



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

# THE SECOND SUNDAY *after* CHRISTMAS

**Holy Eucharist Rite II – 9:30 a.m.**

January 4, 2026

## **SUNDAY SERVICES**

8:00 Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:30 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.*



# THE RECTOR'S WELCOME

There are so many amazing Christmas traditions. Many of them are cultural, many are specific to our families, and some are specific to our church home. I am so glad each of you has found your way to St. John's this Christmas season. I hope you find this place to be a warm, welcoming church where you can celebrate and contemplate the Incarnation of the Word of God, the birth of Our Savior Jesus Christ.

The birth of Jesus is one of the most significant events in world history. The creator of us all has come into his creation so that he might redeem it. He not only sets out to redeem us, but he also lives as one of us, so that he knows intimately what it is to be human—the ups and downs, the fears and celebrations.

Whatever your family's Christmas traditions are, always remember to make room for the Holy Spirit to help you reflect on how much God loves you, your family, your friends, your neighbors, and even those you would prefer not to see this holiday season. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us for all of us, so that whosoever believes in Jesus should not perish but have eternal life!

Kate and I had a wonderful tradition at bedtime when our children were very young: one of us would always sing the famous Christmas Carol "*Away in a Manger*" to each of our children as we put them to bed. The last verse of that carol speaks to an incarnational way of living and reminds us to invite Jesus into our hearts this time of year.

“Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay close by me forever, and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.”

Merry Christmas to you all, and may the Incarnate Son of God, Jesus Christ our Lord, bless and keep you now and always.

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "The Rev. Christian M. Wood". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a small cross at the end.

The Rev. Christian M. Wood  
*Rector*

**VOLUNTARY** "*A Christmas Pastorate on Quem Pastores Laudavere*" - Eric H. Thiman  
*The people stand as the Ministers enter*

**Processional Hymn 102**

*Irby*

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a  
2 He came down to earth from hea - ven, who is  
\*5 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his  
6 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the

1 low - ly cat - tle shed, where a mo - ther laid her  
2 God and Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a  
5 own re - deem - ing love; for that child who seemed so  
6 ox - en stand - ing round, we shall see him; but in

1 ba - by in a man - ger for his bed: Ma - ry  
2 sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall; with the  
5 help - less is our Lord in heaven a - bove; and he  
6 hea - ven, where his saints his throne sur - round: Christ, re -

1 was that mo - ther mild, — Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child. —  
 2 poor, the scorned, the low - ly, lived on earth our Sa - vior ho - ly.  
 5 leads his chil - dren on — to the place where he is gone. —  
 6 vealed to faith - ful eye, — set at God's right hand on high. —

## PROPER ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant*

Bless - ed be God: Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

*People*

And bless - ed be his king - dom, now and for ev - er. A - men.

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

### *Celebrant*

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

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS S-280

Robert Powell

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
 King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most

High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the

glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*          **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The people sit*

## THE LESSON

Jeremiah 31:7-14

*Reader*      A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

For thus says the LORD: "Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, 'The LORD has saved his people, the remnant of Israel.' Behold, I will bring them from the north country and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her who is in travail, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will make them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I am a father to Israel, and E'phraim is my first-born. "Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands afar off; say, 'He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd keeps his flock.' For the LORD has ransomed Jacob and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall be like a watered garden, and they shall languish no more. Then shall the maidens rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will feast the soul of the priests with abundance, and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, says the LORD.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*          **Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL** Psalm 84:1-8 *Sung by the choir*

Sir Hubert Parry

O how amiable are thy dwellings,  
thou LORD of hosts.

My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest, where she  
may lay her young;  
even thy altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house;  
they will be alway praising thee.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee;  
in whose heart are thy ways.

Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well;  
and the pools are filled with water.

They will go from strength to strength,  
and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.

O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;  
harken, O God of Jacob.

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

Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a

*Lector* A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. He destined us in love to be his sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace which he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power in us who believe.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*All elementary-aged students will now follow the cross down the center aisle and process to Children's Chapel in the Parish Hall*

**SEQUENCE HYMN 109** *Stanzas 1-3, 6*

*The First Noel*

1 The first Noel - well the an - gel did say  
 2 They look - ed up and saw a star  
 3 And by the light of that same star

1 was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;  
 2 shin - ing in the east be - yond them far,  
 3 three wise men came from coun - try far;

1 in fields as they lay, keep - ing their sheep,  
 2 and to the earth it gave great light,  
 3 to seek for a king who was their in - tent,

1 on a cold win-ter's night that was so deep.  
 2 and so it con-tin-ued both day and night.  
 3 and to fol-low the star where-ev-er it went.

*Refrain*  
 No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,

born is the King of Is-ra-el.

6 Then let us all with one accord  
 sing praises to our heavenly Lord;  
 that hath made heaven and earth of nought,  
 and with his blood our life hath bought.

