

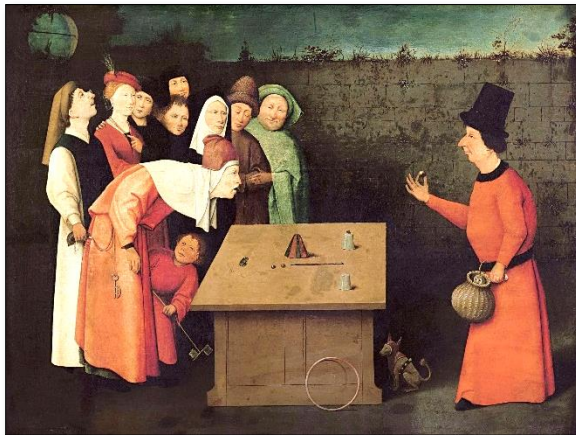
ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND SCHOOL
& AFRICAN PALMS USA

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
PROPER 7

Sunday, June 21, 2026

8am & 10:30am

HOLY EUCHARIST



"The Conjurer" by Hieronymus Bosch

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~ CALLED BY CHRIST IN LOVE, TO LIVE IN TRUTH AND ACTION ~

Welcome to St. John's Church

We are a diverse faith community committed to carrying out Christ's mission in the world around us. We love the beauty of worship, and live into the faithful and constant commitment towards seeking social and economic justice and reconciliation among all peoples. We come from across the globe, with varied family configurations, educational backgrounds, occupations, interests, and talents and invite you to join us.

If you are visiting our church for the first time, please introduce yourself to an usher or a member of the Clergy. We have a small gift for you from the parish.

If you are seeking a spiritual home, please speak with the Clergy.



Please join us for Coffee and fellowship following the worship service

If you are a guest with us today, please know that you are welcome to enjoy fellowship, coffee, and tea with us in the Parish Hall following the service.

Children are welcome at all services

If you have little worshipers with you today who might enjoy coloring, Play-Doh, or a Rubik's cube, these can be found at either entrance.

The Nursery is open from 10:15am to 12pm for children age 5 and under.

SUNDAY @ ST. JOHN'S

8am	<i>Worship with Eucharist, no music, in the Sanctuary</i>
9:15am	<i>Adult Forum in the undercroft Meeting Room</i>
9:45am	<i>Holy Household Half-Hour, Intergenerational "Sunday school" in the Parish Hall</i>
9:45am	<i>Holy Play, Intergenerational faith formation for families with children 1st grade and under in the Nursery</i>
10:30am	<i>Worship with Eucharist and choir in the Sanctuary</i>

COME JOIN US

TODAY

- Father's Day

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

- Casserole Club Meeting @ 12pm
- Rice & Beans Packing @ 12pm

FRIDAY, JULY 3

- Independence Day - OFFICE CLOSED

SUNDAY, JULY 5

- "All Saints" Cinema-Theology Discussion @ 9:15am
- Newcomer's Coffee Hour @ 12pm
- "The Giver" Book Discussion @ 12pm

SUNDAY, July 12

- "Up" Cinema-Theology Discussion @ 9:15am

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS ~ Monday through Thursday 9am to 2pm

HOLY EUCHARIST

10:30AM

Prelude

The people stand.

10:30AM

Hymn #675

Take up your cross, the Savior said



1 Take up your cross, the Sa - vior said, if
2 Take up your cross, let not its weight fill
3 Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and
4 Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and
5 Take up your cross, and fol - low Christ, nor



1 you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with
2 your weak spi - rit with a - larm; his strength shall bear your
3 let your fool - ish heart be still; the Lord for you ac -
4 calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave; it guides you to a -
5 think till death to lay it down; for on - ly those who



1 will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
2 spi - rit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.
3 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.
4 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.
5 bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

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Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.
Amen.

8AM

Gloria

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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.

10:30AM

All creatures of our God and King

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "I All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voic-es, let us sing: Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Bright burn-ing sun with gold-en beams, pale sil-ver moon that gen-tly gleams, O praise him, O praise him, Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!" The word "Refrain" is written above the fourth staff. The score ends with a double bar line.

I All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voic-es, let us
sing: Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Bright burn-ing
sun with gold-en beams, pale sil-ver moon that gen-tly gleams,
Refrain
O praise him, O praise him, Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

Genesis 21:8-21

Lector A reading from Genesis.

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy;

and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

- 1 Bow down your ear, O LORD, and answer me, *
for I am poor and in misery.
- 2 Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; *
save your servant who puts his trust in you.
- 3 Be merciful to me, O LORD, for you are my God; *
I call upon you all the day long.
- 4 Gladden the soul of your servant, *
for to you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
- 5 For you, O LORD, are good and forgiving, *
and great is your love toward all who call upon you.
- 6 Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer, *
and attend to the voice of my supplications.
- 7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, *
for you will answer me.
- 8 Among the gods there is none like you, O LORD, *
nor anything like your works.

