



The Weekly Compass

St. John's Episcopal Church and Parish Day School

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 8, 2024

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 Lowry Room 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 expanded Coffee Hour fellowship for adults

Worship and Formation During the Week

The Holy Eucharist

The Holy Eucharist is celebrated **in the Lowry Room** at 12:15 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays, on Thursdays with Healing Prayers. **Note updated time on Thursdays.**

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 to learn more.

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 both services year-round. Sunday School for children takes place following the 9:30 a.m. service during the school year. Contact Youth

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

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

Compass Points

Advent Wreath Making Today!

Our annual Advent Wreath Making is today, Sunday, December 8, after the 9:30 a.m. service in the Courtyard! Frames, candles, and greenery will be provided by the Parish.

2024 Christmas Schedule

Tuesday, December 24, Christmas Eve

3:00 p.m. Children's Pageant with Holy Eucharist (Rite II) at St. John's School Middle Division Gymnasium, 240 South Plant Avenue. **There will be no nursery provided at this service.**

6:00 p.m. Sung Eucharist (Rite II) with the Choir of St. John's, in the Parish Hall *

11:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist (Rite I) Midnight Mass with the Choir of St. John's, in the Parish Hall

Wednesday, December 25, Christmas Day

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Rite II) with Congregational Carols, in the Parish Hall

Monday, January 6, 2024, The Epiphany

12:15 p.m. Said Mass for the Feast, in the Chapel

* Nursery provided for children 3 and under

Christmas Poinsettia Dedications

The deadline for poinsettia flower dedications for Christmas is **Monday, December 16**. Please send dedications worded exactly as you wish to jdepinto@stjohnstampa.org by that date.

Weekday Service Updates

We are excited to announce that we will return to the Chapel for our weekday services starting this week! ALL weekday services will now take place at 12:15 p.m., including the Thursday Mass with healing prayers. Our hope is that with the standardization of the weekday services at 12:15 p.m. more people may have the opportunity to gather for worship as we seek to encounter the risen Lord Jesus in the Holy Eucharist throughout the week.

Lenten Devotions Requested

Calling interested parishioners to write Lenten Devotions for St. John's Lenten Devotion Guide! Right now we are seeking commitments from individuals or families to write a short devotion for the Guide. The devotions are not due until mid-January. We will provide instructions, examples, and any assistance you may need. Our Guide is a very special part of many of our parishioners' Lenten experience. The best devotions are less than a page and while based on scripture, come from the heart. Please contact Marci Thomas (marcithomas2018@gmail.com) or Scott Neumeister (scottneumeister@hotmail.com) to sign up or for more information.

Outreach Survey: Please Participate!

As a continuation of St. John's Strategic Plan: Come. Worship. Grow., we ask you to fill out a short survey about our Outreach ministries. Whether you currently participate in an Outreach ministry or would like to, we would appreciate your input! Use the QR code to take it online.



Moving Forward In Mission: Stewardship 2025

In Fr. Chris' letter about this year's stewardship campaign, he notes: "Saint John's has spent much time, talent, and treasure figuring out what our future will look like. It is now time for us to begin to look outward into our community, and *Move Forward in Mission*. To accomplish these goals, we first must establish a budget, and to do that, we need to have your commitment to St. John's for this coming year. Please give generously so that we can give generously back to our community. [You can find all the options for giving on our website.](#) Let's begin *Moving Forward in Mission*."

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 and Shailee; 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. and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

The departed: Paul Weekley

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:

December 8, Mark Schabacker, Sydney Braun

December 9, Thomas Conlee, Jack Koch, Jr.

December 10, Kevin Johnson, Nicole Hasselbach, Reese Kenney, Ann Abney

December 11, Ingalls Witte, Corbin Bexley

December 12, Steve Galloway, Christopher Walker, Jack Walker, Ellie Taylor, Christie Yarnell

December 13, none

December 14, Ab Goodman, Mary Greacen, Kathy Lewis, Donna Gem, Sharon Stoll, Anderson O'Kelley

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

The people and peace in the 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: Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICES

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

LINENS: Yvonne Santiago

ACOLYTES: 8:00 Helen Turnquist 9:30 Bailey Turnquist, Maggie Wood, Michael Wood, Martha Wood

LECTORS: 8:00 Betsy Wood; 9:30 Andy Brown, M.C.Jenkins, Steve Straske

CHALICE BEARERS: 9:30 Clergy

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

VERGER: Helen Turnquist

FLOWER DEDICATIONS

The Church Altar Advent Greenery is given to the Glory of God by Susan Boyd in memory of Marion and William Boyd.

The Church Altar Advent Greenery is given to the Glory of God by Russel, Melaura and Elise Olinger in loving memory of their father and grandfather, Ron Meyers.

The Church Altar Advent Greenery is given to the Glory of God by Janis Elliott in loving memory of her husband, the Rev. Robert J. Elliott on his 100th birthday.

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