



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

906 South Orleans Avenue ♦ Tampa, Florida 33606-2941

Our mission is to proclaim, by word and example,
the good news of God in Christ, and to build a spiritual community
forming Christians of all ages through worship, education, and outreach.

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Holy Eucharist Rite II – 9:30am

December 1, 2024

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II

*Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the house of God.
Before the service speak to the Lord; during the service let the Lord speak to you;
after the service speak to one another.*

The Rector's Welcome

While many of our friends and family up north begin to feel the chill in the air and see the beautiful leaves change color, here in Florida, we celebrate a different kind of change in November. We get to see the license plates on the road change from mainly Florida tags to a vibrant diversity of tags everywhere! This is always an exciting time of year; the oppressive heat of the summer has broken. When it gets cool enough, many of us gather around a small fire in our yards. This change in season always makes me thankful.

It is appropriate for me to feel thankful since we celebrate Thanksgiving this month. There is so much to be thankful for here at Saint John's. I am thankful for the many donors who make our ongoing restoration project possible and for the countless volunteers who make our life together so rich and impactful.

As we come to the beginning of the end of the calendar year and get ready for the season of Advent and, eventually, the great feast of Christmas, I encourage all of us to take some time before worship today and reflect on how thankful each of us is for the St. John's community. Take some time right now to close your eyes and thank God for your place here at St. John's, and listen for guidance from God to see if He is calling you to do something to make His Kingdom known here at St. John's.

Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe; for our God is a consuming fire. *Hebrews 12:28*

Faithfully,



The Rev. Christian M. Wood
Rector

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The people stand as the Ministers enter

Processional Hymn 72

Richmond

Descant

4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel - come

1 Hark! the glad sound! the Sa - vior comes, the Sa - vior
2 He comes, the pris - oners to re - lease in Sa - tan's
3 He comes, the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel - come

shall pro - claim; and heaven's e - ter - nal

prom - ised long; let ev - ery heart pre -
bond - age held; the gates of brass be -
soul to cure; and with the trea - sures
shall pro - claim; and heaven's e - ter - nal

arch - es ring with thy be - lov ed Name.

pare a throne, and ev - ery voice a song.
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
arch - es ring with thy be - lov - ed Name.

PROPER ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

THE DECALOGUE

Said by the Celebrant and People alternately

Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Lord have mercy.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and most merciful father,

we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,

we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,

we have offended against thy holy laws,

we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,

and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults,

restore thou those who are penitent,
 according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord;
 and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
 that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
 to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

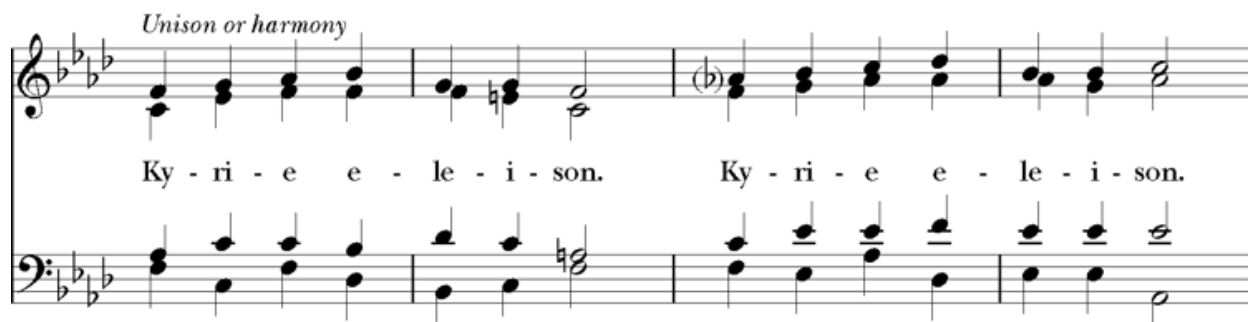
Celebrant

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins,
 true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit.
Amen.

KYRIE S89

Hans Leo Hassler

Unison or harmony



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son.



Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e -



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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people sit

THE LESSON

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Lector A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring forth for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL: PSALM 25:1-9

Henry Stonex

Sung by the choir

Unto thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul; my God, I have put my trust in thee :

O let me not be confounded, neither let mine enemies triumph over me.

2 For all they that hope in thee shall not be ashamed :

but such as transgress without a cause shall be put to confusion.

3 Shew me thy ways, O Lord : and teach me thy paths.

4 Lead me forth in thy truth, and learn me :

for thou art the God of my salvation; in thee hath been my hope all the day long.

5 Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies :

and thy loving-kindnesses, which have been ever of old.

6 O remember not the sins and offences of my youth :

but according to thy mercy think thou upon me, O Lord, for thy goodness.

