



CHURCH MOUSE

Summer 2023—St. John's Episcopal Church 1707 Gouldin Road, Oakland, CA 94611

Rector's Letter

Where'd Scott go? Vacation and Sabbatical, that's where—and well deserved, too! He will be back with us in September, bright eyed and bushy tailed (we can't wait!!)



From the Senior Warden

Pat Harden

It's the dog days of summer now, but we're looking forward to some major fun and excitement around St. John's in the coming weeks. Mark your calendars now for these important upcoming events, especially our online auction and in-person "Come Together" party! Here's a peek at coming attractions:

Come Together

St. John's Auction

Bid online through Aug 27:
www.biddingowl.com/StJohnsoakland

Party & Live Auction
Aug 26, 4-6pm

more info: stjohnsoakland.org

August 15-27: St. John's online auction with more than 70 exciting items provided by generous donors. Bid for these choice gifts, activities, trips, and services from the comfort of home. Watch for details and jump in early so you don't miss out! All funds raised go directly into St. John's operating budget.

August 26: "Come Together" party at St. John's from 4-6pm with a live auction, raffles, games, great food from a popular taco truck, and beverages. Wine and beer will be available for purchase and lemonade will be offered at no charge. Enjoy an evening of family fun and fellowship. Free childcare provided.

September 1: Our rector, the Rev. Scott Denman, returns refreshed, relaxed and inspired from his sabbatical. Be sure to welcome him back on Sunday, Sept. 3.

September 10: Reconnect with the St. John's community at Welcome Back Sunday with a special intergenerational service during which the Confirm not Conform kids will commit to participating in CnC and their parents, mentors, and the congregation will commit to supporting them in their confirmation journey. After the 10am service, we will have a potluck lunch with hamburgers and hotdogs provided.

September 24: We celebrate the kick-off of The Gateway Project Capital Campaign and Annual Stewardship Campaign. These campaigns will run concurrently. Your pledges to the annual stewardship campaign provide critical support for our ongoing church operations in 2024. The Capital Campaign will fund The Gateway Project, with pledges that can be paid over three years and will bring this project (finally!) to completion.

October 1: Blessing of the Animals. The ever-popular Blessing of the Animals is a wonderful tradition at St. John's to honor St. Francis and bless your dogs, cats, hamsters, and all the beloved creatures with whom we share the earth.

Watch for Vestry members wearing our new T-shirts, designed by People's Warden Sarah Jones. We plan to wear the shirts at church-related functions and invite parishioners to say hello and get acquainted with all of us who serve on the Vestry. This and our "Vestry Minute" announcements at Sunday services are simply a way to increase our connections and communication with the parish and community.



Do good and enjoy yourself as summer winds down and we get ready for a busy fall season!

Upcoming Events

- Aug 15-27 — Online Auction
Aug 26 — St. John's Party & Live Auction
- Sept 4 — Labor Day
Sept 5 — Youth Choirs, Youth Hangout & Pizza Club begin
Sept 12 — Youth Mindfulness Groups begin
Sept 24 — St. John's Capital Campaign kick-off
- Oct 9 — Indigenous People's Day
Oct 21 — Judith Fleming memorial
- Nov 5 — Daylight Savings Ends
Nov 7 — Election Day
- Mar 1-3 — Women's Retreat
Mar 8-10 — Men's Retreat
- May 10-12 — Parish Retreat

Worship Services

Join us for worship
Sundays at 7:45 & 10am

- Sept 10 — Welcome Back Sunday
Oct 1 — Blessing of the Animals. Intergenerational Sunday
Nov 5 — All Saints, Intergenerational, Pledge Sunday
Nov 12 — Pledge Sunday
Dec 3 — Intergenerational Sunday

The Rev. Scott Denman, Rector
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New Associate Rector for St. John's

The Rev. Kathleen Moore

As chair of the Associate Rector Search Committee, I did not anticipate that the process would be short and joyful. I was wrong. When Rev. Kathleen Moore applied for the position, she submitted the following cover letter that wonderfully describes her enthusiasm for St. John's and the Associate Rector position.

Laurie Bennett

Dear Search Committee members,

If you were to ask any colleague in ministry I have worked with, they would tell you that a common refrain from me is, "Well, at St. John's they do x," and "When I was at St. John's, we did y." In other words, my admiration and affection for you is well known.

Your leadership style, faith, love for one another, innovative spirit, curiosity, sense of humor, and appreciation for fun inspired and energized me as a seminarian, and have continued to do so in the years since.

