

Welcome to **St. John's Cathedral**



August 6, 2017 - 8 a.m.
The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
The Transfiguration

LOVE *at the* CORE.

Welcome to St. John's Cathedral! We are so glad that you are here.

St. John's Cathedral has always stood on this very spot, Billy Goat Hill, the highest geographical point in Jacksonville. When the population began moving out of the downtown area in the 1960's, this congregation felt strongly that God was calling us to stay here in the heart of the city. Since that time, the Cathedral has birthed all kinds of ministries, caring for the homeless, for children and the elderly, and working to promote the arts, education and healthcare. We are now striving to create a vibrant neighborhood around Billy Goat Hill, a place where diverse peoples of many income levels can live and grow together. We believe that by **worshipping and serving God in the urban core, we can catch a glimpse of God's love.**

We welcome all people. Our nursery is open all morning on Sundays. We would love to get to know you better, and you can help us by filling out a visitor card located in your pew and placing it in the offering plate as it comes by, or by handing it to an usher. Please let us know if you need prayers and if you would like us to email you our online newsletter. Listening devices are always available for the hearing impaired and large-print bulletins for those who have trouble with their eyesight. Please ask an usher if you need these items or anything else. We want to help you feel at home here.

We believe that worship should be beautiful and sacred, a moment to hush the hurriedness of our lives and experience the peace of God. I hope that you feel **God's love this morning.**

Faithfully,

The Very Reverend Kate Moorehead,
Dean

RETURN TO SCHOOL WITH A BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

If you were ever a student, a teacher, or both, you must remember the almost indescribable joy you felt the last day of school when you knew that summer vacation was just hours away. Vacation Bible school, Camp Weed, the beach, swimming, family trips and just lazy days to look forward to for the next 3 months! And then, that sinking feeling when you spotted the first dreaded “Back to School” ad reminding you that utopia’s end was just a few weeks away! Sorry kids, this isn’t an ad for backpacks, tablets or lunch boxes, but it is another reminder that the first day of school is almost here.



The first day of school for Duval County is August 14th, Catholic schools in our area begin classes on August 9th, St. John’s County students will return on August 10th, Episcopal schools in Jacksonville start on August 15th and Bolles on the 22nd.

To ensure that all St. John’s Cathedral students and teachers begin the 2017-2018 school year with prayers and blessings, our annual “Blessing of the Backpacks” will be during the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, August 13th. All students and teachers are welcome to bring your notebooks, backpacks or just yourselves to the altar for a blessing from Dean Kate!

NEXT WEEKEND AT THE CATHEDRAL

SATURDAY, AUG. 12

► Leadership Workshop

9 a.m. Taliaferro Hall

This workshop is designed for everyone who leads any kind of ministry at the Cathedral. We will go through the new Vision Statement that the Vestry has written this past spring, the calendar of events at the Cathedral for the next six months, discuss Formation programs, Pledge Drive themes, our special events and services, as well as the good work of our Councils.

SUNDAY, AUG. 13

► Blessing of the backpacks

During the 10:30 a.m. service, all students are invited to come up to the altar during the announcements for a special blessing before going back to school.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

A joyous and warm welcome to our visitors and guests. Please know how happy our Cathedral community is to have you worship with us. We'd love to know our guests, so please fill out a visitor card and drop it in the offering plate as it comes by.

Hymn 7

“Christ, whose glory fills the skies”

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant Blessed be our God.
People Forever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant and People

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.

The Celebrant and the People say together

The Gloria in Excelsis

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.

The Collect of the Day

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

The Celebrant continues

O God, who on the holy mount revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening; Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may by faith behold the King in his beauty; who with you, O Father, and you, O Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The People are seated.

The Lesson

Exodus 34:29-35

Lector A reading from the Book of Exodus.

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but

whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

A period of silence for reflection follows the reading.

The Psalm is read in unison.

Psalm 99:5-9

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.

Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

A period of silence for reflection follows.

The People stand.

The Gospel

Luke 9:28-36

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “**Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah**” —not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud **came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!”** When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The People are seated.

A period of silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The People stand.

The Nicene Creed

The Celebrant and People say

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

All remain standing as able. The Leader and People pray responsively.

We bring to you, God, the people who we have met this week, the people who come into our minds today, the people who are hungry, lonely, suffering, or grieving. We pray for all who remain on our hearts.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We bring to you, O God, our troubled world. Bring peace to those countries who are at war, fearful under the threat of terrorism, or cut down by hunger and poverty. Bring peace to our own nation and to the streets of Jacksonville.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We bring to you, O God, the souls of those who have died. We ask that you would embrace them and give them the gift of eternal life.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We bring to you, O God, this beautiful planet. May we learn to honor and preserve its beauty and to give thanks for its resources.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We bring to you, O God, the many gifts that you have given us. We thank you for the gifts of friendship, family and for this Cathedral, our church home.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant concludes the prayers.

