the team in person. Please pray for our Laundry Love leaders and our guests for the evening. Washing begins about 6 p.m. Juan can be reached at one.chacon74@yahoo.com.

OUR SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE HAS RETURNED

We restarted our Saturday evening service on June 19. We celebrate Eucharist in an intimate setting. We recruit volunteer readers and leaders on the spot, and we have a dialogue about the readings instead of a formal sermon. We share our spiritual journeys together and use the liturgy of St. Anselm, a 12th century French priest and monk, whose writings became the basis of several of our Eucharistic Canons. The service lasts about 45 minutes, giving us much time for after-worship fellowship. The music is less traditional than we use on Sunday mornings, but will be familiar to many. So bring your family, your friends, or just yourself, to St. John's at 5 p.m. on Saturday, and celebrate with your voice, your hands, and your hearts as we rejoice in our continued steps towards normal!

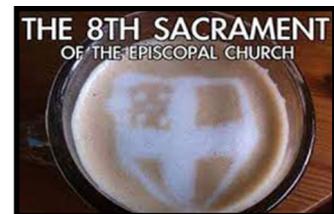


GODLY PLAY, SUNDAY SCHOOL, AND THE NURSERY ARE OPEN

Bring your children (of any age) to the Nursery this morning where our Children's Ministry team will have lots in store for them this week. Godly Play begins again soon and we need lots of help! Chrissy Hennings has assumed the leadership of our Children's Ministry and she has several important immediate needs: We need Godly Play teachers. If you have a desire to be trained as a Godly Play teacher, please contact Chrissy, children@stjohns-es.org. We are also in need of nursery attendants. If you are interested, please contact Chrissy at the same email address.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE HOUR IS BACK!

Join us after the service on the lower courtyard (Learning Commons Courtyard) which is the perfect spot to hold coffee hour where tables, comfortable seating, and shade abound. We even have an elevator you can use to get there! If you have a desire to be part of this ministry, please chat with one of our clergy when you come to grab your coffee and greet your friends! We will need a couple of people each week who are willing to prepare the coffee, etc., set up, and clean up at the end. You can also contact Gary and Dena Graves, capgary@cox.net.



MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR HARRY ELLIOTT SET FOR JULY 28

St. John's will hold a memorial service for long time beloved member Harry Elliott **Wednesday, July 28** at 2 p.m. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, this service had been delayed until we could all gather. At the end of the service, Harry's remains will be interred in the St. John's Columbarium. All are invited to support Faith Goldman and members of the Elliott family who will be attending.

CALLING ALL ACOLYTE FAMILIES!

Acolyte families? What is that? An "acolyte family" is an opportunity to serve at church on Sundays with members of your family. Parent and child, grandparent and child, spouses, siblings, you get the idea. We'd love to see YOU up there with a member or two of your family. An easy training session and you're on your way to serving as part of the Altar ministry. No age limit, although our younger members should be old enough to carry something (cross, gospel book, or candle). If you're interested in serving, contact Patti Peebles, sjecyouthgroup@gmail.com.

ST. JOHN'S YOUTH GROUP

The St. John's Youth Group meets most Wednesdays over the summer via ZOOM. Our youth group is comprised of young people grades 6-12. Questions? Contact Patti Peebles, sjecyouthgroup@gmail.com.

YOUTH AND ADULT CONFIRMATION COMING SEPTEMBER 12 WITH BISHOP'S VISITATION!

Bishop Suffragan Diane Jardine Bruce will be with us Sunday, September 12 celebrate Eucharist and confer the rite of confirmation on those interested. Adults, please contact our associate vicar, Rev. Karen, if you are interested, kmaurer@stjohns-es.org. Youth, please contact Mrs. Patti, sjecyouthgroup@gmail.com. We can accept names of those interested until July 15.

SPONSOR ALTAR FLOWERS FOR 2021

Commemorate or celebrate a loved one or friend by sponsoring altar flowers. More than one donation can be submitted per week. Just send the commemoration along with your name and mail it to the Church Office or drop off on Sundays while at church. The suggested flower donation is \$60.

WOMEN'S HYBRID BIBLE STUDY ON WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

Join us Wednesday mornings from 10:15—11:30 a.m. (our schedule may vary during the summer months). We will meet in-person and via ZOOM so those who are out of town or not feeling comfortable meeting in person can also participate. And if you will be joining us in person, but are NOT vaccinated we request that you wear a mask. If you would like more information about our Bible Study, please contact DJ Gomer, djgomer60@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S LUNCHEON "SISTERS WHO CONVERSE" PLANNED — SIGN UP NOW!

