



The Weekly Compass

St. John's Episcopal Church and Parish Day School

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 29, 2024

Worship at St. John's This Week

Sunday, December 29

8:00 a.m. The Holy Eucharist (Rite I) 9:30 a.m. The Holy Eucharist (Rite II) (Children's Chapel will take place in the Chapel during the 9:30 service (except the fourth Sunday). Sunday School for children occurs after the 9:30 am service.

Wednesday, January 1

12:15 p.m. The Feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus (in the Chapel)

Upcoming:

Monday, January 6

12:15 p.m. The Epiphany (in the Chapel)

Worship and Formation During the Week

The Holy Eucharist

The Holy Eucharist is celebrated **in the Chapel** at 12:15 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays, 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. PAUSED UNTIL JANUARY

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 dlnrcrtpa@verizon.net.

Youth and Children's Ministries

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

Stay in Touch with St. John's!

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

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

Deacon Tania: 443.742.7542

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!



Compass Points

January Feast Days

Feast Day Services Following Christmas (in the Chapel)

The Feast of St. Stephen: Thursday, December 26 — 12:15 p.m. with healing prayers

The Feast of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist (Patronal Feast): Friday, December 27 — 12:15 p.m.

Holy Innocents: Saturday, December 28 — 10:00 a.m.

The Feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus: Wednesday, January 1 — 12:15 p.m.

The Epiphany: Monday, January 6 — 12:15 p.m.

Parish Office Closure

The Parish Office is closed for the holidays on Christmas Eve through Friday, December 27 and on New Year's Eve and Day.

New to St. John's? Join us to Learn More!

If you've recently joined St. John's Tampa (within the last year), we warmly invite you to our Newcomers' Gathering in the Lowry Room after 9:30 a.m. services starting on Sunday, February 2, 2025. This is a wonderful chance to meet fellow newcomers, get to know some of our long-standing parishioners, and explore the many ministries available to you here at St. John's.

This is a series of four informal, small-group classes designed to introduce you to our community, friendly and relaxed gatherings, with coffee, donuts, and plenty of conversation. Childcare will be provided if needed.

Support Your Parish With a Gift of Securities

Appreciated securities make a fantastic gift to the Operating Fund, the Endowment, or our building renovations. You may be eligible to take advantage of a two-fold tax savings. First, you avoid paying any capital gains tax on the increase in value of your stock. In addition, you receive a tax deduction for the full fair market value of the stock on the date of the gift. Laurie Lawther, our Parish Administrator, is available to help you make a gift of stock both quick and convenient. Please contact her at 813.259.1570.

Pledge Envelopes Available — Please come pick up yours!

Pledge envelopes are ready to be picked up in the Parish Office during the week from 9 am to 4 pm Mondays through Thursdays (except for Christmas and New Year's weeks — see holiday schedule above) and on Sundays.

Outreach Survey Results

Thank you to everyone who submitted a response to the Outreach Survey. It has closed at this time and we look forward to sharing the results from both the survey and the Outreach Olive Tree Forum after the holidays. We appreciate your vital feedback about what you value most about St. John's service, where you see opportunities, and what you envision for our future. We look forward to your continued input and involvement and to seeing where you are called to glorify God in our community!

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*."

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, Shailee, and Courtney; 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., Kitty D., Patrick D., McKenzie N., Hillary M., Eloise, Marjorie, Nancy M., Peggy C., Ron, Rev. John Peterson, David R., Yvonne S., John B., Suzanne and Cary, and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

The departed:

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:

December 25, Harry Hedges

December 26, Kim Wiese, Amy Yost, Constance Severn

December 27, none

December 28, Caden Hearing, Kevin Kellar, Jerry Maya, Graham Thomason, Isla Barnes

December 29, Leslie Jennewein

December 30, Cindy Martin, Rob Kelley, Jr., Damian Stone

December 31, none

January 1, Pat Rice, Lee Tuuri, Ganon White, Eleanor Graff

January 2, George Lewis

January 3, Charles Lassey, Debbie Tozier, Kerry Carson, Peter Harrington, Mark O'Brien

January 4, Carol Ihrig, Stuart Lindquist, II, Carter Lindquist, Paul Schnell, Donna Scantlebury, Brett Fluharty, Martha Giordano

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; Church of the Ascension, Clearwater; Church of the Good Samaritan, Clearwater; Holy Trinity, Clearwater; St. John's, Clearwater; Church of the Good Shepherd, Dunedin; St. Martin's, Hudson, and Calvary, Indian Rocks Beach.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal Church

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, Chris McAdams

ACOLYTES: 8:00 Michael Eachon 9:30 Paul Brokaw, Tommy Bricklemeyer, Elsie Whiteley

LECTORS: 8:00 Richard Hadlow; 9:30 Andy Brown, Dallas Coffield, Drew Graham

CHALICE BEARERS: 9:30 Clergy

USHERS: 8:00 Rusty Shenk; 9:30 Stephen Leal

VERGER: Michael Eachon

FLOWER DEDICATIONS

The Flowers at the Church Altar are given to the Glory of God by Heddy and Andy Brown in memory of Ann and David Murphey and Edward Melton Brown.



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