



**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH**  
IN THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

THE DAY OF PENTECOST:  
WHITSUNDAY

Holy Eucharist Rite II - 10:00am  
May 23, 2021

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 Holy Eucharist Rite I  
10:00 Holy Eucharist Rite II

*Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the house of God.  
Before the service speak to the Lord;  
during the service let the Lord speak to you;  
after the service speak to one another.*

VOLUNTARY Chorale Prelude "Komm, Gott, Schöpfer, heiliger Geist" (BWV 667)

J.S. Bach

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 225

*Salva festa dies*

PROPER ACCLAMATION

*The people stand*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*The Celebrant may say*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

HYMN 513

*Bridegroom*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSON

Acts 2:1-21

*The people sit*

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: `In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth

below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord  
*People*        Thanks be to God

**PSALM 104:24-35** (COVERDALE TRANSLATION) (*sung by the choir*)

Edgar Day

- 24 O Lord, how manifold are thy works \*  
    in wisdom hast thou made them all; the earth is full of thy riches.
- 25 So is the great and wide sea also \*  
    wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.
- 26 There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan \*  
    whom thou hast made to take his pastime therein.
- 27 These wait all upon thee \*  
    that thou mayest give them meat in due season.
- 28 When thou givest it them they gather it \*  
    and when thou openest thy hand they are filled with good.
- 29 When thou hidest thy face they are troubled \*  
    when thou takest away their breath they die, and are turned again to their dust.
- 30 When thou lettest thy breath go forth they shall be made \*  
    and thou shalt renew the face of the earth.
- 31 The glorious Majesty of the Lord shall endure for ever \*  
    the Lord shall rejoice in his works.
- 32 The earth shall tremble at the look of him \*  
    if he do but touch the hills, they shall smoke.
- 33 I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live \*  
    I will praise my God while I have my being.
- 34 And so shall my words please him \*  
    my joy shall be in the Lord.
- 35 As for sinners, they shall be consumed out of the earth, and the ungodly shall come to an end \*  
    praise thou the Lord, O my soul, praise the Lord.
- Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
    as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

**THE EPISTLE**

Romans 8:22-27

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord  
*People*        Thanks be to God.

*The people stand*

**SEQUENCE HYMN 521**

*Chelsea Square*

## THE GOSPEL

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. "I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## THE SERMON

Deacon Moore

*The people sit*

## THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

*Officiant and People, all standing*

*Celebrant* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and  
renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*People* I do.

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?  
*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?  
*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?  
*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?  
*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?  
*People* I will, with God's help.

*The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows*

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

### **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** *(Form III)*

*The people kneel*

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest.  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept*

*Minister and People*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

## THE PEACE

*All stand*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Pass the peace with a reverent bow to one another and without moving from your seat.*

*The people sit*

## GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Offertory Anthem** *Come down, O Love divine (sung by the choir)*

Sir William Harris

Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine, and visit it with thine own ardor glowing; O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming; and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight, and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity mine outward vesture be, and lowliness become mine inner clothing. True lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part, and o'er it's own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long, shall far outpass the power of human telling; for none can guess its grace, till Love create a place wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

## **The Great Thanksgiving** *Eucharistic Prayer A*

*The people stand*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down [on this day] from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### **Sanctus and Benedictus**

Franz Schubert

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*The people kneel*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

## **WE BREAK BREAD AND SHARE THE GIFTS OF GOD**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

### **Fraction Anthem**

Franz Schubert

Jesus, Lamb of God: Have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins: Have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world: Give us your peace.

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*and may add*

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**Please remain in your pew until the ushers invite you to move forward toward the altar.  
Face covering is required. Family units must maintain safe distancing in the aisle.  
Receive the host standing in front of the priest or deacon with your arms outstretched.  
Return to your pew by the side aisles and consume the host after you are seated.**



*The Bread is given to the communicants with these words*

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [Amen.]

