



# The Weekly Compass

St. John's Episcopal Church and Parish Day School

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 6, 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 and Sunday School are paused until the new school 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. Thursday's service includes 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 (*paused until the new school year*). Contact Pat Wilson at [patwilson68@tampabay.rr.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Mary Alice: 813.493.8337

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](http://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](mailto: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

## Register for VBS!

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 for a fun week of games, crafts, and faith. Don't miss out the chance to grab your spot. Use the QR code to register! **Please note: we are full in the Pre-K class unless we have another volunteer to help with that age range.** Contact Ayana at [agrady@stjohnstampa.org](mailto:agrady@stjohnstampa.org).



## Vacation Bible School Help and Donations Needed

You can still help at VBS, there are plenty of volunteer roles available including snacks, games, Crew Leaders, and more! VBS is Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for volunteers, starting July 28. Youth, we will sign for 20 service hours! You can sign up to help at the QR code. Can't help in person? Use the QR code to help with our Amazon wishlist, or donate cardboard boxes for us to cover to use as decorations, as well as box fans and pairs of binoculars to make this week special for our kids!



## 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. 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.

## Mission Trip News!

Visit Facebook to see pictures from all our adventures this year: high schoolers in the DR and middle schoolers here in Tampa. We appreciate our youth for giving their time, our adult leaders for supporting them, and Ayana for planning and being there for it all!

## Nametags Available!

If you have a nametag, please remember to wear it each Sunday—keep it in your car, so you always have it with you! If you are a St. John's member but don't yet have a nametag, just send an email to Donna Gem at [dgem@stjohnstampa.org](mailto:dgem@stjohnstampa.org) and she will order one for you.

## 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](mailto:jdepinto@stjohnstampa.org) or call 813.259.1570. Suggested donations: Church Altar Flowers—\$50; Chapel Altar Flowers—\$35. Sanctuary Candle — \$20. Chapel Altar Flowers are available for July 20 and 27.

## 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. You can also email the Parish Office at [parish@stjohnstampa.org](mailto: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, Patrick D., Ron, Yvonne, Carey, Donna L., Scott, Nancy C., Joan, Lane, Juliette, Jack, Miriam, Terrie and Ric, Linda, Suzanne, Liam, Roger, Minnie, Jessica, Jackson, Will, Carlos, Kenneth and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

**The departed:** Naomi Butler, Michael McIlwaine

*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:**

July 6, Mei Crain, Ashley Guyton, Celia Applebaum, David Pitts, Helena Osborn, Christian Cole, Russel Olinger

July 7, Ty Pepe, Staci Jones, Anne Childdon

July 8, Meg Vawter, Bo Shamblin, Annie Leonard, Parker Giddings, Ford Ponton

July 9, David Cox

July 10, Logan Tellekamp, Emmett Giordano

July 11, none

July 12, Jamie Bogdan, Grant White, The Rev. Miranda Harrison-Quillin, Tim Pope

**The members of our armed forces deployed abroad and their families**, especially Rich, Mike, Jake, Matthew, David, and Tyler (Libya).

**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; Resurrection Episcopal, Largo; St St. Stephen's, New Port Richey; St. Alfred's, Palm Harbor; Holy Spirit, Safety Harbor; St. Andrew's, Spring Hill, and All Saints', Tarpon Springs.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

## **ASSISTING IN THE SERVICES**

**ALTAR GUILD:** Laura Silva, Francie Brooks, Lelia Clewis, Katey Brown, Lois Smith, Jeannie Kenyon, Pam Divers, Phyllis Mitchell, Miriam Faircloth

Linens: Laura Silva/Pat Wilson

**ACOLYTES:** 8:00 Eric Williams 9:30 Bailey Turnquist, Alison Decelles, Trenten Decelles

**LECTORS:** 8:00 Richard Hadlow 9:30 Norm Allen, Steve Straske, Drew Graham

**CHALICE BEARERS:** 9:30 Clergy

**USHERS:** 8:00 Ben Nelson, Frank J. Reif III; 9:30 Jim Whittlesey, Lee Casey, Tom Cassedy, Brett Divers, John Marston, Jeff Mitchell

**VERGER:** Eric Williams

**SUBDEACON:** Donna Gem

## **DEDICATIONS**

**The Flowers at the Church Altar are given to the Glory of God** by the Divers Family in thanksgiving to God for the blessings of liberty.

**The Flowers at the Church Altar are given to the Glory of God** by Cary Brown and family in loving memory of his father James Dall Brown, Jr.

**The Flowers at the Chapel Altar are given to the Glory of God** by Eric and Jan Williams in memory of Mark Robert Williams.

**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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