



THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT | MARCH 15, 2026

THE WEEKLY COMPASS

St. John's Episcopal Church & Parish Day School



PIC OF THE WEEK:

Parents vs. Youth Kickball

*Have a Pic of the Week?
We'd love to feature it!
Email your photo to
Mthr. Caroline at
cdevitt@stjohnstampa.org*

Last Sunday's Parents vs. Youth kickball game brought plenty of laughs, friendly competition, and a little bragging rights. The parents ultimately took home the win, but fun was had by all. Thanks to everyone who came out for a great afternoon together!



THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S



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This week at St. John's offers several opportunities for formation and community. Today, *Praying in the Wilderness* continues after the 9:30 service in the Parish Hall with Fr. Andrew teaching. On Wednesday, join us for Stations of the Cross at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner—our parish chili cookoff (and you are invited to bring your best chili!)—and formation for all ages, including the adult series *Witness Unto Death: Patristic Martyrs & the Early Church*. Next Sunday is Breakfast Sunday, when we welcome Dr. Lauren Whitnah, Dean of Nashotah House Theological Seminary, as our guest preacher. You are invited to learn more about Nashotah House at a table with her during breakfast. There is much coming up in the life of our parish, from group gatherings and service opportunities to Holy Week just around the corner. Keep reading this issue of *The Compass* to learn more.

Worship at St. Johns

Sundays: Rite I at 8:00 a.m. | *Rite II at 9:30 a.m.

**Livestream Options: Website | Facebook | YouTube*

Wednesdays & Thursdays: Holy Eucharist at 12:15 p.m.

The Reverend John R. Peterson Chapel

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

Need a Nametag?

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.*

ST. MICHAEL'S CONFERENCE

JULY 26 - AUGUST 1

Saint Michael's Conference is a week-long summer gathering in West Hartford, Connecticut for young people ages 13–21, centered on daily worship, thoughtful conversations about Jesus, and joyful community, inviting participants to seek a deeper and more vibrant life in Christ.

See Fr. Chris or Kate Wood for more details.



SCAN FOR MORE DETAILS



EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS

Easter flower dedications are now available. Honor a loved one or give thanks for a blessing by contributing to the flowers that adorn our church on Easter Day. Please submit your dedication using the QR code by Sunday, March 15 at noon.



ALL-AGES PARISH WORKDAY AT BIKES FROM THE HEART

HELP REFURBISH BIKES FOR FAITH CAFE GUESTS

REMOVE USABLE PARTS FROM DONATED BIKES SO THEY CAN BE USED TO REPAIR BICYCLES FOR PEOPLE IN NEED. NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED | TOOLS AND INSTRUCTION PROVIDED
🍕 PIZZA AFTER THE WORKDAY



REGISTER HERE



SATURDAY, MARCH 28
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
3515 N. FLORIDA AVE

ALL AGES WELCOME
PARTICIPANTS UNDER 16 MUST ATTEND WITH AN ADULT



St. John's Book Club

March Meeting - Tuesday, March 17 at 3:30 p.m.

The St. John's Book Club meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 3:30 p.m. in the Lowry Room. All women of the parish and their guests are invited. Our selection this month is **Becoming Madam Secretary** by Stephanie Dray, and Chris McAdams will lead the discussion. Contact Chris McAdams (chris.mcadams@gmail.com) with questions.

HOLY WEEK

SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday (March 29):
8 AM • 9:30 AM (Mass)

5 PM (John Stainer's *The Crucifixion* presented by the Choir of St. John's)

Maundy Thursday (April 2):

6 PM • (The Altar of Repose begins at the conclusion of the Maundy Thursday service and continues until 7 AM on Good Friday. Sign up to keep watch in the parish office.)

Good Friday (April 3):
7 AM • 12 PM

The Great Vigil of Easter (April 4):
6 PM (Blessing of Fire & Baptisms)

Easter Sunday (April 5):
8 AM • 9:30 AM • 11:15 AM

"We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You, because by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world."



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH
IN THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA
906 S Orleans Ave, Tampa, Florida 33606

"...bring offerings & come into his courts" Psalm 96:8



MAKE A DEDICATION TODAY

Dedications

The Candle in the Sanctuary Light is given to the Glory of God

by Yvonne Santiago in loving memory of Esther Semidei.

To sponsor altar flowers or the sanctuary candle in memory or thanksgiving, contact ssantos@stjohnstampa.org or call 813.259.1570

Suggested donations: Church Altar Flowers: \$50 | Chapel Altar Flowers: \$35 | Sanctuary Candle: \$20

Please note: there are no altar flowers during Lent | Upcoming available dates to sponsor the Sanctuary Candle: March 29

LENTEN TEACHING SERIES

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT
FEBRUARY 25—MARCH 18

Witness Unto Death

PATRISTIC MARTYRS & THE EARLY CHURCH
BEGINS AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE CHURCH

— PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND FORMATION AS WE JOURNEY TOGETHER TOWARD HOLY WEEK —
5:30 P.M. – STATIONS OF THE CROSS | 6:00 P.M. – SUPPER | 6:30 P.M. – TEACHING SERIES | CONCLUDES BY 7:15 P.M.