*or with these words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]

**Communion Motet** *Listen, sweet dove (sung by the choir)*

Grayston Ives

Listen, sweet Dove, unto my song, and spread thy golden wings in me; hatching my tender heart so long, till it get wing, and fly away with thee. Such glorious gifts thou didst bestow, that th'earth did like a heav'n appear; the stars were coming down to know if they might mend their wages, and serve here. The sun, which once did shine alone hung down his head and whist for night, when he beheld twelve suns for one going about the world and giving light! Lord, though we change, thou art the same, the same sweet God of love and light: restore this day, for thy great name, unto his ancient and miraculous right.

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**THE BLESSING** *A Priest gives the Blessing*

**CLOSING HYMN 516**

*Down Ampney*

*The people sit.*

**VOLUNTARY** *Improvisation on "Veni, Creator Spiritus"*

*The people stand in place as the procession begins.*

**THE DISMISSAL** *The Deacon dismisses the people*

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

**The ushers will direct you to the appropriate exits at the end of the service.**

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**CHOIR:**

Simon Morley – Organist and Director of Music  
Kristen Walker – Soprano  
Tori Swilley – Alto  
Marty Angiulli – Tenor  
Steve Galloway – Bass

**ACOLYTE:** Noah Hearing

**LECTORS:** Donna Gem, Lisa Leal

**VERGER:** Gregory Gaar

**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 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.

**The Candle in the Sanctuary Light** is given to the Glory of God by Dallas Coffield in loving memory of his grandparents Bob and Lily Petteway.

**Youth Mission Trip Commissioning**

*Priest* Jesus taught his disciples to be mindful of and responsive to the needs of others, and suggested through one of his parables that “as we did it to the least of these, we did it to him” (Matthew 25:40). You all have answered the call to travel to new places in order to serve Christ. Will you commit to following in the way of Jesus as you go forth?

*Youth Advisors* I will, with God’s help.

*Priest* Will you also commit to serve as an ambassador for St. John’s, knowing that you represent us when you travel?

*Youth* I will, with God’s help.

*Priest* Will all of you who witness these promises support these individuals in this ministry?

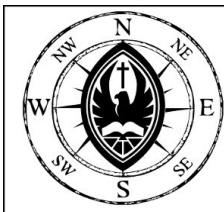
*Congregation* We will!

*Priest* Let us pray. Gracious and loving God, whose son came not to be served but to serve: + Bless these your servants who go forth to serve in your name. Help them to minister to all whom they encounter with love, wisdom, patience, courage and humor; and grant them humility to recognize you in those they serve. May they trust in your strength in times of trial and your peace in times of turmoil; and, in all things, may they know the blessings of your love, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

*All* Amen.

*Priest* I commission you as missionaries from St. John’s Church. May the Lord, who has given you the will to undertake this ministry, give you the grace and power to perform it.

*All* Thanks be to God.



# The Weekly Compass

## St. John's Episcopal Church and Parish Day School

THE DAY OF PENTECOST: WHITSUNDAY

MAY 23, 2021

### **Worship in St. John's**

- 8:00 a.m. The Holy Eucharist, Rite I, Church  
10:00 a.m. The Holy Eucharist, Rite II, in the Church and streamed on [Facebook Live](#) and [our website](#)

### **Virtual Ministries and Worship**

Please visit [www.stjohnstampa.org/virtual-meetings-and-worship](http://www.stjohnstampa.org/virtual-meetings-and-worship) for a full listing and links to resources.

### **Group Prayer and Pastoral Care**

#### **Healing Service**

This service takes place on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in the church with appropriate safe distancing.

#### **Evening Prayer**

Our clergy, staff, and parishioner volunteers stream evening prayer daily Monday through Saturday at 4:00 p.m. live on [our Facebook page](#).

#### **Compline (Night Prayer)**

Compline is offered on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at 8:30 p.m. by the brothers of the Society of St John the Evangelist at [www.ssje.org](http://www.ssje.org).

