



The Weekly Compass

St. John's Episcopal Church and Parish Day School

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 23, 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 for on the fourth Sunday), as does Coffee Hour fellowship for adults

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. On *Tuesday, 3/25*, we will celebrate *The Annunciation of Our Lord at 12:15 p.m. in the Chapel.*

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.

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 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!

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: 443.742.6542

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

Compass Points

St. John's Lenten Dinner Series "Walk in the Footsteps of Jesus" Continues this Week

You are invited to St. John's Lenten Dinner Series again this week, 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 (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.

Lenten Devotional Guide 2025

Lenten Devotional Guides are available in hardcopy and in electronic form. Please pick yours up at the Parish Office or in the Church today, or download a copy from the homepage on our Parish website.

Cornerstone Kids Annual Gala

The Gala is on Thursday, March 27, at the Tampa River Center, 402 West Laurel Street. 6:00 p.m. Cocktail Hour, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Program, Dinner, and Dancing. Contact Harry Hedges at harryhedges@earthfirstdev.com for more.

Stephen Ministry: Your Help Needed to Find Care Receivers

Stephen Ministry offers a heartfelt, Christ-centered approach to caring for adult parishioners and their immediate families. This deeply meaningful care program involves a dedicated team of lay people, guided by our clergy, who provide one-on-one support to those in our congregation facing life's challenges.

We kindly ask for your help in connecting those who might benefit from this compassionate care. If you know someone who could find comfort and support from a caring presence as they navigate grief, loss, illness, hospice care, or any of life's difficulties, please consider referring them to the Stephen Ministry. With their permission, you can let Fr. Chris, Marci Thomas, or Sharon Stoll know, so they can reach out and explore how our ministry can best support them.

Together, we can ensure that no one in our community feels alone in their journey. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and support.

Cursillo Weekend Coming in May

Cursillo Weekend #151 is May 8 through 11. This is a three-day course on Christian Living that is held at DaySpring Conference Center with 30+ attendees. The Spiritual Director for this weekend will be Bishop Doug Scharf. This may be a once in a lifetime opportunity to share unencumbered time with our Bishop and parishioners from other congregations in our Diocese. The opportunity is sponsored by our Parish and arrangements are made with Parish co-sponsors who support you throughout the weekend. Please see Sharon or Ray Stoll for further details, as both of them are working the Team that weekend.

Thanksgiving for the Birth of a Child

The birth of a child is a joyous occasion so we invite all parents of newborns to schedule a time for a brief, beautiful service to celebrate. Contact us at parish@stjohnstampa.org or call 813.259.1570.

Flower and Candle Dedications

Flowers and the candle adorning the Altar and the flowers at the Church/Parish Hall 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 or call 813.259.1570. Suggested donations: Church Altar Flowers—\$50; Chapel Altar Flowers —\$35. Sanctuary Candle — \$20 *For the season of Lent, as is customary, there will be no flowers adorning the Altar. The Sanctuary Candle continues to be available for dedications during this time.*

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, Peggy C., Ron, Yvonne S., Carey, Donna L., Elizabeth, Scott, Pat, Nancy C., Joan, Lane, Irene, Juliette and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

The departed: Nancy Mulford, Patricia Richards

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:

March 23, Patty Crumpton, John Guyton, III, Beth Heisel, Chris Farmen, Michael Matthews, Helen Baker, Charlie Sansone, Shirley Susich

March 24, Stephen Crane, Catherine Marston, Andrew Deitzer, Chloe Isaacs, Caroline Gritte

March 25, Allison Foley-Bernardi, Whitney Tozier, Matthew Hughes

March 26, Beth Foley, Lori Green, Pam Scruggs, Lanny Russell, Karen Dellinger, Josie O'Brien

March 27, Christine Henry, Glenda Hodgson, Colin Roberts, Christian Brown

March 28, Baldwin Barnes, Tess Lowke, Lara Butler, Gaines Hayes, Shahla Madani

March 29, Michael Ross

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

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; Retired clergy of the Diocese of Southwest Florida; Episcopal Charities of Southwest Florida; Episcopal Schools in the Diocese of Southwest Florida, and the seminarians of the Diocese of Southwest Florida.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICES

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

Linens: Laurie Lackman

ACOLYTES: 8:00 Michael Eachon; 9:30 Caroline Little, Charlie Williams, Olivia Rainey, Charlie Pickette

LECTORS: 8:00 Richard Hadlow; 9:30 Norman Allen, 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: Michael Eachon

DEDICATIONS

The Candle in the Sanctuary Light is given to the Glory of God by Lee Lowry in thanksgiving for the members of Saint John's Parish.

Image Credit: *"The Vine Dresser and the Fig Tree"* by James Tissot

