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# A COMMUNITY OF LOVE

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## A Community of Love

by Fr. Mark Kowalewski

**To be part of the body of Christ is to be part of the community of love, a community with a mission to the world.**

This issue of Cathedral Life focuses on the theme for our Stewardship campaign this year — A Community of Love. The theme comes from the lines of a hymn

written by Brian Wren connecting the gift of the Eucharist with the community of love that we share as Christians (see the full text of the hymn **on page 7**).

The hymn teaches us:

*As Christ breaks bread  
and bids us share,  
each proud division ends.  
That love that made us  
makes us one,  
And strangers now are friends.*

So there is a connection between the body and blood of our Lord which we share week in and week out, and the body and blood of one another. As we share in the Eucharist, the hymn invites us to share with one another. We enable

that sharing this year through our continued every member canvass. Each member of our community will receive an invitation to meet together from another member. The purpose of these meetings is not to ask for money, but to continue to form the bonds of community we hope will exist here at St. Johns between people of differing backgrounds.

Do we realize what a rare gift our community is in the context of our present culture? It seems everywhere in our society people are separated from one another by race, or class or a number of other factors. And yet here, every Sunday we come together to meet our Lord and one another from every background, from different races. All the things that divide us, especially in the current political climate are factors that

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## The Ministry of Prayer

by Fr. Daniel Ade

**"...For where two or three are gathered in my name, I'm there with them."  
— Matthew 18:19-20**

In October we start a new ministry of prayer at St. John's. During communion, specially trained members of the congregation will be available in the Lady Chapel

to pray with anyone who has a special need or concern. Why are we doing this?

I must admit, I used to think that such times of prayer during communion took away from the centrality of the sacrament we receive — the greatest sacrament for our healing is the Eucharist itself. But as I have come to think about the ministry of prayer, where members of the community join hands and hearts, I now understand this as a continuation of what we celebrate at the altar. In the Holy Eucharist we receive the flesh and blood of our Lord in a very tangible way. It is a means of connecting with Jesus in his life, death and in his resurrection. We spiritually receive his

living presence here. At the same time we live out what we receive when we serve one another. The hymn we have chosen to reflect on during our stewardship season this year puts it this way:

*I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread.*

The gift of the Eucharist finds special expression in the community of love. Praying with one another for our particular concerns is a way to further express the gift we receive at the Lord's Table. What's more, it provides us an opportunity to speak out to another person the concerns on our hearts and together bring them to the throne

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PHOTOS: TIM SULLENS

The Guibord Center  
*Religion Inside Out*

# A Year of Spirituality

The Guibord Center has had an engaging and a remarkably successful year so far highlighted in June by The Week of Spirituality. We brought The Mystical Arts of Tibet with eleven Tibetan monks from Drepung Loseling Monastery here to share their powerful sacred traditions with the people of Los Angeles. As well as engaging in performances of their holy songs and dances, the monks were here primarily to create the Sacred Mandala of Compassion. These mandalas are an act of profoundly focused prayer when hundreds of thousands of individual grains of sand are poured out to form a visible representation of the worlds — inner and outer — at peace. That week St. John’s Cathedral became home for the hundreds of people who came to witness the beauty and power of the Mandala of Compassion. Many folks came multiple times to engage in the various activities that we provided: witnessing the creation of the mandala itself, joining in a special meditation with the monks which brought in most of the yoga teachers in the city, and the many family activities with children to create their own mandalas after watching and listening to the monks. St. John’s soup kitchen volunteers from USC also were surprised with the privilege of a fascinating conversation with the head monk. Crowds showed up for the Opening and Closing Ceremonies with Sacred Song/Sacred Dance, and for the Dismantling and Distribution of the Sand. It was truly an amazing week

with The Guibord Center at St. John’s!

And did we say that The Guibord Center’s Annual Dinner was right in the middle of all this?! There we also learned about the meaning behind Ramadan and St. John’s itself sparkled amid the rich variety of the many faiths represented.

