



8 AM & 10:30 AM

May 17, 2026

Ascension Sunday



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Thank you for continually and faithfully bringing bags of groceries for St. Mary's Food Pantry. You can find their list of their most-needed items at stmarysjax.org/outreach.

TODAY

Seventh Sunday of Easter

7am-1pm: LifeSouth Blood Drive Fundraiser,
Market Street

Join us for this very special blood drive with LifeSouth! In addition to the service of giving blood, this drive is also a fundraiser for Creation Keepers Camp this summer. With just 15 donors, we will unlock \$300 to support the formation of our youngest members. Each additional donation adds \$10 to the total. It's a simple, life-giving way to care for our community while supporting Children's Ministries at St. John's Cathedral. Appointments are offered in 15-minute time slots, and there are still several slots available! We invite you to use the QR code here to sign up and be part of the fifteen (and beyond!).



11:45am: Art Walk & Talk with Larry Wilson and Linda Privitera, *Taliaferro Hall*

Take a closer look at the sculptures featured in *Encounters* as Wilson shares insights into his process, materials, and the inspiration behind his three series. This is a unique opportunity to engage more deeply with the work and hear directly from the artist.

This Is Us: LGBTQ+ Stories
Open Hearts. Our Stories. Our Pride.
Wednesdays

June 3, 10, 17, 24 | 6 p.m.

Presented by The Fellowship at St. John's Cathedral

Join us for a Pride Month storytelling series featuring voices from our LGBTQ+ community. We welcome all—friends, family, and allies—to come hear stories of identity, relationship, and faith. Each week includes two personal stories, followed by time for fellowship and refreshments.



Upcoming Dean's Forums

June Dean's Forum: "Breakfast with Friends"

Every Sunday in June, 9-10am, Taliaferro Hall

This is all about Christian community and fellowship. Enjoy a cup of coffee and a wonderful breakfast. Catch up on the latest "News at St. John's!" Delivered right to your tables, you will find: the "Good News" of the week, the "Social Page," and a weekly "Op-Ed!" And maybe a "Comic of the week." This newspaper will provide plenty of topics to talk about at the tables. Make a date with a friend or just join others there!

July Dean's Forum: "Great Summer Reads!"

- **July 5:** "Project Hail Mary" presented by Mark Anderson
- **July 12:** "A Prayer for Owen Meany" presented by Linda & Tom O'Dell
- **July 19:** "Orbital" presented by Ash Faulkner, Ph.D. English Literature
- **July 26:** "Theo of Golden" presented by Dean Kate Moorehead Carroll

Fun presentations!

Summaries on the tables.

Table discussion on fascinating themes running through these books.

Teens very welcome!

Books available at St. John's Cathedral Bookstore.

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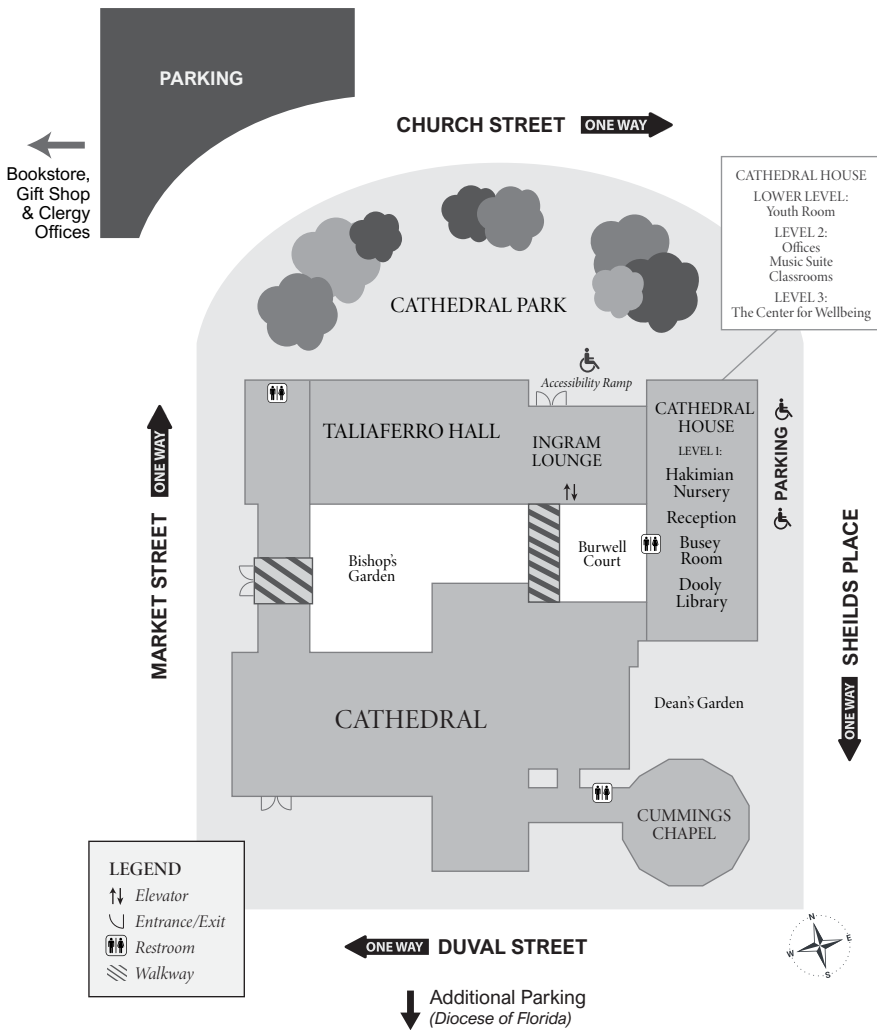
WELCOME

