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ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE WEEKLY COMPASS

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PIC OF THE WEEK



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Worship at St. John's:

On Sundays...

Rite I @ 8 a.m.
11:15 a.m. (*Sung Mass)*

Rite II @ 9:30 a.m. *(Sung Mass)*

Wednesdays & Thursdays @ 12:15 p.m.
Holy Eucharist
The Reverend John R. Peterson Chapel

The Chapel of the Resurrection, located in the courtyard, is open 24/7 for prayer

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

We were blessed to welcome Andy Squyres on Veterans Day for an evening of music and fellowship that filled our hearts with joy. We also give **thanks for the courage and sacrifice of our veterans** and all who serve in our armed forces, keeping them and their families in our prayers.

As Thanksgiving approaches, we look forward to gathering for **Thanksgiving Day Mass** to give thanks for God's many blessings and the community we share.

Sunday, November 22, is the **Last Sunday after Pentecost, Christ the King Sunday... and Breakfast Sunday!** Join us between the 9:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Masses for fellowship and the best breakfast in South Tampa.

Finally, as we look ahead to 2027 with gratitude and hope, we invite you to **prayerfully consider your pledge to our** Lead with Love campaign **by November 22.** Your generosity helps us plan for the year ahead and continue the ministries that nurture our parish and serve our neighbors. Thank you for the many ways you share God's love through St. John's.



Community Updates

Cornerstone Giving Tree

Thanks to everyone who showed interest in our Giving Tree effort! All 51 children have sponsors! **You can still support their families by donating $20 Walmart gift cards.** Our goal is to collect 100 cards this year so that each family receives 2 gift cards.

Please return the gift cards and labeled, wrapped presents to the church office no later than **December 8.**

Questions? Contact MC Jenkins!
813-503-4605

Women's Book Club

The St. John's Book Club will meet on **Tuesday, November 17, at 3:30 p.m.** in the Lowry Room.

Peg Ross will lead our discussion of Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston. The Book Club is open to all women of the parish and their guests.

Questions? Contact Chris McAdams, chris.mcadams@gmail.com.

Have something to share? Email Lauryn at lortiz@stjohnstampa.org. Please submit information 2–3 weeks before your desired newsletter publication date.

Metropolitan Ministries: Volunteers Needed!

A look back at St. John's Episcopal Church serving with Metropolitan Ministries in 2023! We're grateful for the opportunity to share Christ's love by caring for our neighbors.



Metropolitan Ministries will help 30,000 households throughout the Tampa Bay area this holiday season, and they need our help! Volunteers and donations of canned goods are urgently needed throughout November and December.

Thank you to St. John's 3rd–5th graders for volunteering at the Holiday Tent this past Saturday! **There are still opportunities for our parish to lend a hand** throughout the season. Volunteers ages 8 and older are welcome (those under 16 must be accompanied by an adult).

Give a few hours, donate canned goods, and help share God's love with families in need! ❤️

Volunteer Sign-Up: Scan this QR Code to register!

Questions? Contact Donna Gem at dgem@stjohnstampa.org

Lead with Love



Please make your pledge by November 22 to help continue supporting our church.

Scan the QR code below to make your pledge.

Save the Dates

Make sure to add these important dates to your calendar! Registration is required for certain events.

NOV 22

Christ the King & Breakfast Sunday
Please celebrate with us as we mark the final Sunday of the liturgical year. Breakfast Sunday will be taking place after the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

NOV 26

Thanksgiving Day Mass @ 10 a.m.
Join us for a beautiful Sung Mass with choir as we give thanks for God's abundant blessings before the day's festivities begin.

NOV 29

Advent Wreath Making | Between the 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. Masses
Gather with your parish family to make an Advent wreath to take home as we prepare our hearts and homes for the coming of Christ. One wreath per family will be provided.

NOV 30

Major Feast Day: St. Andrew 12:15 p.m.
Join us in the Rev. John R. Peterson Chapel for this Major Feast Day Mass at 12:15 p.m.

Our First YoPros Friendsgiving



YoPros Networking Event

Join St. John's young professionals for our **first YoPros Friendsgiving**! Elizabeth Pearce has graciously offered to host us in her new home for an evening of food, fellowship, and thanksgiving. St. John's will provide the turkey and drinks. Guests are invited to bring a favorite side dish or dessert to share. The food signup link is available through the Partiful invite QR code below.