The Guibord Center concludes the year with “Decoding the Rituals and Symbols of Roman Catholicism” on **Saturday, September 24th** at Our Lady of Angels, which includes a tour of the cathedral. Our final event will be a concert here at St. John’s on **Saturday, October 22nd** called “Sangita Yoga”. It beautifully illustrates the mystical traditions that run through Indian (Hindu) music and chants. All of our programs are free. Children and families are welcome.

Finally, we are pleased to announce Continued on page 12

**UPCOMING:**

**Decoding the Rituals and Symbols of Roman Catholicism,**

Sept. 24th at Our Lady of Angels Cathedral. Includes a tour of the cathedral, (pictured at right).

**Sangita Yoga, Oct. 22nd** at St. John’s.

A concert illustrating the mystical traditions that run through Hindu music and chants, (pictured below).



Below: Tibetan monks with the sand Mandala, which they completed during the week of *The Mystical Arts of Tibet* this past June. Bottom: The Guibord Center’s Annual Dinner at St John’s.



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## Cathedral Arts Guild Mission Statement

The Cathedral Arts Guild at St. John's serves its congregation and welcomes others from every community by celebrating God's message of love and beauty through the arts. We believe the Creator has given us artistic gifts of music, literature, art, drama and dance that enable both participants and listeners, performers and observers alike to comprehend more fully the beauty of holiness" and the "holiness of beauty." Our mission is to share our talents and to engage audiences by providing a wide array of performances for an equally wide array of people that lift the spirit and open the heart to a better understanding of God's grace.

# News

From the Cathedral Arts Guild

by NED TIPTON,  
Canon FOR MUSIC MINISTRY



## Our Season begins!

I predict that our 2016-2017 season will surpass anything we've offered so far. Here's a sampling of events, October-November:

We start in October with the fourth biennial "Flash Festival" by our theater troupe-in-residence, the **Chalk Repertory Theater**.

"Chalk" has invited fifteen Los Angeles playwrights to create original ten-minute plays inspired by our space; plays that will be unique to St. John's. This year's plays are written on the timely theme of Religion & Politics! The Festival runs three weekends with a brand new slate of five plays each weekend (**Thursday/Friday/Saturday, Oct. 6-22, 7pm**). Come back each week to catch them all! A limited number of free tickets will be available for St. John's parishioners — watch for announcements in coming Sunday bulletins and weekly updates. The quality of theater produced by this group is extraordinary, and we are lucky to be in partnership with them again this year. **See story on opposite page.**

Toward the end of October, our friends (and ensemble-in-residence) **Katherine Cash and the Rev. Norm Freeman** will be joined by three top-notch area jazz musicians for another *Jazz Vespers* on **Saturday, Oct. 29, at 5pm**. If you've not attended one

of these services, please come ... the level of jazz playing from this group is "about as good as it gets!"

For November, and following on the success and reception of last year's *All Saints/All Souls* concert by the **Cathedral Choir**, the later has already begun preparing two works from the 16th century (called "Golden Age" of choral music) for presentation on Saturday, **Nov. 5, at 7pm**: Heinrich Isaac's short but brilliant work for All Saints, *Angeli et Archangl*, and the monumental, deeply spiritual *Requiem for Six Voices*, by one of the master composers of choral music of all time, Tomás Luis de Victoria. This concert, in collaboration with the Cathedral's **Social Witness Committee**, will be sung in memory of those killed by gun violence. It will be a free concert, and a reception will follow.

Our relationship with our "neighbor" to the south, USC, continues to strengthen — once again we will welcome the **USC University Chorus** in concert on **Friday, Nov. 18, at 8pm**, for a program Music from around the world, repertoire from Germany, France, Argentina, Italy, Russia, and beyond, including works by Handel, Rossini, Bernstein, and Ramirez. A free concert.

These events would not be possible without the efforts of our Cathedral Arts Guild. Members give their time and talent to many tasks, and new volunteers are always welcomed. ✦



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From Top: CHALK Repertory Theater company; N2K (Katherine Cash and the Rev. Norm Freeman); USC University Chorus.

