



The Weekly Compass

St. John's Episcopal Church and Parish Day School

THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 13, 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 for on 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 agrad@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 MaryAlice: 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

Holy Week and Easter Schedule: *Please Note Locations*

Thursday, April 17 – Maundy Thursday

6:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Liturgy, Rite II, in the Parish Hall.

Nursery will be provided.

7:00 p.m. through 7:00 a.m. Prayer Vigil in the Garden of Repose, in the Chapel

Friday, April 18– Good Friday

7:00 a.m. Liturgy of the PreSanctified, in the Chapel

12:00 noon The Good Friday Liturgy, in the Parish Hall.

Saturday, April 19 – The Great Vigil of Easter

6:00 p.m. Holy Baptisms and The Holy Eucharist, in the Parish Hall.

Nursery will be provided.

Sunday, April 20 – Easter Day

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

10:00 a.m. The Holy Eucharist (Rite II) in the Middle School Gymnasium (240 South Plant Avenue, Tampa, 33606)

The 10:00 a.m. service is preceded by the Flowering of the Cross. Please bring your own flowers, a limited number will be provided by the Altar Guild.

The 10:00 a.m. service is followed by our annual Egg Hunt on the School grounds.

Nursery will be provided at both services.

Nametags Available!

If you have a nametag, please remember to wear it each Sunday—a great trick is to keep it in your car, so you always have it with you! If you're a St. John's member but don't yet have a nametag, we'd be happy to get one for you. Just send an email to Donna Gem at dgem@stjohnstampa.org, and she will order one for you.

Stephen Ministry: Christ-Centered Caregiving

Stephen Ministry offers a heartfelt, Christ-centered approach to caring for adult parishioners and their immediate families. This deeply meaningful care program involves a dedicated team of lay people, guided by our clergy, who provide one-on-one support to those in our congregation facing life's challenges.

We kindly ask for your help in connecting those who might benefit from this compassionate care. If you know someone who could find comfort and support from a caring presence as they navigate grief, loss, illness, hospice care, or any of life's difficulties, please consider referring them to the Stephen Ministry. With their permission, you can let Fr. Chris, Marci Thomas, or Sharon Stoll know, so they can reach out and explore how our ministry can best support them. Together, we can ensure that no one in our community feels alone in their journey. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and support.

St. John's School Open House

St. John's Episcopal Parish Day School warmly welcomes interested parishioners and vestry members to an Open House on Wednesday, April 23, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Attendees will have the opportunity to tour the school, interact with students and teachers, hear from the Head of School, and learn more about future plans. A light sandwich lunch is provided. Please **be sure to bring your ID with you as it is school policy to check in all visitors on campus.** Register with the link in the *Weekly Wednesday Scroll!*

Flower and Candle Dedications

Flowers and the candle adorning the Altar and the flowers at the Church (Parish Hall) 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. Sanctuary Candle — \$20 *For the season of Lent, as is customary, there will be no flowers adorning the Altar. The Sanctuary Candle continues to be available for dedications during this time.*

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, Peggy C., Ron, Yvonne S., Carey, Donna L., Scott, Pat, Nancy C., Joan, Lane, Irene, Juliette, Jack, Miriam and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

The departed: Michael Tipton

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:

April 13, Jennifer Smith, Payton Rodriguez

April 14, Don Jennewein, Kian Madani, Jennifer Valdes, Marie Borland, Burke Deeter

April 15, Kurt Grotheer, Justin Pepe

April 16, Eric Polins, Sandy MacKinnon, III, Mark Graff, Gracie Grimard, Madison Baker

April 17, Margaret Brokaw, Rebecca Lowke

April 18, Mary Picone, Haydn Cole, Scarlett McCammack

April 19, Mike Barna, Kim Brown, Karen Moore, Will Lucas

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

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; St. Alban's, St. Pete Beach; Anne of Grace, Seminole; St. Augustine's, St. Petersburg; and St. Bartholomew's, St. Petersburg.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of England

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICES

ALTAR GUILD: Pat Rice, Nancy Watkins, Cece Lane, Janice Straske, Vera Farmen, Lisa Leal, Trish McKay, Laura Silva, Laurie Lackman, Chris McAdams

Linens: Yvonne Santiago

ACOLYTES: 8:00 Helen Turnquist; 9:30 Bailey Turnquist, William Farmen, Rowan Cruse, James Isaacs

LECTORS: 8:00 Betsy Wood; 9:30 Laura Cruse, Steve Straske, M.C. Jenkins

CHALICE BEARERS: 9:30 Clergy

USHERS: 8:00 Kenneth Lane, Harry Hedges; 9:30 Mike Barna, Doug Arthur, Stephen French, John Giordano, Stephen Leal, John McKay

VERGER: Helen Turnquist

SUBDEACON: Greg Gaar

DEDICATIONS

The Candle in the Sanctuary Light is given to the Glory of God in thanksgiving for all blessings, seen and unseen.

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