



**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH**  
IN THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Choral Eucharist Rite I – 10:00am  
February 7, 2021

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 Holy Eucharist Rite I  
10:00 Holy Eucharist Rite II

*Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the house of God.  
Before the service speak to the Lord;  
during the service let the Lord speak to you;  
after the service speak to one another.*

**PROPER ACCLAMATION**

*The people stand*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

**THE COLLECT FOR PURITY**

*The Celebrant may say*

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW**

*The Celebrant says*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS: *Missa Brevis in D (K 194) (sung by the choir)***

W. A. Mozart

Glory be to God on high,  
and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee,  
we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ,  
with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins and give us, we beseech thee, the liberty of that abundant life which thou hast manifested to us in thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## THE LESSON

Isaiah 40:21-31

*The people sit*

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord

*People* Thanks be to God

## PSALM 147:1-11, 20 (COVERDALE TRANSLATION) *(sung by the choir)*

Sir Ivor Atkins

- 1 O Praise the Lord, for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God \*  
yea, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful.
- 2 The Lord doth build up Jerusalem \*  
and gather together the out-casts of Israel.
- 3 He healeth those that are broken in heart \*  
and giveth medicine to heal their sickness.
- 4 He telleth the number of the stars \*  
and calleth them all by their names.
- 5 Great is our Lord, and great is his power \*  
yea, and his wisdom is infinite.
- 6 The Lord setteth up the meek \*  
and bringeth the ungodly down to the ground.
- 7 O sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving \*  
sing praises upon the harp unto our God;

8 Who covereth the heaven with clouds, and prepareth rain for the earth \*  
 and maketh the grass to grow upon the mountains, and herb for the use of men;

9 Who giveth fodder unto the cattle \*  
 and feedeth the young ravens that call upon him.

10 He hath no pleasure in the strength of an horse \*  
 neither delighteth he in any man's legs.

11 But the Lord's delight is in them that fear him \*  
 and put their trust in his mercy.

20 He hath not dealt so with any nation \*  
 neither have the heathen knowledge of his laws.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

**THE EPISTLE**

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

*Lector*            The Word of the Lord  
*People*            Thanks be to God.

*The people stand*

**THE GOSPEL**

Mark 1:29-39

*Deacon*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
*Choir*            Glory be to thee, O Lord.

After Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Deacon        The Gospel of the Lord.  
Choir         Praise be to thee, O Christ.

## THE HOMILY

Father Cannon

*The people sit*

## THE NICENE CREED

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

I believe in one God,  
    the Father Almighty,  
    maker of heaven and earth,  
    and of all things visible and invisible;  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
    the only-begotten Son of God,  
    begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
    God of God, Light of Light,  
    very God of very God,  
    begotten, not made,  
    being of one substance with the Father;  
    by whom all things were made;  
    who for us men and for our salvation  
        came down from heaven,  
    and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,  
    and was made man;  
    and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
    he suffered and was buried;  
    and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
    and ascended into heaven,  
    and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;  
    and he shall come again, with glory,  
        to judge both the quick and the dead;  
    whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,  
    who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;  
    who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped  
        and glorified;  
    who spake by the Prophets.  
And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
    and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon        Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

*The people kneel*

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers [especially \_\_\_\_\_], that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land [especially \_\_\_\_\_], that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor \_\_\_\_\_ and] all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

*Additional petitions and thanksgivings may be included here.*

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear [especially \_\_\_\_\_], beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of [\_\_\_\_\_ and of] all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen*

## CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

*Deacon* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Minister and People*

Almighty God,

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

maker of all things, judge of all men:

We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins  
and wickedness,

which we from time to time most grievously have committed,

by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,

provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.

We do earnestly repent,

and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;

the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,

the burden of them is intolerable.

Have mercy upon us,

have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,

forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may ever hereafter  
serve and please thee in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of thy Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## THE PEACE

*All stand*

*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*          And with thy spirit.