## About Chalk Rep



Chalk Repertory Theatre is a leading site-specific theater company, dedicated to producing classical and contemporary plays in unconventional spaces. Founded in 2008 by graduates of the MFA Theatre program at UC San Diego, Chalk Rep has created twenty full theatrical productions, partnering with sites as grand as the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County and as simple as a backyard garage. Chalk received an Ovation Award in 2009 for Best Production: Intimate Theatre, and was named “Best Gypsy Theatre Company” by the LA Weekly in 2013. In all of its productions, Chalk Rep is committed to working with a diverse group of artists to create stories that are intimate, accessible and stimulate community discussion. Chalk Rep is proud to be in residence at St. John’s, where they produced the World Premiere of Tom Jacobson’s *Diet of Worms* in 2015 and their biennial FLASH Festival of short plays in 2016, as well as regular meetings of a workshop for Los Angeles playwrights.

### Coming in October: FLASH Festival

After the success of *Diet of Worms*, Chalk Repertory Theatre is excited to continue its residency at St. Johns with its biennial FLASH Festival of new plays. In this program, fifteen

Los Angeles writers are commissioned to write original ten-minute plays inspired by a specific location. The plays are then given to fifteen directors, who cast the plays and rehearse them for no more than ten hours before they are presented to an audience for three performances.

Chalk Rep created this model in 2010, as a way to welcome a larger and more diverse group of artists into the community. In 2012, Chalk produced a FLASH Festival at the Page Museum at the La Brea Tar Pits, and in 2014, at a brand new luxury high rise building downtown. This year, at St. John’s, the writers have been tasked not only with a specific space on the Cathedral grounds, but with very timely theme of “Religion & Politics.” The resulting plays cover a diverse range of topics, from same-sex marriage to feminism, to immigration and gentrification. Although each piece is inspired by the architecture at St. Johns, some plays transport the audience to other times and places, and some pieces physically move the audience through the space (seating is provided for all those who need it). Each ten-minute play is its own experiment — created and set off in a FLASH — and designed to spark further conversation.

The FLASH Festival at St. John’s will run **Thursday-Friday-Saturday nights at 7pm from October 6-22**, with five original plays going up each week. All tickets are \$20 and available online at [www.chalkrep.com](http://www.chalkrep.com), or with cash at the door. ✦



CHALK REPERTORY THEATRE  
IN RESIDENCE AT ST. JOHN’S CATHEDRAL PRESENTS

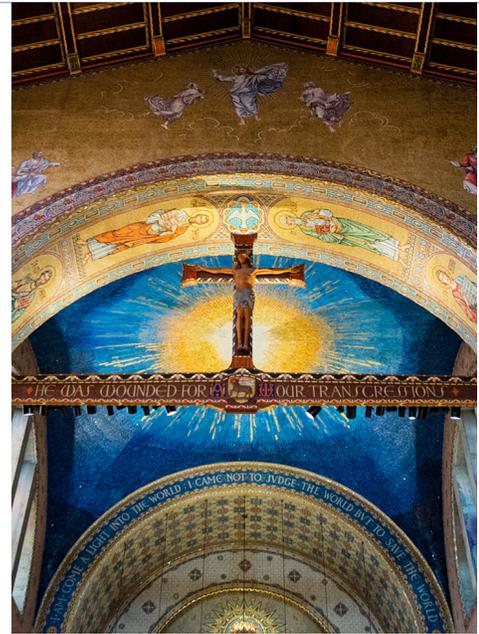


Thursday/Friday/Saturday October 6 - 22, 2016 @ 7PM



*Pictured: Scenes from various CHALK Repertory Theater productions. For information about CHALK, or to buy tickets the upcoming FLASH Festival at St. Johns, visit [www.chalkrep.com](http://www.chalkrep.com).*

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# A COMMUNITY OF LOVE

## Stewardship at St. John's:

It is about our relationship to God and one another involving all aspects of our lives...

