



The Weekly Compass

St. John's Episcopal Church and Parish Day School

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

MARCH 2, 2025

Worship at St. John's Today

8:00 a.m. The Holy Eucharist (Rite I) in the Parish Hall

9:30 a.m. The Holy Eucharist (Rite II) in the Parish Hall

Children's Chapel will take place in the Chapel during the 9:30 a.m. service

Sunday School for children takes place after the 9:30 a.m. service (except the fourth Sunday), as does Coffee Hour fellowship for adults

Worship and Formation During the Week

The Holy Eucharist

The Holy Eucharist is celebrated in the Chapel at 12:15 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Thursdays include Healing Prayers.

Adult Faith Formation

Women's Mid Morning Bible Study: 10:00 a.m. on Tuesdays

This group meets on alternate Tuesdays in the Lowry Room during the school year. Contact Pat Wilson at patwilson68@tampabay.rr.com.

Contemporary Women's Bible Study: 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays

CWBS holds a weekly study on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom. Contact Sally Thompson at tampasal@gmail.com to get the link.

Wednesday Afternoon Adult Formation: 3:30 p.m.

The group meets on Wednesdays on Zoom. Contact the Parish Office at parish@stjohnstampa.org for more information and the link.

Men's Interactive Bible Study and Lunch: 11:45 a.m. on Thursdays

The group meets in the Lowry Room to discuss readings for the upcoming Sunday. Questions? Contact Lanny Russell at dlrncrtpa@verizon.net.

Youth and Children's Ministries

EYC meets on Sunday afternoons during the school year. The nursery is open at services year-round. Sunday School for children takes place following the 9:30 a.m. service (except the fourth Sunday) during the school year. Contact Youth Minister Ayana Grady at agrady@stjohnstampa.org!

Service Notes

Our regular Sunday services are the Holy Eucharist, Rite I, at 8:00 a.m. and the Holy Eucharist, Rite II, at 9:30 a.m. The 9:30 a.m. is streamed live [on Facebook](#), [on our website](#) and [on YouTube](#).

Sunday Sermons

Available [on our YouTube channel](#) and from the link in our bio [on Instagram](#).

Pastoral Care

Parish Office: 813.259.1570

Pastoral Emergencies:
813.726.3108

Fr. Chris: 917.822.9741

Deacon Lopez: 813.493.8337

Fr. Dale: 607.481.4702

Deacon Tania: 443.742.6542

Fr. Goodheart: 321.446.4934

Giving to St. John's

There are many ways to make a one-time or recurring gift to our parish. Visit stjohnstampa.org/stewardship to give online. You can give safely by text. In the "To" field of the text message, type **73256**. Then in the message, type **SJE**. You will immediately receive a text back with a link to complete payment. Or use the QR code!



Stay in Touch with St. John's!

Want to receive our e-newsletter, the *Weekly Wednesday Scroll*? Contact us at llowry@stjohnstampa.org. You can also stay in touch on [our Facebook page](#) or [Instagram](#) and subscribe to [our YouTube channel](#), all @stjohnstampa!

Compass Points

Jambalaya & Jazz This Tuesday!

St. John's Second Annual Jambalaya & Jazz will take place this Fat Tuesday/Shrove Tuesday, March 4, at 6:00 p.m.! Join us for an evening of delicious food, fun, and tunes by the Scott Murley Trio. Please bring an appetizer, dessert, and/or bottle of wine to share. You are welcome to invite friends, but please register on Realm (link at the QR code) so we have a headcount for food. See you there!



Discover and Connect: New and Returning Members, Join us Today!

Whether you're new to St. John's or a long-time member who wants to reconnect, we invite you to join us in the Lowry Room after the 9:30 a.m. service today. These informal gatherings offer a chance to meet fellow parishioners and learn about our various ministries, with coffee, breakfast food, and engaging conversations. Childcare will be available if needed.

Sweet Relief: Strawberry Fundraiser for LA

Thanks to the generosity of the Giddings family, we have the opportunity to enjoy a sweet treat while supporting those recovering and rebuilding after the devastating fires in California. Use the QR code and follow the link to order eight cartons of strawberries. The berries will be available for pickup after the 8:00 and 9:30 a.m. services on Sunday, March 9.



Ash Wednesday Service Schedule: March 5

7:00 a.m. Ash Wednesday Liturgy and Holy Eucharist, in the Chapel

12:00 noon Ash Wednesday Liturgy and Holy Eucharist, in the Parish Hall

6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Liturgy and Holy Eucharist, in the Parish Hall and streamed on Facebook, YouTube, and our website. *This service will include music from the Choir of St. John's.*

St. John's Lenten Dinner Series: Walk in the Footsteps of Jesus

You are invited to St. John's Lenten Dinner Series beginning March 12. Each week we'll gather for a time of prayer, fellowship, and delicious meals prepared by our parish family. Schedule: 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross in the Church (optional); 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. - Dinner in the Parish Hall; 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. - Lenten program for adults, separate children's program. No RSVP needed, you can drop in to all or some of the series events.