The Confession of Sin

The People kneel. The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People

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 Celebrant continues

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.

The Peace

The People stand.

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

The Clergy and People greet each other in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Representatives of the congregation bring forward the People's offerings of money, and other gifts. The People stand when the offerings are brought forward and placed on the Altar.

Hymn 380, stanza 3 **“Praise God, from whom all blessings flow”** *Old 100th*

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP 361

The People stand.

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

The Celebrant continues

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

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:

The Celebrant and People say

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.

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

The Celebrant and People say

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and people

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

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

The Celebrant continues

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.)

Please join us at God's table.

*All baptized people are welcome to receive communion. Everyone is welcome to come to the altar for a blessing.
If you would like a blessing, please fold your arms across your chest.*

The Postcommunion Prayer

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The Celebrant and People say together

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 Savior 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

The Celebrant blesses the people.

Hymn 366

“Holy God we praise thy Name” (Stanzas 1-4)

Grasser Gott

The Dismissal

People Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

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The flowers in Cummings Chapel and at the High Altar are given to the glory of God.

SERMON NOTES

THIS SUNDAY AT THE CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY, AUG. 6

▶ **Holy Eucharist**

8 a.m. Cathedral

▶ **Summer Breakfast**

9 a.m. Taliaferro Hall

During summer breakfasts, we encourage you to relax and enjoy getting to know one another. A special table in Taliaferro Hall will be designated for those who simply want to talk with others about faith and theology. There will also be a Craft Corner during the breakfast hour in Taliaferro Hall for children of all ages to enjoy.

▶ **Prayers with Brother Albert Luepnitz**

9 a.m. Ingram Lounge and after communion for both services in Cummings Chapel

Brother Albert, is a man who spends his entire life praying for people, and he will be present to pray with you today. He is the author of *Embracing Adventure with Jesus: A Missionary Statesman Who Impacted a Nation*.

▶ **Church on the Mat**

9:15 a.m. Cummings Chapel

Using the principles of yoga, professional teachers will lead a gentle class integrating body, mind and spirit with the reading of Scripture. Bring your yoga mat!

▶ **Holy Eucharist**

10:30 a.m. Cathedral

Children's Chapel will be offered during this service in Cummings Chapel.

▶ **Farewell Celebration for Helen Likins**

11:30 a.m. Taliaferro Hall

Join us for a farewell celebration for our Communications Coordinator, Helen Likins, as she prepares for her move to Massachusetts to begin working with the Episcopal Service Corps. A purse will be collected and given to her at this celebration. Donations can be made directly to her, to the cathedral (put "Helen's Purse" in the memo), or online at jaxcathedral.org.

NEXT SUNDAY AT THE CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY, AUG. 13

▶ **See Sunday service times and Christian Formation offerings above.**

▶ **Blessing of the backpacks**

During the 10:30 a.m. service, all students are invited to come up to the altar during the announcements for a special blessing before going back to school.

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

MONDAY, AUG. 7

► **Feed the Homeless**

2 p.m. Sulzbacher Center

Dinner preparation begins at 2 p.m. and is served at 6 p.m. Please call Don Wucker at 398-4776 for more information.

► **Cathedral District-Jax - Stakeholder Mtg.**

Option 1: Aug. 7 at 4 p.m.;

Option 2: Aug. 9 at 9 a.m.

duPont Center, 40 E. Adams St.

The Cathedral District-Jax, Inc. has commissioned Torti Gallas + Partners, who teamed with Jacksonville's Genesis. These firms will present the draft Master Plan for the Cathedral District that includes an Ecumenical model for neighborhood revitalization, neighborhood concept & identity, master plan diagrams, recommendations for land use, open space, public art, transportation, priorities, phasing and catalytic projects.

► **Friends of Bill W.**

5:30 p.m. Ingram Lounge

► **Men's Grill 'n Chill**

6 p.m. Taliaferro Hall

All men of the cathedral are cordially invited to this fellowship dinner on the first Monday of each month. Bring your own steak (or chicken, or fish or veggie burger) to cook and a drink. A starch, vegetable, salad and bread will be provided. We suggest a donation of \$3. Men, please consider bringing your sons with you, regardless of age. This is a monthly opportunity for all the men of the cathedral to gather, so please join us!

► **Boy Scouts**

6 p.m. Taliaferro Hall

► **Adult Children of Alcoholics**

6 p.m. Room 304

TUESDAY, AUG. 8

► **Holy Eucharist**

12:10 p.m. Cummings Chapel

► **Yoga**

5:45 p.m. Cummings Chapel

► **Girl Scouts**

7 p.m. Basement "Coffee House"

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 9

► **Holy Eucharist**

7 a.m. Holy Communion Chapel

12:10 p.m. Cummings Chapel

► **Art Class**

6 p.m. Painting Place, Basement

THURSDAY, AUG. 10

► **Shakespeare Reading Group**

9:30 a.m. Ingram Lounge

The group is currently reading *Henry IV, Part 2*. For more information about the Shakespeare Reading Group, contact Peter McCranie at petermccranie1@gmail.com.

