



NEWS AND NOTES FOR MAY 24, 2020

VISITORS AND GUESTS: due to the shutdown, we obviously are not having a coffee hour, but we look forward to meeting you after this season is over! If you have questions about baptisms, weddings, membership, or any other need we can respond to, please call the Church Office at: 321-254-3365. And if you wish to know more about this church or to be included on our weekly and newsletter mailing lists, please call the office or email us at office@stjohnsmlb.org.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS AND SANCTUARY CANDLE may be given in memory of a loved one, or to commemorate some occasion. Contact the church office at office@stjohnsmlb.org or 321-254-3365.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Ruth Renner; Bob Stitzel; Bill McDonald.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: None known.

Children's Ministry:

Kings' Kids (1st - 6th grade): 9 a.m., St. Nick House (just east of the Sanctuary). **Suspended.**

Bible Studies:

Monday afternoon: 1 p.m., Parish Hall, led by Hope Johnson. **Suspended.**

Tuesday early evening: 5:30 p.m., at the home of Anneke Bertsch, 2725 Cozumel Dr, Apt 1615. Call (321) 428-4170 for more info. **Suspended.**

Tuesday evening: 7 p.m., Eric's office, led by Deacon Elizabeth. Studying 1 and 2 Samuel. Online only. Email yarrumea@gmail.com for instructions on joining in.

Wednesday evening: 7 p.m., online only. Email office@stjohnsmlb.org for details.

TGIF: Men's breakfast and Bible study, Fridays, 8 a.m., online only. Email office@stjohnsmlb.org for details.

DRIVE-THRU SACRAMENT: Following the Live Stream, bread consecrated in the worship will be available by "drive-thru" in front of the Sanctuary from about 11:00 - 11:30. After joining in the Worship Live Stream, hop in your car and drive to the Church to receive the sacrament. Please remain in your car and the sacrament will be brought to you.

DRIVE-IN WORSHIP : At 5:00 p.m. today we will offer a "drive-in" worship in our park on the south side of Young Street. We will set up at the outdoor altar, you will drive in and park on the grass, the sound will be delivered into your car by FM radio signal. Communion (bread only) will be delivered to your car.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP BACK ON PENTECOST, MAY 31! We will begin gathering for worship in person on Sunday, May 31, at 10 a.m. This service will continue to be live streamed. There will be several changes to keep everyone safe. There will be no 7:45 service as we cannot adequately clean the sanctuary between the services. There will be no passing of the peace, coffee hour, hugging or shaking hands. All are asked to maintain 6 ft. social distancing. At least half of the pews will be marked off. Everyone is expected to wear a face mask. If you do not have one, we will have a supply. Everyone will be expected to use hand sanitizer upon entry and it will be available throughout the service. We are limited to 25% capacity, so for us that is about 45 people.

SUNDAY BECOMES SATURDAY! To ease the pressure and give more options, the evening service will continue, but it will move to **Saturday at 5 p.m.**, beginning May 30. Worshipers will have the option of sitting in your car, or sitting in chairs (bring your own or use St. John's), appropriately distanced. This provides stronger social distancing for those who still feel vulnerable and will continue as long as participation warrants.

OTHER IN-PERSON GATHERINGS for studies, meetings, etc. remain suspended until at least May 31 and will open up on a case by case basis.

SIGN OUR VIRTUAL GUEST BOOK! Please visit stjohnsmlb.org and click on Virtual Guest Book to let us know you were here and pass on any comments you would like to make!

DONATE TO ST. JOHN'S ONLINE! You can now make a safe and convenient donation to St. John's via PayPal. Visit stjohnsmlb.org and click on Donate Now!

A PRAYER REQUEST BOX is now available from the St. John's Order of the Daughters of the King. We have taken a vow to pray for others and we take this vow seriously. In lieu of access to the prayer box, please give prayer requests directly to Sarah Kendall at 537sarah@gmail.com or 702-203-6093.

FAMILY PROMISE: We can always use new volunteers for this important outreach. Please speak to Ben Kendall for details.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Sunday, 9 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Studying the book of Genesis. **Suspended.**

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS: Please bring your donations to the baskets in the rear of the sanctuary, or mark them and leave in the Parish Hall. Thank you for your generous response. During this crisis, please remember that pantries continue to need our support. Drop off your contributions at

the church office during the week. You can leave them outside the office door if no one is available.

ST. JOHN'S MEAL MINISTRY: Parishioner-prepared meals are available for those times you or someone you know is unable to prepare a meal for themselves. Meals are located in the Parish Hall kitchen in the mini-freezer marked "Meal Ministry". The lock combination is 1887. Take what you need, being sure to check the ingredients list provided by the Parishioner/Chef. Please review the FAQs on the mini-freezer. We always need new meals added! We recommend that there be **NO home visitations** at this time.

WE HAVE 2 DAILY BREAD TEAMS! We provide food serving teams for the third Sunday, 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and the fourth Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. The third Sunday team is led by Doug Ludwig (321-243-3686 or ludwig.murray@att.net). The fourth Thursday team is led by Ian Johnson (321-674-0932 or johnsoni051075@gmail.com). The upcoming duty days are Thursday, May 28th, at 10:00 a.m. and Sunday, June 21st, at 10:30 a.m. Your help is greatly appreciated! Daily Bread is now passing out meals to-go. If you are healthy and not in an at-risk group, your help is still needed.

ST. JOHN'S OUTREACH for the month of May has been designated for The Children's Hunger Project. Normally, Children's Hunger Project provides prepackaged, ready to eat food for a weekend each Friday in children's backpacks across Brevard County Schools, at the discretion of the teachers. As schools are not in session now, they have had to find a variety of new and creative ways to get this much needed food assistance out to the children so they are being as creative and flexible as possible. Visit thechildrenshungerproject.org to learn more. Anything clearly marked for outreach in the month of May will go directly to Children's Hunger Project.

The **SUNDAY MINISTRIES SCHEDULE** is not being printed until it is known when these ministries will again be needed.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:25-35, 37; John 20:19-23

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun. (5/24) Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m. Live stream only
Visit stjohnsmlb.org and click on "Live Stream Worship"
Drive-thru Sacrament, 11:00 -11:30 a.m. in front of Sanctuary
Adult Christian Education, 9 a.m., Parish Hall. **Suspended.**
Converge, Mid & High School, **Suspended.**
Drive-in Worship, 5:00 p.m. in the Park, 610 Young Street.

Mon (5/25) Office Closed
Bible Study, 1 p.m., Parish Hall, led by Hope Johnson. **Suspended.**

Tues (5/26) Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., led by Deacon Elizabeth. Online only.
Email yarrumea@gmail.com for details and log in.

Wed (5/27) Choir, 7 p.m., church balcony. **Suspended.**
Bible Study, 7 p.m., led by Father Eric. Online only.
Email office@stjohnsmlb.org for details and log in.

Thurs (5/28) Daily Bread, 10:00 a.m.

Fri (5/29) TGIF, Men's Bible Study, Online only. Email office@stjohnsmlb.org for details and log in.

Sat (5/30) Drive-In Worship, 5 p.m., in the park

Sun (5/31) In-Person Worship is back, 10 a.m.!
Adult Christian Education, 9 a.m., Parish Hall. **Suspended.**
Converge, Mid & High School, **Suspended.**

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*... is a worshiping community, obedient to scripture,
growing as servants of Christ, and sharing His love in word and deed.*

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