



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

906 South Orleans Avenue ♦ Tampa, Florida 33606-2941

Our mission is to proclaim, by word and example,
the good news of God in Christ, and to build a spiritual community
forming Christians of all ages through worship, education, and outreach.

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Holy Eucharist Rite II – 9:30am
December 31, 2023

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:30 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.*

The Rector's Welcome

"Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger, we would embrace thee with love and awe. Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly? O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord."

Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly? Have you ever sat back and contemplated that line from the famous Christmas hymn *O Come all ye Faithful*? Take some time this Christmas season, which begins on Christmas Eve and ends on January 6th with the feast of the Epiphany, to ponder the miracle of the Incarnation. God among us, the creator living as part of his creation.

God so humbled himself that his very word lived, moved, worked, laughed, cried, bled, and loved as a human being, all so that he could redeem his creation and bring that creation into communion with God and the rest of the heavenly host. On Christmas, we remember the beginning of the final stage of God's rescue mission for us all. This Child, who in all ways seems so insignificant, is the savior of the world. O come, let us adore him! Merry Christmas to you all. May the word of God dwell within all our hearts.

Faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Chris Wood" with a small cross symbol at the end.

The Rev. Christian M. Wood

Processional Hymn 82

Divinum mysterium

The people stand

PROPER ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant

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 OF PRAISE 421

Allein Gott in der Hoh

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSON

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

The people sit

Lector A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL: PSALM 147:13-21

Said in unison

- 13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; *
 praise your God, O Zion;
- 14 **For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; ***
 he has blessed your children within you.
- 15 **He has established peace on your borders; ***
 he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
- 16 **He sends out his command to the earth, ***
 and his word runs very swiftly.
- 17 **He gives snow like wool; ***
 he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
- 18 **He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; ***
 who can stand against his cold?
- 19 **He sends forth his word and melts them; ***
 he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
- 20 **He declares his word to Jacob, ***
 his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
- 21 **He has not done so to any other nation; ***
 to them he has not revealed his judgments.
 Hallelujah!

THE EPISTLE Hebrews 1:1-4

Lector A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things,

through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word.

When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

There is no Children's Chapel today

The people stand

SEQUENCE HYMN 324

Picardy

THE GOSPEL

John 1:1-18

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The people sit

THE SERMON

Father Van Wormer

THE NICENE CREED (*standing*)

Celebrant and people

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,

of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God, begotten, not made,

of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*Form IV*)

The people kneel

Deacon Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Leader

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth,
live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace;
that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit especially ____, those in hospital, ____ and those in hospice ____; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Ann & David Murphey and Edward Melton Brown in whose memory the altar flowers are given today; that your will for them may be fulfilled, and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds this concluding collect

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

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

All 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.**

Celebrant 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.**

The people sit

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Voluntary *Offerande*

Jan Neiland

Offertory Hymn 94 *Stanza 6*

Winchester Old

The people stand

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer B*

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.**

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Preface of the Incarnation

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 S128

William Mathias

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

Celebrant

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer

of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed John, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread and says

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.



All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's Table.

*If you are not receiving, you are invited to come forward for a blessing
(indicated by crossing your arms over your chest).*

**Please fill in the kneelers at the altar during Communion from the
center aisle out, towards the side aisles.**

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

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

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. *[Amen.]*

or with these words

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

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

The Celebrant

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon gives the Dismissal.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand

Processional Hymn 100

Antioch

VOLUNTARY *Recessional*

Carlo Rossini

PLEASE LEAVE THE CHURCH QUIETLY

In respect for those who choose to stay for the Voluntary.

UPCOMING SERVICES AND NOTICES

The Feast of the Epiphany —Saturday, January 6
10:00 a.m. — Said Mass, in the Chapel

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICES

ALTAR GUILD: Pat Wilson, Francie Brooks, Heddy Brown, Sally Olsson, Susan Lang, Ruth Pasquarello, Marci Thomas, Ruby McCowan **LINENS:** Pat Rice

ACOLYTES: 8:00 David Kenyon; 9:30 Will Farnen, Maggie Wood, Michael Wood, Frankie Gardner, Cindy Gardner

LECTORS: 8:00 Betsy Wood; 9:30 Richard Chichester, Norm Allen, Dallas Coffield

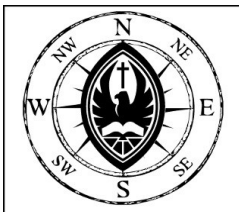
CHALICE BEARERS: 9:30 Dallas Coffield, Roy McCraw

USHERS: 8:00 Rusty Shenk; 9:30 - TBD

VERGER: Dave Kenyon

The Flowers at the Church Altar are given to the Glory of God by Heddy and Andy Brown in memory of Ann and David Murphey and Edward Melton Brown.

