



The Weekly Compass

St. John's Episcopal Church and Parish Day School

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 10, 2024

Worship at St. John's Today

8:00 a.m. The Holy Eucharist (Rite I) in the Parish Hall

9:30 a.m. The Holy Eucharist (Rite II) in the Parish Hall.

Children's Chapel will take place in the Lowry Room during the 9:30 a.m. service

Sunday School for children takes place after the 9:30 a.m. Service (except the fourth Sunday), as does expanded Coffee Hour fellowship for adults

Worship and Formation During the Week

The Holy Eucharist

The Holy Eucharist is celebrated **in the Lowry Room** at 12:15 p.m. on Wednesdays and at 10:00 a.m. on Thursdays with Healing Prayers.

Adult Faith Formation

Women's Mid Morning Bible Study: 10:00 a.m. on Tuesdays

This group meets on alternate Tuesdays in the Lowry Room during the school year. Contact Pat Wilson at patwilson68@tampabay.rr.com to learn more.

Contemporary Women's Bible Study: 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays

CWBS holds a weekly study on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom. Contact Sally Thompson at tampasal@gmail.com to get the link.

Wednesday Afternoon Adult Formation: 3:30 p.m.

The group meets on Wednesdays on Zoom. Contact the Parish Office at parish@stjohnstampa.org for more information and the link.

Men's Interactive Bible Study and Lunch: 11:45 a.m. on Thursdays

The group meets in the Lowry Room to discuss readings for the upcoming Sunday. Questions? Contact Lanny Russell at dlrncrtpa@verizon.net.

Youth and Children's Ministries

EYC meets on Sunday afternoons during the school year. The nursery is open at both services year-round. Sunday School for children takes place following the 9:30 a.m. service during the school year. Contact Youth Minister Ayana Grady at agrady@stjohnstampa.org to learn more!

Service Notes

Our regular Sunday services are the Holy Eucharist, Rite I, at 8:00 a.m. and the Holy Eucharist, Rite II, at 9:30 a.m. The 9:30 a.m. is streamed live [on Facebook](#), [on our website](#) and [on YouTube](#).

Sunday Sermons

Available [on our YouTube channel](#) and from the link in our bio [on Instagram](#).

Pastoral Care

Parish Office: 813.259.1570

Pastoral Emergencies:
813.726.3108

Fr. Chris: 917.822.9741

Deacon Lopez: 813.493.8337

Fr. Dale: 607.481.4702

Fr. Goodheart: 321.446.4934

Giving to St. John's

There are many ways to make a one-time or recurring gift to our parish. Visit stjohnstampa.org/stewardship to give online.

You can give safely by text.

In the "To" field of the text message, type **73256**.

Then in the message, type **SJE**. You will immediately receive a text back with a link to complete payment. Or use the QR code!



Stay in Touch with St. John's!

Want to receive our e-newsletter, the *Weekly Wednesday Scroll*? Contact us at lowry@stjohnstampa.org. You can also stay in touch on [our Facebook page](#) or [Instagram](#) and subscribe to [our YouTube channel](#), all @stjohnstampa!

Compass Points

Outreach Olive Tree Forum Today after the 9:30 a.m. Service

As a continuation of St. John's Strategic Plan: Come. Worship. Grow., we will host an Outreach Olive Tree Forum with small group conversations facilitated by our Strategic Planning Outreach Committee. These groups will focus on the outreach we value as a Parish and our hopes and dreams for service to our community at and through St. John's. Whether you currently participate in an Outreach ministry or would like to, we would appreciate your input.

Advent Wreath Making!

Our annual Advent Wreath Making is Sunday, December 8, after the 9:30 a.m. service in the Courtyard.

Celebration of Sexton Ken Johnston

After more than 38 years of dedicated service to our St. John's parish community, Ken Johnston will retire from his role as Sexton, with his last day on Sunday, November 24. We invite everyone to join us that day as we honor and celebrate Ken's commitment during the 9:30 a.m. service and at a special reception in his honor following the service.

Besides attending on November 24, you can express your thanks to Ken in two ways:

1. Contribute towards a financial gift to Ken: If you wish to make a gift to Ken's purse, please give online on our website. Select "Employee Purse" from the Fund dropdown menu. You may also send in a check made out to St. John's with "Ken Johnston's Purse" in the memo line to the Parish Office.
2. Write a card or note of thanks to Ken: There is a box in the Parish Office to put cards for Ken.

Cornerstone Christmas

Cornerstone Kids will benefit from your generosity once again this Christmas! As we celebrate our 12th year of the Giving Tree, look for the tree in the courtyard on Sunday, November 10, and throughout the following week in the Parish Office. You will choose a child or family to buy gifts for, wrap those gifts, and return them to the office. As an alternative, their parents welcome \$20 Wal-Mart gift cards. Food and paper products are also needed for their hot, afternoon meals. Questions? Contact MC Jenkins at 813.503.4605. Thank you!

Kairos Men's Weekend

We request your prayers during November 14-17 at Sumter Correctional Institution. Bob Alter, John Jenkins and Hugh Cruse will serve with other Christians from our mid-state region and strive, with God's help, to fulfill the Kairos mission "to share the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ to impact the hearts and lives of incarcerated men, women, and youth, as well as their families, to become loving and productive citizens of their communities."