### **Ongoing Small Group Ministries and Classes**

#### **Wednesday Afternoon Adult Formation**

The group meets by Zoom from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. [Contact Deacon Kathleen](#) for info.

#### **Men's Thursday Bible Study and Lunch**

This group meets to discuss the readings for each upcoming Sunday. Contact John Edgar at [jedgar@stjohnstampa.org](mailto:jedgar@stjohnstampa.org) for more information

#### **Contemporary Women's Bible Study**

CWBS holds a weekly virtual study time on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. Contact Deacon Kathleen at [kmoore@stjohnstampa.org](mailto:kmoore@stjohnstampa.org) or Sally Thompson at [tampasal@gmail.com](mailto:tampasal@gmail.com) or 254.3009.

#### **Women's Mid Morning Bible Study**

The group is taking a break for summer. For information about the group, contact Pat Wilson at [patwilson68@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:patwilson68@tampabay.rr.com) or 245.9562 or Joan McKay at [mckayjhm@aol.com](mailto:mckayjhm@aol.com).

### **EYC (Episcopal Youth Community)**

EYC is taking a break for summer. [Contact Ayana for more information](#) about youth activities.

### **Pastoral Care**

Your clergy are available to you for individual pastoral conversations. If you can't reach them at the church office at 259.1570, please call directly: Pastoral Emergency Line: 813.906.5199; Fr. Cannon: 864.320.7116; Fr. Goodheart: 321.446.4934; Deacon Moore: 813.785.9400; Fr. Reho: 917.526.0746.

### **Service Schedule Notes**

Our regular Sunday services are the Holy Eucharist (Rite I) at 8:00 a.m. and the Holy Eucharist (Rite II, Rite I on the first Sunday of the month) at 10:00 a.m. The 10:00 a.m. service is streamed live [on Facebook](#) and [on our website](#).

Safe distancing procedures remain in place for entering, seating, exiting, and distribution of the Holy Eucharist, and there is a maximum capacity of 100 people at each service. Face coverings are highly recommended, not only for your safety, but for the safety of others. We welcome all parishioners who feel comfortable doing so to rejoin us in the church. We also encourage all parishioners to get the vaccine as a way of expressing your love for your neighbor.

### **Giving to St. John's**

There are many ways to make a one time or recurring gift to your parish! Visit <https://stjohnstampa.org/stewardship> to see the options or give online.

One of our options is giving by text. In the 'To' field of the text type 73256, then in the message, type SJE. You will receive a text back immediately with a link to complete the payment.

### **Sunday Sermon Audio Available**

Audio versions of weekly sermons are [on our website](#). They are uploaded on Mondays. Click on the **Worship** button in the top right of our homepage.

# Compass Points

## Updated COVID Guidance

All of us at St John's—congregation, clergy, and staff—have done a magnificent job of keeping one another safe during the time of COVID. We have been diligent about following the guidance of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Episcopal Church, the Diocese of Southwest Florida, and our local authorities.

As you know, the CDC recently issued new guidance to the effect that "fully vaccinated people can resume activities without wearing a mask or physically distancing, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance."

### Therefore, effective next Sunday, May 30:

- All fully vaccinated ministers, adult acolytes, vergers, and musicians in the chancel may stop wearing masks. Youth acolytes who are not fully vaccinated will continue to wear masks during the worship service.
- Capacity in the body of the church will no longer be limited to 100 people.
- All fully vaccinated members of the congregation are welcome to participate in worship without masks if they so choose.
- A seating area will be designated (and clearly marked) for those members of the congregation who are not fully vaccinated or who prefer to continue mask wearing and social distancing for their own comfort and the safety of their loved ones.

We will continue Holy Communion in one kind only and without kneeling at the rail.

