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Common Prayer

our common life together consists of our worship of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

Common Learning

our common life together consists of teaching one another how to be obedient to Jesus in all things

Common Service

our common life together consists of loving one another and the world as Jesus loves us

Catechism Class 2024

Our next Catechism Class will meet on the Saturdays of March 2, 23, and April 13 from 9:00 am to noon. While this is one of the required steps for receiving confirmation when our bishop visits on Sunday, April 21, we encourage anyone who desires a refresher on the foundation of our faith to consider attending. Scan the QR code to register.



Men's Monkly

Men's Monkly is a new, monthly men's gathering aimed at cultivating those virtues that inspired men of old to pursue the monastic life, virtues such as obedience, service, simplicity, and prayer. None of us as men want to stay in the shallows in our Christian life. Rather we desire to move into deeper waters, to be men of virtue who love God and others well. Each month will be led by one of the men of All Saints (or small group of men), meet in a different location, and have a different focus.

Our first Men's Monkly event will be on Sunday, February 4 at 5:00 pm at Nick Nordtvedt's house at 187 McClellan Road (you can park at the church and walk over). This will be a gathering to listen to and engage with a dialogue between our own Aaron Beasley and Scott Huelin on the question "What Does It Mean to Be a Man?" All men are welcome and encouraged to invite others. BYOB and \$10 to offset food costs.

Ministry of Community Engagement

by Olivia Abernathy

In his book, “The Anglican Way,” Father Thomas McKenzie identifies two features of Anglicanism: First, Anglicans are *contemplative*, which he describes as a “posture of receiving from God rather than doing for God.” And secondly, Anglicans are *activists*, marked by “vigorous action and involvement” towards the mission of the Kingdom of God.

At face value, these ways of being may seem diametrically opposed. But held together, in a *contemplative-activism*, they make up a robust spirituality marked by the rhythmic movement between prayer and action. Put another way, this spirituality looks a lot like “sharing in the life of God for the life of the world.” This idea of *contemplative-activism* is embedded in our mission as a church, and it’s the kind of robust spirituality that has marked All Saints since its founding.

In January, I joined the All Saints staff as the new Minister for Community Engagement. I don’t have enough words to express how grateful and excited I am for this new role and the work I will get to do here. I’ve had many people ask, “What is a Minister of Community Engagement?” or “What exactly will you be doing?” And those are fair questions considering this is a new position for our church and a position not many churches have.

The short answer is, this new role was created to envision and catalyze our “for the life of the world” efforts. I will work to mobilize and equip our church to engage in the community in ways that embody the truth of the Gospel and the Kingdom of God. This work will fall under three main categories.

First, I will continue the amazing work of the Outreach Committee, which creates partnerships with nonprofit organizations and allocates funds through our generous outreach budget. I hope to explore ways we can deepen our partnership with these organizations and create opportunities for our people to serve and engage in their work.

Second, I will support and continue developing the ministries of the Mission Abbey. I will work to care for ASIS, the Blessing Place, and our church planting partners while also dreaming of new partnerships and ways our Mission Abbey can be a gift to the community.

Lastly, this role will involve teaching and training through preaching, leading groups, or hosting workshops.

I am beginning this new role with open hands, a grateful heart, and a holy expectancy for what the Spirit will do among us. If I haven’t met you yet, I would love to meet you. And if I have, I would love to talk more about this work of community engagement. Scan the QR Code and schedule some time to meet if you’d like to talk more.



Join in Our Common Life

Ladies Koinonia

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4 | 6:00–8:00 PM
SHEILA WILLIAMSON'S HOME | 32 COUNTRY CLUB CV.

The ladies of All Saints are invited to gather together for a time of fellowship and meaningful discussion around the tv series, *The Chosen*.

Ash Wednesday Service

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 | 6:00 PM
ALL SAINTS | NAVE

Join us for the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist for Ash Wednesday as together we begin the season of Lent..