## THE GOSPEL

Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

*Deacon* Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the wise men had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there till I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." And he rose and took the child and his mother by night, and departed to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt have I called my son." But when Herod died, behold, an angel

of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." And he rose and took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus reigned over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

*Deacon*      The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*      **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **THE SERMON**

Father Donald P. Goodhart

*All stand*

## **THE NICENE CREED**

*Celebrant and people*

We believe in one God,  
**the Father, the Almighty,**  
**maker of heaven and earth,**  
**of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**  
**the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,**  
**God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,**  
**begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**  
**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:**  
**by the power of the Holy Spirit**  
**he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,**  
**and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**  
**he suffered death and was buried.**  
**On the third day he rose again**  
**in accordance with the Scriptures;**  
**he ascended into heaven**  
**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*Form IV*)

*The people kneel*

*Deacon* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

*Leader*

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth,  
live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for Donald, our president, Ron, our governor, and Jane, our mayor. Guide  
the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that  
we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its  
resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ  
in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit especially those in hospital and those in hospice; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, and for whom altar flowers are given today; that your will for them may be fulfilled, and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds this concluding Collect*

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION**

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All* Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us  
and forgive us; that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

*All stand*

## THE PEACE

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

*The people sit for the announcements*

## GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Offertory Sentence

### Offertory Anthem

*Unto us is born a Son* — Arr. Sir David Willcocks

*Unto us is born a Son, King of quires supernal: See on earth his life begun, of lords the Lord eternal. Christ, from heav'n descending low, comes on earth a stranger; ox and ass their owner know, be cradled in the manger. This did Herod sore affray, and grievously bewilder, so he gave the word to slay, and slew the little childer. Of his love and mercy mild this the Christmas story; and O that Mary's gentle Child Might lead us up to glory! O and A, and A and O, Cumcantibus in choro, let our merry organ go, Benedicamus Domino.*

*The people stand*

Hymn 94 *Stanza 6*

*Winchester Old*

*Descant*

6 "All glo - ry be to God on high and on the earth be peace;

6 "All glory be to God on high  
and on the earth be peace;

6 good will hence-forth from heaven to men be - gin and nev - er cease."

good will henceforth from heaven to men  
begin and never cease."

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer B*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### Sanctus and Benedictus S-129

Robert Powell

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.\_\_\_\_\_

*The people kneel*

*Celebrant*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be



the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and people*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory**

*Celebrant*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed John, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

*Celebrant and people*

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.

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread after which the following is sung*

**Fraction Anthem S-163**

Robert Powell

Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God



*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's Table.*

*If you are not baptized or choose not to receive, you are invited to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. Please follow the direction of the ushers, and inform them if you need communion brought to you. Gluten-free hosts are available upon request.*

*Communion is offered in both kinds (bread and wine). You may receive the host and then sip from the chalice, receive the host only, or receive by intinction. For intinction, a member of the clergy or a chalice bearer will dip the host into the chalice and place it directly on your tongue. Even if receiving in one kind, please remain at the altar rail until the chalice has passed.*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

*or with these words*

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen.**

## **Communion Motets**

*Infant holy, infant lowly* — Arr. Sir David Willcocks

*Infant holy, Infant lowly, For his bed a cattle stall; Oxen lowing, Little knowing Christ the babe is Lord of all. Swift are winging Angels singing, Nowells ringing, Tidings bringing, Christ the babe is Lord of all. Flocks were sleeping, Shepherds keeping Vigil till the morning new; Saw the glory, Heard the story, Tidings of a gospel true. Thus rejoicing, Free from sorrow, Praises voicing, Greet the morrow, Christ the babe was born for you!*

# Communion Hymn 124

*Puer nobis*

*Unison or harmony*

The musical score is written for five voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor 1, Tenor 2, and Bass) in a unison or harmony setting. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are in German and English.

**Staff 1:**

1 What star is this, with beams so bright, more beau - teous  
 2 True spake the pro - phet from a - far who told the  
 3 The guid - ing star a - bove is bright; with - in them  
 4 O Je - sus, while the star of grace im - pels us  
 5 To God the Fa - ther, heaven - ly Light, to Christ, re -

**Staff 2:**

1 than the noon - day light? It shines to her - ald  
 2 rise of Ja - cob's star; and east - ern sa - ges  
 3 shines a clear - er light, and leads them on with  
 4 on to seek thy face, let not our sloth - ful  
 5 vealed in earth - ly night, to God the Ho - ly

**Staff 3:**

1 forth the King, and Gen - tles to his crib to bring.  
 2 with a - maze up - on the won - drous to - ken gaze.  
 3 power be - nign to seek the Giv - er of the sign.  
 4 hearts re - fuse the guid - ance of thy light to use.  
 5 Ghost we raise our e - qual and un - ceas - ing praise.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The people kneel*

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God,  
heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

*The Celebrant gives the Blessing*

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## THE DISMISSAL

*The Deacon gives the Dismissal*

*People* Thanks be to God.

