

OCTOBER 29, 2023

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. - Jeremiah 17:8

A Service of Holy Eucharist at 10am

Welcome.

We are glad that you are here today. We hope that you feel right at home, whether you are a first-timer or an old-timer. Relax; you are among friends.

Lift your heart and voice to the God who loves you.

However you found us, and by whatever means you are here, we are delighted to share this Way with you. If you'd like more information about St. Mary's, or would like a call from our clergy, please let us know either in person, or by visiting www.GodsView.org/connect.



MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE

The ministers of St. Mary's are all the people of St. Mary's.

Preacher: Ross McKay, Seminarian

Celebrant & Gospel Reader: : The Rev. Israel Portilla-Gómez, Associate Rector

Readers: Charlene Davis and Sara Stoops
Voice of the People: Thad Hunter
Prayers of the People: Christina Talbott-Clark

Musicians: Luke Honeck, Rachel Morgan, and the St. Mary's Choir (Emilee Smith will be filling in today as choir director)

Media Specialists: Seth Eggleston, Nicki Thurwanger, and Jamie Aiden Green

Flowers: Jim Henkelman, in memory of Shari Henkelman

Donuts: Jim Henkelman

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE • Rachel Morgan, organ

WELCOME • The Rev. Israel Portilla-Gomez

*OPENING HYMN • Before Thy Throne, O God, We Kneel • Hymnal #574, v. 1-3



*OPENING SENTENCES

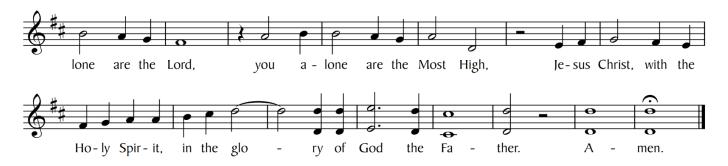
Priest Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

Priest 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 Savior. *Amen.*

*GLORIA WLP 901





SERVICE OF THE WORD

*THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest God be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

FIRST READING • Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

Reader A reading from Leviticus.

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord.

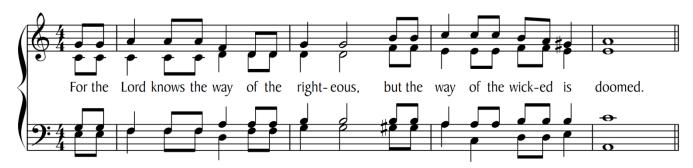
You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 1:1-6 • Christina Talbott-Clark, cantor • arr. by Luke Honeck

ANTIPHON



Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,

nor lingered in the way of sinners,

nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

Their delight is in the law of the Holy One,

and they meditate on that law day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water,

bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;

everything they do shall prosper.

It is not so with the wicked;

they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

ANTIPHON (ALL SING)

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when

judgment comes

nor the sinner in the council of the righteous;

For the Holy One knows the way of the righteous,

but the way of the wicked is doomed.

ANTIPHON (ALL SING)

SECOND READING • 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Reader A reading from Thessalonians.

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God

who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL HYMN • Jesu, Jesu • LEVAS #74, v. 1-3



*GOSPEL • Matthew 22:34-46

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Priest When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

'The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet"'?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON • Ross McKay

*AFFIRMING OUR FAITH WLP 769



*THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Gather us together, O God, that we might share the prayers, intentions, and thanksgivings of our community.

We are generous with our gifts,

because we are rooted in abundance.

I ask your prayers for the Church, for all who worship God this day. For clergy, diocesan leaders, and for this congregation. We pray especially for this season in which we celebrate stories of our shared mission and ministry.

We are generous with gifts of leadership,

because we are rooted in abundance.

I ask your prayers for our nation and all nations; for refugees fleeing climate change and war; for conflicts of resources and land; for lawmakers, peacekeepers, and informed citizens. We pray for a distribution of wealth that supports justice for the poor and the marginalized, and right relations among all people.

We are generous with gifts of peace,

because we are rooted in abundance.

I ask your prayers for the sick, the lonely, the lost, and those who grieve. We remember those on our parish prayer list, and those we name now in silence or aloud.

[Here prayers are shared in the chat box, or by voicing them aloud.]

We are generous with gifts of healing,

because we are rooted in abundance.

I ask your prayers for those who have died, those who are dying, and those who mourn. For those on our parish prayer list, and for those we name now in silence or aloud.

