



*The giving of gifts
reverses the normal
order of things, showing
not the power of kings,
but the undoing of the
benefactors' status and
entitlement. What
wonder! What surprise!*

~Diana Bass Butler

Since I joined St. John's this past spring, a word that I continue to use to describe my experience here has been gratitude. I'm so grateful not only to have been so warmly welcomed into St. John's, but I'm grateful that I get to be part of the story that is being told here. We all play a role of telling the story that is lived out at St. John's through worship, service, and a shared commitment to one another. I hope you'll consider how you will offer your gifts this year so we might continue to tell the story of God's love, lived out through the life we share at St. John's.

The Rev. Dr. Joe Pritchett, Deacon
Assistant Rector



Dear Saint John's family,

Several years ago, a friend gently suggested new spiritual practices that she thought would help me through a particularly rough patch in my life. I began by praying the Daily Office. You would think a cradle Episcopalian would know what the Daily Office is, but alas, not me. I needed all the cheat sheets. The first year was mostly lip service, but slowly the words started to sink into my soul and transform me. I learned to meditate next. That was an adventure for someone who couldn't sit still for even five minutes! Next, I began to consciously seek ways to practice gratitude for the abundance with which God has blessed us.

My grandmother had a mystical twist to her abundant faith, and what she taught me seemed to be coming true: the more I acknowledged abundance and set aside a portion for God, the more abundant my life became. I looked at our efforts to tithe and doubled down. Paul and I will never be "big donors" at church or to our other non-profits, but we are thankful for the abundance of our first fruits that allow us the joy of giving as God intended.

These spiritual practices transform me and help draw me closer to God. I've added new ones – developing a Rule of Life for myself, studying Scripture, engaging in theological reflection through Education for Ministry, and participating in mission work. I can't emphasize how much these practices change me.

I give thanks for all of you as you model your personal theology and practice deep gratitude. Our community is blessed through your gifts of time, talent, and treasure. May your spiritual practices continue to inspire all of us and draw you closer to God. Whatever gifts you offer this stewardship season will help us tell the story of God's abundant love, transforming this world one ministry, one relationship, one heart at a time.

With gratitude,

Drew Dorgan
Senior Warden

Annual Income	Weekly Income	Weekly Beyond the Tithe		Weekly Tithe	Weekly Proportional Giving								
		15%	12%		9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%	1%
\$20,000	\$385	\$58	\$46	\$38	\$35	\$31	\$27	\$23	\$19	\$15	\$12	\$8	\$4
\$25,000	\$481	\$72	\$58	\$48	\$43	\$38	\$34	\$29	\$24	\$19	\$14	\$10	\$5
\$30,000	\$577	\$87	\$69	\$58	\$52	\$46	\$40	\$35	\$29	\$23	\$17	\$12	\$6
\$40,000	\$769	\$115	\$92	\$77	\$69	\$62	\$54	\$46	\$38	\$31	\$23	\$15	\$8
\$50,000	\$962	\$144	\$115	\$96	\$87	\$77	\$67	\$58	\$48	\$38	\$29	\$19	\$10
\$60,000	\$1,154	\$173	\$138	\$115	\$104	\$92	\$81	\$69	\$58	\$46	\$35	\$23	\$12
\$70,000	\$1,346	\$202	\$162	\$135	\$121	\$108	\$94	\$81	\$67	\$54	\$40	\$27	\$13
\$80,000	\$1,538	\$231	\$185	\$154	\$138	\$123	\$108	\$92	\$77	\$62	\$46	\$31	\$25
\$90,000	\$1,731	\$260	\$208	\$173	\$156	\$138	\$121	\$104	\$87	\$69	\$52	\$35	\$17
\$100,000	\$1,923	\$288	\$231	\$192	\$173	\$154	\$135	\$115	\$96	\$77	\$58	\$38	\$19
\$120,000	\$2,308	\$346	\$277	\$231	\$208	\$185	\$162	\$138	\$115	\$92	\$69	\$46	\$23
\$150,000	\$2,885	\$433	\$346	\$288	\$260	\$231	\$202	\$173	\$144	\$115	\$87	\$58	\$29



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*If you're grateful, you're not fearful,
and if you're not fearful, you're not violent.*

*If you're grateful you act out of a sense of enough
and not of a sense of scarcity, and you are willing to share.*

*If you are grateful, you are enjoying the differences between people.
You are respectful to everybody.*

And that changes this power pyramid under which we live.

—David Steindl-Rast