7 Gracious and righteous is the Lord : therefore will he teach sinners in the way.

8 Them that are meek shall he guide in judgement :

and such as are gentle, them shall he learn his way.

9 All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth :

unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE EPISTLE

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Lector A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

What thanksgiving can we render to God for you, for all the joy which we feel for your sake before our God, praying earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith? Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you; and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all men, as we do to you, so that he may establish your hearts unblameable in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

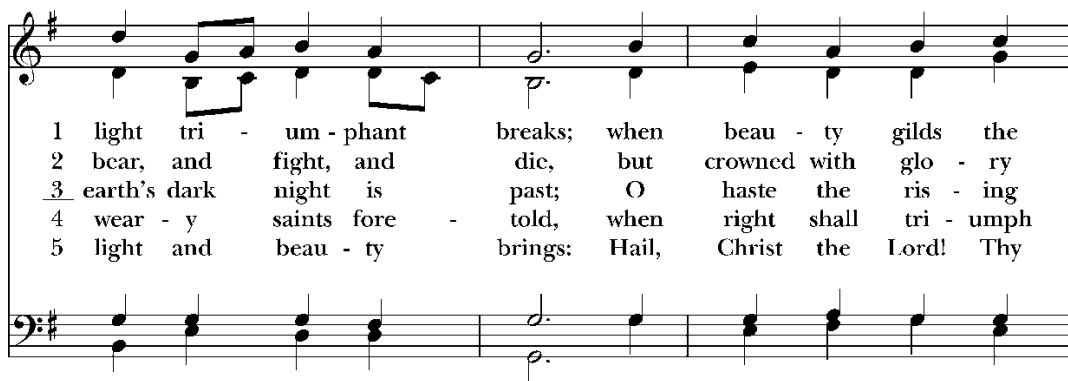
All elementary-age students will now follow the cross down the center aisle and process to Children's Chapel in the parish hall.

SEQUENCE HYMN 73

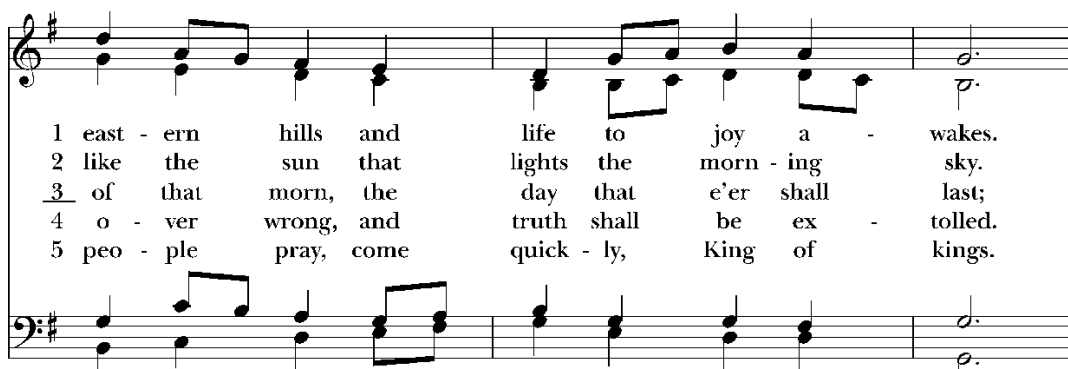
St. Stephen



1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
2 Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, to
3 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
4 and let the end - less bliss be - gin, by
5 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and



1 light tri - um - phant breaks; when beau - ty gilds the
2 bear, and fight, and die, but crowned with glo - ry
3 earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing
4 wear - y saints fore - told, when right shall tri - umph
5 light and beau - ty brings: Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy



1 east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
2 like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.
3 of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;
4 o - ver wrong, and truth shall be ex - tolled.
5 peo - ple pray, come quick - ly, King of kings.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-36

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

"Jesus said, "There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and upon the earth distress of nations in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves, men fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." And he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees; as soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away till all has taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "But take heed to yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a snare; for it will come upon all who dwell upon the face of the whole earth. But watch at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of man."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

Father Wood

The people sit

THE NICENE CREED (*standing*)

Celebrant We believe in one God,

All

the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the

Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*Form V*)

Deacon or other leader

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Douglas our own Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those in positions of public trust that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this congregation, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For _____, for those in hospital _____, and those in hospice _____, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the recent faithful departed, _____; [for _____ in whose memory the Altar Flowers are given today;] for all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed John, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

The Celebrant adds this concluding Collect

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people sit

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Offertory Anthem *People, look East!*

Basque Carol

Sung by the choir

1. *People, look east. The time is near
of the crowning of the year.*

*Make your house fair as you are able,
trim the hearth and set the table.*

People, look east and sing today:

Love, the guest, is on the way.

