



The Weekly Compass

St. John's Episcopal Church and Parish Day School

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 9, 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

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.

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 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: 443.742.6542

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*, Starts this Week

You are invited to St. John's Lenten Dinner Series beginning Wednesday, 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.

Lenten Devotional Guide 2025

Lenten Devotional Guides are available in hardcopy and also are available in an 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.

HOPE Rally This Week

Tuesday, March 11, 7:00 p.m., Mount Calvary Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 4902 North 40th Street, Tampa

You won't want to miss this opportunity to come together for a powerful event filled with community building, reflections on what HOPE has accomplished, personal testimonies, and action steps moving forward as we prepare for the upcoming Nehemiah Action in April. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Deacon Tania, Laura Cruse, Shirley Susich, or Fr. Dale.

***Dismantling Racism* Training Saturday**

On Saturday, March 15, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at St Catherine's Church, Temple Terrace, the Diocesan Race and Reconciliation Committee is offering *Dismantling Racism* training aligned with The Episcopal Church's priority of racial reconciliation and becoming a Beloved Community. This training is strongly recommended for all those who serve in leadership positions in your parish (vestry and other lay leader positions), as well as for all clergy. Register at the link in the *Weekly Wednesday Scroll* or contact Deacon Tania or the Parish Office to learn more.

The St. John's Book Club

The St John's Book Club will meet on Tuesday, March 18, at 3:00 p.m. in the Lowry Room. They will consider *Mad Honey* by Jodi Picoult and Jennifer Finney Boylan. Sally Thompson will lead the discussion.

All women of the Parish and their guests are welcome. Feel free to contact Chris McAdams at chris.mcadams@gmail.com with any questions.

Cornerstone Kids Annual Gala

Thursday, March 27, 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 to learn more.

Thanksgiving for the Birth of a Child

The birth of a child is a joyous occasion and we invite all parents of newborns to schedule a time for a brief and beautiful service in the Church. 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 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, Nancy M., Peggy C., Ron, Yvonne S., Carey, Donna L., Elizabeth, Scott, Pat, Nancy C., Joan, Lane, Irene and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

The departed: Wayne Piechowiak

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 9, Chase Tappan, Chris Scott, Peyton Little, Ashley Messer

March 10, Ross Scudder, Marian Flowers, David Eversole, Benjamin Heller, Emma Solaun

March 11, Jim Lane, Jr., Trish McKay, Betsy Wood, Zane Polins, Anna Frick, Cory Dickerson, Avery Collier

March 12, Anna Peyton Malizia, Anne Colbert, Oliver Roberts, Esther Santiago, Spencer Moore

March 13, David Martin, Sr., Andrew Jennewein

March 14, Hazel Cox, Charles Stallings, IV

March 15, Cindy Hadlow, Bill Carson, II, Michael Trentalange, Jack Williams, Ella Schaap, Taylor Johnston

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. Mary's, Bonita Springs; St. Mark's, Marco Island; St. John's, Naples; St. Monica's, Naples; St. Paul's, Naples, and Trinity-by-the-Cove, Naples.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Canada

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICES

ALTAR GUILD: Pat Rice, Nancy Watkins, Cece Lane, Janice Straske, Vera Farmen, Lisa Leal, Trish McKay, Laura Silva

LINENS: Laura Silva, Pat Wilson

ACOLYTES: 8:00 Dallas Coffield; 9:30 Tucker Witte, Maggie Wood, Michael Wood, Martha Wood

LECTORS: 8:00 Ben Harney; 9:30 Drew Graham, Paul Brokaw, Andy Brown

CHALICE BEARERS: 9:30 Clergy

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

VERGER: Michael Eachon

DEDICATIONS

The Candle in the Sanctuary Light is given to the Glory of God in thanksgiving for all blessings, seen and unseen.

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