

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



February 11, 2018 - 9 a.m.
The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

LOVE *at the* CORE.

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

We worship God in the heart of the city. We are surrounded by the poor in an area of town that is often neglected. In his life, Jesus often ministered to the poor and needy, and we believe that by worshipping **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

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven. Ecclesiastes 3:1

Dear Friends,

In preparation for Easter, the season of Lent calls for closer scrutiny of ourselves and the ways we live. It is a time to enter **more deeply into God's vision for humanity. It is a time to adopt focused *disciplines*** that we may see more clearly the God who creates us and raises us to new life in Christ Jesus.

Traditionally and simply over the course of forty days, Lenten disciplines come in one of two forms: either to give something up—chocolate, wine, etc.—or to take on something—reading scripture daily, attending a mid-week worship service, practicing meditative prayer—or some combination of things that invite spiritual formation to shape us anew.

In those choices, we do well to see the kinship between *discipline* and *disciple*, to learn and to follow. Through improved disciplines, we become healthier disciples—followers of Christ and this leads to better relationships with God and our neighbors. The purpose of disciplined discipleship is not an end unto itself; rather, it is to be more merciful, more grateful, more loving, and more joyful.

Pete Seeger's iconic song, *Turn, Turn, Turn*, based on the Ecclesiastes passage came to prominence during a turbulent season of change in the 1960s. The Civil Rights Movement and the war in Vietnam were motivating factors creating a need for fertile public discourse. But the ground often proved to be more uncommon than common.

In today's world, better ways to see and understand ourselves in relation to others are only more sorely needed. No matter what you give up or take on, spend Lent this year learning to be more fluent in conversation with God, and in turn, with people of every stripe. Language skills develop through careful hearing. Practice *listening in the days to come: to God's word, to others and to yourself.* You may find your Easter celebration sounds and feels more glorious. Better yet, you may find your love of God reflects a deeper sense of God's love in you and around you.

Choose disciplines that make you a better disciple. May God bless you with new life in the holy season of Lent.

Faithfully yours,
Allen+



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. Thank you for silencing your cell phone.

Music Before the Service

“This Is My Son, My Beloved”
St. John’s Celebration Singers

Kathy Powell

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.

Children age four through fifth grade follow the Cross in procession to Children’s Chapel in Cummings Chapel. The children rejoin their families at the Peace.

In Procession, Celebration Hymnal 508 “Love Lifted Me”

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 before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; 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.

The Lesson

2 Kings 2:1-12

Lector A Reading from the Second Book of Kings.

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.” Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.” Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his

mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

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

A period of silence for reflection follows the reading.

The People stand.

The Gospel

Mark 9:2-9

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The People are seated.

The Sermon

The Very Reverend Kate Moorehead

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.*

Lector Almighty God, we gather in this house of prayer to give you thanks, to pray for the sick and suffering, and to ask for your light to enter the world. Let us pray together with all our hearts saying, Christ, be our light.

Lector For the world, that all the nations of the earth may come to honor and respect one another. We pray especially for the people of the Middle East. May we all come to know the peace of God. Let us pray together saying:

People *Christ, be our light.*

Lector For the suffering: the hungry and the sick, the refugee and the prisoner, those who grieve **and those who are alone. I invite you to speak aloud the names of those in need.... Let us** pray together saying:

People *Christ, be our light.*

Lector For our families, friends, and all those we love, for all those we encounter in our daily life and work, for those estranged from us, for those who hate us, and for those who feel unloved. Let us pray together saying:

People *Christ, be our light.*

Lector For the earth, that we may use its resources wisely, and be thankful for the gift of all creation. Let us pray together saying:

People *Christ, be our light.*

Lector For those who have died, both known and unknown to us. May they receive the joys of **heaven. I invite you to speak aloud the names of those who have died.... Let us pray** together saying:

People *Christ, be our light.*

Silence

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.

Silence

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 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.
Amen.

The Peace

The People stand.

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

The Clergy and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

“Christ Be Our Light”
St. John’s Celebration Choristers

Bernadette Farrell

As the Altar is prepared for Communion, representatives of the congregation collect the offerings of the People. The people stand when the offerings are brought forward and placed on the Altar. You may also text the dollar amount of your gift to 904-584-3116.

Celebration Hymnal 424

“The Servant Song”
St. 1-3

The Great Thanksgiving
Eucharistic Prayer III

Book of Common Prayer of the Church of Ireland

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 our thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

Father, Lord of all creation, we praise you for your goodness and your love. When we turned away you did not reject us. You came to meet us in your Son, welcomed us as your children and prepared a table where we might feast with you.

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

He opened wide his arms upon the cross and, with love stronger than death, he made the perfect sacrifice for sin.

