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## GUEST PREACHER

We welcome once more Father Frank Logue, Canon to the Ordinary, as preacher at 10:30 this morning.

## APOSTOLIC WITNESS

Tomorrow, August 24<sup>th</sup>, is the feast of Saint Bartholomew the Apostle. We know very little for sure about him. His name is actually a patronymic – it means ‘son of Tolmai’ – so it is not impossible that he is the one whose proper name is given as Nathanael in John’s gospel (1:45-51; 21:2). Jesus greeted him as “an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile”, and he in turn confessed, “Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel”. There are accounts of his preaching the gospel in “India” – in ancient times, a vague term that covered lands around the Red Sea and the Persian Gulf; and he is said to have been flayed alive and beheaded by a pagan king on the coast of the Caspian Sea. In Michelangelo’s last judgment, Bartholomew is the one sitting to the right and just below the Lord, bearing a flensing knife and his own flayed skin (upon which the artist portrayed his own features). Naturally, he was honoured as the patron saint of tanners. In Rome his church is on the Tiber island, on the site of the ancient temple of Aesculapius, a god of healing; and

the association is perhaps reflected in apostolic healing recorded in the epistle lesson for his feast (Acts 5:12-19) as well as the very old hospital that bears his name in London.

Still, it is not for such obscure traditions that Bartholomew is honoured with a red-letter feast day; but because he was an Apostle of the Lord. The term "apostle" means "one who is sent", an "emissary" sent with authority to speak and act for the sender he represents. In this sense, Christ himself is the primary apostle sent by God (Mark 9:37), with authority to send others, so that “he that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth me; and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me” (John 13:20). In the New Testament, the terms can be used very loosely of Christian missionaries in general (Phil. 2:25; 2 Cor. 8:23) but usually it is reserved to a group often simply referred to as “the Twelve”, men chosen and called by Jesus (Matthew 10:2-4) to be witnesses of his resurrection (Acts 1:8) and make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:16-20). There certain others called Apostles who are accorded equal status - Paul (Gal. 1:15-17); Barnabas (Acts 14:4, 14); and James the Lord's brother (1 Cor. 15:7) – but we never hear of the Fifteen – it is always the Twelve - which is why

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**STANDING NOTICES**

The occasional Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony, Penance, Communion and Unction of the Sick, and the Office of Burial of the Dead are always available by appointment, at announced times, or as necessary.

**HOSPITAL VISITATIONS**

Please call the Church Office to inform the clergy if you or a loved one is in the hospital.

**ST. JOHN'S WEB SITE**

Parish Paper essays may be read on our web site: [www.stjohnsav.org](http://www.stjohnsav.org)

**VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN**

8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed  
10:30 Mr. R. Scott Howard

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**ACOLYTES**

**8:00** *volunteer requested*  
**10:30** Patrick Perrie, Turner Stevens  
Hunt Wasden, Edwin Shepherd  
Philip Inglesby, Henry Osborne

**COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN**

Mrs. R. Kran Riddle

**ADULT EDUCATION SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.**

*St. John's Gospel* Fr. Dunbar, Reading Room

**MEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION**

**Thursday** 7 a.m., *1 Kings*, Fr. Dunbar, Reading Rm

*Summer office hours through Labor Day*  
*Monday Through Thursday; 9:00 to 4:30*  
*Friday 9:00 to 12 noon*

**WOMEN OF ST. JOHN'S**

The ECW Board will meet Monday, August 31st, at 10 a.m. in the Green Meldrim House .

The Installation of the new Officers and Board will take place during the 10:00 a.m. chapel service on September 2nd.

The General meeting will follow in the Green Meldrim House. All are welcome, including men, for a first peak at the 1850 journal of the house's architect, John Norris. This meeting will also kick off the 2015 Holly Days Bazaar.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

Matthias has to be chosen to take the place of Judas, Acts 1:15-26)

Why twelve? It is never explained directly, but the old Israel was comprised of twelve tribes descended from the twelve sons of Israel (Jacob). In calling the Twelve Jesus names the patriarchs of the new Israel, a church founded not on natural descent from Abraham, but on adoption and grace in Christ. The same idea appears in another form in Revelation, “the wall of the city” – the heavenly Jerusalem – “had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb” (21:14). That is to say, we have but one way of knowing Jesus, one way of entering the company of his disciples, and that is through the testimony of the witnesses he chose and called to that ministry, and the community established by faith in that testimony. That’s why the first converts to join the Church through the preaching of the apostles are said to have “continued stedfastly in the *apostles' doctrine and fellowship*, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers” (Acts 2:42). That is why the early church, in defining the canonical Scriptures of the New Testament, laid the greatest weight on apostolicity - not necessarily apostolic authorship, in the strictest sense, but on apostolic provenance (John 21:24). A book that was considered canonical - that is, definitive of the canon or rule of faith - must be of apostolic date and arise from circles with close access to apostolic teaching. The

authority of the NT, therefore, is the authority of the apostles, whose teaching it preserves. In honouring Bartholomew and all the other apostles through the course of the year, we honour the authority of the one who sent them, in the company of his disciples. GGD

**PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK**

**Monday 24th August**

**FEAST OF SAINT BARTHOLOMEW**

**APOSTLE & MARTYR**

*Holy Communion with*

*Morning and Evening Prayer*

8:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

**Tuesday to Friday**

*Morning and Evening Prayer*

8:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

**In addition, on Wednesday**

9:45 a.m. *Litany*

10 a.m. *Said Eucharist*

**A WEEKEND WITH C. S. LEWIS:**

**“CAUGHT OFF GUARD”**

September 18-20

Fr. Douglas Dupree, former priest at St. John’s, is now in charge of the Bishop’s Institute for Ministry and Leadership in the Episcopal Diocese of Florida. In that capacity he recommends to St. John’s parishioners four lectures on C. S. Lewis by noted author, preacher, and C. S. Lewis scholar Earl Palmer - two on Friday September 18<sup>th</sup>, and two on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>, at the Cerveny Conference Center near the junction of I-75 and I-10). For registration and information visit [www.diocesefl.org](http://www.diocesefl.org) or call 904-356-1328.

**8:00 A.M. —HOLY COMMUNION**

Collects, Epistle, and Gospel ..... Prayer Book pg. 206  
*A continental breakfast is available Cranmer Hall following this service.*

9:30-12:00 (Noon)—Nursery (*Cranmer Hall*)

**9:30-10:15 A.M.—ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (*Cranmer Hall*)**

9:30 a.m. – Noon— Preschool-Kindergarten Summer Program  
*(Cranmer Hall –activities for children during the 9:30 education and/or 10:30 service times)*

**10:30A.M. — SUNG EUCHARIST & SERMON**

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SERMON ..... Fr Frank Logue

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Coren Ross, soloist

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*Everyone is invited to attend Coffee Hour in the Green Meldrim House immediately after the 10:30 service.*

*If you are a guest and visiting our Parish, please make yourself known.*

**12 Noon —HOLY COMMUNION (Chapel) - as 8 a.m.**