When Scott called months ago, I was in the midst of a family crisis and could not consider a move. I told my closest friends, family, and even my bishop that I had said no to my "dream job." Rarely in life do you get another chance at something like that. The Holy Spirit does move!

I have read the job description for Associate Rector with great interest. I would be thrilled to dive into any and all listed responsibilities, but the most exciting for me are those that fall under congregational development and community engagement. These areas involve getting to know people, hearing their stories, making connections, and fostering relationships. I love this work.

In November, I will have been with Canticle Communications for nine years. I have loved my work there, and it is surreal and a bit sad to imagine moving on. But it is clear that after all these years I am feeling a call to full-time parish ministry.

There is work to do: love to spread, relationships to build, wounds to heal, and truth to be spoken. I would be honored to get to do this work with the people of St. John's once again.

Faithfully,

The Rev. Kathleen Moore



Gateway Project Update:

Judy Kridle

The Gateway Project, which features a new entrance bridge to St. John's campus from Thornhill Drive, passed a major milestone this summer. At a meeting held in person in City Council chambers in mid-July, the Oakland Planning Commission unanimously approved St. John's application for a one-year extension of planning entitlements for the project to March 11, 2024. A meeting of the Oakland Building Department, Ratcliff Architects, Oliver & Co. General Contractor, and St. John's is in the works to discuss the timing of the City's review of the project plans and an updated construction schedule in light of the entitlements extension. Construction will take approximately eighteen months to complete.



A group of dedicated parishioners created a vision for this project and we have further developed and refined the plans over the past 25 years. After delays due to governmental requirements and then COVID, the project is now moving forward. Leading the effort is a steering committee whose members include Bob Davidson, The Rev. Scott Denman (St. John's Rector), Pat Harden (Senior Warden), Julie Knell (Capital Campaign Chair), Judy Kridle (Chair), Ed Likely, Jerry Moran, and Debi Stebbins. Ratcliff Architects, a local architectural firm, is assisting along with support from many of our neighbors and elected officials.

To make the entrance to St. John's safer and more accessible, the project includes building a two-way bridge from Thornhill Drive over Temescal Creek to St. John's property (formerly Thornhill 1); grading and paving a new driveway; major storm water management; completion of a turnaround for easy ingress and egress and access to parking (including four accessible parking spaces); a walking path from the bridge to the church; and new lighting and landscaping. In addition to making the entrance and exit safer, The Gateway Project will increase St. John's visibility in the community and create a more welcoming experience for parishioners, visitors, and the many community organizations that use our facilities.

With the new two-way bridge over Temescal Creek, cars and all service and emergency vehicles will enter and exit across the bridge. The only cars still needing to drive down the Alhambra Lane exit from the site are those parking on the south wing of the upper parking area. School drop-off traffic will be directed to enter across the bridge, go up to the turnaround for drop off, and continue back down and exit out across the bridge. The Gouldin Road access will be closed to vehicular traffic when the bridge and driveway are completed.

The best estimate of project costs at this time is \$3 to \$3.5 million, subject to approval of the project drawings that have been submitted to the City of Oakland for review. The plan is to raise most, if not all, of the funds needed through a capital campaign that will launch this fall and to borrow the balance, if necessary. The Diocese has a loan program that St. John's could use for a bridge loan/line of credit in the short term, and a lender in southern California, Interfaith Federal Credit Union, has expressed interest in making a long-term loan to St. John's secured by the main church property. Possible new sources of revenue to pay loan servicing costs include space rentals and grants.

St. John's Armchair Travelers

Ken Fuller

Some of you may remember the St. John's Armchair Travelers monthly "trips" from as far back as 2000 when I arrived at St. John's. We are happy to announce that we will reboot this program in September. During these monthly lunchtime gatherings, someone from the parish presents photos of one or more of their travels. We meet in the sanctuary for a presentation while we eat the lunch we've each brought from home, followed by discussion and questions. In the past these virtual trips have encouraged other parishioners to travel to actual places they had not visited previously.

Our gatherings will be held on the second Wednesday of each month, noon to 1pm, in the Sanctuary. Please contact Ken Fuller (Thunder572002@Yahoo.com) with questions and/or if you would be interested in presenting at one of the open dates. Don't forget to bring your lunch.