It is about supporting the ministry we actively live in this place, in our community, the Diocese, and the world...

It is about setting aside a portion of our time every day for prayer, meditation, and worship...

It is about embracing and encompassing an attitude of joy and love in community that leads us to:

- ❖ Be a people of Faith and Prayer
- ❖ Volunteer our talents and time through the ministries here
- ❖ Share our financial resources with which God has blessed us
- ❖ Take into consideration planned giving as a worthy legacy for generations to come
- ❖ Do our part to preserve the natural world and environment which God put into our care at Creation

## What stewardship at St. John's is not:

- ❖ It is not about money...
- ❖ It is not about meeting a budget...
- ❖ It is not about guilt...

— Fr. Mark Stuart

*Pictured: A small sampling of our congregation/Community of Love. Photos by Tim Sullens.*



## Hymn

I come with joy  
to meet my Lord,  
forgiven, loved, and free,  
in awe and wonder to recall  
his life laid down for me.

I come with Christians  
far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community  
of love in Christ's  
communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread  
and bids us share,  
each proud division ends.  
That love that made us  
makes us one,  
and strangers now  
are friends.

And thus with joy  
we meet our Lord.  
His presence, always near,  
is in such friendship  
better known: we see  
and praise him here.

Together met,  
together bound,  
we'll go our different ways,  
and as his people  
in the world, we'll live  
and speak his praise.

*Words: Brian Wren  
Music: Land of Rest*

## Prayer

Keep, O Lord,  
your household  
the Church in your  
steadfast faith and love,  
that through your grace  
we may proclaim your  
truth with boldness,  
and minister your  
justice with compassion;  
for the sake of our  
Savior Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns  
with you and the  
Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and for ever.  
Amen.

— BCP p. 230





TIM SULLENS

From Deacon  
**Margaret McCauley**

## Welcome Families and Children!

We invite your children to an opportunity to explore, expand and add depth to their knowledge of God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. Let us support you in providing a strong religious and spiritual foundation for your family. We look forward

Train up a child in the way the child should go; even when the child is old, that child will not depart from it. — Proverbs 22: 6

**Join us** for these events designed especially with our children in mind.

**Sunday, Oct. 2, 11am**  
**St. Michael's & All Angels**  
*The Holy Scripture states that angels are messengers of God. How?*

**Saturday, Oct. 8, 4pm**  
**Blessing of the Animals**  
*Bring your children and their pets. Enjoy the live animals in the petting zoo.*

**Sunday, Nov. 6, 11am**  
**All Saints' Day**  
*With joy, we remember our loved ones who have died. Why?*

**Sunday, Dec. 4, 11am**  
**Advent Season**  
*Learn about Advent, the time of preparing for the birth of Jesus.*

**Saturday, Dec. 24, 5pm**  
**Family Christmas Eve Service**  
*Explore the religious symbols of the birth of our Lord Jesus.*

**Sunday, Jan. 8, 11am**  
**The Baptism of Jesus**  
*Our sins have been forgiven and we have new life in Jesus. How?*

to sharing the Holy Scripture through lessons, activities and songs. Also, it's a time for children to become spiritually and personally acquainted with one another.

Come and see, let your children experience the joy of coming to know the unconditional love of God, the redeeming love of Jesus Christ and the sustaining love of the Holy Spirit. ✦

## New Position Update



TIM SULLENS

## Fernando Valdes

CANON OF OPERATIONS

I am so pleased and excited

about starting my new career as the Canon of Operations here at St. John's. I have received countless warm and loving welcomes from so many members of the congregation, which immediately made me realize that I was home. Needless to say, it will be a great challenge filling the shoes of our beloved sexton of 44 years, Henry Hollis. He will be sorely missed.

As Canon of Operations, I look forward to opening our historical cathedral to the greater community of Los Angeles and abroad by increasing the outside wedding business along with hosting other non-liturgical events, which includes continuing to work with the film industry.

