



THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT | MARCH 22, 2026

# THE WEEKLY COMPASS

St. John's Episcopal Church & Parish Day School



## PIC OF THE WEEK:

A Meaningful Lenten Season Together

*Have a Pic of the Week? We'd love to feature it! Email your photo to Mthbr. Caroline at [cdevitt@stjohnstampa.org](mailto:cdevitt@stjohnstampa.org)*

*We had wonderful engagement in our Wednesday night Lenten programming this season. Thank you to everyone who came, prayed, learned, and participated together in the life of our parish. Special thanks to our Kitchen Krewe for keeping us so well fed each week.*



## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today we welcome Dr. Lauren Whitnah, Dean of Nashotah House Theological Seminary, as our guest preacher. Today is also Breakfast Sunday, and you are invited to learn more about Nashotah House by visiting with Dr. Whitnah at a table during breakfast. On Wednesday at 6:00 p.m., we will celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation with a Solemn High Mass. Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, and following the 9:30 a.m. service families are invited to enjoy a petting zoo on campus. On Saturday, we will have our all-ages parish workday at Bikes for the Heart—see the registration QR code on the next page to sign up. Continue reading this issue of *The Compass* for the full schedule of Holy Week services and more happening in the life of our parish.

## 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](mailto: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**



## 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**

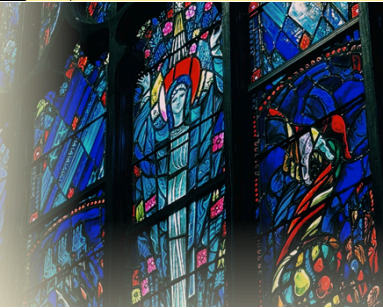


ALL AGES WELCOME  
PARTICIPANTS UNDER 16 MUST ATTEND WITH AN ADULT

Solemn High Mass for

## THE FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION

Wednesday, March 25 | 6:00 p.m.



### 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

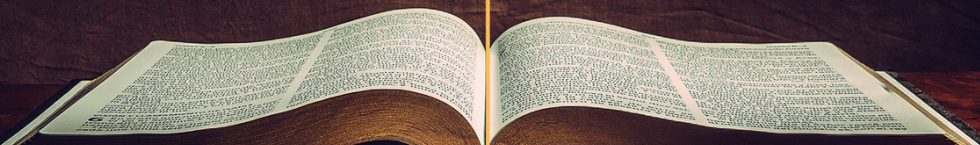
## Bible Study



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

LOWRY ROOM

SCAN QR CODE FOR MORE INFO



“...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 Lee Lowry in thanksgiving for the members of Saint John's Parish.**

To sponsor altar flowers or the sanctuary candle in memory or thanksgiving, contact [ssantos@stjohnstampa.org](mailto: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



## Women's Mid-Morning Bible Study

Tuesday, March 24 | 10:00–11:15 a.m. | Lowry Room & via Zoom

The Women's Mid-Morning Bible Study will resume on Tuesday, March 24. The class will continue its study of the Gospel according to Matthew using Interpretation Bible Studies – Matthew by Alyce M. McKenzie as the study guide. Fr. Don Goodheart will be leading the discussion of Unit 6, "Peter's Confession and Jesus' Passion". This Unit 6 study, covers Matthew 16:16–28, Pages 61–68 in our study guide. The class meets on alternate Tuesdays through May 19. For questions, contact Sharon Stoll ([harpwings@aol.com](mailto:harpwings@aol.com)), Margaret Brokaw ([margaretb132@hotmail.com](mailto:margaretb132@hotmail.com)), or Sally Wiley ([wiley48sm@gmail.com](mailto:wiley48sm@gmail.com)). All women are invited to attend.

FAITH & THRILLS:  
**YOPROS @ Busch Gardens**

**Saturday, April 11, 2026**

ST. JOHN'S TAMPA & CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER SARASOTA  
YOUNG PROFESSIONALS EVENT

**Register Here!**







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

# 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."*

## ADULT FORMATION

<b>Tue.</b> <small>Zoom</small>	CWBS (Contemporary Women's Bible Study) <small>tampasal@gmail.com</small>	<small>08:00 PM</small>
<b>Wed.</b> <small>Zoom</small>	Wednesday Adult Formation <small>parish@stjohnstampa.org</small>	<small>03:30 PM</small>
<b>Thurs.</b> <small>Lowry Room</small>	Men's Bible Study <small>dlrncrtpa@verizon.net</small>	<small>11:45 AM</small>
<b>Alternate Tue.</b> <small>Lowry Room</small>	Women's Mid-Morning Bible Study <small>harpwings@aol.com</small>	<small>10:00 AM</small>

## CHILDREN & YOUTH

### No Sunday School Today!


We look forward to seeing you and your families at Breakfast Sunday!

### 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

Feast of the Annunciation	All-Ages Parish Workday	Palm Sunday	The Crucifixion by John Stainer	Easter Sunday
<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</p> <p>Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week as we remember Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Following the 9:30 a.m. service, families are invited to enjoy a petting zoo on campus. All are welcome.</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>	<p>April 5   Church   8:00 a.m. • 9:30 a.m. • 11:15 a.m.</p> <p>Join us at St. John's as we celebrate Easter Day and the joy of Christ's resurrection. An Easter egg hunt for children will take place between the 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. services. 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](mailto:parish@stjohnstampa.org) |  
Lois Smith: [rstlrsmom2@aol.com](mailto:rstlrsmom2@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](mailto: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

## Stay Connected

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### Online:

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**Text:** Text SJE to 73256

**QR Code:** Scan here

