



The Weekly Compass

St. John's Episcopal Church and Parish Day School

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 27, 2025

Worship at St. John's Today

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

10:00 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. This is the final session for the year.

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. This is the last Sunday School for the year.

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

VBS Registration Is Open!

St. John's Vacation Bible School (VBS) is July 28 through August 1. This year's theme is *True North*--where kids get to go on the ultimate Alaskan adventure, exploring how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our wild world today, but remembering Jesus is our **True North**!

VBS is for potty-trained 3-year-olds through rising 4th graders, and the cost is \$40 per child for the week. We'll meet from 9:00 a.m. to noon in the Parish Hall Monday through Friday that week for a fun week of games, crafts, and faith. Don't miss out the chance to grab your spot—VBS Registration: <https://vbspro.events/p/stjohnsvbs25>

Cursillo Weekend 151: Learn More about Your Faith

Cursillo Weekend #151 is May 8 through 11. This is an three-day course on Christian Living that is held at DaySpring Conference Center which hosts 30+ attendees. The Spiritual Director for this weekend will be Bishop Doug Scharf. This may be a "once in a lifetime" opportunity to share unencumbered time with our Bishop and parishioners from other congregations in our Diocese. This weekend opportunity is sponsored by our Parish and arrangements are made with Parish cosponsors who support you throughout the weekend. Please see Sharon or Ray Stoll through the Parish Office for further detail or learn more at this link: <https://www.cursilloswfla.org/event/cursillo-151/>

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, or call the Parish Office 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.

Learn More about Kairos Today

Please stop by the Kairos table in the courtyard today, Sunday, April 27, to learn more about this vibrant, hands-on ministry to incarcerated men at Sumter Correctional (Bushnell) and incarcerated women at Lowell Correctional (Ocala.) The upcoming Men's weekend will be held May 15 through 18, and the upcoming Women's weekend will be held May 29 through June 1. Several former and current volunteers will be there to share their experiences as well as request your help in praying and adding your name to a prayer chain; taking placemats to decorate; purchasing meal tickets for the meals that Kairos provides; and recruiting new volunteers who feel called to serve.

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 idepinto@stjohnstampa.org or call 813.259.1570. Suggested donations: Church Altar Flowers—\$50; Chapel Altar Flowers —\$35. Sanctuary Candle — \$20 *Flowers at the Church Altar are available on May 11 and 25th, please.*

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, Terrie and Ric, Linda, Suzanne, Liam and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

The departed: The Right Reverend Bruce Caldwell

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 27, Claire Matson

April 28, Pat Rudy, Jane Williams, Roddy Belfatti, Barbara Pitts

April 29, Noah Hearing, Talbot Garrity, Anderson Martin, Sophie LeRette

April 30, Fletcher Barnes, Cathy Martin, Bailey Turnquist, Juliet DeOrion, Henry Gritte

May 1, Linda Wyatt, Clayton Bricklemeyer, Mary Beth Schnell, Mikova Talokonnikoff-Michoustine, Meggan Jordan

May 2, Nick Herrin

May 3, Ruth Hemmingway, Hartley Mellish, John Jenkins, Pickens Price, Michael Maguire, Cosette Bexley, Gabrielle Tremonti, Lydia Godinho

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. Mary's, Dade City; St. John's, Brooksville; St. Peter's, Plant City; St. John the Divine, Sun City Center; Grace Church, Tampa; St. Andrew's, Tampa; St. Chad's, Tampa; St. Clement's, Tampa, and St. Francis', Tampa.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICES

ALTAR GUILD: Jan Williams, Gwyn Schabacker, Chris McAdams, Debbie Tozier, Jan Kelley, Madeleine Tellekamp, Liz Pickette

Linens: Laurie Lackman

ACOLYTES: 8:00 Greg Gaar; 9:30 Declan Keller, John Lawson, Elizabeth Welch, Maggie Welch

LECTORS: 8:00 Greg Gaar; 9:30 Rebekah O'Donnell, Norman Allen, Dallas Coffield

CHALICE BEARERS: 9:30 Clergy

USHERS: 8:00 Charles Harden; 9:30 Keith Lindquist, Norman Allen, Cary Brown, Roger Kurz, Eric Williams, Bruce Yost

VERGER: Greg Gaar

SUBDEACON: Donna Gem

DEDICATIONS

The Flowers at the Church Altar are given to the Glory of God by Elaine and Fred Clarke in thanksgiving for our lovely daughter, Roddy Belfatti, and the celebration of her birthday.

The Flowers at the Church Altar are given to the Glory of God by Marci Thomas in honor of the prayerful women who are members of the Daughters of the King and Father Dale VanWormer our chaplain.



"The Doubt of St. Thomas" by James He Qi