However, I also look forward to serving this community in its many liturgical capacities as well. It is a joy

to be a deacon in this parish, and I consider it an honor to undertake the trials and tribulations of maintaining our historical cathedral, so that faithful worship and outreach may continue for many years to come.

### Laundry Love

On a different subject, I would love to invite any and all members of the St. John's Family to participate in our monthly **Laundry Love** outreach. This is such an exciting ministry that we, as a community, have taken over and continue to nurture the community of the East Hollywood residents.

Laundry Love East Hollywood meets at 6:30pm on the last Wednesday of each month at Los Lavaderos Coin Laundry, located at 4371 Melrose Ave., East Hollywood, CA. For more information, visit [laundrylove.org](http://laundrylove.org). All are welcome! ✦

## Men's Spirituality

Once again this year we will offer spirituality events for men at St. John's. These have included diverse gatherings such as clergy house dinners with guest speakers, quiet days at the Community of Divine Love and even an outing to the Griffith Park Observatory. Special thanks to Jim Wenn for coordinating this group.

Our fall kickoff event will be **Friday**,

**October 21 at 7pm** at Clergy House. Fr. Mark, a member of the Bishop Coadjutor Search Committee, will discuss the upcoming election of our Bishop Coadjutor during the Diocesan Convention in December. Men who attend the event will also have the opportunity to discuss ideas for spirituality events for the rest of the program year. ✦

**Men's Group**

**FALL KICK OFF**

**Friday**

**October 21**

**7pm**

**Clergy House**

## Fall 2016 Christian Formation Hour Sundays at 9:15am, Parish Hall

For most of the summer we continued our Christian Formation classes at 9:15 on Sunday mornings exploring Paul's Letter to the Galatians and our Mothers in faith focusing on women in the Bible. This fall we will again have a full program during our Christian Formation hour.



### The Spirituality of food

**October 9, 16, 23, 30**

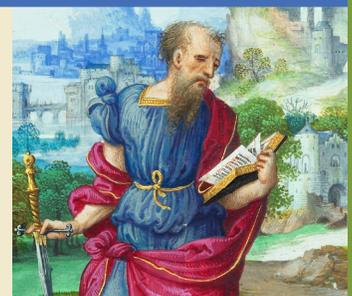
We focus our thoughts on food during Creation Season this year. We will look at the theological themes of food justice in the Scriptures, talk about specific issues in our contemporary world as well as particular

spiritual practices embodying the ecological and justice issues around food production and consumption as disciples of Jesus. How can our use of food and our care for those who have little to eat be a demonstration of our values as citizens of the new creation?

### Paul and the coming of Jesus

**November 6, 13, 20**

During the weeks after All Saints and before Advent we turn our attention to the Second Coming of Jesus. This mini-season of the church year, called kingdomtide, culminates on the last Sunday of our liturgical year — the Feast of Christ the King. We will explore passages of the Letters of St. Paul focusing on the Coming of Christ in glory, and the transformation of the world at the end of time.



### Advent: Preparing for the Christmas Feast!

**November 27, December 4, 11, 18**

Advent is a season of preparation that often gets lost outside of church because of all the busyness of the season. During this time we will provide tools for keeping Advent in your home with practices such as the Advent wreath and Advent Calendar. Ned Tipton will help us explore the theology of beloved Christmas hymns and carols, and we will examine the specific themes of the church during this season, like waiting, watching, interior "house-cleaning," and the words of the prophets.



Many people at St. John's have been finding the 9:15am formation time helpful for their spiritual journey and their growth as disciples of Jesus. Please come and see for yourself. ✦



TIM SULLENS

*Pictured: St. John's parishioners hold "Our lady Mother of Ferguson" icons, under a large banner which states "Thou shalt not kill... control guns now". The icon (top right) was written by Mark Dukes and commissioned by the Rev. Dr. Mark Francisco Bozzuti-Jones of Trinity Church Wall Street in response to acts of violence.*

## Prophetic Social Witness Committee



The Social Witness Committee at St. John's, in addition to working in other areas, has been heavily involved in addressing gun violence issues in our country. We recently placed a large banner across the

façade of the church which reads, "Thou shalt not kill... Control guns now". The purpose of this banner is to boldly state St. John's opposition to gun violence, and its commitment to working in the community as well as in legislative arenas to reduce gun violence and improve the sensible control over the possession and use of guns.