Whether you're visiting for the first time or you've been worshipping here for years, our welcome ministry, **Engage@JaxCathedral**, is here to help you make a home for your faith at St. John's Cathedral.

Fill out the Welcome card in the pew back and place it in the offering plate, or complete the form online at jaxcathedral.org/welcome (or scan the QR code) so we can get to know you.



MAP



HOURS & INFORMATION

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

9am Breakfast
Adult Formation: Dean's Forum, *Taliaferro Hall*

For Children & Families: Family Eucharist (First Sundays), *Cummings Chapel*, Family Flex Cafe (activities for children ages 4 - 10), *Ingram Lounge*

10:30am Holy Eucharist, Rite II with organ and choir

Children gather in the Taliaferro Hall foyer before the 10:30 a.m. service, and return to their families at the Peace. Blessing Bags with quiet activities are available for children. Please ask an Usher or Greeter for assistance.

11:45am Lunch and Fellowship, *Taliaferro Hall*

Hakimian Family Nursery Hours
10am to Noon

St. John's Cathedral Bookstore & Gift Shop Hours
Sun: 9am to 12:30pm
M-Th: 10am to 4pm
F: 10am to 3pm

Vestry

John Sefton, *Chancellor*; Martha Cox, *Sr. Warden*; Patrick Kimball, *Jr. Warden*; Paul Arrington, *Treasurer*; John Bass, Rebecca Black, John Erstling, Glenn Guiler, T. R. Hainline, Paige Hakimian, JJ Howell, Laura Jane Pittman, Louis Russo, Adam Smith, Shane Williams

Clergy

The Very Rev. Kate Moorehead Carroll, *Dean*; The Rev. Canon Mark S. Anderson, *Vicar*; The Rev. Dr. Linda Privitera, *Associate Priest of Theology and the Arts*; The Rev. Thomas O'Dell, *Associate Priest for Welcome and Engagement*; The Rev. Saundra Kidd, *Deacon for Pastoral Care and Outreach*

Music

Timothy Tuller, *Canon for Music*

*Throughout this service, items in **bold** are spoken by the congregation in unison.*

At the sound of the bell, all stand. The bell tolls nine times, three times three is a symbol of the Trinity.

1982 Hymnal

We follow a cross to worship as Jesus said, "Take up your cross and follow me."

This acclamation weaves together "Alleluia" (ancient Hebrew praise) with the resurrection proclamation of Luke 24, so that the congregation's first words are a communal act of witness.

This prayer changes each Sunday and summarizes a theme from today's Scripture readings.

All sit.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Opening Voluntary

L'Ascension, Olivier Messiaen
IV. Prayer from Christ ascending towards His Father

Introit (10:30 a.m.)

God is gone up, Arthur Hutchings

God is gone up with a merry noise, and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet. Thou art gone up on high, Thou hast led captivity captive and received gifts for men. O sing praises unto our God. O sing praises unto our King. He hath led captivity captive and received gifts for men. God is gone up on high.

