

THE HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE II

The First Sunday after Christmas

December 28, 2025 | 10:15 am



In the name of Jesus Christ, welcome! We are delighted to worship with you this morning.

This booklet and The Hymnal 1982 (dark blue) provide the resources needed for participation in the service. Congregational responses appear in bold.

Whether a long-standing parishioner, a new member, or someone joining us for the first time, we hope you will sense God's work within you and in this community. May our worship strengthen, inspire, and guide us this day and always.

THE WORD OF GOD

VOLUNTARIES *The First Nowell*
Away in a Manger

arr. Lorie Line (1958-)

Please stand and sing

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION 82 “Of the Father’s love begotten”

Divinum mysterium

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

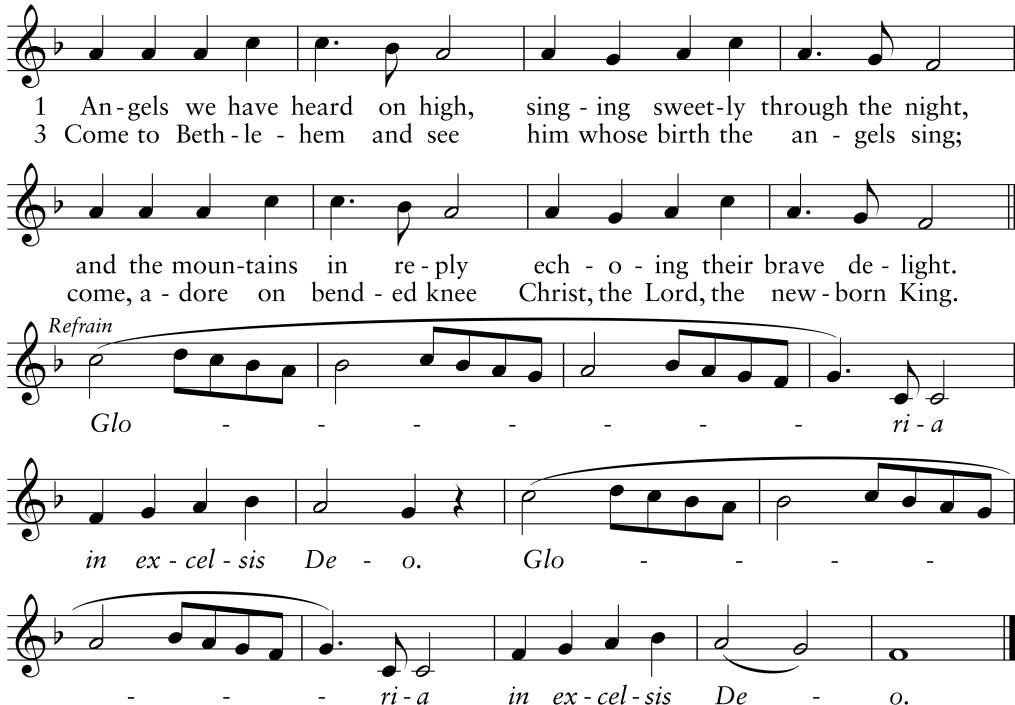
Celebrant The Word became flesh and dwelt among us:
People **Full of grace and truth.**

Celebrant 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.

People **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

Gloria



1 An-gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet-ly through the night,
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.

Refrain

Glo - - - - - *ri - a*

in ex - cel - sis *De* - o. *Glo* - - - - -

- - - - - *ri - a* *in ex - cel - sis* *De* - o.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word:
Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

Please be seated

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Reader A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 147:13-21 *Read responsively by half verse*

Laudate Dominum

- 13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion;
- 14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
he has blessed your children within you.
- 15 He has established peace on your borders; *
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
- 16 He sends out his command to the earth, *
and his word runs very swiftly.
- 17 He gives snow like wool; *
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
- 18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
who can stand against his cold?
- 19 He sends forth his word and melts them; *
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
- 20 He declares his word to Jacob, *
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
- 21 He has not done so to any other nation; *
to them he has not revealed his judgments.
Hallelujah!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Reader A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians.

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand and sing

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE 97 “Dost thou in a manger lie”

Dies est laetitiae

THE GOSPEL

John 1:1-18

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.

(John testified to him and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’”) From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father’s heart, who has made him known.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated

CHRISTMAS CAROLING BY REQUEST

Please see hymns 77-119, and choose your favorites.

Please stand

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.

Please remain standing or kneel

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader Let us offer our prayers to God for ourselves and for the world, saying:

Loving God,

People hear our prayer.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A period of silence is observed.

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.

Celebrant 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.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please be seated

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Are you new to the St. John's community?
Fill out the newcomer card in the pew or scan the QR code
to help us get to know you and help you discover more about life at St. John's.*



THE HOLY COMMUNION

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY *Corpus Christi Carol*

Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)
David Gradin, *baritone*

He bare him up, he bare him down, he bare him into an orchard brown.

Lully, lullay, lully, lullay, the falcon hath born my make away.