We also participated in the Concert

Across America, a nationwide social media event, which endeavored to raise awareness and foster communal efforts to work against the plague of death by guns that has wreaked havoc on our nation. We recognize that this effort is not easy, nor will it be fast, but we take these actions not because it is comfortable, but because of our Christian faith, which convicts us that all people are beloved and made in the image of God, and therefore every life is sacred.

If you would like to know more about how to get involved in the Social Witness Committee's efforts, please contact our chair person, Deacon Margaret McCauley, at [dcmccauley@stjohnsla.org](mailto:dcmccauley@stjohnsla.org). ✦



## St. John's Cathedral Food Pantry and You

### Volunteers Needed!

- **Set-up:**  
First & third Fridays  
1pm
- **Service:**  
First & third Saturdays  
9:30-11:45am

You are St. John's Cathedral Food Pantry. The Food Pantry ministry depends on you as volunteers, for food donations and for financial support. You have come through for this ministry again and again! *Thank you!*

We serve the working poor and homeless of our community. The median household income in University Park is a bit over \$17,000.00 a year. Not much to survive on in what is now the most expensive metropolitan area in the United States. Make no mistake, the food assistance that St. John's provides is essential to our clients.

This fall we are collecting whole wheat rice and pasta. One pound bags or boxes of each are perfect. We are not allowed to open and repackage the food that we distribute so please no twenty pound

bags of rice! We are also collecting whole turkeys and turkey or chicken breasts for distribution in early November. We will need a hundred units of turkey and/or chicken, so please start shopping now! The best time to bring food in is on a Sunday.

We serve on the first & third Saturdays of the month and always can use more volunteers. Our Saturday volunteer hours are 9:30 to 11:45am, which includes prep and clean-up. The Food Pantry itself is open from 10:30 to 11:30am and we serve about 75 households.

We can also use help on the first and third Fridays of the month for set-up. Presently two of us do this and we'd love some help! It generally takes ninety minutes and we start at 1pm. Our start times do vary a bit sometimes so if you can help on Fridays contact me by email at [alh50@att.net](mailto:alh50@att.net) to confirm the time.

Again, thank you for your generous support!  
— Peace, Fr. Al

**FR. MARK**

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enrich us through our unity in Christ at St. John's. I hope you will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to sit down with someone you may not know, someone you may never have met apart from the fact that you both are part of this new community of love in Christ.

Then we hope you will share your resources with this community. We all have gifts to share of

time, talent and treasure. Whatever our differing gifts and financial resources, Christ bids us share. To be part of the body of Christ is to be part of the community of love, a community with a mission to the world. Our special stewardship prayer tells us that mission: To proclaim the Lord's truth with boldness, to be ministers of his justice with compassion. That is the work of our community of love at St. John's. "As his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise." ✕

**FR. DAN**

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of God's grace and mercy. It's no wonder Jesus says:

*"I assure you that if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, then my Father who is in heaven will do it for you. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I'm there with them"*  
(Matthew 18:19-20).

This special gift of prayer and support reminds me of a friend who lost both his parents in a relatively short time. While everyone gathered around with love and support at the time of death, nothing more was offered after the funeral was over. His partner, however, who was Jewish, also had experienced a similar loss in his life, and was able to stand in temple every week, to receive the ongoing support of the community through the liturgical prayers available in his Jewish tradition to remember and to work out his own process of grief. That is why at St. John's, when we have our monthly blessings for birthdays and anniversaries we add those who are in a time of grief who wish to come forward. We also have found that more and more people are coming not only for thanksgiving, but also for prayer.

