



**THE SUNDAY AFTER ST. SIMON & ST. JUDE,  
APOSTLES & MARTYERS  
(TRINITY 21)**

Sunday, October 29, 2023

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion



**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH**  

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**Mission.** St. John's Church is building a community in Christ that is grounded in historic faith and reverent worship and is committed to sharing the life-transforming truth of the Gospel.

**Worship Schedule.** Our regular Sunday schedule is: 8 a.m. Holy Communion in the church; 9 a.m. Family Worship Service (Morning Prayer in the church on the first, third, and fifth Sundays of the month and Holy Communion in the chapel on the second and fourth Sundays); and 11 a.m. Main Service (Holy Communion in the church on the first, third, and fifth Sundays of the month with Morning Prayer on the second and fourth Sundays). The 11 a.m. is also livestreamed. Morning Prayer is online each weekday at 8:15 a.m. **Please see page 8 for this week's services or visit [StJohnsSav.org](http://StJohnsSav.org).**

**Children's Nursery.** This nursery is available in Cranmer Hall for the 11 a.m. service.

**For Guests and Visitors.** We extend a warm welcome to guests and visitors worshipping with us today and look forward to getting to know you!

**Interactive Worship.** The congregation participates actively in worship, and this booklet is a guide to taking part in it. It is based on the **1940 Hymnal**, and the smaller **1928 Prayer Book**.

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## HOW WE WORSHIP AND WHY – APOSTLES & MARTYRS

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The word “**apostle**” means “one who is sent”, a man with a mission: an emissary, with authority to speak and act on behalf of one who sent him. As the Father sent the Son, so did the Son send his apostles, as chosen witnesses to his resurrection, to speak and act with the authority of the Kingdom of God; and therefore to receive their witness to Christ crucified and risen in faith and obedience is to receive Christ. There is no other way to faith in Christ, save through their witness, transmitted in the church's tradition in the writings of the New Testament. We honor the apostles for the sake of honoring Christ; and we do not honor Christ by dishonoring them. The word “**martyr**” means “witness”, someone who gives evidence in a trial or court proceeding; the greatest of whom was of course Christ himself, who was sent into the world to bear witness to the truth, and to seal that witness in his own blood; whose witness was triumphantly vindicated in the resurrection. In English, therefore, the word “martyr” came to mean witnesses who died rather than deny Christ, who died because of their profession of faith in him, and so demonstrated not only their loyalty to Christ, but also the certainty of their hope in the resurrection. There were many martyrs that preceded Christ among the prophets, the last and greatest of whom was John the Baptist (June 29<sup>th</sup>), but the first of these martyrs of the Church to follow Christ into suffering for the sake of the gospel was St Stephen (Dec 26<sup>th</sup>), and the first of the apostles to die a martyr was St. James the Great (July 25<sup>th</sup>), but it is believed that all the apostles except John suffered death in martyrdom. “The glorious company of the apostles praise thee; the goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee; the noble army of martyrs praise thee; the holy church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee”.

# THE ORDER FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER OR HOLY COMMUNION

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous; for it becometh well the just to be thankful. (*Psalm 33:1*)



**HYMN #549** *The Son of God Goes Forth to War*.....All Saints New

## THE ANTE-COMMUNION

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*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*Answer:* **And with thy spirit.**

*Priest:* Let us pray.

**The Collect for Purity** (*All kneel.*) .....Prayer Book, p. 67

## PREPARING IN PENITENCE

**The Summary of the Law** (*All kneel.*).....Prayer Book, p. 69

**KYRIE ELEISON** (*all kneel*) Hymnal #710 (p. 752) .....Healey Willan

Lord have mercy upon us. / Christ have mercy upon us. / Lord have mercy upon us.

*Minister:* The Lord be with you.

*Answer:* **And with thy spirit.**

*Minister:* Let us pray.