2. *Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
one more seed is planted there:*

*Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
that in course the flower may flourish.*

People, look east and sing today:

Love, the rose, is on the way.

3. *Birds, though you long have ceased to build,
guard the nest that must be filled.
Even the hour when wings are frozen,
God for fledging time has chosen.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the bird, is on the way.*

4. *Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim,
one more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather,
bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the star, is on the way.*

5. *Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.*

Hymn 56 *Stanza 1*

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

The people stand

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer B*

The people stand

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 him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all
the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your
Name:

Sanctus and Benedictus S130

Franz Schubert

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The people remain standing as they are able

Celebrant

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known
to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through

the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed John, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and people

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread after which the following is sung

Fraction Anthem S160

Mason Martens

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.*

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.



*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's Table.
If you are not receiving, you are invited to come forward for a blessing (indicated by crossing your arms over your chest).*

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

Communion Motet Adam lay y'bounden

Boris Ord

*Adam lay y'bounden, bounden in a bond;
four thousand winter thought he not too long.
And all was for an apple, an apple that he took.
As clerkes finden written in their book.*

*Ne had the apple taken been, the apple taken been,
ne had never our lady abeen hevene queen.
Blessed be the time that apple taken was.
Therefore we moun signen Deo gracias!*

Communion Hymn 601

St. Michael

1 O day of God, draw nigh in beau - ty and in power, come
2 Bring to our trou - bled minds, un - cer - tain and a - fraid, the
3 Bring jus - tice to our land, that all may dwell se - cure, and
4 Bring to our world of strife thy sov - ereign word of peace, that
5 O day of God, draw nigh as at cre - a - tion's birth, let

1 with thy time - less judg - ment now to match our pres - ent hour.
2 qui - et of a stead - fast faith, calm of a call o - beyed.
3 fine - ly build for days to come foun - da - tions that en - dure.
4 war may haunt the earth no more and des - o - la - tion cease.
5 there be light a - gain, and set thy judg - ments in the earth.

All stand.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, **heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant

May Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the ✠blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon gives the Dismissal.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Processional Hymn 61: 1&3

Watchet auf

‘Sleepers, wake!’ A voice astounds us, the shout of rampart guards surrounds us:
‘Awake, Jerusalem, arise!’ Midnight’s peace their cry has broken,
their urgent summons clearly spoken:
‘The time has come, O maidens wise!
Rise up, and give us light;
the Bridegroom is in sight. Alleluia!
Your lamps prepare and hasten there,
that you the wedding feast may share.’

Lamb of God, the heavens adore you;
let saints and angels sing before you,
as harps and cymbals swell the sound.
Twelve great pearls, the city’s portals:
through them we stream to join the immortals
as we with joy your throne surround.
No eye has known the sight,
no ear heard such delight: Alleluia!
Therefore we sing to greet our King;
for ever let our praises ring.

ST. NICHOLAS PARTY

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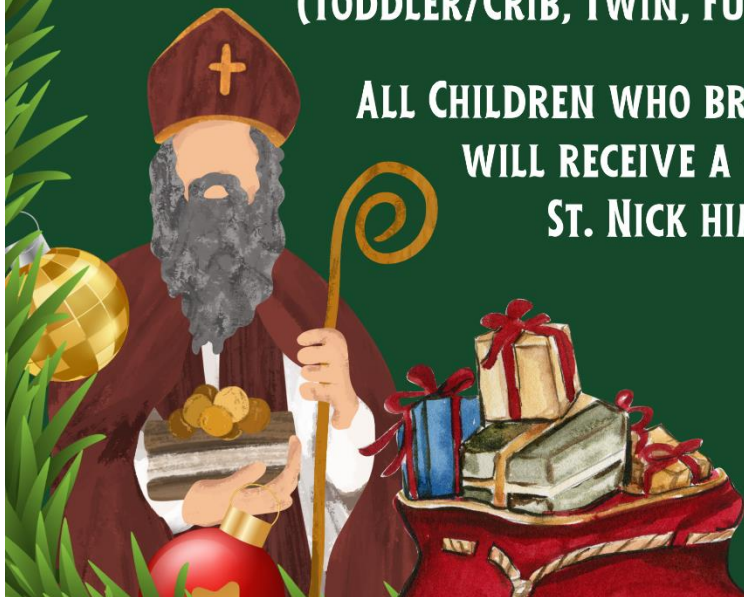
ST. JOHN'S PARISH HALL

Fun For the Whole Family
FOOD + GIFTS + MULLED WINE



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(TODDLER/CRIB, TWIN, FULL, OR QUEEN SIZED)**

**ALL CHILDREN WHO BRING A DONATION
WILL RECEIVE A GIFT FROM
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