[Here prayers are shared in the chat box, or by voicing them aloud.]

We are generous with gifts of support,

because we are rooted in abundance.

I ask for your thanksgivings and blessings, for we are given time, talent, and treasure to share with the world.

We are generous with gratitude,

because we are rooted in abundance.

Silence may be kept.

A Priest says Together, praying,

Minister and 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.

A Priest says

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. *Amen*.

*THE PEACE

The Peace is now exchanged

Priest The peace of God be always with you.

People Also with you.

Then the People may greet one another in the name of God.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERING

Offerings toward the work and ministry of St. Mary's may be made by texting **StMarysAK** to **73256**, at <u>GodsView.org</u>, or by using the QR code to the right of this message.



Open. Aim. Tap.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM • The Servant Song • David Schwoebel *DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below, Praise God above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,

for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant You created us to love you with all our heart,

and to love each other as ourselves,

but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.

In Jesus, your Son,

you bring healing to our world

and gather us into one great family.

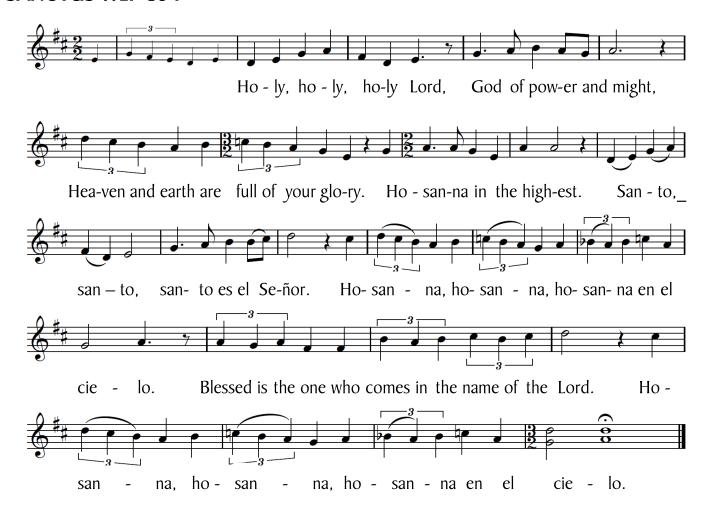
Therefore, with all who serve you

on earth and in heaven,

we praise your wonderful name, as we sing,

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SANCTUS WLP 854



Celebrant

We give you thanks and praise, loving God, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected. Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love.

On the cross

he defeated the power of sin and death.

By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

Glory to you for ever and ever. People

On the night before he gave up his life for us, Celebrant Jesus, at supper with his friends,

took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for all, so that sins may be forgiven.

Do this in memory of me."

People Glory to you for ever and ever

Celebrant Gracious God,

with this bread and wine
we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus,
and we offer ourselves to you in him.
Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts,
that we may know the presence of Jesus
in the breaking of bread,
and share in the life
of the family of your children.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant God, you call us to be your servants;

fill us with the courage and love of Jesus,

that all the world may gather in joy

at the table of your kingdom.

We sing your praise, almighty God,

through Jesus, our Lord,

in the power of the Holy Spirit,

now and for ever.

People Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen. 🔔 🔔 🗘

Priest As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray, each in the language of their heart.

People and Celebrant,

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive
those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and
forever. Amen.

DEG XINAG VERSION

Dinaxito' ngi'ezre' yan' ngizrenh. Yitots'in' yoye dhedo.

Yitots'in ngutl'ogh xiye Tr'ididl'tth'e.

Go dranh nighantl'itthin dinadhong he'on.

Tr'ixet'ixdi xits'in' dinatighelalin. (Yitots'in) trixet'xdi xits'in Dinak'odz xudingilnek

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Priest Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

People therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

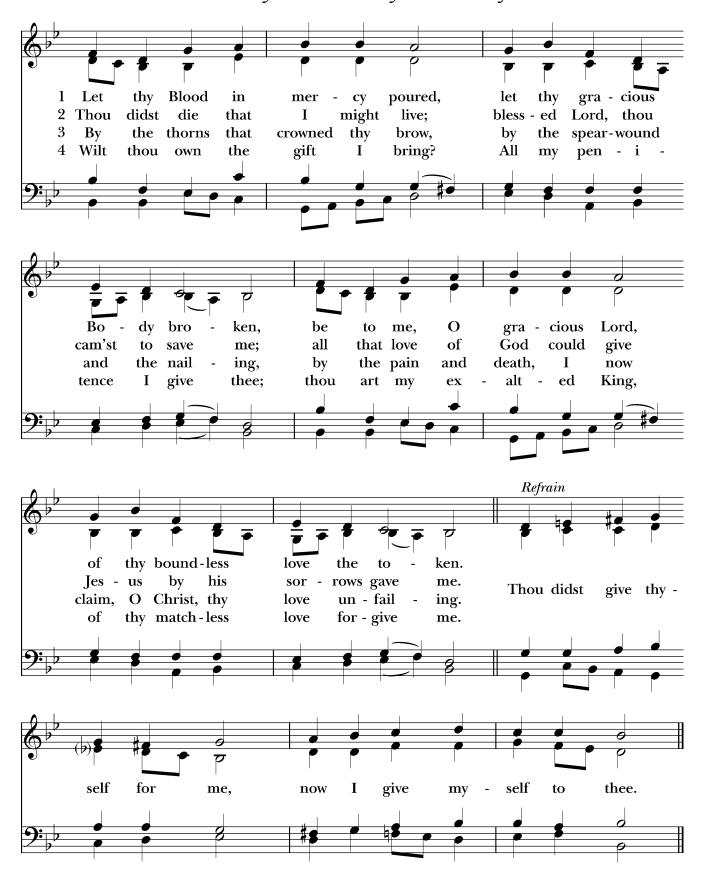
ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE LORD'S TABLE

This is Christ's Banquet. It is made ready for those who love God, and for those who want to love God more.

So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often, and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow, and you who feel you have failed.

Come, because it is Christ who invites you.

COMMUNION HYMN • Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured • Hymnal #313



THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Priest Let us pray.

People God of Abundance and Grace,

by the provision of this feast,

the Sacrament of our Savior, Jesus Christ

you have united us together in purpose and place.

May we who have gathered and broken bread

now live in the abundance of your grace,

grow in liberating, life-giving love,

and serve you with joy and steadfast faith,

through Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.

BLESSING

SENDING OUT EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant: (Name), in the name of this congregation, we send you to share our Eucharist with _____. May you take the prayers of all of us as you deliver the sacrament of Christ's presence.

All: We who are many are one body, because we all share in the one cup!

Celebrant: Go forth in the name of God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS

Watch over your child, O God, as their days increase; bless and guide them where ever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful, raise them up if they fall; and in their heart may your peace which passes understanding, abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANNIVERSARIES

Send, O God, your blessing upon these your servants. Sustain them in their love and commitment to each other, that their home may be a place of peace and hospitality now and always. Amen.

SOBRIETY

Bless, O God, your servant in their work or recovery; defend them in their sobriety; and bless them with strength and wisdom now and always. Amen.

WORK TRANSITION OR RETIREMENT

Gracious God, we thank you for the work and witness of your servant who has enriched this community and brought gladness to friends and family; now bless and preserve them at this time of transition. Guide them in the continued use of your gifts; provide sustenance for temporal and spiritual needs, friends to cheer the way, and a clear vision of the ministry to which you are now calling them. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

BLESSING SONG

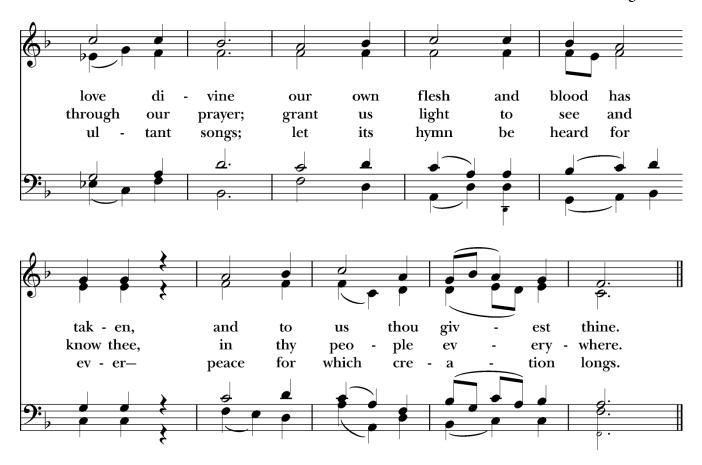
May the blessing of God be upon you, the blessing of the Father and the Son. And may the Spirit of God, the Spirit of Love*, be with you all your days.