**The Collects of the Day** (*All kneel.*)..... Prayer Book, p. 254; 218-219

**O** ALMIGHTY God, who hast built thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the head corner-stone; Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto thee;; through thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

**G**RANT, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

# THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

**The Epistle** (*all sit*) Jude 1-8, 20-25.

*A warning against deceivers and an exhortation to persevere in the doctrine of Christ.*

**J**UDE, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called: Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied. Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the race of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ. I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not. And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day. Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities.

**B**UT ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. And of some have compassion, making a difference: And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh. Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

**HYMN** (*all stand*) #551 *A Mighty Fortress*..... Ein' Feste Burg

**The Holy Gospel** (*all stand*) St. John 15:17 .....Prayer Book, pp. 255  
*Christ warns his disciples of persecution by the world for their witness to him*

Priest: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, in the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter, beginning at the 17<sup>th</sup> verse.

Answer: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

(*at the conclusion of the Gospel*): Answer: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**THE NICENE CREED** (*Standing, said by all.*) .....Prayer Book, p. 71

**I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty**, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible: And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God; Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man: And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried: And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures: And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father: And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

**A**nd I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets: And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church: I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins: And I look for the Resurrection of the dead: And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

**Welcome and Announcements** (*All sit.*)

**The Address**

## THE OFFERTORY

**Sentences** (*All stand.*)

**G**OD is not unrighteous, that he will forget your works, and labour that proceedeth of love; which love ye have showed for his Name's sake, who have ministered unto the saints, and yet do minister. *Hebrews 6:10*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** (*all sit*) *If Ye Love Me* ..... Philip Wilby

(Text from St. John 14:15-18)

If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever. Even the Spirit of truth; ...[And] ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you.

**Presentation of Alms** (*All stand.*) Doxology #139 ..... Old Hundredth  
Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; / Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; / Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

*Priest:* All things come of thee, O Lord,

*Answer:* **and of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

**The Biddings and Commemoration of the Faithful Departed**

*Minister:* Of your charity I bid your prayers for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed:  
Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord;

*Answer:* **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

May they rest in peace. **Amen.**

**The Prayer for Christ's Church** (*All kneel.*) ..... Prayer Book, p. 74–75

## THE PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

**Invitation, Confession** (*Said by all, all kneeling until Blessing.*) ..... Prayer Book, p. 75

**A**Lmighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are

heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Absolution and Comfortable Words**.....Prayer Book, p. 76

**Sursum Corda #734** Hymnal #734, p. 788 or Prayer Book, p. 76

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God. **It is meet and right so to do ...**

**SANCTUS and BENEDICTUS #711 & #797**.....Healey Willan

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory;**

**Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Amen.**

**Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**The Prayer of Consecration: Institution, Oblation, and Invocation** .....Prayer Book, p. 80-81

**The Lord's Prayer (Said with the congregation.)**..... Prayer Book, p. 82

**O**UR 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.**

**Prayer of Humble Access (Said with the congregation.)** .....Prayer Book, p. 82

**W**E do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, and our souls washed through his most precious Blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. **Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI #712** (Hymnal, page 754).....Healey Willan

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

***Receiving the Sacrament.***

*Those who are baptized, have attained to years of discretion, and who have been admitted to communion (which at St. John's, is normally by confirmation, but for visitors may have taken place by some other means) are welcome to receive the sacrament. All others are welcome to receive a blessing at the altar rail (please kneel and cross arms over your breast to signify your intention).*

*To receive the host, please place right hand over left, palm up, at the level of your chest, and lift the host to your lips. To receive the chalice, keep your neck and head straight, and lightly grasp the bowl or stem of the chalice to guide it to your lips. For reasons of hygiene, self-intinction (dipping) of the host in the chalice is not permitted. If you do not wish to receive the chalice, you may get up after receiving the host, or cross your arms over your chest.*

**COMMUNION VOLUNTARY**

**HYMN #383** *Blessed City, Heavenly Salem*.....Urbs Beata

**COMMUNION MOTET:** *O Taste and See*.....Ralph Vaughan Williams  
O taste and see how gracious the Lord is; blest is the man that trusteth in him.  
(Text based on Psalm 34:8 )