Cornerstone Kids Annual Gala

Thursday, March 27, Tampa River Center, 402 West Laurel Street, 6:00 p.m. Cocktail Hour, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Program, Dinner, and Dancing. Contact Harry Hedges at harryhedges@earthfirstdev.com to learn more.

Thanksgiving for the Birth of a Child

The birth of a child is a joyous occasion and we invite all parents of newborns to schedule a time for a brief and beautiful service in the Church. Contact us at parish@stjohnstampa.org or call 813.259.1570.

Flower and Candle Dedications

Flowers and the candle adorning the Altar and the flowers at the Church Altar are financially supported by individuals and families. If you would like to honor a memorial or give a gift in thanksgiving, please contact jdepinto@stjohnstampa.org or call 813.259.1570. Suggested donations: Church Altar Flowers—\$50; Chapel Altar Flowers—\$35. *For the season of Lent, as is customary, there will be no flowers adorning the Altar.*

Prayer Requests

Your prayers are bid today and throughout the week for:

All bishops and other ministers: Stephen, the Archbishop of York; Sean, our 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;

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

Maureen and Ken Johnston; Jackie Faircloth and family; Jeff LeVines; Pam, Shailee, and Courtney; Anna, her family and her medical team; Jayce Hicks; Richard; Michael Wood; Tor, Collin, Lee, David, Sam, Absley, Karin, Jim B., Katy, Mike M., Patrick D., McKenzie N., Hillary M., Marjorie, Nancy M., Peggy C., Ron, Yvonne S., Carey, Donna L., Brad, Elizabeth, Scott, Pat, Nancy C., Joan, and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

The departed: Brad Spring, Dr. David Sherwood, The Rev. Michael O'Donnell, Wayne Piechowiak

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.

Our Companion Diocese in the Dominican Republic

Our Parish Day School

Our Pastoral Care Team

Those celebrating the anniversary of their birth:

March 2, Rosemary Armstrong, Larry Peel, Peter Arcuri II, Ben Mackie, Christopher Osborn, Charlotte Johnson, Lana Phillips

March 3, Nicholas Hearing, Stephanie Andrews, Sydney Heller, Charles Graff, Eva Lick, Burt Mulford, Joe Bedore, Jack Frayer

March 4, Madi Yarnell, Andrea Lairet

March 5, Denise Cassedy, Logan Peterson, Charlotte Wiese, Dawn Merritt, Lauren Maya, Brian Stricker, Anne Koch, Steve Messer, Lewis Matson

March 6, Clark Roberts, Hugh Cruse, Daniel Ringhoff, Garrett Tozier, Nell Ward

March 7, Harrison Ringhoff, Madeline Vanderpool

March 8, Colton Peterson, John Strickland

The members of our armed forces deployed abroad and their families, especially Rich, Mike, Jake, Matthew, and Rusty.

The people and peace in Ukraine and the Holy Land.

Healthcare workers, first responders, and all others whose work puts them in danger. We give thanks for their many sacrifices for the common good. Protect them from injury and illness; renew their wisdom, compassion, and strength.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Diocese of Southwest Florida — The Rt. Rev. Douglas F. Scharf; Companion Diocese of the Dominican Republic; Companion Diocese of Georgia; Companion Diocese of South Carolina; Companion Diocese of Western Louisiana; Church of the Epiphany, Cape Coral; Iona-Hope, Fort Myers; Lamb of God, Fort Myers; St. Hilary's, Fort Myers; St. Luke's, Fort Myers; St. Raphael's, Fort Myers Beach; Good Shepherd, LaBelle; St. Anselm's, Lehigh Acres; All Souls', North Fort Myers; St. Michael and All Angels, Sanibel, and St. John's, Pine Island. **In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Anglican Church of Burundi

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICES

ALTAR GUILD: Laura Silva, Francie Brooks, Lelia Clewis, Katey Brown, Lois Smith, jeannie Kenyon, Pam Divers, Miriam Faircloth

LINENS: Laura Silva, Pat Wilson

ACOLYTES: 8:00 Dave Kenyon; 9:30 Frankie Gardner, Cindy Gardner, Elizabeth Welch, Maggie Welch

LECTORS: 8:00 Betsy Wood; 9:30 Andy Brown, Lisa Leal, Paul Brokaw

CHALICE BEARERS: 9:30 Clergy

USHERS: 8:00 Ben Nelson, Jr., Sandy Rief III; 9:30 Jim Whittlesey, Lee Casey, Tom Cassedy, Brett Divers, John Marston, Jeff Mitchell

VERGER: Helen Turnquist

FLOWER DEDICATIONS

The Flowers at the Church Altar are given to the Glory of God by Gwyn and Mark Schabacker in memory of Nancy Hahn Fogarty and Jerry Eugene Fogarty.

The Flowers at the Church Altar are given to the Glory of God by Russel, Melaura and Elise Olinger in loving memory of their father and grandfather, Ron Meyers.

The Flowers at the Chapel Altar are given to the Glory of God in thanksgiving for all blessings, seen and unseen.

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