- September 13: The Felder's
- October 11: Open
- November 8: Judi Marr, The British Virgin Islands
- December 13: Open
- January 10: Open

Music & Mindfulness for St. John's Youth

Ben Riggs

Tuesday evening youth choir rehearsals (Grades PreK-12) will resume on September 5 in the Fischer Room. All St. John's children and youth are invited to participate in our youth choral program. Parents and families of new youth choristers should contact Ben Riggs (ben@stjohnsoakland.org) in advance of September 5 for more information about the youth choir program.

On the first Tuesday of each month Lori Robinson will be leading our **Youth Group Hangout** (Grades 7-12) and **Pizza Club** (Grades 4-6) concurrently with youth choir rehearsals. Please contact Lori Robinson (lori@stjohnsoakland.org) for more information.

This fall we will be introducing a new Tuesday evening program for Grades 4-12 that will also run concurrently with choir rehearsals: **Youth Mindfulness Meditation**, led by Jen Howard-Lukens, Ashley Henderson, and Scott Denman. The group will offer some basic mindfulness tools and an opportunity to meditate with their peers in a safe and welcoming space. Please contact Jen Howard-Lukens (drjenhoward@gmail.com) for more details about this new program.

ST. JOHN'S YOUTH CHOIR SCHEDULE (every Tuesday, beginning Sept 5)

Junior Choir (Grades PreK-3): 4:30-5pm

Senior Choir 1 (Grades 4-6): 5:15-5:45pm

Senior Choir 2 (Grades 7-12): 5:45-6:15pm

YOUTH GROUP HANGOUT (1st Tuesday, beginning Sept 5)

Grades 7-12: 5:15-5:45pm

PIZZA CLUB (1st Tuesday, beginning Sept 5)

Grades 4-6: 5:45-6:15pm

YOUTH MINDFULNESS MEDITATION (2nd, 3rd, & 4th Tuesdays, beginning Sept 12)

Grades 7-12: 5:15-5:45pm

Grades 4-6: 5:45-6:15pm

Episco-Speak

Similar to other people groups and cultures, participation in the Episcopal Church comes with new vocabulary words. Many of these terms are shared with other churches while some are uniquely Episcopal. In the next several issues of *The Mouse*.

Narthex The entrance room of a church, just before you enter the nave.

Nave The main body of the church building where the people sit.

Sanctuary The part of a church around the altar.

Altar A table, usually of wood or stone, on which the Eucharist is consecrated.

Sacristy A room in which church furnishings and sacred vessels are kept.

Vesting Room The room in which ordained and lay ministers put on and take off vestments worn in the liturgy.

BEE GENEROUS

STEWARDSHIP 2024

Fall is stewardship season. As members of this beloved community, fall is the time we look forward to taking care of our spiritual home. We come back together and we celebrate our community, our campus, and our *keuleana*, Hawaiian for “responsibility”.



This year we’re embracing the theme of the beehive. In order to enjoy the honey from St. John’s hive, we must support the workers.

In the beekeeping world the worker bees keep to their tasks and do what they do so well. I see this in our church office, in our staff and volunteers. They just keep doing what they do so well. We will ask you to support them when we begin the fall stewardship campaign.

Our goal for the operating budget will be the same as last year—\$600,000—and every member of our community will be invited to support the operational budget with a pledge to the annual campaign.

Additionally, this year we will also launch a capital campaign for The Gateway Project and every member will be invited to participate in creating a safe future for our campus. Both campaigns will be launched as usual at the end of September, culminating in Pledge Sundays the first two weeks of November.

Lilah Greene
Your Stewardship MinCat



CONFIRM
NOT CONFORM

Change is in the Air

Nancy Kho, CnC Board Chair



Did you know that Confirm Not Conform (CnC), St. John's home-grown confirmation program, has been licensed for use by more than 1,000 other churches around the world? Since 2009, when CnC formed a 501(c)3 and embarked on a distribution partnership with a church publisher to get our "confirmation program that celebrates questions and choices" out into the wider world, so much has changed!

First, by popular demand, we created spin-offs of the CnC curriculum for four other progressive denominations: UCC, Lutheran, Presbyterian, and Methodist versions, as well as an easy-to-use adult version of the program. Then, in 2016, we opted to take distribution back in-house, so that we could have a more direct connection to the churches using CnC. You can check out the CnC storefront for yourself: <https://www.confirmnotconform.com/>

In 2020, recognizing the challenges that COVID created in delivering in-person CnC classes during lockdown, we created an online version of the program as a supplement. The online version also makes it easier for churches with smaller congregations to collaborate and combine their CnC cohorts.

