



# The Weekly Compass

St. John's Episcopal Church and Parish Day School

THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 17, 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*

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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**

### **Celebration of Sexton Ken Johnston's Service**

After more than 38 years of dedicated service to St. John's, Ken Johnston will retire on Sunday, November 24. We invite everyone to honor and celebrate Ken during the 9:30 a.m. service and at a special reception after 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.

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### **St. Nicholas Celebration!**

Join us on Wednesday, December 4, at 6:00 p.m., in the Parish Hall for our second annual St. Nicholas Celebration!

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### **Advent Wreath Making**

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

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### **Cornerstone Christmas**

Thanks to everyone who showed interest in our Giving Tree effort! All 30 children are spoken for, but no need to despair, you can still contribute by purchasing \$20 Walmart gift cards for the parents. Our goal is to give each family two cards, for a total of 50 cards collected. Please return the cards AND labeled, wrapped gifts to the Parish Office no later than December 10. Happy shopping! Questions? Contact MC Jenkins at 813.503.4605. Thank you!

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### **A Note about Music from Simon and Fr. Chris**

The musical shape of our services during the Advent and Christmas season will look a little different this year, given the construction work in the church and associated uncertainty surrounding the timeline on where we will be. The Parish Hall is serving us well temporarily but is not at all conducive for sound or services that center on music, and the choir has to work very hard simply to be heard at all. Therefore, there will not be a stand-alone service of Advent Lessons and Carols this year. Instead, we will hold an abbreviated Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 15th at the 9:30 service, to include the Eucharist, Rite 2. The Annual Christmas Concert will also not take place this year, for the same reason.

We are committed to providing as much notice as possible pertaining to schedule and venue for our Christmas services, and have agreed as a staff to make a decision in good time in order to be able to communicate with the parish and beyond. Thank you for your patience!

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### **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: "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. [You can find all the options for giving on our website.](#) Let's make 2025 the year we begin *Moving Forward in Mission*."

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### **Newcomers Gathering**

If you've recently joined St. John's (within the last year), we invite you to our Newcomers Gathering in the Lowry Room after the 9:30 a.m. service today. This is an informal, small-group get together designed to introduce you to our community. They are friendly and relaxed with coffee, donuts, and plenty of conversation. Please join us!

## **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, Greg C., Nancy M., Peggy C. and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

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

*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 17, Charley Greacen, Megan Nolan, Mary Tombaugh, Austin Kefauver, Will Matson

November 18, Joan Lochridge, Bill Brown, Obi Pederson

November 19, Rusty Shenk, Kristin Normandeau

November 20, David Webster, Emily Picone, Caroline Cox, Matthew Giddings

November 21, Joyce Davidson, Melissa Spring, Sang-Hie Lee, Margaret Nelson, Rory Palermo, Bob Alter, Amanda Sansone

November 22, Dick Eatman

November 23, Suzanne Nelson, Kari Bradley, David Pearce

**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. Mary's, Palmetto; Church of the Apostles, Parrish; Church of the Nativity, Sarasota; Church of the Redeemer, Sarasota; St. Boniface, Siesta Key; St. Margaret of Scotland, Sarasota, and St. Wilfred's, Sarasota.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

## ASSISTING IN THE SERVICES

**ALTAR GUILD:** Pat Wilson, Lelia Clewis, Heddy Brown, Sally Olsson, Susan Lang, Ruth Pasquarello, Marci Thomas, Ruby McCowan

**LINENS:** Pat Rice

**ACOLYTES:** 8:00 Donna Gem 9:30 Rowan Cruse, Elsie Whiteley, Frankie Gardner, Cindy Gardner

**LECTORS:** 8:00 Betsy Wood; 9:30 Paul Brokaw, Norm Allen, Drew Graham

**CHALICE BEARERS:** 9:30 Clergy

**USHERS:** 8:00 Oliver Roberts, Lockwood Gray; 9:30 Paul Carastro, David Adams, Bob Alter, Joe Andrews, John Jenkins, Rob Kelly

**VERGER:** Donna Gem

## FLOWER & CANDLE DEDICATIONS

**The Flowers at the Church Altar are given to the Glory of God** by Linda and Jack Wyatt in recognition of their 42nd wedding anniversary.

**The Flowers at the Church Altar are given to the Glory of God** by Linda and Jack Wyatt in thanksgiving for their grandson Wyatt Henry Reynolds.

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*Alec Garrard built this detailed replica of Herod's Temple and it took him about 30 years to do it. He was trying to give us an idea of the size of the temple. Since everything is to scale, look at the size of the people in the temple complex. They look like ants or little black dots. The Temple Complex was enormous, covering 35 acres. The circumference of the Temple was more than 1 mile around. Josephus, an ancient historian, said some of the stones used in the base of the Temple were longer than 67 feet. They weighed more than a million pounds. There were 162 pillars holding up the exterior roof around the outer court of the temple. Each pillar was so large that three men could barely touch hands and wrap their arms around one of them. The Temple itself rose 150 feet higher than the rest of the city, making the temple complex a literal mountain in the center of Jerusalem.*

*The walls of the temple were covered in gold. There was so much gold that Josephus wrote that travelers looking at the temple from a distance often couldn't look at it because they were blinded when the gold so brilliantly reflected the sun. The blocks of the temple were white marble, so from a distance, if it was overcast and you weren't blinded by the reflection of the sun off the gold, the temple looked like a snow-covered mountain because it was so white. The walls of the temple were immense. The southern wall was 210 feet high. That is as high as a 15 story building.*

*"Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down." - Mark 13:2*