*Pass the peace with a reverent bow to one another and without moving from your seat.*

*The people sit*

## GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Offertory Anthem** *O for a closer walk with God*

Sir Charles Villiers Stanford

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame, a light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb! Return, O holy Dove, return, sweet messenger of rest; I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast. So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame; so purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

**The Great Thanksgiving**      *Eucharistic Prayer II*

*The people stand*

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.  
*People*          And with thy spirit.  
*Celebrant*      Lift up your hearts.  
*People*          We lift them up unto the Lord.  
*Celebrant*      Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.  
*People*          It is meet and right so to do.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

*Sanctus and Benedictus* (sung by the choir)

W.A. Mozart

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*The people kneel*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

### WE BREAK BREAD AND SHARE THE GIFTS OF GOD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

**Fraction Anthem** *Agnus Dei (from Missa Dies Resurrectionis) (sung by the choir)* John Scott

○ Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
○ Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
○ Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith,  
with thanksgiving.

**Please remain in your pew until the ushers invite you to move forward toward the altar.**  
**Face covering is required. Family units must maintain safe distancing in the aisle.**  
**Receive the host standing in front of the priest or deacon with your arms outstretched.**  
**Return to your pew by the side aisles and consume the host after you are seated.**

*The Bread is given to the communicants with these words*

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto  
everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in  
thy heart by faith, with thanksgiving. [Amen.]

**Communion Motet** *Jesu, the very thought of Thee (sung by the choir)* Sir Edward Bairstow

Jesu, the very thought of thee, with sweetness fills my breast; but sweeter far thy face to see,  
and in thy presence rest.

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

#### THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

*A Priest gives the Blessing and the Deacon dismisses the people.*

*People* Thanks be to God.

*The people sit until the procession*

VOLUNTARY *Alla Marcia*

John Ireland

**Please remain in your seats until the conclusion of the Voluntary.  
The ushers will direct you to the appropriate exits.**

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#### CHOIR:

Simon Morley - Organist and Director of Music

Kristen Walker - Soprano

Tori Swilley - Alto

Marty Angiulli - Tenor

Steve Galloway - Bass

#### LECTORS:

Betsy Wood, Lisa Leal

**The Flowers at the Church Altar** are given to the Glory of God by John and Elizabeth Ackermann in thanksgiving for their loving family.

**The Flowers at the Chapel Altar** are given to the Glory of God by Kathleen Moore in thanksgiving for Nicholas Nitch and our St. John's community.

**The Candle in the Sanctuary Light** is given to the Glory of God by Meredith Weekes in memory of Robin Pegram, Jody Pegram, Perry Milum, John Meats.

# Annual Meeting

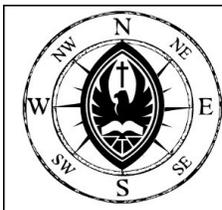
February 14, 2021 at 11:30 a.m.

The Annual Meeting of St. John's Episcopal Church will be held in the church on February 14, 2021 at 11:30 a.m. There will be a maximum capacity of 100 people allowed in the church for the meeting, but it will also be streamed via Zoom. The Zoom credentials can be found on Realm, or you can email John in the parish office ([jedgar@stjohnstampa.org](mailto:jedgar@stjohnstampa.org)) to receive that information.

If you would like to ask questions on Zoom, you can do that by using Zoom's 'chat' feature. Our Communications Director, Lee Lowry, will be on hand to read your questions out to the in-person attendees in the church. Parishioners who plan to attend the meeting on Zoom must vote early. Parishioners who attend on Zoom will not be able to vote during the meeting, so you must plan ahead. Parishioners can vote early during office hours (Monday – Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) through February 11. Early voting is also available immediately following today's service.

Parishioners who attend the meeting in person on February 14 will be able to vote at the beginning of the meeting, but all parishioners are encouraged to vote early or to vote by mail. The Annual Report will be available at the meeting, and it will be distributed on Realm once it is ready.

If you have any questions about the meeting or voting, please contact John in the parish office by phone (813.259.1570) or by email ([jedgar@stjohnstampa.org](mailto:jedgar@stjohnstampa.org)).



# The Weekly Compass

## St. John's Episcopal Church and Parish Day School

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 7, 2021

### Worship in St. John's

- 8:00 a.m. The Holy Eucharist, Rite I, Church  
10:00 a.m. The Holy Eucharist, Rite I, in the Church and streamed on [Facebook Live](#) and [our website](#)

### Virtual Ministries and Worship

Please visit [www.stjohnstampa.org/virtual-meetings-and-worship](http://www.stjohnstampa.org/virtual-meetings-and-worship) for a full listing and links to resources.

### Group Prayer and Pastoral Care

#### Healing Service

This service takes place on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in the church. There is appropriate safe distancing, masks, and no Eucharist.