We anticipate gathering on **Thursday, November 19, around 7:00 p.m.**, with the final time to be confirmed. Please RSVP through Partiful; the address will be shared with attendees.

Want to get involved with the YoPros? Email Mother Caroline cdevitt@stjohnstampa.org

Scan here to RSVP for Friendsgiving on Partiful!

Youth & Children's Ministries

Want your kiddo to be featured in The Weekly Compass? Send your pictures to Ayana, agrady@stjohnstampa.org!



Christmas Pageant 2025

UPCOMING DATES:

- Stump the Priest (Combined EYC with Father Wood) | Sun, Nov 15 | 5:00-6:30 p.m. | Parish Hall
- Christmas Pageant Cast Reveal | Sun, Nov 22 | 10:45 a.m. (Breakfast Sunday) | Parish Hall
- Advent Wreath Making | Sun, Nov 29 | 10:45 a.m.-11:15 a.m. | St. John's Courtyard
- Friendsgiving EYC (Combined) | Sun, Nov 29 | 5:00-6:30 p.m. | Lowry Room

Stay up to date with our newsletters:

Youth: *Children:*



Dedications & Blessings

The Church Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God
By Linda and Jack Wyatt in thanksgiving for their 44th wedding anniversary and in thanksgiving for their grandson Wyatt Henry Reynolds.

The Flowers at the Chapel Altar are given to the Glory of God
by Phyllis and Jeff Mitchell in thanksgiving for their 40th wedding anniversary. By Pat Ferguson and John Bailey in loving memory of A.

The Candle in the Sanctuary Light is given to the Glory of God
by Helen and Bailey Turnquist in memory of Norman Soash and in honor of Perry Soash.

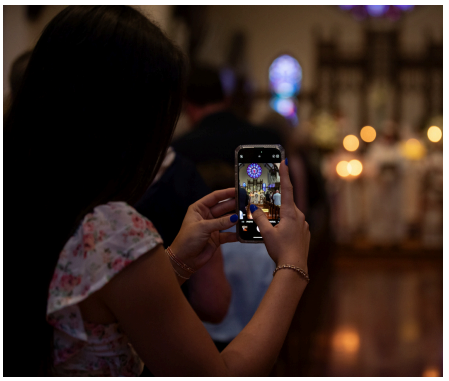
To sponsor altar flowers or the sanctuary candle in memory or thanksgiving, contact parish@stjohnstampa.org or call 813.259.1570 | Suggested donations: Church Altar Flowers: $50 | Chapel Altar Flowers: $35 | Sanctuary Candle: $20
Available Dates: December 6, 13, 27

Blessing of a Child:
Parents of newborns may schedule this brief service of thanksgiving (BCP page 439). The Newborn Celebration Ministry also delivers gift baskets to families with newborns—please notify the office of any births.
Contact: parish@stjohnstampa.org
Lois Smith: rstlrsmom2@aol.com

Give with a Grateful Heart

Your financial offerings fuel ministries that Change Lives for God in Christ. You may make your Sunday offering in one of four ways:

- **By placing your offering in the plate during the Offertory**
- **Scan: With your phone, scan the QR code**
- **Online: stjohnstampa.org/stewardship**
- **Text: Text SJE to 73256**



LOOKING AHEAD

Tuesdays @ 6 p.m.
CWBS (Contemporary Women's Bible Study)
Location: Zoom
Contact: tampasal@gmail.com

Tuesdays @ 6:30 a.m.
Businessmen's Bible Study
Location: Lowry Room
Contact: grimard.max@gmail.com

Wednesdays @ 3:30 p.m.
Adult Formation
Location: Zoom
Contact: parish@stjohnstampa.org

Thursdays @ 11:45 a.m.
Men's Weekly Bible Study
Location: Lowry Room
Contact: dlnrctpa@verizon.net

Alt. Tuesday @ 10 a.m.
Women's Mid-Morning Bible Study
Location: Lowry Room
Contact: harpwings@aol.com

STAY CONNECTED

- Wearing your nametag each Sunday helps us connect. Keep it in your car so it's always with you! If you need one, **email Donna Gem at dgem@stjohnstampa.org.**
- **Subscribe to The Weekly Scroll** and other email lists by emailing Lauryn at lortiz@stjohnstampa.org
- **Social Media –** Follow us @stjohnstampa on Facebook, Instagram & YouTube