**Prayer of Thanksgiving (Said with the congregation.)** .....Prayer Book, p. 83

**A**LMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us who have duly received these holy mysteries with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of his most precious death and passion. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS #713** (Hymnal, page 756) .....Healey Willan

**The Blessing (all kneel)** .....Prayer Book, p. 84

**HYMN #553** *Go Forward Christian Soldier* ..... Lancashire

**FINAL VOLUNTARY**



 <p><b>Holly Days</b> <i>Bazaar</i> ST. JOHN'S CHURCH - SAVANNAH</p>	<p><b>November 8 &amp; 9</b> <b>10 am - 2pm</b> Lunch: 11 am - 1 pm <i>New Menu Options!</i></p>	<p><i>Silent Auction, Treasure Room, Jams &amp; Jellies, Pop-up Shops, Music, Church Tours &amp; More</i></p> <p>StJohnsSav.org/HollyDays</p> 
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**VESTRY NOMINATIONS**

The **Annual General Congregational Meeting** will immediately follow the 11 a.m. Morning Prayer on **Sunday, Nov. 12th**. At this meeting, four new members will be elected to the Vestry for a three-year term. Members are encouraged to submit nominations by the deadline of **Monday, October 30th at noon** to the Vestry's Nomination Committee.

Nominees must be communicants in good standing (for at least 5 years). Please send names to Fr. Dunbar ([gdunbar@stjohnssav.org](mailto:gdunbar@stjohnssav.org)) or Janice Woods ([jwoods@stjohnssav.org](mailto:jwoods@stjohnssav.org)), or call the church office. Thank you.

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

### VESTRY OFFERING CHAIR

8 a.m. Mr. Arthur D. Weed  
11 a.m. Mrs. Richard C. E. Jennings (Stacy)

### USHER CHAIRS

Mr. R. Leslie Johnson  
Mr. Robert L. Sparks

### CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mrs. Jayne G. Holland, Mrs. Carter C. Hubbard, Sr. (Barbara), Mrs. B. Ray Summerell (Melanie), Mrs. Timothy E. Coy (Dorothea), Mrs. John G. Bradshaw, Jr. (Sally), Mrs. Joseph R. Ross (Coren), Mrs. Richard R. Schulze (Donna), Mrs. Patrick Worsham (Jane), and Mrs. Gary M. Schubert (Elizabeth).

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers in the Church this Sunday are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of George Anderson Mercer IV by Wayne and Rhett Willis and family.

And in loving memory of Dorothy Ingram Brannen on her 88<sup>th</sup> birthday, and in honor of Robert F. Brannen on his 89<sup>th</sup> birthday, by Carole and Jack Wilson.

*To offer flowers for the Altar, call the Church office. After Sunday, the flowers are delivered to the sick, sorrowing, and shut-in.*

### CONDOLENCES

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of Gary M. Schubert, husband of Elizabeth Schubert of this parish, who passed away on October 21, 2023. A graveside service was held October 25.

## UPCOMING WORSHIP WEEK OF TRINITY XXI

**Tuesday-Friday, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> – Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
8:15 a.m. *Morning Prayer*, Online

### Monday:

5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*, Chapel

### Tuesday:

8:30 a.m. *Morning Prayer with Holy Communion*, Chapel  
5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*, Chapel

### Wednesday: Feast of All Saints

8:30 a.m. *Morning Prayer*, Chapel  
12 p.m. *Holy Communion*, Church  
5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*, Chapel  
9 p.m. *Sung Compline*, Church

### Thursday: All Souls Day

8:30 a.m. *Morning Prayer with Requiem Eucharist*, Chapel  
12 p.m. *Requiem Eucharist*, Church  
5 p.m. *Evening Prayer with Requiem Eucharist*, Chapel

### Friday:

5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*, Chapel

### Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>

### Sunday after All Saints (Trinity 22)

8 a.m. *Holy Communion*, Church  
9 a.m. *Family Morning Prayer*, Chapel  
10 a.m. Sunday School  
11 a.m. *Solemn Eucharist*, Church/Online  
12:15 p.m. Coffee Hour, Green-Meldrim House

## THIS SUNDAY'S PREACHER

Mr. Matthew Sparks is a parishioner of St. John's, and a graduate of Reformed Theological Seminary in Charlotte, North Carolina. Currently he is teaching Rhetoric and Humanities at Veritas Academy, as he discerns a vocation to the ordained ministry. Matthew and his wife Jenna were married at St John's this past June.



