



Welcome to the Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist! Whatever brought you here today is a good thing and we want you to know that you are always welcome here. Everyone is warmly invited to receive Holy Communion, and you are invited to spend some time in fellowship following the service. Thank you for worshipping with us today!

**Holy Eucharist Rite II
December 1, 2024
First Sunday of Advent**

8 and 10:15 a.m.

Nursery - 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Chilton Hall Room 1

Sunday School

Adult Education -9:15 a.m. East Annex
Children Education, 9:15 a.m., Chilton Hall, Rm 2

We Care About You!

We are pleased to offer communion visits if you are not able to join us. Please contact the office if you would like to schedule a Eucharistic visitor. Fr. Tim and Deacon Chuck are available round the clock for pastoral needs. Their phone numbers can found in the Church Directory or by calling the office. Our Daughters of the King prayer ministry team welcomes prayer requests on St. John's website. Our office number is **623-582-5449** and our e-mail address is **info@stjohnsaz.org**.

READINGS

First Reading	Genesis, 16:7-13, page 12
Psalm	Psalm 71:4-11, BCP pages 683
Second Reading	Philippians, page 1339
Gospel	Luke 1:26-38, page 1201-1202

MUSIC 10:15 A.M.

ST. JOHN'S CHOIR

<i>Entrance Hymn</i>	LEVAS #14, Soon and Very Soon
<i>Kyrie</i>	Missa Emmanuel
<i>Sequence Hymn</i>	Hymnal #508, Breathe on Me Breath of God <i>all 4 vs</i>
<i>Offertory</i>	WLP 724, People, Look East
<i>Sanctus</i>	Missa Emmanuel
<i>Sung Amen</i>	Missa Emmanuel
<i>Lord's Prayer</i>	LEVAS #264
<i>Fraction</i>	Missa Emmanuel
<i>Communion</i>	LEVAS #16, You Are Near
<i>Recessional</i>	Hymnal #65, Prepare the Way, O Zion

Altar Flower Dedications

*Given today by Renee' Taylor in loving memory of my husband Fred
on what would have been our 45th wedding anniversary.*

Bishop's Visitation, Sunday, December 8th at 10:15 a.m.

Join us at St. John's as we welcome the Rt. Rev. Jennifer Reddall, bishop of Arizona, to preach and preside for us. Bishop Jennifer will baptize, confirm, and receive new members of our parish. There will be one service that day at 10:15 a.m. We will have a reception following the service. Be sure not to miss this very special day! Her official visit to St. John's is only scheduled once every two years! Let's give Bishop Jennifer a warm St. John's welcome!

Advent Begins Today, December 1st

For Advent this year, we will use scripture passages from Lectionary Year W: A Woman's Lectionary for the Whole Church. This resource has been approved for use in the Diocese of Arizona. Penned by the Rev. Dr. Wil Gafney, a biblical scholar and graduate professor, Lectionary Year W is a modern translation from source materials that digs deeper into the roles of women in the days of the scriptures. We will use the Year W lectionary on a trial basis. Your feedback is appreciated.

We also will add a weekly Advent wreath lighting ceremony to the beginning of our Sunday liturgies. You may be asked to participate as we begin our official journey toward Christmas together.

Borderlands P.O.W.W.O.W.

Join us for our next Borderlands' P.O.W.W.O.W. on **Saturday, December 7th**, 8:00 am – 11:00am. Volunteers are always needed. Set-up starts 2 hours before opening to the public and clean-up takes about 30 minutes after.

All help is much appreciated! There is no need to sign up. Just come! Contact Buz Isban, Pattie Prossory or Dave Richards for more information.

Angel Tree is Back

It's the season of giving! Is there a better feeling on Christmas morning than that of knowing we helped to make a child's Christmas a good one? You are invited to participate in this year's Angel Tree drive, which provides gifts for families in our community who are in need of a little extra assistance this holiday season. The tree is located in the parish hall. Please take a tag from the tree, put your name and the number of the tag on the sheet on the clip board by the tree. The tags include Christmas wishes from children and their parents. A FAQ sheet will be available to help answer your questions. Please wrap your gifts and return them with the tag attached so the gifts go to the right people. Buy gifts on your own, or team up with a fellow parishioner and lighten the shopping load! You may include gifts above and beyond what is requested if you choose. Please return all Angel Tree gifts by Wednesday, December 18. For more information, speak with Dan Basche at 602-439-3594.

U2Charist to Return December 22nd!

Back by popular demand, St. John's will host a second U2Charist. That's right, we had so much fun the first time around that we've decided to do it again: this time on a Sunday! Fr. Tim will join the St. John's Praise Band, and we will sing songs by the rock band U2 in place of our traditional hymns on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 22, at 10:15. Come sing, dance, and pray as we celebrate the Eucharist together with the music of U2. The milk can will make an appearance, and we will once again collect funds for Christmas gift cards for our friends at US Vets. Let's rock together on the Fourth Sunday of Advent. It's a beautiful day!

Christmas Eve Services: December 24 at 5 and 8 p.m.

Glory to the Newborn King! That's right, Christmas is right around the corner! Join us as we celebrate Holy Eucharist together at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Invite your friends and family to join us as we sing Christmas hymns, pray together, and rejoice in the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Following Holy Communion, we will sing Silent Night surrounded by candlelight. Keep the "mass" in Christmas this year by joining us for Eucharist at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. at St. John's! As is true every year, our Christmas Eve services will begin with caroling. Our 5 p.m. service will be a little less formal and our 8 p.m. service will follow the liturgy for Midnight Mass. Please let Deacon Chuck know if you are willing to serve as a liturgical minister.

