

# The Joy Journal

The Caring Church — We Care About Your Faith,

Your Family, Your Future, and Your Friends

## Advent 2017

*"God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son that whosoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)*

"God is love" is the way the Apostle John describes God in 1 John 4:16. In the five chapters of his first letter St. John, by inspiration of the Holy Spirit, wrote eloquently about our God of love. And how does God show his love? He shows his love by giving! "God so loved the world that he gave..." is the Biblical expression of how God really shows his love. The good news is that God loves the unlovable! He loves us so much that he made that first Christmas so special-he sent his only-begotten Son into our world to be our Savior.

Christmas had its beginning with the love of God. And that love was shown in "giving." Christmas is a celebration of God's great gift of a Savior. Perhaps that is why we also celebrate Christmas by giving. After all, because of Christ Jesus, we are the children of God. St. John said that so well in the opening words of his third chapter: "How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!" Children bear the resemblance of their parents in looks and actions. In the same way we as God's children are also to bear the family resemblance.



We love because God first loved us! We give because God has first given to us! So this Christmas as we give and receive gifts may we be reminded of the great love and gift of God in a Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord. We can also give ourselves another gift by reading and reflecting on the five chapters of St. John's first letter.

Merry Christmas! May the love of God shine upon us and may we reflect that love back to him and to one another as we freely and generously give to support the work of his kingdom and bring joy to others. In that way we demonstrate that we really are the children of God.

*Fr. Cecil Radcliff +*

Our Mission at St John's is to lead all people to become mature, fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. We have an evangelistic and teaching mission. We study and learn so we may teach others.

**Ministry is not something we do. It is something we are.**

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## Christmas Services

Christmas Eve—Sunday, December 24th

10am—Service in the Sanctuary  
 5pm—Festival of Corals with Holy Communion in the Sanctuary

Christmas Day—Monday, December 25th

12pm—Santa Misa en la Capilla.



*from heaven above  
 to earth I come*



## Christmas Poinsettias

If you wish to help decorate the church for Christmas, you can contribute to the purchasing of poinsettias for the Chapel and the Sanctuary.

Please use the special offering envelopes in the pews or narthex to make your contribution by **Sunday, December 17th.**



## January 7, 2018

### Please mark the date!

The Reverend Canon Timothy C. Nunez will be at St. John's on Sunday, January 7, 2018. He will preach the 8:00am and 10:30am services, and briefly attend the 12:30pm Hispanic service.

Canon Nunez will present the Calling Committee Members for installation at all three worship services. Please continue to prayer for God's guidance as we begin our search for a new Rector.

## Prayer For St. John's Rector Search Process

Please pray daily

**What we prayerfully seek now** is a rector who's able to lead with warmth and humor an active parish with strong lay leadership and can inspire and equip us, by word and example, to address our challenges which include operating more outside our doors, attracting and better welcoming newcomers, and learning how to incorporate children and teens in our worship and parish life. Amen.

## Calling All Cusillistas

Please send your email address to Veronica Murrell. Father Cecil has appointed her in charge of all things Cursillo.



# From Your Vestry

Thank you to all who have given or plan to give to our Float Our Boat campaign. We will keep you updated. Also, thank you to everyone who answered the questionnaire. If you didn't, it is at the back of the church. Please fill it out, don't sign and drop it in the white box. Again, THANK YOU from your vestry.



## Prayer Ministry



Our prayer team meets each Sunday in the Chapel at 9:30am between services. Our Mission is to pray for our Church and our Community. We are praying for the future of St. John's and *What* and *Where* God is leading us to go and to be.

Some of the questions we are dealing with and Praying about are: What are we called to do? What is our next Step? Being open to letting God use us, and work through us.

Contact Person Joanne Sinanan. **If you would like any special prayers, come and join us!**

## Thank You

Fr. Cecil wishes to extend special thanks to the Hispanic Ministry for the beautiful floral arrangement he received at home. He also thanks everyone for their prayers and visits during his hospital stay.