#### Evening Prayer

Our clergy and staff stream evening prayer daily Monday through Saturday at 4:00 p.m. live on [our Facebook page](#).

#### Compline (Night Prayer)

Nightly compline is offered by the brothers of the Society of St John the Evangelist on their web site at [www.ssje.org](http://www.ssje.org).

### Weekday School Chapel Service

Fr. Reho invites you to join daily chapel services on the School's YouTube channel. The link is the same every day: [www.stjohnseagles.org/daily-chapel](http://www.stjohnseagles.org/daily-chapel) and services go live at 6:00 a.m., Monday through Friday.

### Small Group Ministries and Classes

#### Wednesday Afternoon Adult Formation

The group meets by Zoom from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. [Contact Deacon Kathleen](#) for info.

#### Men's Thursday Bible Study and Lunch

If you would like to join, contact John Edgar at [jedgar@stjohnstampa.org](mailto:jedgar@stjohnstampa.org).

#### Contemporary Women's Bible Study

CWBS holds a weekly virtual study time on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Contact Deacon Kathleen at [kmoores@stjohnstampa.org](mailto:kmoores@stjohnstampa.org) or Sally Thompson at [tampasal@gmail.com](mailto:tampasal@gmail.com) or 254.3009.

#### Women's Mid Morning Bible Study

The group regularly meets every other Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. For more information, contact Pat Wilson at [patwilson68@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:patwilson68@tampabay.rr.com) or 245.9562 or Joan McKay at [mckayjhm@aol.com](mailto:mckayjhm@aol.com).

### Pastoral Care

Your clergy are available to you for individual pastoral conversations. If you can't reach them at the church office at 259.1570, please call directly: Pastoral Emergency Line: 813.906.5199; Fr. Cannon: 864.320.7116; Fr. Goodheart: 321.446.4934; Deacon Moore: 813.785.9400; Fr. Reho: 917.526.0746.

### Service Schedule Notes

Our regular Sunday services are the Holy Eucharist (Rite I) at 8:00 a.m. and the Holy Eucharist (Rite II) at 10:00 a.m. The 10:00 a.m. service is streamed live [on Facebook](#) and [on our website](#).

Safe distancing procedures are in place for entering, seating, exiting, and distribution of the Holy Eucharist. This results in a maximum capacity of 100 people at each service. Face coverings are highly recommended, not only for your safety, but for the safety of others. While all are welcomed, we recommend that those parishioners over age 65 and those with underlying health conditions consider remaining safe at home and participating comfortably in the streamed service.

### Giving to St. John's

There are many ways to make a one time or recurring gift to your parish! Visit <https://stjohnstampa.org/stewardship> to see the options or give online.

One of our options is giving by text. In the 'To' field of the text type 73256, then in the message, type SJE. You will receive a text back immediately with a link to complete the payment.

### Sunday Sermon Audio Available

Audio versions of weekly sermons are [on our website](#). They are uploaded on Mondays. Click on the **Worship** button in the top right of our homepage.

## Compass Points

### Virtual Coffee Half-Hour Today!

This Sunday following the 10:00 a.m. service is our monthly Virtual Coffee Half-Hour. Join us for fellowship via Zoom! Information on the log-in came this morning through Realm, check your email.

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### Help us Stream!

Our amazing parish administrator John Edgar has been instrumental in the effort to stream our 10:00 a.m. services each week, but now we'd like to expand our Stream Team to include parishioners who have an interest in or experience with technology. This new ministry is a great way to serve and expand your skills. If you're interested in volunteering to stream our services, [contact John Edgar](#) or call the Parish Office at 259.1570.

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### On Forgiveness Lenten Series Begins February 24

Our Lenten series *On Forgiveness* will be presented by the clergy and staff of St. John's each Wednesday from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. These conversational sessions will feature stories from a documentary entitled "The Power of Forgiveness," explore the meaning of the parable of The Prodigal Son using Henri Nouwen's *Return of the Prodigal Son*, and provide practical resources for approaching and processing forgiveness as found in the Book of Common Prayer and in tradition. Contact us at [parish@stjohnstampa.org](mailto:parish@stjohnstampa.org) to learn more.