In that orchard there was an hall that was hangēd with purple and pall.

And in that hall there was a bed, it was hangēd with gold so red. *Lully...*

In that bed there lieth a knight, his woundēs bleeding, day and night.

By that bedside kneeleth a may, and she weepeth both night and day. *Lully...*

And by that bedside there standeth a stone, *Corpus Christi* written thereon.

-Anon., 15th century

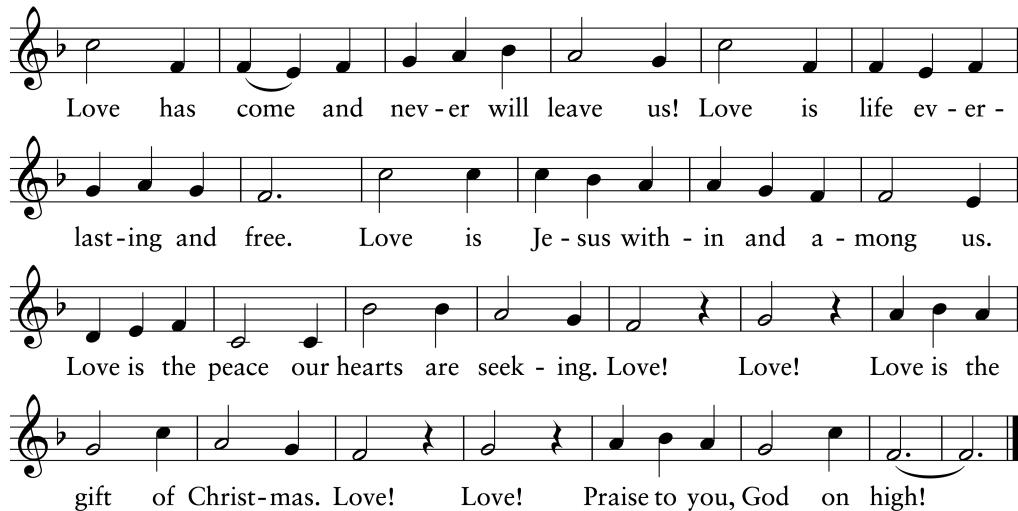
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or "2025 Pledges" for a pledge contribution.*



Please stand and sing

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION

Un flambeau



Love has come and never will leave us! Love is life ever-lasting and free. Love is Jesus within and among us. Love is the peace our hearts are seeking. Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

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.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Divinum mysterium

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - 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.

Please remain standing or kneel

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

People Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

Greensleeves



What feast of love is of-fered here, what ban-quet come from hea - ven?



What food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died and rose again for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The bread and the wine of Holy Communion are God's gifts for God's people.

Please follow the directions of the ushers to receive communion at the altar rail.

If you require assistance or wish to receive communion at your seat, please inform the ushers.

It is customary to receive communion while kneeling at the altar rail, but remaining standing is also appropriate. Gluten-free wafers are available. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of communion, please come forward and cross your arms across your chest.

ANTHEM AT THE COMMUNION *Before the Paling of the Stars*

Cecilia McDowall (1951-)

David Gradin, *baritone*

Before the paling of the stars, before the winter morn,
before the earliest cockcrow, Jesus Christ was born.

Born in a stable, cradled in a manger, in the world his hands had made, born a stranger.
Priest and king lay fast asleep in Jerusalem; young and old lay fast asleep in crowded Bethlehem.

Before the Christmas daybreak, in the winter weather,
saint and angel, ox and ass, kept a watch together.

Jesus on his mother's breast, in the stable cold, spotless Lamb of God was he, Shepherd of the fold:
Let us kneel with Mary maid, with Joseph bent and hoary,
with saint and angel, ox and ass, to hail the King of glory.
Jesus Christ was born.

-Christina Rossetti (1830-1984)

HYMN AT THE COMMUNION 324 “Let all mortal flesh keep silence”

Picardy

Please stand

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray.

People 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 AND DISMISSAL

The Celebrant blesses the people.

People Amen.

The Celebrant dismisses the people.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

HYMN AT THE CLOSING 497 “How bright appears the Morning Star”

Wie schön leuchtet

VOLUNTARY *Once in Royal David's City*

arr. Line

**AFTER THE SERVICE, PLEASE JOIN US
FOR FELLOWSHIP IN SHEARS HALL.**

SERVING THIS MORNING

Acolytes	8:00 am	Bobbi Bowman
	10:15 am	Thomas Shanmugam and William Shanmugam
Lay Readers	8:00 am	Sue Perry and Janice Brambilla
	10:15 am	Caroline Prout, Philip Zurn, and Mimsy Stirn
Chalice Bearers	8:00 am	Sue Perry and John Barkmeyer
	10:15 am	Mimsy Stirn and Jamie Stirn
Altar Guild	8:00 am	Bobbi Bowman and Marge Hughes
	10:15 am	Jeanne Newell and Helene Aiello
Flower Guild		Lorraine Beaver and St. John's Flower Guild
Vestry Member of the Day		Kathleen Tregoning

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PRAYER LIST

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of Canada.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for All the Baptized into Christ.