## Prayers Answered — Jack & Anna Miller

### Remember Those Who Need God's Healing Touch

#### Sick:

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|-------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Mark Miller | Ron & Jan Anderson | Dee Baus & Family | Jennifer & Dalton Barnes | Herman Adams    |
| Joan Temple | Becky Wareing      | Larry Lock        | Jacinda & Jose Ortiz     | James Porte     |
| Bruce Weir  | Vicki Eby          | Asley McGregor    | Audrey Porte             | Michael Vincent |
| Judi Hart   | Bonnie Wilkinson   |                   |                          |                 |

#### Shut-in:

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|-----------------|------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Beulah Miller   | Bob Allen  | Lily Pope     | Dot Wieder    | Mary Larson   |
| Wally Spitzform | Ivy Wilson | Ruth Kimberly | Oscar Cameron | Arlyne O'Gara |
| Dwight Cadogan  |            |               |               |               |

*(Don't forget to keep us updated on those you've asked to be on this list)*

**Please Remember** our fallen KPD officers, (Officer Matthew Baxter and Sergeant Sam Howard) and their families in prayer.



## PROPERS FOR THE SUNDAYS OF NOVEMBER

<b>1st Sunday of Advent</b> Isaiah 64:1-9 Psalm 80:1-7,16-18 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:24-37	<b>2nd Sunday of Advent</b> Isaiah 40:1-11 Psalm:1-2,8-13 2 Peter 3:3-15a Mark 1:1-8	<b>3rd Sunday of Advent</b> Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11 Psalm 126 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8,19-28	<b>Christmas Eve</b> 2 Samuel 7:1-11,16 Canticle 15 Romans 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38	<b>New Year's Eve</b> Isaiah 61:10-62:3 Psalm 147:13-20 Galatians 4:4-7 John 1:1-18
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<b>DECEMBER 3</b>	<b>DECEMBER 10</b>	<b>DECEMBER 17</b>	<b>DECEMBER 24</b>	<b>DECEMBER 31</b>
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### ALTAR BREAD

Marge Sutherland	Claudette Anderson	Judy Shell	Norma Robinson	Shirley Sweringen
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### ALTAR GUILD

Alisha Cameron, Norma Robinson, Violette Lahens (Tuesday Service) and Hispanic Service—Agapita Montalvo

Migdalia Haig Sonia Pemberton Carmen Downer Barbara Spitzform	Merlette Jenkins Alisha Cameron Diana Eugene Norma Clarke-Robinson Shay Funderburk	Diana Charles Felicia Sosa-Stephen Leela Narian Margaret Brown	Herma Samuel Grace McConney Freda Flash Betty Southwell	Claudia McGregor
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### AUDIO VISUAL

<b>10:30 AM</b> Beverly Jones	<b>10:30 AM</b> Micah Marshall	<b>10:30 AM</b> Beverly Jones	<b>10:30 AM</b> Micah Marshall	<b>10:30 AM</b> Beverly Jones
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### LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY

<b>8:00 AM</b> <b>Lesson 1</b> Nora Cameron <b>Lesson 2</b> Herma Samuel <b>Psalm/Chalice</b> Dennis Jewell <b>Chalice</b> Lydia Gilmore	<b>8:00 AM</b> <b>Lesson 1</b> Barbara Garside <b>Lesson 2</b> Lydia Gilmore <b>Psalm/Chalice</b> Stacey Wilson <b>Chalice</b> Rob Sport	<b>8:00 AM</b> <b>Lesson 1</b> Veronica Murrell <b>Lesson 2</b> Herma Samuel <b>Psalm/Chalice</b> Stacey Wilson <b>Chalice</b> Erik Lee	<b>10:00 AM</b> <b>Lector</b> Etheline Holder <b>Bread</b> Carol Rowe <b>Chalice</b> Ann Moncrieffe (Psalm) Barbara Carmody Margueritte Brown Grace McConney	<b>8:00 AM</b> <b>Lesson 1</b> Barbara Garside <b>Lesson 2</b> Christine Clayton <b>Psalm/Chalice</b> Lydia Sport <b>Chalice</b> Rob Sport
<b>10:30 AM</b> <b>Lector</b> Sharon Dover <b>Bread</b> Carol Rowe <b>Chalice</b> Charmaine Davies Ann Moncrieffe (Psalm) Joyce Besch-Kelly Barbara Carmody	<b>10:30 AM</b> <b>Lector</b> Angela Cross <b>Bread</b> Charlene Davids <b>Chalice</b> Ron Nock (Psalm) Margueritte Brown Carmen Downer Patricia Lashley	<b>10:30 AM</b> <b>Lector</b> Bovel Anderson <b>Bread</b> Ron Nock <b>Chalice</b> Barbara Carmody(Psalm) Charmaine Davies Joyce Besch-Kelly Charlene Davids	<b>5:00 PM</b> <b>Lector</b> Moya Campbell <b>Bread</b> Carol Rowe (Psalm) <b>Chalice</b> Patricia Lashley Barbara Carmody Joyce Besch-Kelly Etheline Holder	<b>10:30 AM</b> <b>Lector</b> Hulda Skinner <b>Bread</b> Ron Nock (Psalm) <b>Chalice</b> Carole Rowe Joyce Besch-Kelly Barbara Carmody Charmaine Davies

**PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT IF YOU CANNOT SERVE**

DECEMBER 3	DECEMBER 10	DECEMBER 17	DECEMBER 24	DECEMBER 31
<b>USHERS</b>				
<b>8:00 AM</b> As Available	<b>8:00 AM</b> Dennis Jewell Nancy Jewell	<b>8:00 AM</b> Patty Brannock As Available	<b>10:00 AM</b> Carl Cornelius Juliana Cornelius	<b>8:00 AM</b> As Available
<b>10:30 AM</b> Dawn Rivera-Sczesny Vinnie Sczesny Joan Temple	<b>10:30 AM</b> Merle Marley Carol Rowe Selwyn Skinner	<b>10:30 AM</b> Bovel Anderson Diana Charles	<b>5:00 PM</b> Vance Dykes Etheline Holder Jennifer Phillips	<b>10:30 AM</b> Jennifer Phillips Joan Temple
<b>COUNTERS</b>				
<b>8:00 AM</b> Dennis Jewell Nora Cameron	<b>8:00 AM</b> Patty Brannock Debby Wilson	<b>8:00 AM</b> Judy Shell Veronica Murrell	<b>10:00 AM</b> Judy Shell Juliana Cornelius	<b>10:00 AM</b> Juliana Cornelius Mylene Navalta
<b>10:30 AM</b> Beverly Jones Margueritte Brown	<b>10:30 AM</b> Ron Nock Patricia Lashley	<b>10:30 AM</b> Claudette Anderson Asley McGregor	<b>5:00 PM</b> Claudia McGregor Bovel Anderson	<b>10:30 AM</b> Joanne Sinanan Joyce Besch-Kelly
<b>FLOWER GUILD</b>				
N/A—Advent	N/A—Advent	N/A—Advent	Entire Team	N/A
<b>PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT IF YOU CANNOT SERVE</b>				

## Christian Symbol

### Branch (Tree) of Jesse

Isaiah used the image of a new tree growing from what appears dead to foretell God’s redemption of Israel: “A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit” (Isaiah 11:1, NIV).

During Advent, this prophecy assures us of the coming of the Messiah, descended from King David, and thus his father, Jesse.

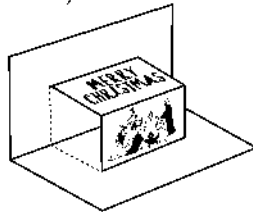


# POP-UP CARD

Share the good news of Jesus' birth with this creative Christmas card.