Lord Jesus Christ, our redeemer, on the night before you died you came to table with your friends. Taking bread, you gave thanks, broke it and gave it to them saying, Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

Lord Jesus, we bless you: you are the bread of life.

At the end of supper you took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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; do this in remembrance of me.
Lord Jesus, we bless you: you are the true vine.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ:
Dying, you destroyed our death, rising, you restored our life; Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Holy Spirit, giver of life, come upon us now; may this bread and wine be to us the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.
As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us, who know our need of grace, one in Christ, our risen Lord.

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Blessed Trinity: with your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of thanks and praise and lift our voice to join the song of heaven, for ever praising you and singing:

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Hosanna in the Highest". It consists of seven staves of music in G major (one flat) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, — God of pow - er and might, — heaven and earth — are full of your glor - ry. Ho - san - na in — the high - est. Bless - ed — is he who comes — in the name of the Lord. — Ho - san - na in — the high - est. — Ho - san - na in — the high - est." The score ends with a double bar line.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, — God of
6 pow - er and might, — heaven and earth — are
11 full of your glor - ry. Ho - san - na in — the high - est.
17 Bless - ed — is he who comes — in the
22 name of the Lord. — Ho - san - na
26 in — the high - est. — Ho - san - na
30 in — the high - est.

Thanks be to you, our God, for your gift beyond words.
Amen. Amen. 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 The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

People *We being many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.*

The Celebrant continues

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Remember that he 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. You are also invited to receive prayers and anointing with holy oil in one of our transept chapels (Ascension to the south, and Holy Communion to the north) where anointers wait to pray with you.

Music at Communion

Celebration Hymnal 219

“Surely the Presence”

Celebration Hymnal 488

“Just As I Am”

The Postcommunion Prayer

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The Celebrant and People say together

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 Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the people.

In Procession, Celebration Hymnal 359 “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

The Dismissal

Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

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The flowers at the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the marriage of Camille Elizabeth Sheppard and Freeman Glynn Bass on Saturday, February 10, 2018.

LENTEN OFFERINGS

Weekly

Sundays

Dean's Forum for Lent: Stories Left Untold
Mary Magdalene and Mental Health
10 a.m. Taliaferro Hall

Tuesdays

Daily Office of Morning Prayer
8 a.m.
Cummings Chapel
Offered by the Center for
Prayer & Spirituality

Wednesdays

Lenten Study of *Healed: How Mary Magdalene Was
Made Well*
Led by Dean Moorehead and Owene Courtney
6 p.m.
Ingram Lounge

Thursdays

A Guided Spiritual Life-Story Writing Class
2:30 - 4 p.m.
Room 305
Offered by the Center for
Prayer and Spirituality
If interested contact Owene Courtney
owene_courtney@yahoo.com to reserve a spot.
Class is \$75 and a minimum number of students
is required. See the full description in Upcoming
Events (p. 14).

Fridays

Stations of the Cross
5 p.m.
Cathedral

Workshops

February 15 and 16

Discover the Joy of Writing Icons
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Led by Sharon Millan
\$75 Please call to reserve a spot.
(904) 716-2300

Saturday, March 3

Quiet Garden Morning
9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Cummings Chapel
Via Dolorosa
Led by David Slaght
Offered by the Center for
Prayer & Spirituality

Music

Sunday, February 18

Lenten Choral Evensong
5 p.m.
Cathedral

THIS SUNDAY AT THE CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY, FEB. 11

▶ **Holy Eucharist**

8 a.m. Cummings Chapel

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9 a.m. Cathedral

▶ **Contemplative Yoga**

10 a.m. Cummings Chapel

▶ **Newcomers Brunch**

10 a.m. Ingram Lounge

▶ Christian Formation for all ages

All Christian Formation classes meet at 10 a.m.

Adult Formation

Discipleship Group - Room 301, The Dooly Library

The Cathedral 101 class now meets as a discipleship group. Come take the journey with us.

Dean's Forum - Taliaferro Hall

Conclusion of the Epiphany Series - *God and the Commons: Does Religion Matter?*

Rev. Gregg Kaufman and Dean Moorehead explore the public role of the Cathedral. Jesus spoke God's truth to the political powers of his day. How do we follow his example today?

Parents' Group - Painting Room

Parents offer each other prayer and support. We are discussing the book *The Love Dare for Parents*, by Stephen and Alex Kendrick.

Coffee & Conversation (ESL) - Room 305

Informal class to learn the English language.

Youth Formation

6th - 8th grades - Undercroft

9th - 12th grades - Room 304

Children's Formation

Godly Play - Cathedral House

Children ages 3 through 3rd grade are invited to learn about Jesus in an interactive Montessori-based curriculum.