*The people stand*

# Processional Hymn 278

*Rustington*

1 Sing we of the bless - ed Mo - ther who re - ceived the an - gel's  
 2 Sing we, too, of Ma - ry's sor - rows, of the sword that pierced her  
 3 Sing a - gain the joys of Ma - ry when she saw the ris - en  
 4 Sing the chief - est joy of Ma - ry when on earth her work was

word, and o - be - dient to the sum - mons bore in  
 through, when be - neath the cross of Je - sus she his  
 Lord, and in prayer with Christ's a - pos - tles, wait - ed  
 done, and the Lord of all cre - a - tion brought her

love the in - fant Lord; sing we of the joys of  
 weight of suf - fering knew, looked up - on her Son and  
 on his prom - ised word; from on high the blaz - ing  
 to his heaven - ly home; where, raised high with saints and

Ma - ry at whose breast the child was fed who is  
 Sa - vior reign - ing from the aw - ful tree, saw the  
 glo - ry of the Spi - rit's pres - ence came, heaven - ly  
 an - gels, in Je - ru - sa - lem a - bove, she be -

Son of God e - ter - nal and the ev - er - last - ing Bread.  
 price of our re - demp-tion paid to set the sin - ner free.  
 breath of God's own be - ing, man - i - fest in wind and flame.  
 holds her son and Sa - vior reign-ing as the Lord of love.

**VOLUNTARY** "*Grand Choeur*" — Theodore Dubois

## **Assisting in Today's Services**

**Altar Guild:** Laura Silva, Francie Brooks, Lelia Clewis, Katey Brown, Lois Smith,  
Jeannie Kenyon, Pam Divers, Phyllis Mitchell, Miriam Faircloth

**Linens:** Laura Silva

**Acolytes:** 8:00 Michael Eachon

9:30 Maggie Wood, Michael Wood, Martha Wood, Allison Decelles,  
Trenten Decelles

**Chalice:** Greg Gaar, Janice Straske

**Lectors:** 8:00 Betsy Wood

9:30 Greg Gaar, Christin Ditchfield Lazo, Steve Straske

**Ushers:** 8:00 Ben Nelson, Jr., Frank J. Reif III

9:30 Jim Whittlesey, Lee Casey, Tom Cassedy, Brett Divers,  
John Marston, Jeff Mitchell

**Verger:** Michael Eachon **Subdeacon:** Dave Kenyon



## Prayer Requests

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

**All bishops and other ministers:** Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury elect; Sean, the 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

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Resurrection Episcopal, Largo; St. Stephen's, New Port Richey; St. Alfred's, Palm Harbor; Holy Spirit, Safety Harbor; St. Andrew's, Spring Hill, and All Saints', Tarpon Springs

**Our Companion Dioceses:** Dominican Republic, Georgia, South Carolina, and Western Louisiana

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Church of the Province of Central Africa

**Also remembering in prayer:** Our Parish Day School, our Pastoral Care Team, healthcare workers, first responders, and all who serve the common good, peace in Ukraine and the Holy Land

**Members of our armed forces deployed abroad and their families:** Rich, Mike, Jake, Matthew, David, and Tyler (Libya)

**Those celebrating the anniversary of their birth:**

January 4: Brett Fluharty, Martha Giordano, Carol Ihrig, Carter Lindquist, Stuart Lindquist, Donna Scantlebury, Paul Schnell, Suzie Ward

January 5: Kevin Page, Drew Powell

January 6: Rheem Humaid Masood, Reagan Stanford

January 7: Louise Krikorian, Preslie Price, Harry Van Loveren

January 8: Whit Barrow, Kate Compton, Luca Gregory, Carmen Phillips

January 9: Oliver Lacktman, Sadie Saunders

January 10: Victoria Abrams, Norm Allen, Katey Brown, Skye Bryant, Curtis Diaz, Andrew McIntosh

**The sick and others for whom our prayers have been especially requested:**

Maureen and Ken Johnston; Jackie Faircloth and family; Pam, Shailee, and Courtney; Anna, her family and her medical team; Jayce Hicks, Jeff LeVines, Richard, Michael Wood, Tor, Collin, Lee, David, Sam, Absley, Jim B., Katy, Ron, Carey, Scott, Nancy C., Lane, Jack, Miriam, Suzanne, Laine, Grace, Minnie, Will, Peter, Armando, Berta, Mary, Susan, Ellie, Patrick, Ann, Craig, Gwen, Helen, David W. Reffue, Melinda, Sunny, Davis, Greg M., Tamsen, Linda, Damian, Dave, Charlotte, Alexis, Beth, Blanche, Amy, Luann, and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

**For all the faithful departed**

David Wheaton

*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.*

**Christmastide**

*December 26—January 6*

**The Feast of the Epiphany**

*Tuesday, January 6*

**6:00 p.m.**—Solemn High Mass (Rite I) in the Church





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