



THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS | JANUARY 4, 2025

# THE WEEKLY COMPASS

St. John's Episcopal Church & Parish Day School



*With the power out and the church lit only by candlelight, we gathered for Holy Eucharist on the Feast of the Holy Innocents, a fitting sign of Christ's light shining in the darkness. At St. John's, we celebrate the great feasts of the Church year with the sacrament of the altar and gather regularly for midweek Eucharist on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. Our final Christmastide service is this Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. with a Solemn High Mass for the Feast of the Epiphany. All are invited to attend.*

## PIC OF THE WEEK:

Candlelight Mass for the Feast of the Holy Innocents

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

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Today we welcome Fr. Don Goodheart as our preacher. Tonight our youth gather from 5:00–7:00 p.m. for EYC Winter Olympics. Join us this Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. for the Epiphany Solemn High Mass as we celebrate the manifestation of Christ to the nations. Looking ahead to next Sunday, the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord, we will celebrate baptisms. Those who desire to be baptized are invited to join Fr. Chris for a baptism preparation class today after the 9:30 a.m. service in the Lowry Room.

## 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.*

# DAUGHTERS OF THE KING DISCERNMENT INVITATION

Women age 21 and older are warmly invited to prayerfully consider whether God may be calling them to The Order of the Daughters of the King through the Saint Clare Chapter at St. John's. An Expression of Interest Form is now open for the 2025–2026 discernment class, with an informal information social planned for later in January. Scan the QR code to learn more and begin the journey or contact Chapter President Melissa Ariss-Menendez at [melissa.ariss@gmail.com](mailto:melissa.ariss@gmail.com).



Interest Form



Chapter Website

# The Feast of the Epiphany

January 6 | 6:00 p.m.

Join us in the Church for a Solemn High Mass on the Feast of the Epiphany as we celebrate the revelation of Christ to the nations. Marked by chant and the beauty of Anglican liturgy, this holy evening draws us into the light and mission of Christ made known to the world. All are warmly invited to come and worship as we enter this radiant season of revelation.



## LOVE INC REACH COURSES — VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Love INC is preparing its 2026 REACH Catalogue and is seeking volunteers from St. John's to help teach faith-based, transformational courses that support growth, healing, and practical life skills for our neighbors in need. Courses include Faith & Finances, Healthy Boundaries, and Work Life. Scan the QR code to view the 2025 catalog and learn more.



<< Scan to learn more

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



MAKE A  
DEDICATION  
TODAY

## Dedications

### The Church Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God

by the Thompson family (Sally Thompson) in loving memory of Jack, Marjorie, and Alice Thompson;

and by Mary Esther Parker in loving memory of Bud Parker (1929-2017).

### The Chapel Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God

by James Judy in loving memory of his parents James and Bonnie H. Judy;  
and by Mary Esther Parker in loving memory of Bud Parker (1929-2017).

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

by Peter Dawson in memory of his son, Alan.

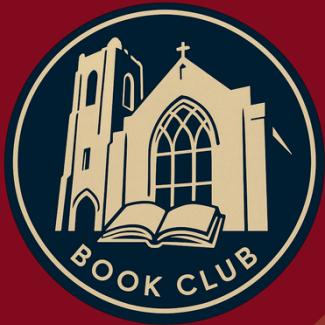
To sponsor altar flowers or the sanctuary candle in memory or thanksgiving, contact [ssantos@stjohnstampa.org](mailto:ssantos@stjohnstampa.org) or call 813.259.1570

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

Upcoming available dates: January 25 and February 1, 8, 15, & 22

# SAVE THE DATE: NEWCOMERS' CLASSES BEGIN JANUARY 18

All who are new or seeking a deeper connection at St. John's are invited to our Newcomers' Class Series, meeting Sundays January 18 through February 15, following the 9:30 a.m. service in the Lowry Room. These informal gatherings offer a chance to meet clergy and ministry leaders, connect with other newcomers, learn about parish life, and enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour of the church. Coffee and light refreshments will be served, and childcare will be available. Questions? Contact Donna Gem at [dgem@stjohnstampa.org](mailto:dgem@stjohnstampa.org).



## St. John's Book Club

**January Meeting - Tuesday, January 20 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 for January 20, 2026, is **Frank and Red** by Matt Coyne, and Ronnie Goodheart will lead the discussion.

## SAVE THE DATE JAMBALAYA & JAZZ



**St. John's Third Annual Jambalaya & Jazz returns on Fat Tuesday, February 17 at 6:00 p.m. for a festive evening of jambalaya, shrimp creole, and live jazz as we feast together before Lent.**



## Women's Mid-Morning Bible Study

**Tuesday, January 13 | 10:00–11:15 a.m. | Lowry Room & via Zoom**

The Women's Mid-Morning Bible Study will embark on a study of the "Gospel According to Mathew", our lectionary gospel for the church year which began in Advent. We will be using Interpretation Bible Studies - Mathew by Alyce M. McKenzie as our study guide and discussing Mathew 1:1-25 at our first meeting. 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.



## ADULT FORMATION

<b>Tue.</b> Zoom	CWBS (Contemporary Women's Bible Study) ✉ <a href="mailto:tampasal@gmail.com">tampasal@gmail.com</a>	06:00 PM
<b>Wed.</b> Zoom	Wednesday Adult Formation ✉ <a href="mailto:parish@stjohnstampa.org">parish@stjohnstampa.org</a>	03:30 PM
<b>Thurs.</b> Lowry Room	Men's Bible Study ✉ <a href="mailto:dlrnrcpta@verizon.net">dlrnrcpta@verizon.net</a>	11:45 AM
<b>Alternate Tue.</b> Lowry Room	Women's Mid-Morning Bible Study ✉ <a href="mailto:harpwings@aol.com">harpwings@aol.com</a>	10:00 AM

## CHILDREN & YOUTH

### Sunday School This Morning!

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!**  
Join us on January 4<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00 p.m. for our EYC Winter Olympics!

*Stay up to date with our newsletters:*



*Youth:*



*Children:*



# SAVE THE DATES

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Scan for online Bulletins,  
*The Compass*, and  
*The Scroll*



## 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: [rslrsmom2@aol.com](mailto:rslrsmom2@aol.com)

## Stay Connected

**Weekly Email** – Subscribe to *The Weekly Scroll* and other email lists by emailing Mthr. Caroline at [cdevitt@stjohnstampa.org](mailto:cdevitt@stjohnstampa.org) or scan the QR code to fill out your SJE email preferences online

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Watch sermons:



Please bring in your palm crosses from last year's Palm Sunday by February 1 and place them in the Altar Guild sacristy, so they may be prepared and burned to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday.

## 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

Support our ministry with a one-time or recurring gift:

## Give

### Online:

[stjohnstampa.org/stewardship](http://stjohnstampa.org/stewardship)

Text: Text SJE to 73256

QR Code: Scan here