And now in 2023, we're embarking on another big change: a substantial curriculum rewrite. While the bones of the program remain as strong as ever, and the curriculum continually evolved as it was taught, we want to be sure that the CnC materials we distribute reflect the needs and concerns of youth today. We've found a fabulous partner in our curriculum consultant and the whole CnC Board has been engaged in the plan to make CnC as inclusive, welcoming, and up-to-date as possible.

Our goal is to roll out the new curriculum early in 2024 and we're excited to work with Lori Robinson and this year's CnC class to give them a "sneak peek" of our work during the fall and get their feedback.

So many people have contributed to CnC's success along the way. None of this work would be possible without our all-volunteer CnC Board: Scott Denman, Kellor Smith, Brenna Gustafson, Will Berkey, Nancy Roscelli, Scott Tate, and Tom Fregoso.

From the door closing/window opening files... We are incredibly grateful for Fred Felder, who retired from the CnC Board this spring after years of dedication; his wisdom about publishing and general business enabled us to grow and survive even the COVID downturn. And we are thrilled to welcome Anne Meyer as a new Board Member and look forward to the contributions she'll make to the continued story of CnC.

I'll be volunteering as a mentor with this year's St. John's CnC class and look forward to seeing you all at next spring's CnC service and celebration!

CnC Class of 2024

Lori Robinson, Director of Children & Youth Ministry



This year's CnC class has ten participants: Asha Jagannathan-Reddy, Catherine Lichens, Evan Smith, Harper Newman, Jaden Lukens, Jimmy O'Dowd, Jonathan Kitt, Sana Vicklund-Wilks, Sinead Peake-McQueen, and Tarek Vicklund-Wilks. Some of the kids have parents and/or siblings who have gone through the program, while others will be the first in their family to experience CnC. Everyone is excited to get started.

Your role as members of the St. John's community is to support these young people as they embark on this next phase of their spiritual journey.

What can you do?

- First, pray for the kids and their mentors.
- Second, join us on Sunday, September 10, as we kick off the new program year and the confirmation class commits themselves to the CnC program.
- Third, show up at St. John's monthly intergenerational services to support our youth as they participate in worship services.

I'll keep you updated on what's happening in CnC throughout the year and the whole parish is invited to celebrate the completion of the CnC group's journey in May with a special Sunday morning worship service and parish BBQ.

Intergenerational Worship Service

Lori Robinson

St. John's monthly intergenerational worship services will start back up on Sunday, September 10, at the 10am service. This monthly service incorporates youth in singing, reading, and other roles with a youth-friendly sermon. The purpose of the service is to bring all generations together in celebration and worship as the body of Christ in all of its wonderful life stages.

Due to school and calendar holidays the dates of the monthly service vary from month to month. The 2023 intergenerational services will be:

- September 10 Welcome Back Sunday & Confirmation Commitment
- October 1 St. Francis Blessing of the Animals
- November 5 All Saints Day
- December 3 Last intergenerational service of 2023

Recognition for St. John's VISION Project

Carol Kizziah

Kudos to all the volunteers of the St. John's VISION project who continue to shop, prepare, bag, and deliver complete nutritious meals every week to 260 homeless individuals in our community. Their efforts were recently recognized through two grant awards: a \$1,100 award from the Alameda Deanery and a \$3,500 award from the Episcopal Impact Fund.

St. John's families (and additional community members) prepare ten PB&J sandwiches and ten hard-boiled eggs at home and drop them off at St. John's on either Wednesday or Thursday. Teams of "baggers" meet in the kitchen on those days to put these donations into lunch bags along with other items obtained from the Alameda County Community Food Bank. These meals go to two organizations, Mission for the Homeless and Operation Dignity, that serve the homeless population in Oakland and surrounding areas.

In writing the Deanery grant, Sallie Sadler indicated the many other expenses encountered by these organizations, particularly Mission for the Homeless, toward which VISION would like to be able to contribute more substantially. Prominent needs include medical and pharmaceutical emergencies; vulnerable personal and familial safety and relocation expenses; and negotiations with Alameda County Real Estate for communal housing properties.

St. John's grant request to the Episcopal Impact Fund was specifically focused on alleviating the hardship on stalwart volunteers who must locate and purchase the least expensive individual drinking water to include in the lunches. Clean drinking water is critical to all but often unavailable to people living on the street. Lack of clean water is detrimental to health. This grant will provide a one-year supply, including delivery to church, of individual water bottles.