## FALL 2023 SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES & FELLOWSHIP LIST

8:00am – 10:30 am	Breakfast	1st Floor Fellowship Hall, Cranmer Hall
8:45 am – 12:30 pm	Nursery with Ashley Rhetta & Briana Rivers	1st Floor Front Room, Cranmer Hall
10:00 am – 11:00 am	<b>Children’s Sunday School : PreK -Kindergarten</b> <i>The Beginner’s Bible</i> with Margaret Wylly and Kathy Ross	2nd Floor Room off Children’s Chapel, Cranmer Hall
10:00 am- 11:00 am	<b>Children’s Sunday School : 1st grade – 4th grade</b> <i>Storymakers, Old Testament</i> with Sarah Ross	2nd Floor Children’s Chapel, Cranmer Hall
10:00 am- 11:00 am	<b>Children’s Sunday School : 5th grade – 12th grade:</b> <i>The Letter to the Philippians: Friendship, Faithfulness, &amp; Joy</i> with Steven Vanderlip	3rd Floor Classroom, Cranmer Hall
10:00 am- 11:00 am	<b>Faith &amp; Fellowship:</b> with Fr. Jameson	3rd Floor Reading Room, Cranmer Hall
10:00 am- 11:00 am	<b>Adults: Devotional Classics :</b> Continuing the Lifetime Road to God with Bp. Lambert	3rd Floor Ralston Room, Cranmer Hall
10:00 am- 11:00 am	<b>Adults: Study of Matthew</b> with Fr. Dunbar <b>NOTE: Fr. Dunbar’s Class will not meet today 10/27/23, as he is traveling.</b>	St. Mary’s Chapel, Church 1st Floor
10:00 am- 11:00 am	<b>Adults: St. Augustine’s Confessions</b> with Matthew Sparks	3rd Floor Prayer Book Room, Cranmer Hall
<b>5:00 pm–7:00 pm</b> <b>2nd &amp; 4th Sundays</b>	<b>THE SUNDAY NIGHT SESSIONS:</b> special guest speakers (see <a href="http://stjohnssav.org/sns">stjohnssav.org/sns</a> for dates and further details)	Green-Meldrim House
<b>5:00 pm–7:00 pm</b> <b>2nd &amp; 4th Sundays</b>	<b>YOUTH GROUP</b> with Steven Vanderlip. (Young child care is also provided.)	Cranmer Hall

## PARISH PAPER ESSAY

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### GOSPEL TRUTH

*This essay is a revision of one first printed in 2021.*

In the 20th century the practitioners of the “higher” Biblical criticism argued that the gospels were the results of a long process of formation within the early Christian communities, and that they therefore they had little to tell us about the historical Jesus, but a lot to tell us about the evolving experience of those communities. This aligned nicely with liberal theology that located the authority for the church’s teaching in reflection on the church’s ever-changing experience in the present rather than on a body of doctrine grounded in writings handed down from the past. In that perspective, Scripture is just a grab-bag of “images”, from which you take the ones that appeal to your experience and align with your agendas. This view is assumed even now by the mainline denominations (like our own), and is the view assumed by the architects of the new liturgies, beginning with the 1979 Prayer Book. It allows Scripture maximum “relevance”, as the confirmation of our own outlook, agendas, and experiences (e.g. social justice) but it prevents Scripture from functioning in the way that Scripture itself intends, and which the Church has understood it to be, as divinely-given revelation, knowledge of God and of his will for mankind which we could not know by reason or experience alone, and which in critical respects contradicts, corrects and completes the wisdom of this world.

