



# The Weekly Compass

St. John's Episcopal Church and Parish Day School

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS: THE EPIPHANY

JANUARY 5, 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 [agrady@stjohnstampa.org](mailto:agrady@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 [llowry@stjohnstampa.org](mailto:llowry@stjohnstampa.org). You can also stay in touch on [our Facebook page](#) or [Instagram](#) and subscribe to [our YouTube channel](#), all @stjohnstampa!

# Compass Points

## January Feast Day: The Epiphany

Join us to celebrate the Epiphany tomorrow, Monday, January 6, at 12:15 p.m. in the Chapel.

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### Nursery Volunteers Needed

Can you volunteer in the St John's nursery during a 9:30 a.m. service? We are recruiting dedicated adults to assist our professional nannies during weekly services. Completion of the *Safeguarding God's Children* course is required. Please email Ayana Grady at [agrady@stjohnstampa.org](mailto:agrady@stjohnstampa.org) with questions

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### 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). 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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### Cornerstone Kids Christmas!

The St. John's community was well-represented on December 19, when 30 children and their parents received the presents and gift cards that our church generously donated. The additional surprise this year was a refurbished bicycle for each child, courtesy of Bikes from the Heart. The Outreach Commission thanks everyone who participated in this annual undertaking!

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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. The Church and Chapel Altar Flowers are needed for January 12.

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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.

### 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., Kitty D., Patrick D., McKenzie N., Hillary M., Eloise, Marjorie, Nancy M., Peggy C., Ron, Rev. John Peterson, David R., Yvonne S., John B., David and Suzanne, 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:**

January 5, Kevin Page, Drew Powell

January 6, Rheem Humaid Masood, Reagan Stanford

January 7, Preslie Price, Louise Krikorian, Harry Van Loveren

January 8, Kate Compton, Whit Barrow

January 9, Sadie Saunders, Art Severn, Oliver Lacktman

January 10, Andrew McIntosh, Lacher Polins, Skye Bryant, Katey Brown, Curtis Diaz

January 11, John Marston, Brody Kellar

**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; Resurrection Episcopal, Largo; St. Stephen's, New Port Richey; St. Alfred's, Palm Harbor; Holy Spirit, Safety Harbor; St. Andrew's, Spring Hill, and All Saints', Tarpon Springs.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Church in Wales

## **ASSISTING IN THE SERVICES**

**ALTAR GUILD:** Laura Silva, Francie Brooks, Lelia Clewis, Katey Brown, Lois Smith, Jeannie Kenyon, Pam Divers, Miriam Faircloth

**LINENS:** Laura Silva, Pat Wilson

**ACOLYTES:** 8:00 Eric Williams; 9:30 Olivia Gray, Caroline Little, Allison Decelles, Trenten Decelles

**LECTORS:** 8:00 Betsy Wood; 9:30 Pam Scruggs, Drew Graham

**CHALICE BEARERS:** 9:30 Clergy

**USHERS:** 8:00 Ben Nelson, Sandy Rief, III; 9:30 Jim Whittlesey, Lee Casey, Tom Cassedy, Brett Divers, John Marston, Jeff Mitchell

**VERGER:** Eric Williams

## **FLOWER DEDICATIONS**

**The Flowers at the Church Altar are given to the Glory of God** by the Thompson family (Sally Thompson) in loving memory of Jack, Marjorie, and Alice Thompson.

**The Flowers at the Chapel Altar are given to the Glory of God** by James Judy in loving memory of his parents James and Bonnie H. Judy.



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