— MARCH 18 —
PARISH-WIDE
CHILI COOK-OFF
ALL ARE INVITED TO
PARTICIPATE

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT FORMATION | LENT 2026

Praying in the Wilderness

Sundays in Lent after the 9:30 a.m. Service
Taught by the Clergy



GUEST PREACHER — LAUREN WHITNAH, PHD

SUNDAY, MARCH 22
8:00 AM & 9:30 AM

Dean of Nashotah House Theological Seminary
We are pleased to welcome Dr. Lauren Whitnah, Dean of Nashotah House Theological Seminary, as our guest preacher. St. John's has a long-standing relationship with Nashotah House, a seminary dedicated to forming priests and leaders for the Church. After the 9:30 a.m. service, join Dean Whitnah and the Nashotah House team at a table during Sunday breakfast to learn more about the seminary and its work.



NASHOTAH HOUSE
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
EST. 1842

The Crucifixion by John Stainer

The Crucifixion by John Stainer is a powerful musical meditation on the Passion of Christ, recounting the final hours of Jesus's life, including the Seven Last Words from the Cross. Written in 1887 for choir, organ, and soloists, the work draws inspiration from the Passion settings of J.S. Bach and invites the congregation to join in hymns throughout.

Presented by the
Choir of St. John's

Palm Sunday | March 29

5:00 p.m. | In the Church

Join us for this moving devotion as we begin Holy Week.

BUSINESSMEN'S

Bible Study



TUESDAYS | 6:30-8:00 A.M.

LOWRY ROOM

SCAN QR CODE FOR MORE INFO



ADULT FORMATION

Tue.

CWBS (Contemporary Women's Bible Study)

08:00 PM

Wed.

Wednesday Adult Formation

03:30 PM

Thurs.

Men's Bible Study

11:45 AM

Alternate Tue.

Women's Mid-Morning Bible Study

10:00 AM

CHILDREN & YOUTH Sunday School Today!

All Sunday School students and teachers will go first for Communion, and then come into the side hallway for Check-In and nametags.

EYC Tonight!

Middle School (6-8): 5:00-6:30 p.m. | High School (9-12): 6:00-7:30 p.m.

This semester, our youth will explore how movies and TV shape—and reflect—our faith. Join us for games, discussion, dinner, and a raffle.

Friends welcome.

Stay up to date with
our newsletters:



Youth:



Children:



SAVE THE DATES

Lenten Supper Series	Guest Preacher: Dean Lauren Whitnah, PhD	Feast of the Annunciation	All-Ages Parish Workday	The Crucifixion by John Stainer
<p>Wednesdays in Lent Church/Parish Hall</p> <p>This Lent, our Wednesday supper series will explore the witness of the early Christian martyrs, drawing on the faith, courage, and theology of the patristic Church as we prepare our hearts for the Paschal feast. Begins with Stations of the Cross in the Church.</p>	<p>March 22</p> <p>We welcome Dr. Lauren Whitnah, Dean of Nashotah House Theological Seminary, as our guest preacher. Join her and the Nashotah House team at a table during Breakfast Sunday to learn more about the seminary.</p>	<p>March 25 Church 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Join us for the celebration of the Annunciation of our Lord—our final Wednesday gathering before Holy Week begins. All are welcome.</p>	<p>March 28 Bikes from the Heart (3515 N. Florida Ave.) 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>All ages are invited to a parish workday helping refurbish bicycles for guests of Faith Café. No experience needed. Join us in serving our neighbors in Tampa.</p>	<p>March 29 Church 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>The Crucifixion by John Stainer will be presented by St. John's Choir. This moving musical meditation on the Passion of Christ recounts the final hours of Jesus's life and helps us enter into Holy Week. All are welcome.</p>

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On the night before his death, Jesus asked, "Can ye not watch with me one hour?" (Matthew 26:40). Spend an hour in prayer with the living Jesus at the Altar of Repose in the Parish Hall as we keep watch from the end of the Maundy Thursday liturgy until 7:00 a.m. on Good Friday. Sign up for a one-hour watch in the Parish Office. Two people are needed each hour, and security will be on site.

Blessing of a Child

Parents of newborns may schedule this brief service of thanksgiving (BCP p.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: rstrsmom2@aol.com

Pastoral Care

If you or a loved one is hospitalized or preparing for surgery, please let us know. Hospitals cannot contact us due to privacy laws.

To notify us or request pastoral care:

Parish Office: 813.259.1570 |

parish@stjohnstampa.org

Pastoral Emergencies: 813.726.3108

Fr. Chris: 917.822.9741

Fr. Andrew: 713.302.6262

Mthr. Caroline: 941.320.6686

Dcn. Mary Alice: 813.493.8337

Fr. Goodheart: 321.446.4934

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