**Please see more information about our updated policies on the last page of this bulletin.**

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## VBS Registration Open, Volunteers Needed

Registrations for our limited attendance 2021 St John's Vacation Bible School, June 14 through 17, are now open! 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 on Monday through Thursday, in a modified, masked, socially distant (but FUN) program. Don't miss out on your spot--[sign up here](#). Experience *Rocky Railway--Jesus' power pulls us through!* We are also in need of volunteers, both adult and youth. [Sign up here](#) to help!

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## Sacred Ground Circle Forming

We are excited to announce that we are forming a new Circle for the film-based dialogue series on race and faith called *Sacred Ground*. The series will be held in a small group limited to 15 people and conducted on Zoom in 10 sessions. The group will be invited to walk through chapters of America's history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity. *Sacred Ground* is part of *Becoming Beloved Community*, the Episcopal Church's long-term commitment to racial healing, reconciliation, and justice in our personal lives, our ministries, and our society. For more information, [contact Fr. Cannon](#).

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## USF Food Pantry: Donations Needed

The Rev. Deacon Scott Nonken, Chaplain at the St. Anselm Episcopal Chapel Center at USF, invites fellow diocese members to consider making a food donation to Feed-A-Bull, an initiative spearheaded by USF Student Health Services and Feeding Tampa Bay. Feed-A-Bull strives to alleviate food hardship and hunger among USF students by providing supplemental food, nutrition education and resources to students in need, in order to promote student success and retention. The pantry was created as a response to the knowledge that some students face food insecurity while attending the university, and supplemental food assistance may assist in allowing students to focus on their studies. [Click here for more information about the program and about donations.](#)

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## Sandwich Sunday Hosts Needed

We are in need of Sandwich Sunday Hosts for just two more dates: November 21 and December 19. Hosts can assemble lunches at their own homes on the third Sunday of the month and deliver them to Faith Cafe the next day. Costs are reimbursed by the parish. [Contact Cindy Martin if you can help!](#)

# Prayer Requests

*Your prayers are bid today and throughout the week for:*

Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Dabney, our Diocesan Bishop; the clergy and staff of our parish; Joseph, our President; Ronald, our Governor; and Jane, our Mayor;

## **The sick and others for whom our prayers have been specially requested**

Harry Hedges; Baker; Mark Power; Robin Guinee; Jackie Faircloth and family; Bill Craig; Patty; Ansley and family; Nancy Watkins; Ray Olsson; Collin; Lyn Haddad; Tory Stone and family; Astrid Peacock; Jeff LeVines; Sid Stubbs; Clark Wichman; Suzanne; John Crosby; Nancy Adams; Ken and Maureen Johnston; Michelle Davidson; Jonathan; Pat; Jerry and Jean Denney; Pam; James Edgar; Mackenzie; Margot; Justin and Leah Roman; Christin; Peggy; Addison Hill; Carol Ihrig; Ronald Brokaw; Cindy; Edwin Mills and Beth Strong; Kevin Kellar; John; Rick LeVarge; John; Jeff and family; and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity;

## **The departed**

Richard Earl Hemmingway

Charles C. Parnell

Dolores H. Parnell

Bob Petteway

Lily Petteway

*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.*

*And we pray also for*

## **Those who celebrate the anniversary of their birth this week**

May 23, Max Grimard, Bonnie Hough, Jacob Allbritton

May 24, Darian Brokaw, Adelaide Sansone, Greer Sampson, Remi Sampson

May 25, Tracey Picone, Beth Strong, Rhys Leonard

May 26, Lori Reho

May 27, Alice Prange, Adam Weekley, Laander Lowry, Melissa Slack

May 28, Mary Stephen Straske, Jeff Slack, Luke Osborne, Dax Nelson, Ronan Sampson

May 29, Avery Slack, Mark Braun

## **Our Companion Diocese in the Dominican Republic**

### **Our Parish Day School**

Pray for St. George's, Bradenton; St. Giles', Pinellas Park; St. Hilary's, Fort Myers; St. James', Port Charlotte; St. James' House of Prayer, Tampa in the Diocesan cycle of prayer;

Pray for The Anglican Church of Melanesia in the Anglican cycle of prayer;

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

**We pray for 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.

**Pray for our Rector Search Committee.** Almighty God, giver of every good gift: look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All of us at St John's—congregation, clergy, and staff—have done a magnificent job of keeping one another safe during the time of COVID. We have been diligent about following the guidance of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Episcopal Church, the Diocese of Southwest Florida, and our local authorities.