Youth Encounter

FEBRUARY 21 & 28 | 5:45 PM
ALL SAINTS | PARISH HALL

All students 6th–12th grade are invited to join for a time of teaching, fellowship, and food. There will be no meeting on February 7 or 14 but youth are encouraged to attend a Shrove Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 13 at Forest Heights United Methodist from 5:00–7:00pm.

Lenten Silent Retreat

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24 | 8:30–11:30 AM
ALL SAINTS | NAVE AND PARISH HALL

We invite you to join us in a silent retreat as we prepare our hearts for the Lenten season. A retreat guide and refreshments will be provided. Bring your journal.

Morning Prayer

MON–THUR | 8:15–8:45 AM
ALL SAINTS NAVE

Considering going deeper into our practice of Common Prayer by joining us for Morning Prayer, Monday through Thursday at 8:15am in the Nave.

Healing Prayer

EVERY TUESDAY | 12:00–2:00 PM
ALL SAINTS NAVE

Members of our Healing Prayer Crew are available to offer prayers to anyone in need. No appointment necessary, and feel free to invite others. Everything is confidential and done with care.

Adult Formation Hour

Our Adult Formation Hour gives us time to slow down and prepare ourselves to encounter God through a time of community, learning, and prayer. We have been so encouraged by the feedback we are receiving from our families, that while it is an adjustment to be present an additional hour on Sundays, the spiritual payoff is huge. We hope everyone will continue to take advantage of this opportunity afforded us by our new building.

Many thanks to Jay Beavers, Aaron Beasley, and Dn. Terry Blakley for leading our reflection time throughout the season of Epiphany. In February we will be turning our attention to the Season of Lent. Here's the upcoming schedule for our reflection time during the Adult Formation Hour:

February 4
The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Dn. Terry Blakley
Healing Miracles

February 11
The Last Sunday after Epiphany

Jay Beavers
The Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 18
The First Sunday in Lent

Josh Krebs
Lenten Passages and Practices

February 25
The Second Sunday in Lent

Josh Krebs
Lenten Passages and Practices

March 3
The Third Sunday in Lent

Dn. Nan Thomas
The Ten Commandments

Opportunities to Observe Lent

- **Ash Wednesday Service** *Wednesday, February 14 at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall.*
- **Noonday Eucharist** *every Wednesday during Lent (except Ash Wednesday)*
- **Silent Retreat** *Saturday, February 24 from 8:30–11:30 am in the Nave and Parish Hall.*
- **Catechism Class** *Saturdays of March 2, 23, and April 13 from 9:00 am to noon.*
See page 2 for more information.



Just One Thing

Gregory of Nazianzus

by Dr. David Thomas

“The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.” Every Sunday, and again when we pray the offices in the Book of Common Prayer, we voice various combinations of these words. As you know, these words have New Testament origins. Second Corinthians 13:14 forms a prayer or a short doxology (“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”). Matthew 28:19 instructs believers, and may also have served as a baptismal prayer for early Christians (“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”). They are so familiar to Christians that they can pass us by without a ripple. Let’s stir the water just a bit. Modern people regularly assign first priority to thinking, but this is one of those many cases when devotion led theology. Prayer, doxology, obedience, desire, and baptism – features of worship – set the agenda that later generations of theologians tried to understand and articulate.

“I cannot think on the one without quickly being encircled by the splendor of the three; nor can I discern the three without being straightway carried back to the one.”

– Gregory of Nazianzus, *The Oration on Holy Baptism*, XLI, preached at Constantinople, Jan 6, 381.

Trinitarian theology was relatively slow to develop from its New Testament origins. Although there are references to the word “trinity” dating to the second and third centuries, trinitarian theology didn’t fully develop until the fourth century. One of the central figures in this was Gregory of Nazianzus (c. 325-389). Gregory is one of the “Cappadocian Fathers” grouped together with Basil the Great and Gregory of Nyssa. These figures are admittedly hard to relate to: what do fourth century bishops and theologians from central Turkey have to say to us? Gregory’s humanity remains accessible, though; one source described him as “very human, very lovable, very gifted.” As another measure of his accessibility, his writings – orations, poetry, and letters, especially – are available on Amazon for reasonable prices. Raised in the church and well-educated, Gregory of Nazianzus was a deeply influential Christian who helped turn the church away from Arianism (which denied the deity of Christ) towards robustly trinitarian convictions. It’s a little hard to imagine, but there were riots in the streets over this issue. There was no guarantee that trinitarian theology would win out over Arianism. He and the other Cappadocians, in fact, stand directly behind our trinitarian professions and prayers. Gregory was exceptionally important in communicating the truth and importance of trinitarian theology to his bishops, priests, and parishioners. His orations, poetry, and letters were convincing.