3 and 4 year olds - Room 103

Kindergarten and 1st Grade - Room 104

Second and Third Grade - Room 204

Tweens (Grades 4 and 5) - Room 302

▶ **Holy Eucharist**

11 a.m. Cathedral

▶ **What is Lent? Dean Moorehead will host a brief liturgical workshop on Lent.**

Immediately following the 11 a.m. service in the Sanctuary.

▶ **Parent Meeting for the Youth D.C. Pilgrimage**

12:15 p.m. Cummings Chapel

NEXT SUNDAY AT THE CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY, FEB. 18

► **Sunday service times and Christian**

Formation offerings remain the same.

► **Lenten Evensong**

5 p.m. Cathedral

Sung evening prayer with inspirational music intended to prepare one for the sacred time of reflection before Easter. A collection will be taken to support the choir's pilgrimage to Washington D.C. to serve as choir in residence at the Washington National Cathedral.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

► **Pianist needed for worship services at the Gerontology Center**

Services are held at 10 a.m. every Sunday. If you are willing to give of your talent, please contact Donna: dmeyers-perry@jaxcathedral.org.

► **Godly Play is looking for a new teacher,** contact Terry Hunt thunt@jaxcathedral.org for more information.

► **Shop with a purpose at The Cathedral Bookstore**

During 2018, the Bookstore, in conjunction with the Outreach Council, will grant funds to Family Promise.

► **Stay informed. Sign up for the Eagle.** If you are not already receiving our digital newsletter, the Eagle, please go to the website (jaxcathedral.org) and sign up! Look for the slide at the top of the page that says "Newsletter Sign Up," click Learn more, and the sign up page will open.

► **Looking for a devotional?**

Forward Day by Day devotionals for February, March and April are located at the back of the church and in the church office. Pick one up and make it part of your daily spiritual practice.

► **February Bag-a-Month** in support of St. Mary's

Take a bag home with you today and bring it back on or before Sunday, February 25. This month St. Mary's requests personal care items: soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, lotions, powders, combs and brushes. Full-sized rather than travel-sized products are appreciated!

► **Birthday Blessings**

Sunday, February 11

Marianne Murray, Susanne Swann,
John Rood, Cornelius Hall, Daniel Uitti

Monday, February 12

Rebecca Black, Rose Lego, Bruce Carpenter,
Dianne Larson, Lewis Hunt,
Heather Knechtle, Matthew Chapman,
Benjamin Chapman

Tuesday, February 13

Boogie Rady, Jennifer Meide, Marcia Gardini,
Andrew Higbe, CateBryce Anderson,
Lyla Poole

Wednesday, February 14

Sharon Olson, Lucy Roache

Thursday, February 15

Alice Hadwin, Jane Donahoo, Blake Knechtle,
Juliet Valery

Friday, February 16

Bill Chatfield, John Flynn, Lindsay Coughlin,
Mike McVay, Molly Lester, David Burns

Saturday, February 17

Kimberly Maynor, Jeff Norton,
Karim Zabaneh

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

MONDAY, FEB. 12

▶ **Friends of Bill W.**

5:30 p.m. Ingram Lounge

▶ **Boy Scouts**

6 p.m. Taliaferro Hall

TUESDAY, FEB. 13

▶ **Holy Eucharist**

12:10 p.m. Cummings Chapel

▶ **Yoga**

5:45 p.m. Cummings Chapel

▶ **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**

6 p.m. Taliaferro Hall

Eat delicious pancakes and help support our Youth Pilgrimage to D.C., July 20-27th. Your generosity will go toward Youth Scholarships. Tickets are \$5, available today in the breezeway or at the door.