We give thanks for those who celebrate birthdays this week: James Garelick, Ian Toloczko, Mark Van Kirk, William Molster, Tim Barwick, Elizabeth Crawford, Beverly Keller, Susan Murphy, John Barkmeyer, Caroline Littleton, Channing Olson, Claire Swanson, Amelia Cimbalo, Carla Day, Grace Lkhagvadorj, Barbara Smoot, Bud Albright, Connie MacMurray, Paul Purdy, Adam Detzner, and Sam Williams; and for those who celebrate wedding anniversaries this week.

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David	Judy Watson	James Yarrison
Lisa Sierant	Bruce and Sue Gross	

We pray for the departed and for all who mourn.

To add someone to the Prayer List,
email churchmail@stjohnsmclean.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SANDWICH SUNDAY THIS MORNING – The 4th Sunday of the month is Sandwich Sunday at St. John’s! All hands, large and small, are welcome for this outreach ministry to feed the hungry through Martha’s Table. Please join us for sandwich making in Shears Hall throughout the morning, starting after the 8:00 am service until fellowship following the 10:15 am service.

EPIPHANY CELEBRATION

Sunday, January 4 after the 10:15 am Service

We will gather to close out the season of Christmas and ring in Epiphany with a festive bonfire. People are encouraged to bring a piece of Christmas greenery to burn to symbolize the end of Christmastide. We will also celebrate the arrival of the Magi to Jesus with a blessing of chalk to take home to chalk our doors and bless our homes in the new year. Please join us to celebrate.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, CHILDREN’S CHAPEL AND YOUTH GROUP RESUME ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 11.

- **Youth Group for grades 7–12** happens on the 2nd Sunday of the month.
- **Youth Group for grades 5–12** happens on the 4th Sunday of the month

On Sunday, January 11 grades 7–12 will meet in the Youth Room (upper level). Questions? Contact Sally Benton at sbenton@stjohnsmclean.org.

SECOND SUNDAY CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday, January 11 at 5:00 pm

Join us for this monthly offering, led by an ensemble of twelve professional choristers, featuring music of Harold Friedell, Herbert Brewer, and John Gardner. Choral Evensong, a contemplative liturgy, is one of the treasures of the Anglican tradition. At this service, the congregation participates mostly by allowing the clergy and choir to speak and sing on its behalf. Many find this frees them, in a busy world, to offer to God their own thoughts and prayers. A reception with light refreshments follows in Shears Hall. *Sponsored by the Music Fund.*

FOURTH SUNDAY STUDY

Sunday, January 25 from 9:10 to 10:00 am; In Person in Smoot Conference Room AND on Zoom
Join us for this monthly offering. Led by parishioners, the discussion is based on resources from the Yale Bible Study series, *Women in the Bible*. This month we focus on the “The Woman of Valor” as described in the Hebrew Bible, as well as stories of women who became leaders of their people. There is no required preparation, and you are welcome to attend any or all discussions. Additional information on the YBS program can be found at bit.ly/YBS-women-in-the-Bible. Join the Zoom option at bit.ly/sj-4SS2526 (Meeting ID: 868 0960 3846; Passcode: 128764).

BOOKLOVERS DISCUSSION

Tuesday, January 27 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Zoom

Explore the clandestine world of Cold War espionage during our next Booklovers Discussion. We will be exploring *The Moscow Rules: The Extraordinary True Story of the CIA's Most Ingenious Covert Operation* by former intelligence officers Antonia and Jonna Mendez. Join us via Zoom as we delve into the tactics successfully used by American spies in Moscow. For the Zoom link, please contact Nancy Simon at nancy.simon80@gmail.com.

CONCERT: TENET VOCAL ARTISTS

Saturday, February 7 from 4:00 to 5:30 pm

This winter, experience deeply expressive Baroque music as the renowned TENET Vocal Artists of New York City returns to perform at St. John's. TENET elevates music composed before 1800—a time before electricity, before amplification, when music's power came purely from breath, sound, and silence. Stay tuned for upcoming ticket information.

MORE SAVE THE DATES:

Jazz Sunday & Pancake Brunch - **February 15**

Ash Wednesday - **February 18**

Easter Sunday - **April 5**

Bishop's Visitation - **May 3**

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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (AA) meets Monday through Thursday at noon in our Community Room (on the lower level; enter through the back door adjacent to the playground). Additionally, there is a meeting every Friday at 8:30 pm in the Community Room, or if the weather's good, just outside. You can also call the Northern Virginia AA Intergroup hotline at 703-293-9753 or visit nvintergroup.org for other group listings. Have questions about AA? Contact a fellow parishioner at 571-334-0073.

Thank you for lifting your voice and joining our *Chorus of Generosity*. Please help us meet and exceed our 2026 stewardship campaign goal of \$1,150,000. You can pledge online at bit.ly/sjpledge, or use your smartphone to scan the QR code and follow the prompts. Every pledge of any amount counts!





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