Gregory was well known for his learning, his compassion for the poor, his humility, his eloquence, and leadership. Most impressive of all is his title “Gregory the Theologian.” Remember that “theologian” in fourth-century terms meant more than just knowing all the doctrines and being able to defend them. The appellation “Theologian” also praised that educated person as someone who knows God. In the Cappadocian culture of educated, devout Christians, Gregory stood out. He was persuasive not only because he had faithful responses to theological questions, but even more so because he knew the Lord.

Gregory was Archbishop of Constantinople at a time when orthodoxy had powerful opposition from Arianism. He led the church in many ways, notably in his work to rebuild orthodox faith in the city of Constantinople. He briefly presided over the First Council of Constantinople (381) which updated and improved the Nicene Creed (325) to its current form. Devout, educated, and personable, he was Gregory the Theologian: Gregory who knew God.

For more by Gregory, check Amazon. For conversation, talk to Scott Huelin, who was quite helpful with this essay. And to get into the weeds in the argument over Trinitarian theology, see Jaroslav Pelikan, *The Christian Tradition: A History of the Development of Doctrine*, vol 1.

Lent: Deepening Our Life with God

by Sally Swanson & Landon Preston

Lent invites us to pause and consider who we are and what we live for. We begin this powerful season with the imposition of ashes to bring this question to mind. Author James Finley notes that in a culture that prizes productivity and achievement, few experiences ground us in the meaning and value of our lives before and beyond all that we produce and achieve. This value is bestowed by God and deepened in the experience of God's presence. How do we access and abide in this graced presence and love in the commonplace experiences of our lives? What would it be to live a more contemplative life? Could we love and serve more fully because of it? Such questions are core to two events at All Saints this Lent.

Conversations à la Carte – Friday, February 16 @ 7:00 pm, at the home of Ross & Laura Priddy (811 Skyline Dr.)

As Anglicans, we experience God's grace in many ways: Morning or Evening Prayer, receiving the Eucharist, or praying a collect during a trying time. These practices nourish us, but what about the rest of the week? Holding a deeper sense of our abiding connection to God during difficult conversations with our boss or spouse changes how we engage. A greater perception of God's presence and activity transforms mundane moments like a morning walk or commute. We'd all love to stabilize ourselves in this kind of living. This *Conversations à la Carte* is a time to learn and talk with others in a relaxed space. Our guest, LJ Milone, will get the conversation going about how to attune ourselves more to God's everyday presence.

Centering Prayer Introductory Workshop – Saturday, February 17, 9:00–2:00 pm, All Saints Parish Hall

Contemplative prayer is God's personal and unique gift to us and has been a part of our Christian heritage for centuries. If we are open to this gift, it may profoundly affect our daily life. An interior experience of God's presence activates our capacity to perceive Him in everything else: people, events, and nature. The Centering Prayer Introductory Workshop explains this gift and how it deepens our relationship with God. It teaches a simple method of Christian silent prayer. The Workshop offers four presentations led by two experienced Contemplative Outreach Commissioned Presenters, two opportunities to experience the prayer, and ample time for questions and discussion.

Whether new to contemplative practices or just curious to know more, consider taking advantage of these opportunities to draw nearer to God this Lenten season. See the back page of this *Crown* to register.

Lenten Pastorates 2024



Three different Pastorates will be offered this Lent to help us follow in the footsteps of Jesus on his way to the cross. Pastorates are small groups that meet regularly in someone's home over a meal and intentional conversations so that we might deepen our life with God together. These Pastorates will not only offer you insight and wisdom into the Christian life; they will also provide you with opportunities to practice your faith in tangible ways. Scan the QR Code above to register for one.

