



# The Weekly Compass

St. John's Episcopal Church and Parish Day School

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 12, 2025

## 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 Chapel 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 Coffee Hour fellowship for adults*

### 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](#).

## 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. Thursdays include 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).  
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#### 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 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 [agrad@stjohnstampa.org](mailto:agrad@stjohnstampa.org)!

### 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](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 [lloewry@stjohnstampa.org](mailto:lloewry@stjohnstampa.org). You can also stay in touch on [our Facebook page](#) or [Instagram](#) and subscribe to [our YouTube channel](#), all @stjohnstampa!

# Compass Points

## Annual Meeting of the Parish

Our annual Parish Meeting will take place on Sunday, February 2, following the 9:30 a.m. service. You will have received an email with the Vestry candidates, who will be voted on that morning, as well as on Sundays January 19 and January 26 and during regular Parish Office business hours (9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday). Candidate photos and bios are also available in the Parish Office. At the Meeting, there will also be reports from our ministries, clergy, finances, and programs at the meeting. Save the date!

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## 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 9, 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.

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## Women's Mid Morning Bible Study Resumes This Week

Beginning January 14, the group will embark on a study of Jesus' Parables using *Short Stories by Jesus* by Amy Jill Levine. In ordering the book(s), you should be aware that there are two options in addition to the Leader Guide. There is the 300-page book by A.J. Levine for which the syllabus was developed. If you prefer to do less reading and have commentary on only the six chapters for which the author has videos, order the *Short Stories by Jesus Participant Guide* (95 pages including reflection questions). All three books are available through Amazon.

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## The St. John's Book Club

The St. John's Book Club meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 3:00 p.m. in the Lowry Room. The next meeting is on Tuesday, January 21. Ronnie Goodheart will lead the discussion of Delia Ephron's *Left on Tenth*, and all women of the parish and their guests are welcome. If you have questions, please contact Chris McAdams at [chris.mcadams@gmail.com](mailto:chris.mcadams@gmail.com).

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## 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](mailto:jdepinto@stjohnstampa.org) or call 813.259.1570. Suggested donations: Church Altar Flowers—\$50; Chapel Altar Flowers —\$35. Chapel Altar Flower donations are needed for January 19 and 26 and Church Altar flower donations are needed for January 26.

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## Thanksgiving for the Birth of a Child

The birth of a child is a joyous occasion and it is fitting for the newborn to be brought into the Church by his or her parents to offer up prayers and thanksgivings to Almighty God. The Book of Common Prayer provides a brief service of thanksgiving for this specific occasion on pg. 439. The Clergy of St. John's therefore invite all parents of newborns to schedule a time for this brief and beautiful service. Contact them at [parish@stjohnstampa.org](mailto:parish@stjohnstampa.org) or call 813.259.1570.

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## Hospital Visits: Please Inform Us

BCP p. 453 states: *in case of illness, the Minister(s) of the Congregation are to be notified.* However, due to HIPPA privacy laws, hospitals and healthcare professionals are not permitted to tell clergy if parishioners are in the hospital. Please make sure to let us know if you or a loved one is hospitalized or going to have surgery by telling a member of the clergy, or by calling 259.1570 or emailing the Parish Office at [parish@stjohnstampa.org](mailto:parish@stjohnstampa.org).

## **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., Patrick D., McKenzie N., Hillary M., Eloise, Marjorie, Nancy M., Peggy C., Ron, Rev. John Peterson, David R., Yvonne S., David and Suzanne, Carey, Lane, Donna L. and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

**The departed:** Kitty Daniels, Violet Lorraine Van Wormer

*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:**

January 12, Max Hunt, Charlseay Roman, Eliina Lick, Kirt Thomason, Ezra Pederson, Ruby McCowan, Tolly Krusen

January 13, Paul Dolcimascolo, Rick LeVarge, Miriam Lykes, Matt LeRette

January 14, Abby Peel, Maggie Gustafson

January 15, Jay Bever, Jr., Simon Matthews, Erika Lee, Cristine Kane

January 16, Michael Colgan, Connor Schriels, Elizabeth Calfee, Hunter Sozio

January 17, Harry Greene, Willa Allen

January 18, Suzanne Cuthbertson, Dottie Webster, Cristy Braun, Lisa Ruas, Jose Rodriguez, Martha Wood, Joshua Mastracci

**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. Alban's, St. Pete Beach; Anne of Grace, Seminole; St. Augustine's, St. Petersburg; and St. Bartholomew's, St. Petersburg.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Church of the Province of West Africa

## 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 Dave Kenyon; 9:30 Rowan Cruse, Maggie Wood, Michael Wood, Martha Wood

**LECTORS:** 8:00 Richard Hadlow; 9:30 M.C. Jenkins, Andy Brown, Lisa Leal

**CHALICE BEARERS:** 9:30 Clergy

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

**VERGER:** Dave Kenyon

## FLOWER DEDICATIONS

**The Flowers at the Church Altar are given to the Glory of God** by Susan Lang in celebration of the third anniversary of Fr. Chris Wood's installation as our rector and the joy that he and his family have brought to St. John's.

**The Flowers at the Chapel Altar are given to the Glory of God** by Janis Guzzle Chapman in loving memory of Tim Guzzle .

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