▶ **EFM (Education for Ministry)**

7 p.m. Ingram Lounge

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 14—ASH

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▶ **Imposition of Ashes**

7 a.m., noon, 7 p.m. Cathedral

▶ **Wonderful Wednesday Dinner**

5 p.m. Taliaferro Hall

Suggested donation for dinner: \$5 per adult,

\$3 per child under 12

Nursery available 5:30- 8 p.m. Basement

▶ **Junior Chorister Rehearsal (Pre-K and Elementary School Ages)**

5:30 p.m. Room 201

▶ **Choir Rehearsal**

7 p.m. Choir Room

THURSDAY, FEB. 15

▶ **Shakespeare Reading Group**

9:30 a.m. Ingram Lounge

▶ **Holy Eucharist**

12:10 p.m. Cummings Chapel

▶ **The Joy of Writing Icons**

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Painting Room

Cost \$75 Contact: Sharon Millan 716-2300

▶ **Celebration Singers Rehearsal**

5:30 p.m. Choir Room

FRIDAY, FEB. 16

▶ **Lectionary Bible Study**

10 a.m. Ingram Lounge

▶ **Clara's at the Cathedral**

11 a.m. Taliaferro Hall

▶ **Contemplative Holy Eucharist**

12:10 p.m. Cummings Chapel

▶ **Discover the Joy of Writing Icons**

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Painting Room

▶ **Stations of the Cross**

5 p.m. Cathedral

SATURDAY, FEB. 17

▶ **Daughters of the King**

9 a.m. Ingram Lounge

UPCOMING EVENTS

THURSDAY, FEB 15

► **Guided Spiritual Life**-Story Writing Class

2:30 - 4 p.m. Room 305

Feb. 15 through March 15

Your spiritual autobiography is the story of significant events, people, and places that have influenced you. What distinguishes a spiritual autobiography from an ordinary autobiography is the lens through which we look at our lives. Guided spiritual autobiography provides structure, stimulation, and a compassionate audience to help you uncover the hidden and forgotten spiritual awakenings and turning points in your life story. Our goal is to go beyond a linear chronology of life events through writing prompts, developing timelines, reading autobiographies, listening to one **another's stories**. The fee is \$75. Please respond as soon as possible if you would like to enroll in the class. We must have a minimum of 6 students for the class to take place. Email or call Owene Courtney at owene_courtney@yahoo.com or 904.553.7338.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 21

► **Youth Confirmation Class**

5:30 p.m.

Youth ages 14-16 who are interested in being confirmed are invited to attend confirmation classes. Meeting on six consecutive Wednesdays, starting February 21, classes will be taught by Susan Corey with support from congregation members and the clergy.

► **New Lenten Study Begins: Healed**

Dean Kate and Owene Courtney will lead a guided reading of the book *Healed: How Mary Magdalene Was Made Well*. Topics for discussion include Mary Magdalene and her demons, as well as a look at modern day demons, and an exploration of the many myths about Mary Magdalene.

SUNDAY, FEB. 25

► **Family Promise Training and Thank You Luncheon**

12:15 p.m. Ingram Lounge

Mark Landschoot, executive director for Family Promise of Jacksonville, will share about the significant impact on homeless families that Family Promise is making as well as provide everything **you need to know to volunteer during the Cathedral's next Family Promise week (March 18 – 25)**. For our many wonderful volunteers, this will be a refresher but if you are interested in becoming a volunteer or perhaps just learning more, this is the perfect opportunity! A light lunch will be served. **Let us know if you'll be joining us by RSVP to Gloria Miller at gmiller@jaxcathedral.org.**

► **Blessings in a Backpack Q&A**

After the 9 and 11 a.m. services in the Mackoul-Klein Library

Join us for a brief Q&A on the latest outreach project taking aim at hunger in Jacksonville— Blessings in a Backpack. Did you know that 29% of school children (51,000) in Duval County go

without 3 meals a day. During the school week, most of these children depend on the federal free and reduced meal program their school offers. Sometimes, the meals at school are the only ones they get. When the school closes its doors on Friday afternoon, many of these children go home to empty cupboards and empty bellies—some for the entire 65 hours. Blessings in a Backpack aims to fill that gap by packing nutritional food in their backpacks. St. John's has adopted 70 students at Hendrick Avenue Elementary School and needs volunteers to devote 1 1/2 hours once a month to pack the backpacks at the school. Come to the meeting to find out more. It's a little time and a little effort for a massive attack on hunger in our neighborhood.

► **Blood Drive Returns to St. John's**

8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

A van from One Blood, the community blood bank for the city core since 1942, will be parked onsite all morning. Consider giving and helping our community.

SATURDAY, MARCH 17 AND SUNDAY, MARCH 18

► Preserve and Proclaim Honoring The Right Reverend Frank Cervený Speaker Series is bringing Jan Karon, the New York Times bestselling author of the Mitford novels, to St. John's Cathedral! Saturday afternoon, starting at 3 p.m., Dean Kate will lead a conversation with Jan followed by a meet & greet in the Sanctuary. Sunday morning, Jan will share her personal story of faith at the 9 and 11 a.m. services.

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

► **Civil Discourse Forum**

Coming to America: Who Should we Welcome? What Should We Do?

St. John's Cathedral is participating in the 2018 National Issues Forums Institute American immigration policy civil discourse project. The Cathedral's active immigrant ministry leaders are bringing together people with an interest in the immigration issue. The three dialogue options include 1) Welcome Immigrants, Be A Beacon of Freedom, 2) Enforce the Law, Be Fair to Those Who Follow the Rules, and 3) Slow Down and Rebuild Our Common Bonds. Please indicate your interest by calling the Cathedral office or sending an email to Donna Meyers-Perry at DMeyers-Perry@jaxcathedral.org. It is imperative that the forum planners know how many people will participate so that materials and moderators can be secured. For more information and a digital copy of the issue book, contact Rev. Gregg Kaufman at gkaufman8@mac.com.

SERMON NOTES

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

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