Are you a bit rusty after months of limited interactions and ZOOM meetings? The women of St. John's will gather **Saturday, July 24** for lunch at Tutto Fresco in RSM. Our time is 11:30 a.m. and we'll dine on their lovely outside patio. It will be a great opportunity to enjoy tasty food and wonderful fellowship. Cost is \$25 and will include your choice of several options from Tutto Fresco's Brunch/Lunch menu, along with dessert and coffee/tea. Other beverages will be billed individually. To sign up, send your check to the Church Office or pay via PayPal. Your spot is considered reserved when we receive your payment. Let's come together to converse, connect, and practice again the art of conversation. Questions? Contact DJ Gomer, djgomer60@gmail.com.

WOMEN — SPECIAL AUTHOR PRESENTATION IN SEPTEMBER

Saturday, September 18 we will gather at the home of Kathy O'Connor in Pasadena (aka The Bishop's residence) for lunch and a presentation by author Lian Dolan discussing her book, *The Sweeney Sisters*. Watch for more information about this event in the weeks to come.

ALTAR GUILD OPPORTUNITIES

If you get nervous speaking in public but want to participate in the active life of the parish, then Altar Guild is for you. Joining Altar Guild is an opportunity to serve at church behind the scenes a few hours a month. We set up for the worship services and clean up afterwards at your convenience. Families are especially welcome (no age limits) and men are sought to help with occasional heavy lifting. Here is an opportunity to introduce your children to volunteer service. If you are interested in learning more, contact Christy Morinello, auntchristy4@gmail.com.

RSM FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS WELCOME ALL THE TIME!

St. John's is a part of a team of volunteers helping to feed our neighbors in need on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church, 30605 Avenida de las Flores, RSM. Weekly, the people of St. John's gather items used in the monthly distribution including canned protein-based items such as soup, chili, beans; pasta, pasta sauce; peanut butter, jelly, and also grocery store gift cards. Please bring your food donations to Church on Sundays.

CAREGIVING MOSAICS MEETS WEDNESDAY, JULY 14

BJ Sullivan has graciously assumed the responsibility to facilitate this group. If you know someone who is caring for a loved one, or if you are a caregiver, please strongly consider joining this group — "The table is the place where the doing stops, the trying stops, the masks are removed, and we allow ourselves to be nourished, like children. We allow someone else to meet our need. In a world that prides people on not having needs, on going longer and faster, on going without, on powering through, the table is a place of safety and rest and humanity, where we are allowed to be as fragile as we feel." For more information, please contact BJ Sullivan at: bjs54321@gmail.com. We meet via ZOOM and BJ will send the link out prior to the meeting.

The Weekly Prayer List

Sunday, July 4, 2021

WE PRAY GOD'S HEALING, STRENGTH, COMFORT, AND GUIDANCE FOR:

The sick and suffering during the COVID-19 pandemic, along with those members of the St. John's Family who continue to need our prayers

Ben, Sam, Carol, Monica, Ron, Dane, Dale, Barb, Haley, Ken, Ann, Doug, Mary, Wilma, Marian, Paul, Janet, Lisa, Chandra, Nancy, Cindy, Patricia, Cynthia, Pete, Cal, Bill, Tina, Sara, Barbara

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

John, Tom, Edward, Don, Ross, Haydee, Jeanne, Harry, Pat, Daryl, Adrian, Elaine, John, James, Donna, Rosario, James, Ann, Scott, Anna, Marty, John, Paul, Fathi, Michelle, Wayne, John, Jim, Sharon, Kathy, Michele, Don

WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE BIRTHDAYS OF:

Nicholas, Ari, Kelly, Dot, Anais, Alan, Colleen

WE GIVE THANKS FOR:

Pauline, Independence Day and the birth of our country!

WE PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES:

Matt Rector, Joseph Findlay, John Bussard, Christopher Nichols, Woody Ender

WE PRAY FOR UNITY:

For our church, for our families, and for our nation

WE PRAY FOR OUR BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Fr. Christopher, Paul, Jim, Elizabeth, Margaret, Mike, Gary, Steve, Brenna, Breana, Scotty, Bill, Gloria, Gail

WE PRAY FOR OUR CLERGY AND STAFF:

Karen, Fr. Christopher, Cindy, Roger, Johannes, Rev. Karen, Patti, Chrissy, Cecil, Catie, Head of School Patrick McHonett and the faculty and staff of St. John's School

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