FaithNet, Faith-Based Support Group for Mental Illness

First and Third Wednesdays, 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Parish Hall. Our candidate for Holy Orders, Mary Kathryn Brooks and parishioner,

Donna Anastasi, will facilitate **FaithNet**, a faith-based support group for those with mental illness. Please see Mary Kathryn for details or call 337-781-9042 or email mkb071659@gmail.com.

Our next meeting is **Wednesday, December 4th**.

Children Welcomed as Liturgical Ministers

Hey kids! Do you want to serve as a lector or assist at the altar? We'd love to welcome you to serve in our liturgical ministries. There is no minimum age to serve at the altar, and the only requirement for being a lector is an ability to read. Training can easily be arranged. Serve the Church and serve Jesus by serving as a liturgical minister. People of all ages are invited. Contact the church office or a member of the clergy for more information.

Sunday School Teachers Wanted

Beginning in January of 2025, we will have a new Sunday School curriculum for our children at St. John's. We are also looking for teachers who will guide our children through their study. Our curriculum will be lectionary based and officially endorsed by the Episcopal Church. Teachers must complete a background check and Safe Church training (at no cost to you). No specialized training is required, but experience and comfort working with children is certainly a plus. We invite you to prayerfully discern a calling to teach and mentor our young people here at St. John's. Contact the church office if you are able and willing to help teach Sunday School.

Vestry Candidates Needed!

It's that time of year again! It's time to discern whether you are called to run for Vestry. We will have three positions to fill. What are the requirements to serve on the Vestry? You must be 16 years of age, a communicant in good standing, and a member of the parish for at least six months, and you must have taken at least one year off from having served on the Vestry previously. You also need to be available for a monthly vestry meeting on a Sunday (held between the services), and a quarterly retreat, which will take the place of that month's meeting. That's it! We bet you can do that. It isn't too hard, and it's a great way to show you are invested in your parish. Contact the office with your name and a brief bio about yourself and why you'd like to run for vestry. We have three openings, but we can have more people run than that. A contested vestry election is a sign of parish health. We also offer thanks to those who have served and who will be leaving the Vestry after their years of service.

Save the Date! 40th Anniversary Dinner January 18th

We will pray, dine, and have fun together as we reminisce about our 40 years together! The dinner will take place in the Parish Hall. A donation of \$5 will be requested simply to hold your spot and so we know how much food to provide. It will be a wonderful celebration.

Hospitality Ministry

We need some help on our coffee hour team! Please help us to make sure our parishioners aren't left thirsty for coffee on Sunday mornings. We would love to have you join us to make coffee, set out goodies, and clean up afterward. Please contact **Valerie Swick** at (602) 694-4629 or **August Tolle** at (602) 677-4554. Many hands make light work!

Altar Guild needs YOU to join our team!

Did you know the Altar Guild plays a huge role in making sure our worship can take place smoothly and seamlessly? If you enjoy meaningful worship with everything exactly in the place it needs to be, then we ask you to prayerfully discern a call to join the Altar Guild.

Food Pantry and Blessing Bags Supplies Needed

Monetary and food donations are always appreciated.

Please remember to check the expiration date on your donations. We cannot give out expired food to our clients.

Besides food pantry items, we also have smaller bags of food, water and personal hygiene bags to respond to those asking for help. (Cans with pull rings are helpful). *Please pick up your Blessing Bags by the church doors.*

Food Pantry - Always Needed and Appreciated

Spam, Canned Tuna and Chicken
Syrup and Pancake Mix (Complete)
Peanut Butter and Jelly
Cereal (hot and cold)

Blessing Bags - Always Needed and Appreciated

Vienna Sausages/Beanee Weenies
Snacks and Cookies (Individual)
Personal size hygiene products
Real juice Small Cans (V8, OJ, etc.)

November Stewardship Message - Time, Talent and Treasure

Proverbs 11:25 The generous man will be prosperous, and he who waters will himself be watered.

St. John's Giving and Attendance for November 24th

Pledge	\$5,286.51	Pantry	\$338.50
Plate	\$868.00	Thrift Store	\$315.00
Vet's Gift Cards	\$593.50	Other	\$117.00
Weekly Expenses	\$7,933.27	Attendance	136

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Mrs. Michelle Weaver, Finance & Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Mary Jane Santamaria, Nursery Supervisor
Ms. Hyeri Choi, Pianist
Mrs. Cynthia Pastula, Director St John's Choir
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Happenings @ St. John the Baptist

- **Decoding the Faith - Adult Education**
Sunday, 9 a.m., between Services, East Annex
- **Bible Study Between Services**
Sundays, 9 a.m. between services, Chilton Hall Room 5
- **Harry Potter Book Club**
Mondays, Chilton Hall--Rm 6, 6p.m. Dinner, 6:30p.m. Study
- **Joyful Noise Choir Rehearsal**
Tuesday, December 3, 7p.m., Sanctuary,
- **Wednesday, Eucharist and Healing Service**
Wednesdays, 1 p.m., Parish Hall
- **FaithNet, Faith-Based Support Group for Mental Illness**
1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., East Annex.
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- **St. John's Choir Rehearsal**
Thursdays, 7 p.m., Sanctuary.
- **St. John's Farmers' Market**
Fridays—9 a.m. to 1 p.m., East Parking Lot.
Vendors or info Email: SJBfarmersmarket@gmail.com
- **St. John's Closet Thrift Store**
Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Chilton Hall Rm 3.
Donations are accepted during the hours we are open.
- **Borderland's P.O.W. W.O.W.**
Saturday, December 7, 8:00 a.m. - 11:00, East Parking Lot.
- **Men's Fellowship and Bible Study**
Saturday, December 7, 8 a.m., Zoom

For more information about events at St. John's please check out our weekly email Newsletter *Voice in the Wilderness*.
Contact the office to sign up.

*We are the Church that serves
and spreads God's love to everyone*