

announcements 09.09.21

c o n n e c t FAITH

GATHERING

Sunday*

8am: Worship (indoor & in-person) Beginning September 19

9am: Family Worship (in-person on the lawn)

10am:

Worship (indoor, in-person AND [live-stream](#))

Children's Sunday School

Youth Sunday School

**St. John's recommends that everyone age 12+ be fully vaccinated to attend indoor worship services.*

Monday

6:15pm: Yoga ([live-streamed](#))

Tuesday

7:30am: Christian Meditation (Zoom)

Click [here](#) to request an invite.

Wednesday

7pm: Bible Study ([Zoom](#))

Episcopal Diocese of California Masking Guidance From the Bishop: For now, with the Delta variants at large and many people, including children, not vaccinated, we require all attending in-person, indoor church services to be masked. Thank you for cooperating and helping us to save lives!

c o n n e c t COMMUNITY

Paper Bags for SVdP The St Vincent de Paul Dining Room is in urgent need of paper grocery bags to send out its to-go meals. The City of San Rafael has asked SVdP to use paper only. Grocery size is preferred in order to add your bagged meals to the take-out. If you shop with these please collect and deliver to 820 B St, San Rafael anytime between 8a - 4p.

PARISH EVENTS

September 10-12: Parish Weekend Away *Please contact the office today if you are interested in attending, 415.456.1102.* All are invited to the [The Bishop's Ranch](#) for the St. John's Parish Weekend Away. This year we'll gather from Friday, 9/10 to Sunday, 9/12 for fellowship, fun, rest, and spiritual development. **Please contact the office today, if you are interested in attending.** Note: Everyone age 12 and up must be fully vaccinated to attend the Parish Weekend.

September 19: Welcome Sunday BBQ & Bishop's Visit Bishop Marc will preach at all three Sunday morning services. Welcome Sunday marks the start of the Sunday School Program year. The St. John's Men's Group grilling skills will be on full display for a BBQ on the lawn following the 10am service.

October 2: St. John's Harvest Party fundraiser! UPDATE In light of the evolving pandemic situation and with input from parishioners, we have made a few changes to the format for this year's Harvest Party fundraiser. With all the pandemic unknowns we have also decided not to offer the various sign up fundraising events we have in the past. We are certain the vision of our expanding music program will be inspirational and we hope that parishioners will generously support our fund-a-need appeal.

Online The event will be conducted online via Zoom starting at 6pm and highlight St. John's music program . . . How can we keep from singing! There will be no charge and registration is strongly encouraged. It will be a 40 minute program with a chance to be moved by all things music at St. John's.

In-person We will have a pre-event gathering outside in the parish courtyard at 5pm with a lovely choice of heavy appetizers and beverages. This will be an opportunity for those who are comfortable gathering in person to enjoy our beautiful space, delicious food and the fellowship of one another. In-person attendees will be able to watch the broadcast in the parish hall (with masks) at 6pm Tickets will be \$75 per person, **please RSVP by September 15.**

Register To register for both the in-person and online events please click [here](#). If you have any question please [email](#) Emily McFarland, Director of Stewardship.

c o n n e c t CHILDREN

Sunday School Program Year 2021-2022 will commence on September 19th. We will have three classes for our kids: according to grade level: Class Love (Nursery), Class Hope (Kindergarten to 2nd grade) and Class Faith (3rd grade to 5th grade). We look forward to have your child/children join. We also welcome parent volunteers to help with the classes. If interested, please [email](#) Sandra Pathik, Director of Children's Ministry.

Nursery Worker Needed. Soon we will restart our Sunday Nursery Care and we are looking for a nursery worker. For more information, [email](#) Sandra Pathik, Children's Ministry Director.

Children's Worship Bulletin for [3+ years old](#) and [7+years old](#). [Free online game](#) included. Secret code to unlock the games: **AYJW77**

c o n n e c t YOUTH

Sunday Morning Youth Group will be starting up again on Welcome Back Sunday (September 19th) at the 10 am service – 6th-12th grade in the Youth Room.

Sunday Evening Youth Group will also be starting up again on September 19th! Junior High Youth Group (6th-8th grade) will meet from 4:30 pm until 6 pm on the front lawn. From 5:30 pm until 6 pm both Junior and Senior High Youth Groups will share a meal on the lawn, and Senior High Youth Group will run from 5:30 pm until 7 pm. Join us for games, chats, food, and fun!

If you would like to volunteer as a mentor or provide dinner for Sunday Evening Youth Group, please contact Maggie Doyle, Youth Minister, at maggie@stjohnsross.org ! Your help is always deeply appreciated.

Cafe Office Hours Youth Minister Maggie Doyle will be hosting Cafe Office Hours for teens and tweens on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons (3-5 pm outside at Marin Coffee Roastery in downtown San Anselmo.) Come and grab a cup of coffee or tea, chat, do homework, and hang out! Hope to see you there! Maggie is also available by [email](#).

Youth Group On Instagram Follow Youth Group St. John's at [_y_g_s_j_](#)

Youth Confirmation 2021-2022 Our Confirm Not Conform classes will be starting up once again on October 10! Youth ranging from 8th-12th grade welcome. It is through this confirmation process that we are able to celebrate the unique voices and perspectives of our youth as they grow as leaders within our greater church community. Culminating in a confirmation ceremony at Grace Cathedral in June 2022, this 15-lesson program takes us through a wide range of discussions, creative activities, community outreach, and mentorship opportunities, encouraging open dialogue and a myriad of perspectives.

Confirmation classes will be held roughly twice a month in the St. John's Youth Room, at 11:45 am (see calendar below). Confirmands have the option of selecting a preferred adult mentor from within the St. John's community or being matched up with a parishioner. Please email Maggie Doyle, Youth Minister, if you would like to volunteer as a mentor to be matched with a confirmand prior to our start date of October 10th – we'd love to have your insight and support!

Lesson Calendar 2021-2022: Confirm Not Conform

10/10/21 Lesson I: The Gospel According to Whom?

10/24/21 Lesson II: Heretics

11/07/21 Lesson III: Meet Your Match

11/21/21 Lesson IV: Believe It or Not

12/05/21 Lesson V: World Religions

01/09/22 Lesson VI: What a Revelation

01/23/22 Lesson VII: What's Your Story?

02/06/22 Lesson VIII: So What's Our Story?

02/27/22 Lesson IX: It's A Mystery

03/06/22 Lesson X: The Book of Common Prayer

03/20/22 Lesson XI: Where Do You Stand?

04/03/22 Lesson XII: Pain into Power

04/24/22 Lesson XIII: Power Up

05/08/22 Lesson XIV: May We Present?

05/22/22 Lesson XV: With God's Help

c o n n e c t MUSIC

UPDATE: Chancel & Children's Choirs As the pandemic slowly eases, we continue to follow community health guidelines of the County of Marin, the State of California, and the Episcopal Diocese. As such, we are slowly beginning to have the Chancel Choir meet in a limited fashion, wearing masks, and getting ready to sing for services in the Fall. We will also begin forming a Children's Choir program. For more information, [email John Karl Hirten, Music Director](#).

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