In Procession, Hymn #214

"Hail the day that sees him rise" *Llanfair*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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 Collect of the Day

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The Lesson: Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy

Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

The Words of Holy Scripture.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 47

**Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with a cry of joy.
For the Lord Most High is to be feared; he is the great King over all the earth.
He subdues the peoples under us, and the nations under our feet.
He chooses our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.
God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of the ram’s-horn.
Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.
For God is King of all the earth; sing praises with all your skill.
God reigns over the nations; God sits upon his holy throne.
The nobles of the peoples have gathered together with the people of the God of Abraham.
The rulers of the earth belong to God, and he is highly exalted.**

A Repeating Alleluia

Calvin Hampton

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
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The Holy Gospel: Luke 24:44-53

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

The Psalms are the Church’s oldest hymnal and prayer book. Even before the Church existed, Jesus himself prayed these words. In worship, the psalm is often spoken together as a way of shaping our community’s hearts.

All stand. The chant is sung 5 times.

We sing, offering ourselves to God to prepare for the Gospel.

The clergy read the Gospel in the midst of the congregation because in Jesus the Word of God was carried to the people.

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The good news of our Savior.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Repeat chant 3 times.

*All sit.
A period of silence is kept
following the sermon.*

All stand.

*The Nicene Creed is a
statement of trust, and not of
certainty. We are saying “We
believe in you, God.”*

*The Prayers of the People are
written by our clergy at the
start of each season.*

A Repeating Alleluia

Calvin Hampton

The Sermon

The Rev. Canon Mark S. Anderson

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

Risen Christ, open our eyes to your presence in the ordinary moments of our days: in the beauty of the created world, in the faces of those we love, and in the breaking of bread. May we never be so hurried or so blind that we miss you. Risen Christ,
Bring us to the fullness of your grace.

We pray for all who are heavy-laden: for the sick in body, mind, or spirit; for those crushed by poverty or displaced by war; for immigrants far from home, and all who sleep without shelter tonight. May they be held in your all-embracing love. Risen Christ,
Bring us to the fullness of your grace.

We pray for peace throughout the world: not merely for the end of violence, but for justice and mercy that lead to true peace. Where there is conflict and hatred, pour out your reconciling Spirit. Risen Christ,
Bring us to the fullness of your grace.

Teach us to see your image in one another: across difference and division, in moments of frustration and misunderstanding. Give us the grace to listen before we speak, to forgive as we have been forgiven, and to hold fast to hope when discord threatens to overwhelm.

Risen Christ,

Bring us to the fullness of your grace.

Stir in us a reverent love for this good earth you have entrusted to our care. Grant us wisdom and commitment to protect the waters, the land, and the creatures with whom we share this world. Risen Christ,

Bring us to the fullness of your grace.

We commend to your loving mercy all who have died. Receive them into the light of your glory, and sustain us until we are united with them in the life that knows no end.

Risen Christ,

Bring us to the fullness of your grace.

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

Children's Sermon

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory Anthem (10:30 a.m.)

Crown him with many crowns, John Abdenour

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

Crown him the Son of God before the worlds began,
And ye, who tread where He hath trod, crown him the Son of Man;
Who every grief hath known that wrings the human breast,
And takes and bears it for His own, that all in him may rest.

Crown him the Lord of love! Behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright!

Crown him the Lord of life who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;
All hail! Redeemer, Hail! For Thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity! Amen.

The celebrant adds a concluding prayer.

The Resurrected Christ, when he appeared to the disciples, said these words.

All children are invited to come and sit at the altar for a brief sermon.

As the altar is prepared for Holy Communion, please place your offering in the collection plate as it is passed. You may also give by texting "jaxcathedral \$(amount)" to 73256, or use the QR code to give online. Thank you for your generosity.



Harmony

Fine

The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching Our Worship I

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy; but chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

This ancient song, called the Sanctus, is sung by the angels in the book of Revelation.

The Sanctus is sung 3 times.

All kneel or stand as able.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your

goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

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

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

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

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

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Fraction Anthem, Hymn #S-152 (spoken at 8 a.m., sung at 10:30 a.m.)

At 10:30 a.m., a socially-distant communion table is set in the chapel to the left of the altar (the North Transcept).

We thank God for the gift of Christ's body and blood.

All stand. 1982 Hymnal.

We follow the cross into the world to be the hands and feet of Christ.

Music at Communion (10:30 a.m.)

Gospel Offering

“Holy Forever,” Chris Tomlin
John White, soloist; Cyrus Quaranta, accompanist

Hymn #603

“When Christ was lifted from the earth” *St. Botolph*

Motet

Sing ye to the Lord, Everett Titcomb

Sing ye to the Lord who ascended to the heav'n of heav'n to the sun rising. Alleluia.

Prayer of Sending and Service

Let us pray.