The Candle in the Sanctuary Light is given to the Glory of God by Elizabeth Holden in thanksgiving for all God's blessings.



The Weekly Compass

St. John's Episcopal Church and Parish Day School

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 31, 2023

Worship at St. John's Today

- 8:00 a.m. The Holy Eucharist, Rite I, in the Church
- 9:30 a.m. The Holy Eucharist (Rite II), live on [Facebook](#), on [our website](#), and on [our YouTube channel](#)

Worship During the Week

The Holy Eucharist

The Holy Eucharist is celebrated in the Church at 12:15 p.m. on Wednesdays and 10:00 a.m. on Thursdays with healing.

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 and on Zoom. Contact Sally Wiley at wiley48sm@gmail.com. Paused until January

Contemporary Women's Bible Study: 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays

CWBS holds a weekly study on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. by 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 by Zoom. Contact the Parish Office at parish@stjohnstampa.org for more information and the link.

Wednesday Nights at St. John's: 6:00 p.m. Dinner, 6:30 p.m. Formation

Our all-parish dinner starts at 6:00 p.m., then formation offerings for children, youth, and adults are at 6:30 p.m. Paused until Jan. or Feb.

Men's Interactive Bible Study and Lunch: 11:45 a.m. on Thursdays

This group meets in the Lowry Room and on Zoom to discuss the readings for each upcoming Sunday. Contact Lanny Russell at dlmcrtpa@verizon.net.

Youth and Children's Ministries

EYC meets on Sunday afternoons during the school year. The nursery is open at both services year-round. Sunday School takes place following the 9:30 a.m. service during the school year. Contact Youth Minister Ayana Grady at agrady@stjohnstampa.org with questions. EYC and Sunday School are paused until January.

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 also streamed live [on Facebook](#), [on our website](#) and [on YouTube](#).

Sunday Sermons

Sunday sermons are available [on our YouTube channel](#) and from the link in our bio [on Instagram](#).

Pastoral Care

Parish Office: 259.1570

Pastoral Emergencies: 726.3108

Fr. Chris: 917.822.9741

Deacon Lopez: 813.493.8337

Fr. Dale: 607.481.4702

Fr. Goodheart: 321.446.4934

Giving to St. John's

There are many ways to make a one time or recurring gift to your parish. Visit stjohnstampa.org/stewardship to give online.

You can also 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 this QR code!



Stay in Touch with St. John's!

Want to receive our e-newsletter, *The Weekly Wednesday Scroll*? Contact Lee Lowry at llowry@stjohnstampa.org. You can also stay in touch by liking [our Facebook page](#) or [Instagram](#) and subscribing to [our YouTube channel](#)!

Compass Points

Come, Worship, Grow, with St. John's!

As Fr. Chris said in his recent letter to the Parish, "there are two ways we can as one body participate in the Kingdom: worship together, especially on Sunday, and pledge to give to our Parish. Together we can Come. Worship. Grow.!" Fill out our online pledge form by using the QR code, or pledge or give a gift at our website or on Realm. Thank you for your support!



Epiphany Mass: January 6

Join us for our Epiphany service at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 6. Epiphany commemorates the visit of the Magi and traditionally marks the close of the Christmas season. This will be a Said Mass in the chapel. The Feast of the Epiphany is also known as "Three Kings Day" and "Manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ to the Gentiles," for this is the day we commemorate the visit of the Three Wisemen from the Orient who offered the baby Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh as described in Matthew 2. This mysterious visit alludes to the fact that Jesus is royalty - the King of Kings through David's line to be the savior of the world (gold), that he is worthy of worship (incense is used in prayer), and that he is both Priest and Sacrifice (myrrh is infused with oil for priestly anointing as well as in burial services). The fact that three noblemen from the far Eastern parts of the world were drawn to find Jesus foreshadows that through Jesus's earthly ministry and victory over the grave at Easter, a saving relationship with God is offered to all peoples of the earth.

The Epiphany is the 12th and final day of the Christmas season. During the service on the 6th, the celebrant will bless chalk for Epiphany house blessings. All are invited to attend this special service and take home some chalk to bless your home for the new year.

EYC Holiday Break

St John's EYC is off today. We'll see you all again on Sunday, January 7, for a special event! Contact Youth and Family Minister Ayana Grady at agrady@stjohnstampa.org with questions or to learn how to get involved!

Newcomers Classes Begin Soon!