**What you need:**

- Construction paper (two pieces, including one white)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Pens
- Glue stick



**What you do:**

1. Neatly fold the white paper in half, short side to short side.
2. Draw two parallel lines (at least 2 inches apart) from the fold to about halfway to the edge. Cut along the lines.
3. Fold the cut section back and forth so it pops up.
4. Push the section up so it pops up inside the folded paper. Draw a nativity scene on the pop-up box.
5. Fold the colored paper in half, short side to short side. Place the white paper inside it and glue the white paper down, being careful not to glue the pop-up box.
6. Write a Christmas message and give or send the card to someone.



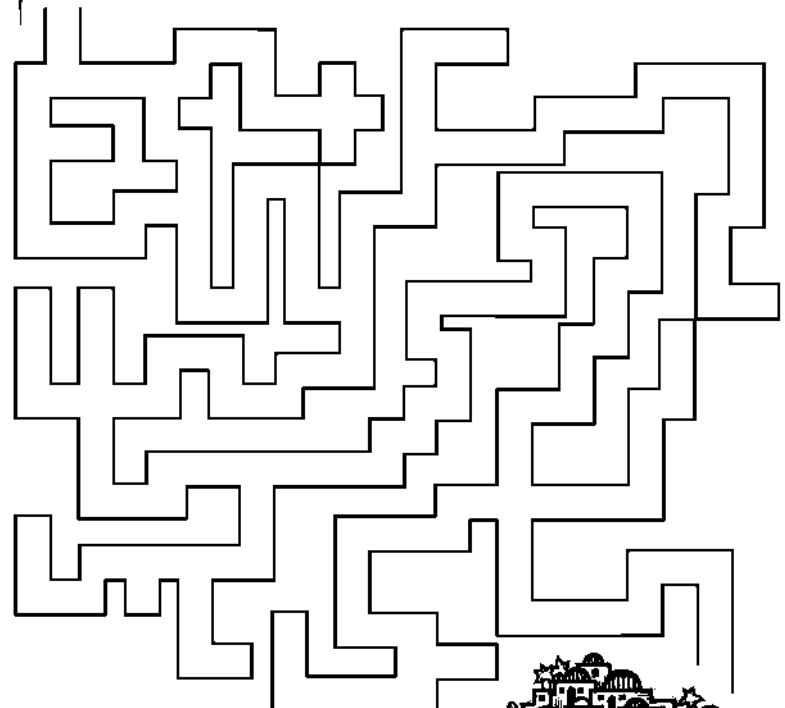
## JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

In the Christmas story in Luke 2, an angel tells some shepherds to go see baby Jesus in Bethlehem.



START

*Directions: Follow the maze to arrive in Bethlehem.*



BETHLEHEM



# Outreach Team News

On Thursday, November 14th we served meals to the needy in our community at Daily Meal. We thank all who volunteer for our monthly feed the homeless program.

Our next team meeting is Monday, December 4th\* (\*please note meetings have changed to the 1st Monday of each month). Our Friday Emergency Food Box ministry is scheduled for the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month at 2-3pm giving food to the community. We need help here, if you'd like to volunteer.

Contact any team member if you're interested in joining our team or volunteering on any of our projects. Until next time, Outreach Team Leader James Temple



### St. John's Emergency Food List

- |                           |                                   |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 Spaghetti Sauce         | 1 box of Spaghetti                |
| 1 can Pork & Beans        | 1 can Vegetables                  |
| 1 cans Fruit              | 2 cans Soup                       |
| 2 boxes Macaroni & Cheese | 1 package Dry Soup Mix            |
| 1 box Hot or Cold Cereal  | 1 package Rice or Mashed Potatoes |



"At least they saved themselves a co-pay."

?? **Bible Quiz** ??

After Mary learned she was pregnant with God's Son, what relative — also miraculously pregnant — did she go visit?

- A. Esther
- B. Elizabeth
- C. Anne
- D. Anna