- 9 All nations you have made will come and worship you, O LORD,
*
and glorify your Name.
- 10 For you are great;
you do wondrous things; *
and you alone are God.
- 16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; *
give your strength to your servant;
and save the child of your handmaid.
- 17 Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; *
because you, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

Romans 6:1b-11

Lector A reading from Paul's letter to the church in Rome.

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand.

Hymn #565

He who would valiant be 'gainst all disaster



He who would val - iant be 'gainst all dis - as - ter, —
Who so be - set him round with dis - mal sto - ries, —
Since, Lord, thou dost de - fend us with thy Spi - rit, —



let him in con - stan - cy fol - low the Mas - ter. —
do but them - selves con - found, his strength the more is. —
we know we at the end shall life in - her - it. —



There's no dis - cour - age - ment shall make him once re - lent
No foes shall stay his might, though he with gi - ants fight;
Then fan - cies flee a - way; I'll fear not what men say,



his first a - vowed in - tent to be a pil - grim.
he will make good his right to be a pil - grim.
I'll la - bor night and day to be a pil - grim.

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The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (10:24-39)
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, “A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

The Gospel of the Lord
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Henry McQueen

The people stand.

The Nicene Creed

**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

Form III

People Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

People Grant that every member of the Church may truly and
humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.
We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and
Sacraments.**

People We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations
of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

People Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest.
People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

For **Becky, Anne, Maxwell, Jere, Harry, Andrew, Aurora, Carole, Ivy, Steve, and Mary.**

The people may add their own petitions silently or aloud.

Celebrant concludes with a collect.

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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.

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. **Amen.**

People The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.



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Anthem: The Lone Wild Bird

arr. Nelson

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

People The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

8AM

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

10:30AM

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord

Richard Proulx



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



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



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, in the language closest to our hearts, we are bold to say,

**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,**

**Svargayehi vedasitina apage
piyaneni:
obage namayata gaurava veva.
Obage rajyaya eva. Svargayehi men
pruthuviyehida obage kamatta
karanu labeva.
Apage davaspatha bhojanaya apata
ada duna manava.
Apata varadi karanavunta apa visin
kama vennak men ape
varadivalatat kama vuva manava.
Apa parikshavata nopamunuva
napuren apa galava gata manava.
Maknisada, rajyayat balayat
mahimayat sadakalma
obavahansegeya. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

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

10:30AM

Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover

Gerald Near

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - ov - er is
sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The people are seated.

Communion is offered to all who are called by Christ to participate. You can receive in both kinds, bread and wine or in just one. To receive communion, or a blessing, please come forward to the priest at the front of the altar. To receive bread, put your hands out, to receive wine, please drink from the chalice. To receive a blessing, cross your arms across your chest. Gluten-free host is available. Please make your needs known to the priest.

The people are seated.

Sending Prayers for Eucharistic Visitors.

Deacon In the name of God and this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many are one body because we all share one bread and one cup.**

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

The people stand.

Celebrant and people.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Hymn #537

Christ for the world we sing!

1 Christ for the world we sing! The world to
 2 Christ for the world we sing! The world to
 3 Christ for the world we sing! The world to
 4 Christ for the world we sing! The world to

Christ we bring with lov - ing zeal; the poor, and
 Christ we bring with fer - vent prayer; the way - ward
 Christ we bring with one ac - cord; with us the
 Christ we bring with joy - ful song; the new - born

them that mourn, the faint and o - ver - borne,
 and the lost, by rest - less pas - sions tossed,
 work to share, with us re - proach to dare,
 souls, whose days, re - claimed from er - ror's ways,

sin - sick and sor - row - worn, whom Christ doth heal.
 re - deemed at count - less cost from dark de - spair.
 with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.
 in - spired with hope and praise, to Christ be - long.

Words: Samuel Wolcott (1813-1886) Music: *Moscow*, melody Felice de Giardini (1716-1796); harm. *The New Hymnal*, 1916 based on *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, and Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

TENDING GOD'S FLOCK

Use this list to pray and to show your love and concern for the sick, shut-in, bereaved, or those merely in need of prayer. If you wish to submit a name please contact the office at accounting@stjec.org.

In case of pastoral emergency, please call 301-774-3619 or email pastoralcare@stjec.org

Becky Hast

Anne Frey

Maxwell A.