► **Holy Eucharist**

12:10 p.m. Cummings Chapel

► **Celebration Singers Rehearsal**

5:30 p.m. Choir Room

FRIDAY, AUG. 11

► **Clara's at the Cathedral**

11 a.m. Taliaferro Hall

► **Contemplative Holy Eucharist**

12:10 p.m. Cummings Chapel

► **Youth Welcome Dinner**

6 p.m. Taliaferro Hall

This is a welcome back dinner celebration for the youth in preparation for the fall programs. Please contact Fr. Allen (alamontagne@jaxcathedral.org) or Devanne (djones@jaxcathedral.org) for more information.

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL CONTINUED

SATURDAY, AUG. 12

► **Leadership Workshop**

9 a.m. Taliaferro Hall

This workshop is designed for everyone who leads any kind of ministry at the Cathedral. We will go through the new Vision Statement that the Vestry has written this past spring, the calendar of events at the Cathedral for the next six months, discuss Formation programs, Pledge Drive themes, our special events and services, as well as the good work of our Councils.

► **11th Step Meditation Group**

9:30 a.m. Room 301

► **Birthday Blessings**

Sunday, August 6

Kimberly Hyatt

Monday, August 7

Caro Powell, Heather Courtney

Tuesday, August 8

Wayne Bailey, Kay Scranton, Bridget Booth,
Claire Gardner

Wednesday, August 9

Mary Mullis, JoAnn Carpenter, Nongongoma
Seane, Blair Hakimian, Luke Moorehead, Wesley
Bobo

Thursday, August 10

Heather Lawson, Amanda Sridasome, Elizabeth
Bobo

Friday, August 11

Fred Miller, Corri Connally

Saturday, August 12

Mary Malone, Mike Mullis, Beth Wucker,
Cora Thakkar

ANNOUNCEMENTS

► **Calling all brass players!**

Members of our Cathedral community are interested in starting our own volunteer brass group to play at informal events. If you play a brass instrument, and would like to learn more about joining this group, please contact Tim Tuller at ttuller@jaxcathedral.org or Bill McNeiland at w.mcneiland@comcast.net.

► **Education for Ministry opportunities**

Education for Ministry is the premier adult education for Episcopalians. There are two groups sponsored by St. John's—one is mentored by Laura and Joe O'Shields and meets on Sunday afternoons and the second is mentored by Jay Wright and meets on Tuesday evenings. During the four years of the EFM program, participants read and reflect on the Bible, learn about the history of Christianity and delve into theology, ethics and living in our diverse world, all for the purpose of growing into their existing or new ministries. Both groups begin shortly after Labor Day, and registration is underway now. If you have questions about EFM, please look at EFM's website (<http://efm.sewanee.edu/about-efm/about-efm>) or contact Laura O'Shields at 399-5916 or at joeoshie@comcast.net.

► **Bookstore August Clearance Sale!**

Come check out our book and gift items recently added to our clearance carts. Help us make room for new books and gifts coming this fall!



Also, Dean Kate's new book for Advent, "I Witness," will be in the bookstore soon and we are now taking preorders. This book is great for gift giving this Advent season and is attractively priced at only \$7!

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, AUG. 20

► **Area Ultreya**

4 p.m. Church of Our Saviour

Cursillistas, please bring a covered dish to share

► **Coming soon this fall: Civil Discourse Series at the Cathedral**

Three deliberative forums will be held over the next several months and will take place from 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in Cummings Chapel. The forums invite people to discuss difficult topics of local relevance. Forum outcomes help inform the Cathedral's ministry but also contribute to national conversations by use of post-forum questionnaires.

Health care remains a topic of national significance, and one aspect of this broad issue is caring for people at the end of life. Bonnie Bedenbaugh of Community Hospice and Jody Giles, author of *The Missing Pieces Plan*, will participate in the forum on Monday, August 21, titled *End of Life: What Should We Do for Those Who Are Dying?* On Thursday, September 14, citizens from Jacksonville will join Cathedral members to deliberate on *Safety and Justice: How Should Communities Reduce Violence?* Given the violence in Jacksonville and across the nation, the Cathedral is participating in a national conversation on this issue. The final forum for the year on Monday, November 6, will complement the Cathedral Outreach Council's multi-year emphasis on hunger in Jacksonville. We will use a dialogue resource entitled *Land of Plenty: How Should We Ensure that People Have the Food They Need?*

We want people with a range of perspectives to participate in deliberative forums. Routinely, we share concerns with family and friends about polarization and uncivil behavior reported in the media. Christ's Church can be a place to model respect for differences of opinion and work together for the common good of God's creation. Please plan to participate and indicate your interest in one or more of the forums by contacting Carl Worrell at cworrell@jaxcathedral.org.

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
and Friday 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

You can now watch our 10:30 a.m. service live on our website!
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