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### Women's Mid-Morning Bible Study

On Tuesday, January 26, the Women's Mid-Morning Bible Study will continue a study of the Book of Job. We are using "Interpretation Bible Studies/Job" by David C. Hester. Laura Silva will lead the study of Unit 3, "In the Image of God," Job 6:1 - 7:21, on Tuesday, February 9. This is a Zoom study on alternate Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.—11:15 a.m. To receive a Zoom invitation, email Joan McKay at [mckayjhm@aol.com](mailto:mckayjhm@aol.com). Pat Wilson can also provide more information or answer questions if you contact her at [patwilson68@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:patwilson68@tampabay.rr.com) or 245-9562.

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### Vestry Elections and Annual Meeting

Early voting during office hours (Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) is open now, **but please call ahead**. The Annual Meeting will be held in the church and on Zoom on Sunday, February 14, at 11:30 a.m. Parishioners will have the opportunity to ask questions whether they attend in person or on Zoom. The Zoom credentials have been posted on Realm. [Click here for more information.](#)

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### Youth Confirmation

Parents of 7th graders (or older)! Has your child gone through Youth Confirmation? Confirmation is an exciting journey of questions and faith—learning more about the Episcopal Church, its doctrines, and our roles as disciples of Christ! If you are interested in your child participating in Youth Confirmation this year, please contact Youth Minister Ayana Grady at [agrady@stjohnstampa.org](mailto:agrady@stjohnstampa.org) for more information.

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### Sacred Ground: New Group Forming Now

Parishioner Laura Cruse will lead the next [Sacred Ground](#) film-based dialogue series on race and faith, in a small group limited to 15 people and conducted on Zoom in 10 sessions, every other week. The group will walk through America's history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity. *Sacred Ground* is part of *Becoming Beloved Community*, The Episcopal Church's long-term commitment to racial healing, reconciliation, and justice. Contact [Laura Cruse](#) or [Fr. Michael](#) to join.

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### Ash Wednesday Preparation: Help Needed

We will have a packing day on Thursday, February 11, as we need to pack about 550 bags of ashes for School students and church members who attend services but prefer to take them home to self-smudge or sprinkle. Those watching from home can also participate by picking up a bag of ashes ahead of time at the parish office. Please contact [Fr. Cannon](#) if you can help.

# Prayer Requests

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

Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Dabney, our Diocesan Bishop; the clergy and staff of our parish; Joseph, our President; Ronald, our Governor; and Jane, our Mayor;

## **The sick and others for whom our prayers have been specially requested**

Harry Hedges; Baker; Mark Power; Robin Guinee; Jackie Faircloth and family; Bill Craig; Patty; Ansley and family; Nancy Watkins; Ray Olsson; Collin; Lyn Haddad; Tory Stone and family; Astrid Peacock; Jeff LeVines; Sid Stubbs; Clark Wichman; Suzanne; John Crosby; Nancy Adams; Ken and Maureen Johnston; Michelle Davidson; Jonathan; Pat; Jerry Denney; Pam; Dean Hamric; John; Wilma; William Morris; Bob; Evelyn; Charles; Ian; Aisha; Charlie; and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity;

## **The departed**

Robin Pegram

Jody Pegram

Perry Milum

John Meats

*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.*

*And we pray also for*

## **Those who celebrate the anniversary of their birth this week**

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

February 8, Pat Richards, Kristen Walker

February 9, Ryan Sampson

February 10, Sally Thompson, Kay Nolan, Peter Orebaugh, Elizabeth Henry

February 11, Kelly Levy, David Williams, John Banks Whiteley, William Shenk, Trudy Stracey

February 12, John Crosby, Nicholas Nitch, McKay Bever, Sarah Sbar, Drew Graham, Kim O'Brien

February 13, Pauline Dean, Zachary Taylor, Steven Sper, Wren Wankelman, Edward Roberts

## **Our Companion Diocese in the Dominican Republic**

### **Our Parish Day School**

Pray St. Anselm's Chapel, University of South Florida Chapel Center; St. Augustine's, St. Petersburg; St. Bartholomew's, St. Petersburg; St. Bede's, St. Petersburg; St. Boniface, Sarasota; St. Catherine's, Temple Terrace; St. Chad's, Tampa in the Diocesan cycle of prayer;

Pray for The Anglican Church of Burundi in the Anglican cycle of prayer;

**The members of our armed forces deployed abroad**, especially Rich, Mike and Jake.

**We pray for 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.

**Pray for our Rector Search Committee.** Almighty God, giver of every good gift: look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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If you have a pastoral emergency when the parish offices are closed, please call 813-906-5199.