



# The Weekly Compass

St. John's Episcopal Church and Parish Day School

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 2, 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 followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish

*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).

#### 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 [agradyl@stjohnstampa.org](mailto:agradyl@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: 443.742.6542

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**

### **Annual Meeting of the Parish**

Our annual Parish Meeting will take place today following the 9:30 a.m. service. You have received an email with the Vestry candidates, who will be voted on this morning. Candidate photos and bios are also available in the Parish Office. There will also be reports from our ministries, clergy, and on finances, and on programs. Join us!

---

### **Jambalaya & Jazz**

St. John's Second Annual Jambalaya & Jazz celebration will take place on Fat Tuesday/Shrove Tuesday, March 4, at 6:00 p.m. Parishioners of all ages are encouraged to join us for an evening of vibrant flavors and soulful tunes by the Scott Murley Trio. Dinner is jambalaya and shrimp creole and attendees are welcome to wear masks, beads will be distributed. Please bring an appetizer and/or bottle of wine to share. Non-alcoholic beverages will be available. Please invite friends, but be sure to register on Realm (link in the *Weekly Wednesday Scroll*) by February 28 so we have an accurate headcount for food.

---

### **Lenten Series**

You are invited to St. John's Lenten Dinner Series beginning March 12. Each week we'll gather for a time of prayer, fellowship, and delicious meals prepared by our parish family. Schedule: 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross in the Church (optional); 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. - Dinner in the Parish Hall; 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. - Lenten program for adults, separate children's program. Meals will include an entrée, a house salad, fresh artisan bread with butter, and grilled cheese sandwiches. No RSVP needed and you can drop in to all or some of the series events. Join us!

---

### **Discover and Connect: New and Returning Members, Join us Next Week**

Whether you're new to St. John's Tampa or a longtime member who wants to reconnect, we invite you to join us in the Lowry Room after the 9:30 a.m. service starting next Sunday, February 9. This gathering offers a chance to meet fellow parishioners and learn about our various ministries. These are four informal weekly classes from February 9 to March 2, designed to help everyone feel more connected to our parish life, friendly and relaxed gatherings that will include coffee, breakfast food, and engaging conversations. Childcare will be available if needed. If you have questions, please contact Donna Gem at [donnaagem@aol.com](mailto:donnaagem@aol.com). We look forward to seeing you there!

---

### **The Daughters of the King Lenten Quiet Day**

The Daughters of the King will host its Lenten Quiet Day on March 1 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at St. Mark's Episcopal Church. It will include Morning Prayer, time for reflection, and the Eucharist. The theme for this year is *Servant Leadership*. RSVP to Marci Thomas ([marcithomas2018@gmail.com](mailto:marcithomas2018@gmail.com)) or call the Parish Office.

---

### **Will You Say "I Do" to the Wedding Guild?**

*"The union of husband and wife in heart, body, and mind is intended by God for their mutual joy...."* BCP, p.423  
Come be a part of that joy! Join the Wedding Guild team to bring warmth, confidence, and joyful support to couples at a momentous time in their lives. Volunteering involves being available for rehearsals and weddings, as your schedule permits, and especially during peak season in May and June. No previous experience needed — simple training will be provided. For more information, contact our Wedding Guild Coordinator, Mary Jo Shenk, at [mjshenk@yahoo.com](mailto:mjshenk@yahoo.com) or call Jan in the Parish Office at 813.259.1570.

---

### **Youth Confirmation Begins February 23**

7th graders and older! Are you interested in participating in Youth Confirmation, the exciting journey of questions and faith—learning more about the Episcopal Church, its doctrines, and our roles as disciples of Christ. Weekly classes will begin on Sunday, February 23--contact Youth Minister Ayana Grady at [agrad@stjohnstampa.org](mailto:agrad@stjohnstampa.org).

---

### **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. **Church AND Chapel Altar Flower donations are needed for February 9, 16, and 23.**

## **Prayer Requests**

*Your prayers are bid today and throughout the week for:*

**All bishops and other ministers:** Stephen, the Archbishop of York; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Douglas, our Bishop; and the clergy and staff of our Parish.

**Those who govern:** Donald, 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, Collin, Lee, David, Sam, Absley, Karin, Jim B., Katy, Mike M., Patrick D., McKenzie N., Hillary M., Marjorie, Nancy M., Peggy C., Ron, Yvonne S., Suzanne, Carey, Donna L., Brad, Elizabeth, Scott, Pat, and Joan, and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

**The departed:** Michael S. Bartlett

*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:**

February 2, Gwyn Schabacker, Olivia Kirkpatrick, Jamie Allen

February 3, Emily Leonard, Fred Niell, Jr.

February 4, Alvie Casey, Rich Hadlow, Caleb Rugg, Charlie Stallings, III, Hal Wiley, III, Michael Lykes, Allison Decelles, Jeffrie Van Loveren, Harrison Rainey, Sarah Tombaugh, Erik Johnson

February 5, Elsie Whiteley, Kari Power, Meredith Fulford, Ryan Hebert

February 6, Barbara Hendry, Wilson King

February 7, Harrison Giddens, Dave Kenyon, Marjorie McDuffie, Hansen Rix, Irene Frick, Isabella Kirkpatrick, Carlton Ward, III

February 8, Matt Lucas, Kristen Walker

**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. James' House of Prayer, Tampa; St. John's, Tampa; St. Mark's, Tampa; St. Mary's, Tampa; St. Catherine's, Temple Terrace; Holy Innocents Church, Valrico; St. Paul's Wesley Chapel, and St. Elizabeth's, Zephyrhills.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia



## ASSISTING IN THE SERVICES

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

**LINENS:** Laura Silva, Pat Wilson

**ACOLYTES:** 8:00 Michael Eachon; 9:30 Frankie Gardner, Cindy Gardner, Will Swanson, Haydon Swanson

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

**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:** Michael Eachon

## FLOWER DEDICATIONS

**The Flowers at the Church Altar are given to the Glory of God** in thanksgiving for all our blessings, seen and unseen.

**The Flowers at the Chapel Altar are given to the Glory of God** by John and MC Jenkins in thanksgiving for our oldest granddaughter, Eden, who turns 14 this year.

*Image credit: "Presentation in the Temple" by John August Swanson, 1988.*