A Psalm from the Heart of Jesus

Facilitated by Dn. Kevin Vailes

starting Thursday, February 15, 6:00–8:00 pm

Host TBD

Join us as we spend Lent studying and reflecting on the 22nd psalm, the psalm that Jesus spoke as he hung on the cross. It is a psalm of despair, anguish, hope, and triumph. Discover the heart of Jesus with author and pastor David Roseberry on a deeply moving journey through this beautiful psalm uncovering the insights and lessons hidden within the text and experiencing a personal connection with the Lord. As you journey through the entire psalm, you will find strength and inspiration for your own journey of faith.

It Is Written

Facilitated by Gary Osborne

starting Sunday, February 18, 6:00–8:00 pm

Host TBD

One of the most painful realities of life is recognizing that we are all sinners. As a Christian, it is very frustrating to continually battle and struggle with temptations. Fortunately, our loving God has made a way. The purpose of this Pastorate will be to explore how the Bible equips and prepares us to be more than conquerors over the temptations that Satan daily places in our path. We will study the relationship of Genesis, Matthew, and 1 John as a biblical response to these struggles. Hope you will join us.

Practicing the Way

Facilitated by Dn. Nan Thomas and Olivia Abernathy

starting Wednesday, February 21, 6:00–8:00 pm

Host TBD

Come and join us this Lent in practicing the way of Jesus by reading and reflecting upon John Mark Comer's latest book entitled *Practicing the Way*. Comer offers a thoughtful and winsome way of teaching the Scriptures and demonstrates how we can become more like Jesus by living our lives like him. This is also the book our Vestry, clergy, and staff will be reading together throughout this year for their own spiritual growth.

FEBRUARY

at a glance

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
<p>PARISH SUMMIT Formation Hour 8:45am Holy Eucharist 10:00am Potluck Lunch 11:45am</p> <p>Birthdays</p>	<p>Morning Prayer 8:15am - 8:45am Discover All Saints 6:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p>Morning Prayer 8:15am - 8:45am Healing Prayer 12:00pm - 2:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm</p>
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<p>Formation Hour 8:45am Holy Eucharist 10:00am Men's Monkly 5:00pm Ladies Koinonia 6:00pm - 8:00pm</p> <p>Aidan Wright</p>	<p>Morning Prayer 8:15am - 8:45am Discover All Saints 6:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p>Morning Prayer 8:15am - 8:45am Healing Prayer 12:00pm - 2:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm</p> <p>Dian Hazlehurs Judy Rose</p>
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WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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Grief Share
6:00pm - 7:30pm

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L'Kania Lax
Billy Slack

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Cate Crawford
Amanda Insalaco

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Grief Share
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Joy Moore

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Julian Williamson

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Sally Swanson

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Morning Prayer
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Ash Wednesday
Service
6:00pm

Morning Prayer
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Grief Share
6:00pm - 7:30pm

Conversations à la
Carte
6:30pm

Centering Prayer
Workshop
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Gideon Vailes

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Noonday Eucharist
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Lenten Silent Retreat
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Mike Insalaco

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Asher Insalaco

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William Andrew
Finney
John Reams

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CENTERING PRAYER

Workshop



Contemplative prayer is God's personal and unique gift to us and has been a part of our Christian heritage for centuries. If we are open to this gift, it may profoundly affect our daily life. An interior experience of God's presence activates our capacity to perceive Him in everything.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Gain an understanding of what centering prayer is.
- Presentations by experienced *Contemplative Outreach* Commissioned Presenters (LJ Milone & Guy Semmes).
- Opportunities to experience the prayer.
- Ample time for questions and discussion.

Whether you are new to contemplative practices or just curious to know more, please consider joining us!

EVENT DETAILS:

February 17, 2024

9:00-2:00 (lunch included)

All Saints Anglican Church (Parish Hall)

Cost \$15 (scholarships available)

SCAN FOR MORE
INFORMATION &
TO REGISTER