So as we begin this new ministry, please know that those who will pray with you have been specially selected by the clergy for their spiritual maturity, their prayerfulness, their pastoral sensitivity. They will also receive training from Fr. Michael Bell, the new Chaplain to Good Samaritan Hospital who has a special ministry of prayer and concern for the sick. Key to the success of this ministry will be the absolute confidentiality with which the prayer team will hold your requests.

So as we begin this holy time in our community of love, let's pray also for the gift of vulnerability. Let us share with one another the fears, the hurts, the grief and the other concerns burdening our hearts and with the prayer support of another person in this community of love. Lay them before our Lord, present in the most holy sacrament of the altar, present in the hearts of his faithful people. ✕

There are a couple of new things coming up at St. John's on the technology front. First, Liz McQuitty has been working over the summer with our IT consultant, Josh Gottlieb, to re-design and develop our website. We plan to roll it out as this issue of Cathedral Life goes to print. It will be a more user-friendly and visually exciting site. Check it out at [stjohnsla.org](http://stjohnsla.org).

**Development Project Update**

Over the summer, a planning group from the congregation and our Vestry have been continuing our work on the overall development project for our property and our Master Plan. We are working with our local Consultant, Ann Gray, and Andrew Foley from our Denham Wolf consultants in New York as we continue to select an appropriate developer and project for our site. As you may guess, this is a long and thoughtful process since it will change our life here for generations to come. We look forward to providing more details on these exciting possibilities later this fall. ✕

**New Technology Update**

We also are beginning a ministry of tech volunteers to help with our audio recordings of Sunday Sermons. We started doing this over the summer and sermons will now be available via a link on our website. The tech crew will also help as we begin video streaming of elements of our 11am masses in the near future. Anyone interested in being part of this ministry should contact Fr. Mark or Russ Graham. ✕



## Young Adult opportunities at St. John's

by LIZ McQUITTY,  
CANON FOR YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

**I**n the twelfth chapter of John's gospel, just after Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, and just before the Passover festival and his impending crucifixion and resurrection, Jesus says these powerfully beautiful yet haunting words,

*"Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also..."*  
(John 12:25-26)

The Young Adults ministries at St. John's, comprised of folks in their 20s and 30s, are gearing up for another year of engaging in spiritual practices, conversations, and worship together in an effort to be followers of Christ in this world. In order to be where Jesus is, we have to first discern where he is going and how to follow him there. This is the life of a disciple, and this is the ongoing journey of what it means to be a Christian, a Christ follower. This journey cannot be made alone, which is why we look forward to the com-

munity that will continue to develop as we come together to more fully understand and practice what it means to be disciples of Christ, following Jesus on the journey.

The young adults at St. John's have two main opportunities to engage with others in their similar stage of life as we live out our life in Christ. The first is through the **FlipSide**, the 20s and 30s group which meets about once per month to foster relationships, engage in spiritual conversations, and encourage each other in faith. The second is through a worshipping community called **Compline at the Cathedral**. Compline is a 30-minute, candlelit service of prayer and song and it is followed by food and fellowship. This community of young adults has become a truly rich group, and we hope you'll join us for Compline on the first and third Sundays of each month at 9pm to be a part of it!

For more information about either of these groups, please contact Liz McQuitty, Canon for Young Adult Ministries, at [churchoffice@stjohnsla.org](mailto:churchoffice@stjohnsla.org). ✨

## THE GUIBORD CENTER

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two new hires: a Fund Development Consultant, and a Public Relations Consultant. As a result of more staff, we have procured an additional office at First Church. Please call and come visit. Our newly developed website is scheduled to finally be launched by the end of September. It is truly stunning and we are eager for you to log on:

[www.theguibordcenter.org](http://www.theguibordcenter.org).

Planning for The Guibord Center's Programs for 2017 is nearly complete with fascinating Special Speakers, Panels, and Major Events.

The St. John's family is an integral part of The Guibord Center and we are so very grateful to the volunteers, staff, congregants, vestry and clergy who enable us to present these important programs in this glorious historic Place of Prayer for all People. ✨



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