Jere Rowland

Harry Brooke

Andrew Erickson

Aurora

Carole

Ivy Choe-Branstetter

Steve Ruff

Mary Persinger

If you are ill for an extended period, are hospitalized, need a visit or Eucharist brought to you, want your home blessed, are celebrating a birth, adoption, or want specific prayers for any number of celebrations or sorrows, please email: pastoralcare@stjec.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **WOMEN'S SHELTER DINNER MEAL PREP**

The women of St. John's are preparing a summer salad meal THIS Monday, June 22 for our sisters at the Women's Shelter on Crabbs Branch Way. The women will meet in the St. John's kitchen at 3:45 pm to prepare the meal. A team will leave at 5:30pm to deliver and serve dinner at the shelter between 6-7pm. Please see Friday's Bell Tower to sign up for ingredients and roles that are needed for making the Summer Salad Dinner. Deacon Nancy or Shelley Spencer will be available during Coffee Hour to help with signing up and there will be an updated list available. Ingredients may be dropped off before the 22nd in the kitchen. ALL ingredients will be needed by 3:45 pm on Monday when we start making the salads. For more details, please contact Shelley Spencer at sspencer38@gmail.com.

- **ALL STJEC BEANS AND RICE PACKING**

Our neighbors continue to rely on our beans and rice ministry throughout the summer months. Please join us for an all-parish community beans and rice packing for the summer months on Sunday, June 28th at 12:15pm in the Parish Hall. The Youth Group, who have kept our supplies stocked since January, will serve as team leaders on the 28th. A light lunch will be provided, along with ice cream. To plan effectively, please let Deacon Nancy know you are coming or sign up in the Parish Hall during Coffee Hour.

- **FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**

Food Pantry needs for this week include: Sardines | Canned Chicken | Peanut Butter | Jelly | Pudding | Manwich | Beef Stew | Canned Chili Shelf Stable Milk (large) | Pancake Mix / Syrup | Paco Kit.



HELP SUPPORT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

One of the ways we keep VBS affordable is through the generosity of parishioners who donate one or two items from our VBS Wish List. The complete list of items needed is available on Amazon. Please see Friday's Bell Tower for the link.

We also need the following:

- Empty rectangular tissue boxes
- Full newspapers (approximately 8-10 copies)

If you purchase an item from the wish list from another vendor, please make sure it is of comparable quantity and quality, and let Mo. Shivaun know so she can mark it off the list. Thank you for helping make VBS a success!

2026 VBS



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*The Outward, Inward, Upward,
Downward Travels of Faith*

An all ages, all-parish Vacation Bible
School exploring the meaning of
pilgrimage and faith

Sun. July 26th – Wed. July 29th
6-8:30pm each evening

*Includes dinner, Bible reflection,
games, crafts, activities, laughter,
learning, and a prayerful reflection.



**AN OPPORTUNITY
TO EXPLORE
SCRIPTURE
DIFFERENTLY**

This summer, we offer opportunities to explore scripture differently with our Intergenerational Book Club and a series of Cinema-Theology discussions. Whether you are discovering the series for the first time or revisiting these beloved stories, or are a movie buff, a theology enthusiast, or simply curious about the conversations, we hope you'll join us.

Intergenerational Summer Book Club | Meeting Dates (at Noon)

July 5 - "The Giver"

July 19 - "Gathering Blue"

August 2: "The Messenger"

August 16: "The Son"

Summer Cinema-Theology Discussions

Sunday Morning Formation | Movies & Discussions Dates

July 5 - All Saints (PG)

July 12 - Up! (PG)

July 19 - Saved! (PG-13)

July 26 - Prince of Egypt (PG)

August 2 - Wall-E (G)

August 9th - What Dreams May Come (PG-13)

August 16th - Dogma (R)

August 23rd - David (PG)

A FATHER'S DAY PRAYER

Almighty God,

*We raise before you this day,
a day named to remember and honor fathers.
With it, we raise those who celebrate today and those who grieve,
those for whom this day brings joy and gratitude
and for whom it brings sorrow and pain.
God bless those who are new fathers.
God bless those in the blessing and turmoil of raising children
towards adulthood and those who have or will have emptier nests
in the upcoming year.*

*God bless stepfathers, grandfathers, foster fathers,
mentor fathers, and spiritual fathers.
But also, God, shield those for whom this day brings pain,
those who find or have found the fathering relationship complex,
problematic or abusive,
those who have lost their father or lost their child,
and for all those who want to be fathers but are not.*

*Give us the grace to love each other and be in the midst
of the plethora of emotions, without finding someone else's feelings
invalid or as a judgement on our own.
Help us love one another as they need to be loved
and send your Holy Spirit to nurture and bless us all
as we reflect on fatherhood.
All this we pray in Christ's name, Amen.*

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