



The Weekly Compass

St. John's Episcopal Church and Parish Day School

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 18, 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 and Sunday School are paused until the new school year.

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](#).

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 (paused until the new 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 (paused until the new school year). Contact Youth Minister Ayana Grady at agrady@stjohnstampa.org!

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>

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.

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. *Flowers at the Church and Chapel Altar are available on May 25.*

Sandwich Sunday: One Prep Date Left to Help

Want to help with Sandwich Sunday and prepare takeaway meals for the patrons of Faith Cafe? We are in need of volunteers for July 20. Costs are reimbursed by the Parish. Contact Cindy Martin for more information at cdmcasa@gmail.com.

Thanksgiving for the Birth of a Child

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

Hospital Visits: Please Inform Us

BCP p. 453 states: *in case of illness, the Minister(s) of the Congregation are to be notified.* However, due to HIPPA privacy laws, hospitals and healthcare professionals are not permitted to tell clergy if parishioners are in the hospital. Please make sure to let us know if you or a loved one is hospitalized or going to have surgery by telling a member of the clergy, or by calling 259.1570 or emailing the Parish Office at parish@stjohnstampa.org.

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

The departed: Peggy Cirlin

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:

May 18, Savannah Walker, Laurel Riffey, Susanne Conaty, Sophia Swain

May 19, Frances Colgan, Steve Kent, Charley Yost, Tyler Patmintra

May 20, Yvonne Whitcomb, Finley Roberts, Edward Hanley, IV, Riley Kidd

May 21, Julie Martin, John Eanes, IV, Vera Furtick

May 22, Douglas Belden, Michael Conti

May 23, Max Grimard, Bonnie Hough

May 24, Darian Brokaw, Adelaide Sansone, Greer Sampson, Remi Sampson, Lillian Robbins, Jazmin Giovino

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, Palmetto; Church of the Apostles, Parrish; Church of the Nativity, Sarasota; Church of the Redeemer, Sarasota; St. Boniface, Siesta Key; St. Margaret of Scotland, Sarasota, and St. Wilfred's, Sarasota.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICES

ALTAR GUILD: Pat Wilson, Lelia Lewis, Heddy Brown, Sally Olsson, Ruth Pasquarello, Marci Thomas, Ruby McCowan
Linens: Chris McAdams

ACOLYTES: 8:00 Greg Gaar 9:30 Skip Eckhard, Elizabeth Welch, Maggie Welch

LECTORS: 8:00 Betsy Wood; 9:30 Drew Graham, M.C. Jenkins, Norman Allen; 11:15 James Isaacs

CHALICE BEARERS: 9:30 Clergy

USHERS: 8:00 Oliver Roberts, Lockwood Gray; 9:30 Paul Carastro, David Adams, Bob Alter, Joe Andrews, John Jenkins, Rob Kelly

VERGER: Greg Gaar

SUBDEACON: Donna Gem

DEDICATIONS

The Flowers at the Church Altar are given to the Glory of God by Robert and Nancy Watkins in memory of Richard Earl Hemmingway.

The Flowers at the Church Altar are given to the Glory of God in celebration of the youth sacrament of Confirmation. May these flowers symbolize the beauty and growth of their faith journey, and may they continue to blossom in their spiritual lives, guided by the love and grace of God.

The Flowers at the Chapel Altar are given to the Glory of God by the Hearing family in loving memory and in thanksgiving for the lives of Charles C. Parnell and Dolores H. Parnell.



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