Moving Forward In Mission: Stewardship 2025

By now you will have received Fr. Chris' letter about this year's stewardship campaign. In it, he notes: "As I think about our reentry into the Church and what we will do moving forward, I am incredibly excited. Saint John's has spent much time, talent, and treasure figuring out what our future will look like. It is now time for us to begin to look outward into our community, and Move Forward in Mission. To accomplish these goals, we first must establish a budget, and to do that, we need to know your commitment to Saint John's this coming year. Please give generously so that we can give generously back to our community, to our parishioners in need, to our young people's formation, and especially to those in Tampa who we are called to minister to in Jesus' name. [You can find all the options for giving on our website.](#) Let's make 2025 the year we begin *Moving Forward in Mission.*"

Flower and Candle Dedications

Flowers and the candle adorning the Altar and the flowers at the Church Altar are financially supported by individuals and families. If you would like to honor a memorial or give a gift in thanksgiving, please contact jdepinto@stjohnstampa.org or call 813.259.1570. Suggested donations: Church Altar Flowers—\$50; Chapel Altar Flowers —\$35; Sanctuary Candle — \$20. We continue to give glory to God and decorate our worship space in this way as we hold services in the Parish Hall this fall, *but we will pause flowers for the Chapel Altar due to the Chapel being closed.*

Prayer Requests

Your prayers are bid today and throughout the week for:

All bishops and other ministers: Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Douglas, our Bishop; the clergy and staff of our parish.

Those who govern: Joseph, our President; Ronald, our Governor; and Jane, our Mayor;

The sick and others for whom our prayers have been especially requested:

Maureen and Ken Johnston; Jackie Faircloth and family; Jeff LeVines; Pam and Shailee; Anna, her family and her medical team; Jayce Hicks; Richard; Michael Wood; Tor, Angie, Nancy, Collin, Lee, David, Sam, Absley, Karin, Jim B., Katy, Tom, Sue J., Jim H., Mike M., David S., Kitty D., Patrick D., McKenzie N., Hillary M., Eloise, Marjorie, Nancy B. Greg C., Nancy M. and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

The departed: Danny Otero, Nancy Burchill, The Rt. Rev. Dabney Smith, and Richard Bray

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Our Companion Diocese in the Dominican Republic

Our Parish Day School

Our Pastoral Care Team

Those celebrating the anniversary of their birth:

November 10, Pete Lackman, Suzy Lopez, Vicki Arthur, Ryan Marnell

November 11, Evelyn Harden, Thuy-Trang Smith, Gerald Stenklyft, IV, Caroline Fulford

November 12, Susan Straughn, Caroline Little, Benjamin Horan, Christian Orebaugh, Valerie Hamm, Kate Wood, Margaret Hanley

November 13, Rick Eckhard, John Giordano, Dottie Hilton, Fred Schriels, Wyatt Reynolds

November 14, Zena Hoskins, David Malizia, Katherine Morales, Kavanagh Kane, Lyz Pickette, Alex Godinho

November 15, Charles Hobby, Benjamin Osborne

November 16, Bradford Spring, William Swanson

The members of our armed forces deployed abroad and their families, especially Rich, Mike, Jake, Matthew, and Rusty.

The people and peace in Ukraine and the Holy Land.

Healthcare workers, first responders, and all others whose work puts them in danger. We give thanks for their many sacrifices for the common good. Protect them from injury and illness; renew their wisdom, compassion, and strength.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Diocese of Southwest Florida — The Rt. Rev. Douglas F. Scharf; Companion Diocese of the Dominican Republic; Companion Diocese of Georgia; Companion Diocese of South Carolina; Companion Diocese of Western Louisiana; St. Edmund's, Arcadia; Christ Church, Bradenton; St. George's, Bradenton; St. Mary Magdalene, Bradenton; Church of the Annunciation, Holmes Beach; All Angels by the Sea, Longboat Key; Holy Spirit, Osprey.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of South India (United)

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICES

ALTAR GUILD: Pat Rice, Nancy Watkins, Cece Lane, Janice Straske, Vera Farmen, Lisa Leal, Trish McKay, Laura Silva

LINENS: Yvonne Santiago

ACOLYTES: 8:00 Helen Turnquist 9:30 Bailey Turnquist, Maggie Wood, Michael Wood, Martha Wood

LECTORS: 8:00 Betsy Wood; 9:30 Norm Allen, Steve Straske, Laura Cruse

CHALICE BEARERS: 9:30 Clergy

USHERS: 8:00 Kenneth E. Lane, Harry Hedges; 9:30 Mike Barna, Doug Arthur, Stephen French, John Giordano, Stephen Leal, John McKay

VERGER: Helen Turnquist

FLOWER & CANDLE DEDICATIONS

The Flowers at the Church Altar are given to the Glory of God by Bonnie Edgar in memory of her mother Geraldine Parker.

The Flowers at the Church Altar are given to the Glory of God by Pat Ferguson in thanksgiving for His many blessings.

The painting "The Widow's Mite" was depicted by James C. Christensen in 1988. Christensen explained the painting as follows:

"In the Widow's Mite, the lights and shadows are symbolic of spiritual and worldly power. The woman glows with an inner light. By contrast, the rich, bejeweled city fathers are in the dark. Even the widow's clothing, though ragged, glows with a celestial light. The point here is not money; it's what we are willing to give of ourselves."

