



# The Weekly Compass

St. John's Episcopal Church and Parish Day School

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 24, 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 Today**

After more than 38 years of dedicated service to St. John's, Ken Johnston will retire today, Sunday, November 24. We invite everyone to join us for a special reception after the service.

Besides joining us today, 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 15 at the 9:30 a.m. service, to include the Eucharist, Rite II. 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**

In Fr. Chris' letter about this year's stewardship campaign, 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 have your commitment to St. John's for 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 begin *Moving Forward in Mission*."

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### **Faith Café's Bikes from the Heart**

Faith Cafe and Bikes from the Heart (BfH) are in need of used bicycles for our un-homed Tampa neighbors. We have given away more than 100 bicycles, and added a new bicycle rack to accommodate our (mobile) guests. If you have a used bicycle in any condition to donate, call the Parish Office at 813.259.1570 and leave me a message. I will personally arrange to come pick it up. We are making a huge difference and the demand is stronger than ever.

- Jack M. Wyatt II

## **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., Ron, Rev. John Peterson, and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

**The departed:** The Rt. Rev. Jack Iker

*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 24, Helena Ringhoff, Anne-Sophie Roger, Aaron Welch, Samantha Van Wormer

November 25, Emily Conlee

November 26, George Peterson, Debra Schriels, Ayana Grady, Tatiana Coll, Jamie Watkins

November 27, Bob Lewis

November 28, Kay Peterson, Joe Andrews

November 29, Sam Giordano, Scott Russell

November 30, Beth Arthur, Andy Brown, Jonathan Davidson, Tom Kendall, Roy Collins, IV, Jason Lejkowski, Jackson Lee, Joseph Strickland, Jr., Archer Hutkowski, Lizzie Welch

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

**The people and peace in the 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. Andrew's, Boca Grande; St. David's, Englewood; Church of the Good Shepherd, Punta Gorda; St. Nathaniel's, North Port; St. James', Port Charlotte; Good Shepherd, Venice, and St. Mark's, Venice.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Anglican Church of South America

## ASSISTING IN THE SERVICES

**ALTAR GUILD:** Jan Williams, Gwyn Schabacker, Chris McAdams, Debbie Tozier, Jan Kelley, Madeleine Tellekamp, Lyz Pickette

**LINENS:** Chris McAdams

**ACOLYTES:** 8:00 Donna Gem 9:30 Skip Eckhard, Haydon Swanson, Elizabeth Welch, Maggie Welch

**LECTORS:** 8:00 Richard Hadlow; 9:30 Laura Cruse, Drew Graham, Lisa Leal

**CHALICE BEARERS:** 9:30 Clergy

**USHERS:** 8:00 George Sprenkle, Charles Harden; 9:30 Keith Lindquist, Norm Allen, Cary Brown, Roger Kurz, Eric Williams, Bruce Yost

**VERGER:** Donna Gem

## FLOWER & CANDLE DEDICATIONS

**The Flowers at the Church Altar are given to The Glory of God** by Peter Dawson in loving memory of Birdie and Sydney Dawson and Jane and Brian Buckland.

**The Flowers at the Church Altar is given to The Glory of God** by Sally Olsson in loving memory of her husband, Dr. Ray Olsson and in honor of his birthday, November 30.



*St. John's Rose Window beautifully adorns the East wall of the church, behind the altar. In the center, the Lord Jesus is enthroned in heaven as King and surrounding him are the saints of God, specifically the Twelve Apostles, each occupying one of the twelve "rose petals." Each petal contains a symbol which corresponds to the respective Apostle. If one were to stand at the very back of the church, looking East at the Rose Window, they would see that the nave of the church is flanked by six windows on both sides. Each of these also represent one of the Apostles. As we move forward towards the altar for Holy Communion, we recognize that we are surrounded by the "great cloud of witnesses" of the saints as we worship (Hebrews 12:1). The heavenly and earthly realms seem to meet at the focal point of the altar where Christ the King makes himself uniquely available and present to the faithful in the Bread and the Wine of the Eucharist. From that point on, if we were to once again glance at the Rose Window as we return to our pews, we would understand that we are meant to find our final place alongside those saints of God worshipping Christ on his heavenly throne forever.*

*~Reflection written by Fr. Dale Van Wormer*