As you know, the CDC recently issued new guidance to the effect that "fully vaccinated people can resume activities without wearing a mask or physically distancing, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance." (People are considered fully vaccinated 2 weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine.)

In response, Bishop Smith immediately offered the following advice to the churches of the Diocese of Southwest Florida:

- For fully vaccinated people, mask wearing and social distancing are optional.
- For non-vaccinated individuals, mask wearing and social distancing are highly recommended.
- For the time being, guidelines for Holy Communion will remain the same.
- You may also consider designating an area for those who desire to continue social distancing.

The Wardens, Vestry and staff of St John's are in agreement that, while the COVID pandemic is by no means over, we can make some changes to our worship services that will move us towards greater freedom and normalcy while continuing to keep everyone safe and comfortable. **Effective on Sunday, May 30:**

- All fully vaccinated ministers, adult acolytes, vergers, and musicians in the chancel may stop wearing masks. Youth acolytes who are not fully vaccinated will continue to wear masks during the worship service.
- Capacity in the body of the church will no longer be limited to 100 people.
- All fully vaccinated members of the congregation are welcome to participate in worship without masks if they so choose.
- A seating area will be designated (and clearly marked) for those members of the congregation who are not fully vaccinated or who prefer to continue mask wearing and social distancing for their own comfort and the safety of their loved ones.

We will continue Holy Communion in one kind only and without kneeling at the rail.

We recommend that everyone practice safe distancing when entering and leaving the church and while seated, and we strongly encourage all parishioners to be vaccinated. In the words of Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, "The Bible says you should love your neighbor as yourself. And getting this vaccine... (is one of the) real ways that we can love our neighbor as ourselves. To love our neighbor, and while you're at it to love yourself."

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**THE DIOCESE OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA**  
THE RIGHT REVEREND DABNEY TYLER SMITH  
*V Bishop of Southwest Florida*

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| BRETT D. DIVERS (2022)<br><i>Senior Warden</i>  | SUZY S. LOPEZ (2021)<br><i>Junior Warden</i>  |
| SARAH M. BRICKLEMYER (2023)<br>PAUL A. BROKAW (2022)<br>ALVIE L. CASEY (2023)<br>DALLAS B. COFFIELD (2021)<br>LAURA M. CRUSE (2023) | RICHARD D. ECKHARD (2021)<br>D. LOCKWOOD GRAY (2023)<br>RICHARD B. HADLOW (2022)<br>LAURA V. HOBBY (2021)<br>JAN A. KELLEY (2022) |
| LAURA V. HOBBY<br><i>Clerk of the Vestry</i>  | CARLETON D. COMPTON<br><i>Treasurer</i>   |

## THE CLERGY AND STAFF

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| THE REVEREND DR. JAMES H. REHO<br><i>Associate Rector and Chaplain to the School</i> | THE REVEREND MICHAEL D. CANNON<br><i>Associate Rector</i>                  |
| THE VENERABLE DR. KATHLEEN M. MOORE<br><i>Deacon</i>                                 | THE REVEREND JOHN R. PETERSON<br><i>Rector Emeritus</i>                    |
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| LAURIE D. LAWTHER<br><i>Financial Administrator</i>                                  | MICHAEL M. MATTHEWS<br><i>Chief Operations Officer</i>                     |
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KENTON JOHNSTON,  
SHANE JEFFCOAT, JEFF EDMONSON, ANDRES CASTRO  
*Sextons*

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If you have a pastoral emergency when the parish offices are closed, please call 813-906-5199.