*Spirit of Peace [second verse]

(Recessional Hymn on next page)

RECESSIONAL HYMN • Come With Us, O Blessed Jesus • Hymnal #336





DISMISSAL

A priest says Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia! People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE • Rachel Morgan, organ

Al and Sally Alvarez Bill and Jeri Anderson

Eric Backman and Lana Ramos

Thea and Will Bemben

The Bertrand Family

Jonathan Bower

Judy Brady

Greg and Puyong Brelsford

Tracey Burke

Michael and Nancy Burke

Leisl and Marcus Carter

Frank Chandler

Ellen Chirichella

Myrna Clarke

Jim Cross

Cathy Davis

Charlene Davis

Seth and Erica Deam

Anne Donaghy

Rich and Kristen Dyson

Kristian Erickson

Steve Ericson

Tracy Fischbach

Blair Flannery and

Andrea Medeiros

Kris and Don Gilhousen

Valanne Glooschenko

Betty Glover

Amy Gruber

Betsy and Micky Hawley

Iim Henkelman

Duane and Carol Heyman

Chris Hyde

Geraldine James

Linda Johnson

Matt and Janel Kam-Magruder

Steve and Debra Kennedy

April Kuiper

Robbin LaVine

Robert and Karol Libbey

Amy Lindsey

Audrey Jo and Brian Malone

Marty Margeson

Rachel Mason

Martha Massey

Mike and Kathryn McCormack

Ed and Karen Mighell

Hannah Moderow and Erik Grafe

Michael and Sunshine Morrison

Emily Nenon

Elizabeth Newell

Tom and Ruth Nighswander

Ron and Nancy Pollock

Kristina Reza

Ann Rilene

Lois Rockcastle and Eric Noble

Israel Portilla-Gomez and Linda Vosele

Brad and Susan Sewell

Bill and Margaret Sharrow

lack and Sherrie Simmonds

Andrew and Alice Smith

Ann Spohnholz

Sarah Stanley

Sara Stoops

Jincy Swartzbacker

William Theuer

Ammie Tremblay

Dick and Judy Veerman

Linda D. Walker

Stephanie Whaley

Greg and Maggie Wilkinson

Jessica Willoughby



PARTNERS in SERVICE: In 2022-2023, St. Mary's has partnered with over seventy-five groups and organizations through a combination of joint programing, provision of services, building use, or pastoral care services or funding.

Abused Women's Aid in Crisis (AWAIC) Alaskans for Better Choices / Volunteers of America (DUI re-education / victim impact panels)

Alaska Coalition to End Homelessness Best Beginnings (early childhood education)

Standing Together Against Rape Partners in Homeless Education

United Thank Offering (UTO)

Malawi Children's Village

Children's Lunchbox – Hunger Program

The Episcopal Diocese of AK

Episcopal Native Ministries

Faith Into Tomorrow

Diocesan Investment Committee

Commission on Ministry

South Central Deanery

Episcopal Prison Ministry

Fellowship In Serving Humanity

Helping Hand Bags

P.L.UM.E. Ecumenical Ministry

Anchorage Faith In Action -

Congregations Together (AFACT)

Dancing in the Spirit Ministries

Numerous 12-Step recovery groups:

St. Mary's Creative Playschool

Alaska Native Medical Center

pastoral care department

Brother Francis Shelter

Beans Café

99+ I (Homelessness)

First Christian Church After School

Program

Nasenga Primary School (Malawi)

The Anchorage Gospel Rescue Mission

Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness

Heifer Project International

Nets for Life (Malaria Prevention)

Episcopal Relief and Development

Older Persons Action Group

Christians For Equality

Homeward Bound / Karluk Manor

Hope Community Resources

Anchorage Interfaith Council

Sand Lake parishes- Malawi, Africa

Identity, Inc. – civil rights

The Alaska Christian Conference

Thomas Center for Senior Leadership

Red Cross - Disaster Relief

New Chance Ministries Ukrainian

Refugee Relief

The Lullaby Project at Hiland Mountain

Bread for the World

Open Arms Orphan Nursery (Malawi)

Choosing Our Roots (COR)

Arciniega Productions Youth Program

Covenant House Alaska

Hope Community Resources

Henning, Inc. (Homelessness)

AK Cubs Closet (kids and families)

St. Mary's Rapid Rehousing Fund

The Queen's Guard

Knitters of the North

Community Yoga for Elders

Girdwood Chapel

Hospice of Anchorage

I-Act Little Ripples Program

PILA Global (kids at the border)

AK Correctional Ministries

Assist Ukraine (refugees)

Underground Pride

Water.org (safe water - developing

world)

Magic Yarn Project (kids w/cancer)

Newborns in Need – AK Chapter

The Listening Post

Cafecito Bonito

Anchor Gardens

Facing Foster Care

Cub Scouts / Scouting

Tudor Elementary School

The Alaska Conference of the United

Methodist Church

Come Help Serve the Community!