St. John's VISION Project volunteers provide approximately \$61,500 annually in donated labor, goods, and services toward addressing food insecurity and other critical needs for the homeless in Alameda County. If you are interested in volunteering or making a cash donation, contact Sallie Saddler (sallie.sadler.phd@gmail.com). It is a wonderful way to connect with others in the St. John's community while providing needed emergency food to people living on the street. All 50 volunteers agree with Sallie: "the work is actually fun!"

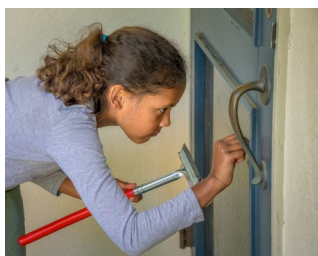
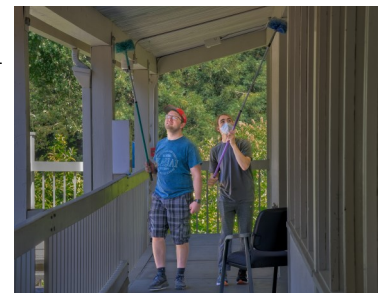
St. John's Parish Workday a Big Success

Laurie Bennett



On July 22, 20 people toiled away to tackle some big projects on St. John's campus. They eradicated two years of cobwebs, washed ground floor windows, cleaned the Sacristy, cleared gutters, weeded the patio gardens, and continued the process of transforming the old Vestry Room into a new Youth Room. Six people were able to

stay for a hotdog barbecue and it was so nice to catch up.



Many thanks to those who helped: Linnea Adair, Laurie Bennett, Michael Daly, Fred Felder (photographer), Ken Fuller, Lilah Greene, Stuart Jones, David Mundy, Susan Pierpoint, the Pitts Family (Mark, Andreanna, Katherine, Adam), Bill and Ray Riess, Lori Robinson, Abe Sharnoff, Richard Stark, and Doug Wong.



Solstice Labyrinth Walk

Anne Meyer



On Saturday, June 24, we gathered on the labyrinth to honor the change of seasons. St. John's parishioners and several neighbors walked the labyrinth accompanied by the music of a string trio organized by Karen Gleason and Katy Shotton. We worshiped using a liturgy, "Great Creating Spirit," a Celtic earth mass by John Philip Newell. Following the service we enjoyed fellowship and refreshments.

Excerpts from the liturgy

As Jesus taught us, we pray:
Ground of all being, Mother of life, Father of the universe,
May we know your presence here, seeking your will upon earth.
Grant all your creatures food for today and strength for our families.
Pardon our falseness as we forgive those who are untrue to us.
Do not forsake us in our need but lead us to new birth.
For the glory of life and the light of life are yours forever.
Amen.

Prayer to the Spirit

Great Creating Spirit, who swept over the depths of the unknown to give birth to creation in all its splendour.
Great Creating Spirit, who conceived new life in the womb of Mary to give birth to the Child of Peace.
Great Creating Spirit, who hovers over the waters of the human soul today to give birth to healings and visions that have never been before.
Come to us as an earth community.
Come to us as nations of the world.
Grant us wholeness.
Grant us healing.
Grant us together a new language that we may be one.

Amen.



Cross Cultural Exchange — Who Benefits More?

David Mundy

I was so blessed by offering temporary housing to the Salcedo family when they first arrived in this country from Lima, Peru. It happened quite unexpectedly at the St. John's coffee hour. One member, Laurie Bennett, mentioned that there was a family who needed a place to stay, and I responded I had a guest room available in my house. I had hosted clergy students in the past and always enjoyed it. Before I knew it, I was matched up with the Salcedos and gave them my address. First I had Marta stay with me during June 2022 and we had all kinds of fun adventures together. She wanted to make an authentic Peruvian meal for me so that I could taste their unique cuisine and, before I knew it, we were driving all over town, scouring the Hispanic groceries for the ingredients she needed. That night, I was introduced to *lomo saltado*, a delicious beef dish considered a Peruvian signature dish. Marta also made what she insisted is the real ceviche, not the American version which she quickly dismissed as not being authentic. Marta was a considerate guest and a real joy to have.