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 God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the Blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you now and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

In Recession, Hymn #544 (8 a.m. St. 1-3) “Jesus shall reign where e'er the sun” *Duke Street*

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Closing Voluntary

L'Ascension, Olivier Messiaen
III. Outbursts of joy



The flowers at the altar today are given to the Glory of God.

Calendar

MON. 5/18

Please note that, with the exception of the events below and regular Discipleship Groups, St. John's Cathedral offices, Bookstore, and Center for Wellbeing will be closed this day for routine maintenance.

8am - Centering Prayer, Zoom

Start your week off with guided centering prayer. Contact Owene at owene_courtney@yahoo.com.

6-7:15pm - Yoga, Cummings Chapel

Free, gentle yoga practice, led by Megan Cochran.

TUES. 5/19

10am - Art Group, The Painting Place (under Taliaferro Hall)

Come paint with us. Contact Kathie at meuselbachkl@yahoo.com.

4pm - Cancer Support Group, Room 303 (Center for Wellbeing)

All are welcome, regardless of faith tradition or stage in the journey. Contact Lisa at lisamck@bellsouth.net.

WED. 5/20

12:10pm - Healing Service, Cummings Chapel

A weekly gathering of prayer and the Holy Eucharist.

6pm - Art Group, The Painting Place (under Taliaferro Hall)

Gather with fellow artists and paint to your heart's content. Contact Heather at chihuahua7044@att.net.

THURS. 5/21

8:15am - Divorce Support Group, Room 304

Contact Doug Meyers at accts.myers@gmail.com for more information.

9:30am - Centering Prayer, Dooly Library

Let go of distractions; open your heart to the divine within.

FRI. 5/22

9am - Reading Between the Lines, Zoom

An online Scripture study supplemented by art, literature, poetry. Contact Owene at ocourtney@jaxcathedral.org.

SAT. 5/23

No Cathedral Events

SUN. 5/24

Pentecost Sunday

Baptisms, Confirmations, Receptions, and Reaffirmations. Congregants are invited to wear red to represent joy, the fire of the Holy Spirit, and the unity of believers.

MON. 5/25

In observance of Memorial Day, St. John's Cathedral offices, Bookstore, and Center for Wellbeing will be closed.

TUES. 5/26

10am - Art Group, The Painting Place (under Taliaferro Hall)

Come paint with us. Contact Kathie at meuselbachkl@yahoo.com.

4pm - Cancer Support Group, Room 303 (Center for Wellbeing)

All are welcome, regardless of faith tradition or stage in the journey. Contact Lisa at lisamck@bellsouth.net.

6:30pm - Green Spirits Movie Screening: Coal Ash Stories, Taliaferro Hall

Coal Ash Stories is a compilation of four short films that illustrate the public health concerns, policy issues, and ways communities are responding to this toxic waste. The series informs residents and draws attention to the toxic impact of coal ash on communities. Join us to learn more about the demand for stricter regulation of storage facilities and cleanup of past spills.

WED. 5/27

12:10pm - Healing Service, Cummings Chapel

A weekly gathering of prayer and the Holy Eucharist.

6pm - Art Group, The Painting Place (under Taliaferro Hall)

Gather with fellow artists and paint to your heart's content. Contact Heather at chihuahua7044@att.net.

THURS. 5/28

8:15am - Divorce Support Group, Room 304

Contact Doug Meyers at accts.myers@gmail.com for more information.

9:30am - Centering Prayer, Dooly Library

Let go of distractions; open your heart to the divine within.

6pm - The Fellowship: Book Study, *Queering Contemplation*, Ingram Lounge

Join The Fellowship for the second part of a two-part discussion of *Queering Contemplation* by Cassidy Hall. Together, we'll explore how contemplative spirituality can be reimagined through openness, curiosity, and the voices of those often overlooked or marginalized. All are welcome—whether you identify as LGBTQ or are interested in expanding your spiritual perspective.

FRI. 5/29

9am - Reading Between the Lines, Zoom

An online Scripture study supplemented by art, literature, poetry. Contact Owene at ocourtney@jaxcathedral.org.

SAT. 5/30

No Cathedral Events

SUN. 5/31

Regular Sunday Schedule

Join us for Breakfast in Taliaferro Hall or Family Flex Cafe in Ingram Lounge!

Save the Date!

Two Become One?: A Couples Retreat at Camp Weed, led by Dean Kate & Chris Carroll

**Fri., Nov. 6 at 4pm - Sat., Nov. 7 at 4pm
Registration will begin this Summer.**

Join us for spiritual renewal, quality time with other members of the Cathedral, and most importantly, quality time with each other!

Questions: Linda O'Dell lodell@jaxcathedral.org

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