Though this view of the gospels’ genesis lingers on in popular culture as well as mainline seminaries (‘the real Jesus is unknowable, so we can all think as we like’); but the argument among scholars has moved on, for various reasons. First, in the abundance of ancient manuscripts there is no evidence for the long process of formation this theory assumes. If there had been such a long development, we should expect *some* surviving earlier versions of

the gospels that differ significantly from the later ones. There are none. We do have a few short texts like the “woman taken in adultery”: the manuscripts indicate that this was a detached bit of oral tradition that floated around for quite a while, before coming to rest as John 7:53-8:11. But that’s it. The so-called “lost gospels” – with their very different teaching about the person and work of Jesus – are much later concoctions of a very different historic provenance, and without value as evidence for the historic Jesus.

The argument for a late date depends then on internal evidence; but the arguments from internal evidence are questionable. It was often said, for instance, that the prophecies of the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple attributed to Jesus in the gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke show that they must have been composed after those events in A.D. 70. But even setting aside the anti-supernaturalist premise of that argument (that prophecy is impossible), what Jesus says is consistent with the tradition of biblical prophecy, in which the first destruction of Jerusalem and its Temple in 587 B.C. featured so prominently. Even from an anti-supernaturalist point of view, it is plausible that someone like Jesus could have made such prophecies. These are not grounds for a late date.

There is another form of internal evidence that depends on certain assumptions about the development of religion. It is assumed, for instance, the more obviously supernatural elements of the Scriptures must have emerged later—such as the teaching about Christ’s resurrection. Yet here the only internal evidence actually runs the other way. St. Paul’s epistles – which are dateable to the 50’s A.D.— show no sign of any such struggle. Though there is much discussion of many other issues, the resurrection of Jesus is not only an accepted fact in the early church; it is the indispensable impetus for the entire enterprise. Unless

resurrection had followed, it is hard to explain a religious movement focused on a condemned criminal who died a shameful death. The evidence of Paul's letters therefore argues in favor of an earlier rather than later dating for the gospels; which makes impossible the time frame required for a long process of development; and strengthens their value as evidence for the beliefs and of the people who knew Jesus. In addition, it has been demonstrated that the gospels conform to the conventions of eyewitness testimony discovered in the scientific study of oral tradition. To give just one example, when Mark or Luke mention figures apparently known only to their immediate audiences, these names are probably functioning much the way footnotes do in modern history or biography, as a way of anchoring their account in verifiable sources.

If you are serious about Jesus, then you have to be serious about the gospels' witness to divinely-given revelation. If this is not true, then we are wasting our time. **GGD**

## NOTES

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### MEETINGS & EVENTS UPCOMING

(An updated list of parish events is located at [stjohnssav.org/calendar](http://stjohnssav.org/calendar))

- MON. OCT. 30: 12 p.m.** New Vestry Nominations due to Committee (Contact Fr. Dunbar or Janice Woods)
- WED. NOV. 1: 4:30 p.m.** PACK, Youth Fancy Nancy Night for P.A.C.K + Pizza  
Youth RSVP to Mr. Vanderlip; Adults to Elaine Barrow (918-856-1774)
- THURS. NOV. 2 9:30 a.m.** Church Doctrine Discussion Group, Cranmer 3rd Fl.
- SAT. NOV. 4: 4:30 p.m.** First Saturday at Starland Yard (2411 DeSoto Ave 31401)
- SUN. NOV. 5: 12:15 p.m.** Silent Auction Preview, Cranmer Hall (during Coffee Hour)
- Tues. Nov 7: 6-8 p.m.** Preview Party/ Bazaar Kickoff, Cranmer Hall. (Tickets 25\$)
- WED. NOV. 8: 5:30 p.m.** Faith + Fiction : *Innocence of Father Brown*, Cranmer 3rd Fl
- WED. & THURS.**
- NOV 8-9:** **Holly Days Bazaar** **Volunteers needed!** (see [stjohnssav.org/hollydays](http://stjohnssav.org/hollydays) )
- SUN. NOV. 12: Annual General Congregational Meeting** (immediately following 11am service)

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