After Marta got settled elsewhere, Don Luis came and with him arrived Luis Antonio. He told me about the Santiago/St. James parish and their wonderful rector, whom I later got to meet when she dropped off some groceries for "the boys," as I came to think of them. Through St. James, the Salcedo's got to worship God in their own language and were also connected to a range of social services that improved their lives. Don Luis in particular was finally able to get proper care for his newly diagnosed Parkinson's Disease; ferrying him to his various medical appointments when we got to talk in the car became one of my favorite ministries. I heard all about Luis Antonio's struggles to find employment in his chosen field of early childhood education, and I even got to meet his beautiful sister Ali when she came for a visit from Pennsylvania where she is a graduate student in theology.

Don Luis has a unique and lively sense of God's presence in his life, and he wrote a whole series of essays about all the times he felt God had intervened on his behalf in moments of crisis. I helped him translate it into idiomatic English. I feel truly blessed by the time I was able to spend with this delightful family, and I discovered a lot about myself, too. For instance, I was not previously aware of my strong maternal side, but I came to love cooking for them and making sure they got wholesome, nutritious food while they were with me. I must say that the boys lived like, well, like bachelors at my house, but I made it clear from the start that I was not going to be their maid. They were responsible for the upkeep of their own room and, if they chose to live more informally than I was used to, that was completely up to them.

Now that I have moved to a snug one-room studio apartment, I do not have the space that I did in my former house. While I will no longer be able to offer accommodation to newly arrived refugees, I will always cherish the time I spent with the Salcedos. It's true that when you open your heart and your home, you receive more in return than you give, and I would urge anyone who gets the opportunity to engage in this kind of cross cultural exchange to grab it. It may be challenging and even frustrating at times, but I promise you it will not be boring and you may even discover you have untapped talents.

Remembrances



The Rev. Duane Sisson

After a two-year battle with cancer, former St. John's member Duane Sisson passed away on April 28 at home in NYC. He lived a beautiful life of many adventures in many worlds. A simple service was held for Duane at the Episcopal Cathedral of St. John the Divine on May 3.

The Rev. Sallie Shippen

Sallie Shippen, former St. John's rector, passed away on August 10. She had been living in Lake Oswego, OR, and was 88 years old. Before her retirement, Sallie served as rector of Grace Episcopal Church in Astoria, OR, & was the first woman priest in the Western Oregon Diocese to serve as rector.

The Saints & Sinners Win the Championship

Sarah Jones



The St. John's Saints & Sinners softball team had a fantastic season, finishing the season with 6 wins, 3 losses, and 1 tie—and clinching the Piedmont Rec Department's Adult Softball Championship for the first time in our 25+ year history.

Parishioners Randy Levandowski, Christy Ambrose, Marc Newman, Abbigail and Sereno Brown, Bryan Farley, and Luis Salcedo, not to mention yours truly (Sarah Jones), came together with other members of the community to form a team with solid defense and strong offensive play.

We suffered minimal injuries and had a wonderful time. It was a good year. We had such a great time that we are in talks to take the team to the Oakland league. Stay tuned!



St. John's Silent Auction & Regathering Party

Online - NOW through Aug. 27, 5pm

Regathering Party - Aug. 26, 4-6pm

The online auction is live: bid now, bid often! <https://www.biddingowl.com/StJohnsoakland>

View the catalog [here](#)

Your RSVP by Monday, Aug 21, will help us plan but please come whether you RSVP or not!

We still need desserts for the party. See this [sign-up sheet](#).

[The Auction page on St. John's website](#) is your one-stop shop for all auction information & links.

Questions? Contact [Laurie Bennett](#) or [Kathy Araujo](#)

Come Together

2023 St. John's Auction

<https://www.BiddingOwl.com/StJohnsoakland>

REGISTER on the Silent/ Online Auction Website both to bid online and to pay for anything you win at the Party & Live Auction	RSVP for the Party & Live Auction by Monday, Aug. 21st – https://tinyurl.com/3uh2purp	VIEW the catalog to see all the wonderful things to bid upon!
SHARE this fun community event with your friends and neighbors	DONATE (you still can!) an item or service to the auction! https://forms.gle/TP-moAjjKw47bjRKt7	COME to the Party & Live Auction at St. John's on Saturday, August 26th from 4-6 p.m.
BRING yourself, your family and friends, and cash or Venmo for Turo's Taco Truck	BID in the Silent/ Online Auction from August 15th until 5 p.m. Sunday, August 27th	PURCHASE raffle tickets in advance – at church and on BiddingOwl – and at the Party / Live Auction!