The next session of Newcomers Classes will start on Sunday, January 14, and run until February 11. If you are new or relatively new (less than a year) to St. John's, please join us in the Lowry Room after the 9:30 a.m. service starting on January 14 to learn more about St. John's and meet fellow new parishioners! A nursery will be available if needed.

Wednesday Nights at St. John's Continue Starting in February!

Wednesday Nights at St. John's, our popular Christian formation evenings for all ages, start again for Lent in February. Evenings begin at 6:00 p.m. with a shared meal in the Parish Hall prepared by our Kitchen Krewe. Dinner is followed by short but fun activities for children and youth, and discussion-based formation for adults. Look for more info and plan to join us!

Nametags Available!

At St. John's we foster a warm and inclusive environment, and to help with that, we ask that parishioners wear their St. John's name tag at Sunday services and other parish functions. If you are a current member and need a name tag, please reach out to Donna Gem at donnaagem@aol.com to request one. If you've lost yours, replacement name tags can be purchased for \$5. *Keep your name tag in your car so you won't forget it when you come to church!*

Flower Dedications Available

Flowers and the candle adorning the Church Altar and the flowers at the Chapel 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 us at 259.1570.

Prayer Requests

Your prayers are bid today and throughout the week for:

All bishops and other ministers: Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Douglas, our Bishop; the clergy and staff of our parish.

Those who govern: Joseph, our President; Ronald, our Governor; and Jane, our Mayor;

The sick and others for whom our prayers have been especially requested:

Jackie Faircloth and family; Jeff LeVines; Pam and Shailee; Anna, her family and her medical team; Nancy Watkins; Jayce Hicks; Rick LeVarge; Ken and Maureen; Suzanne Marriott; Richard; Mary; Nancy; Mary Bryan; Elaine Watson, Winkie Game; Michael Wood; Pat; Art and Constance Severn; Cole, William Janes, his family and medical team; Tor; Karen Saam; and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

The Departed:

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 who celebrate the anniversary of their birth this week

December 31, none

January 1, Eleanor Graff, Pat Rice, Tom Scarritt, Jr., Lee Tuuri, Ganon White

January 2, George Lewis

January 3, Kerry Carson, Peter Harrington, Charles Lassey, Mark O'Brien, Debbie Tozier

January 4, Brett Fluharty, Carol Ihrig, Stuart Lindquist, II, Carter Lindquist, Michael Pepe, Donna Scantlebury, Paul Schnell

January 5, Casey Kemp, Kevin Page, Drew Powell

January 6, Rheem Humaid Masaoood, Reagan Stanford

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

The people and for peace in the 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.

For those affected by natural disasters.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Retired clergy of the Diocese of Southwest Florida; Episcopal Charities of Southwest Florida; Episcopal Schools in the Diocese of Southwest Florida, and the seminarians of the Diocese of Southwest Florida.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer: Anglican Church of Rwanda

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VI Bishop of Southwest Florida

THE WARDENS, VESTRY, AND OFFICERS OF THE PARISH

SARAH M. BRICKLEMYER (2023)
Senior Warden

RODDY D. BELFATTI (2025)
ANDREW M. BROWN (2025)
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C. TWEED ECKHARD (2025)
DONNA A. GEM (2024)

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ALVIE L. CASEY (2023)
Junior Warden

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D. LOCKWOOD GRAY (2023)
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Treasurer

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THE REVEREND CHRISTIAN M. WOOD
XVII Rector

THE REVEREND DALE W. VANWORMER
Associate Priest for Liturgy and Formation

THE REVEREND CHARLES E. CONNELLY
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Organist and Director of Music

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Retired Priest in Residence

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Deacon

HUGH A. R. JEBSON
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Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries

KENTON JOHNSTON,
SHANE JEFFCOAT, ARMANDO BAROSA, ANDRES CASTRO
Sextons

STANDING NOTICES

VISITORS WHO ARE HERE FOR THE FIRST TIME are invited to sign the guest register by the courtyard doors in the rear of the church. If you are searching for a church home, or if you have a special need of which you would like us to be aware, please complete one of the ivory pew cards and place it in an alms basin or give it to one of the clergy. Newcomers are also invited to take home with them one of the welcoming bags on the lower shelves of the tables at the back.

WE WANT TO BE AVAILABLE FOR YOU IN YOUR TIMES OF NEED. If you have a pastoral emergency when the parish offices are closed, please call 813-906-5199.

HAVE YOU REMEMBERED GOD IN YOUR WILL? The rubric on page 445 of the Prayer Book outlines the importance of estate planning and charitable giving. When you prepare your will, please remember the work of God and his Church, and especially the Endowment Fund of Saint John's Church and School. Please also remember the importance of making your funeral wishes known now to your family and clergy. Information to help you do that is available through the parish offices.