Join us for a really cool event: an Ice Cream Social!

Provided by St. Mary's as part of a Wellness Day for the workers at the Office of Children's Services, we have decorations and will have ice cream and toppings to say **Thank You** to the folks with this difficult job.

WHEN: Wednesday, November 8th from 11:30 - 1:00 pm.

WHERE: At the OCS office at 4th and Cordova.

If you are free to help, we will start blowing up balloons at 10:00 am. If you can come at 11:00, we would love your help serving the ice cream!

Please let us know if you are interested or need more details. For more information, please contact our Vestry Outreach Chair, Sara Stoops at (907)350-3824.



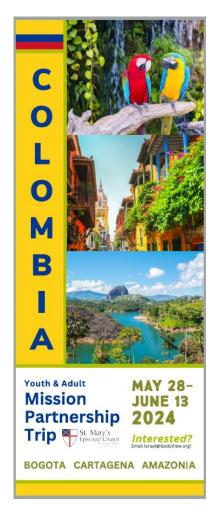
First Sunday Breakfast

Sunday, November 5 9 am in Waldron Hall

Get your week off to a delicious start by sharing breakfast with friends For even more fun, come at 8 am and help cook!



Youth at Spanish Language class, preparing for their May/June 2024 mission partnership trip to Colombia and the Amazon.





As we reach the end of 2023 and look toward 2024, we recognize the ways that our lives are rooted in the abundance of God's love for all of creation. Your pledge of financial support helps us budget responsibly; your generosity supports our many ways of sharing God's love to our world. Join us in supporting St. Mary's by pledging your financial support in any of the following ways:

MOBILE DEVICE

godsview.tiny.com/2024Pledge or, scan the QR code

COMPUTER

godsview.tiny.com/2024Pledge

MAIL OR DROP OFF

send or bring your pledge card to:

St Mary's Episcopal Church 2222 E Tudor Rd Anchorage, AK 99507

QUESTIONS? DIFFICULTIES? NEED TO CHANGE A PLEDGE? WE'D LOVE TO HELP!

Contact: manager@godsview.org

Note: If you've submitted a pledge in the past few days, thank you! You and your pledge are blessings to us!





THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

OCTOBER 29-NOVEMBER 5, 2023

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to sign up for our weekly newsletter

Sunday, October 29

8 am Service of Holy Eucharist Chapel

9 am Carved Pumpkin Sale

Narthex

10 am Service of Holy Eucharist

Sanctuary & online; ID 940 3189 1877

10 am Godly Play

Room I (downstairs)

11:20 am Sermon Circle & Sunday

School

Cay's Room, Classrooms

4 pm Evening Prayer

Sanctuary

Monday, October 30

No scheduled events

Tuesday, October 31

6:30 pm Spanish Class

Online; register for the link

Wednesday, November 1 – All Saints' Day

7 am Service of Holy Eucharist

Sanctuary & online; ID 584 949 088

8 am Caring Ministries Team

Cay's Room & online;

ID 823 7969 4537

6:15 pm Choir Practice

Sanctuary

Thursday, November 2 – All Souls' Day

7 am Men's Group

Waldron Hall

6:pm Midweek@St.Mary's

Waldron Hall

6:30 pm Way of Love

Waldron Hall, Cay's Room

7 pm <u>Bible Workbench</u>

Online; ID 821 8564 8348

Friday, November 3

No scheduled events

Saturday, November 4

10 am Bazaar Workshop

Waldron Hall

<u>Sunday</u>, <u>November 5 – All Saints' Sunday</u>

8 am Service of Holy Eucharist

Chapel

9 am First Sunday Breakfast

Waldron Hall

10 am Service of Holy Eucharist

Sanctuary & online; ID 940 3189 1877

10 am Godly Play

Room I (downstairs)

11:20 am Christian Formation Hour

Cay's Room, Classrooms, Chapel

4 pm Evening Prayer

Sanctuary