



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 OF ADVENT

Holy Eucharist Rite II – 9:30am

December 3, 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

Welcome to St. John's Church in the glorious season of Advent. This incredible season is set apart in the church's calendar to encourage all Christians to prepare themselves for the return of Jesus Christ. We mark this season with some of the most incredible hymnody, scripture lessons, and movements in the Episcopal Church.

So, while the world outside these walls becomes ever more hectic, and the world and our lives become ever busier with the hustle and bustle of the "holiday season," make St. John's your refuge, your oasis of peace this year. Take time to be intentional about your life with Jesus Christ and spend some quiet time here. Take in one of our extra offerings, like Advent Lessons and Carols or the Christmas concert, or come to meet Saint Nicholas and support our Foster Youth Initiative.

Take time this Advent to quiet down and listen to Jesus Christ. Where is he calling you through the Holy Spirit to take part in the life of his church? How will you prepare for the glorious season of Christmas that is fast approaching? Consider these questions, and may the peace of God that surpasses all understanding be ever with you during this season of chaos in the world, but peace and contemplation in the church.

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Fr. Chr. Wood" with a small cross symbol at the end.

Fr. Christian M. Wood
Rector

Processional Hymn 68

Llangloffan

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 people kneel

THE DECALOGUE

Said by the Celebrant and People alternately

God spake these words, and said: I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Honor thy father and thy mother.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt do no murder.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not steal.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not covet.

Lord have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

Deacon

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Celebrant and People

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against thee

in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved thee with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in thy will,

and walk in thy ways,

to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

Celebrant

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

KYRIE S89

Hans Leo Hassler

Kyrie eleison

Christe eleison

Kyrie eleison

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSON

Isaiah 64:1-9

The people sit

Lector A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence-- as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil-- to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All elementary-age students will now follow the cross down the center aisle and process to Children's Chapel in the parish hall.

SEQUENCE HYMN 73

St. Stephen

THE GOSPEL

Mark 13:24-37

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

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

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will

not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

Father Wood

The people sit

THE NICENE CREED (*standing*)

Celebrant We believe in one God,

All **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 I)

The people kneel

The Leader says

With all our heart and with all our mind,
let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord,
have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-
kindness of God, and for the salvation of
our souls, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the
welfare of the Holy Church of God, and
for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to
the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and
people, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the
nations, and for all in authority, let us
pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For this city, Tampa, for every city and
community, and for those who live in
them, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given
us, and for the wisdom and will to
conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed John, and of all the saints,
let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.
To thee, O Lord our God.

For the aged and infirm, for the
widowed and orphans, and for the sick
and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the sick____, for those in hospital
____, and for those in hospice____, let
us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the
unemployed and the destitute, for
prisoners and captives, and for all who
remember and care for them, let us pray
to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the
resurrection, especially____; for _
____ in whose memory the altar
flowers are given today; and for all the
departed, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger,
violence, oppression, and degradation,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and
hope, without suffering and without
reproach, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

The Celebrant adds this concluding Collect

Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Anthem *People, look East!*

Basque Carol

1. *People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.*

Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.

People, look east and sing today: Love, the guest, is on the way.

2. *Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there:*

Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish.

People, look east and sing today: Love, the rose, is on the way.

3. *Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be filled.*

Even the hour when wings are frozen, God for fledging time has chosen.

People, look east and sing today: Love, the bird, is on the way.

4. *Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the bowl shall brim,*

Shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together.

People, look east and sing today: Love, the star, is on the way.

5. *Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to earth.*

Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.

People, look east and sing today: Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Hymn 56 Stanza 1

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

The people stand

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer B*

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.**

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 Advent

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 S130

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

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.

Fraction Anthem S164

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.

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). If you have not been baptized, and find yourself drawn to Jesus Christ and life in him, please let one of our clergy know. We would be honored to have a conversation with you about the possibility of baptism, or any other questions. Baptism and life in the Body of Christ is open to all.

Please fill in the kneelers at the altar during Communion from the center out.

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

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

or

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

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

Communion Motet *The truth from above*

Arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

*This is the truth sent from above,
The truth of God, the God of love,
Therefore don't turn me from your door,
But hearken all both rich and poor.*

*And at that season of the year
Our blest Redeemer did appear;
He here did live, and here did preach,
And many thousands he did teach.*

*The first thing which I do relate
Is that God did man create;
The next thing which to you I'll tell
Woman was made with man to dwell.*

*Thus he in love to us behaved,
To show us how we must be saved;
And if you want to know the way,
Be pleased to hear what he did say.*

*Thus we were heirs to endless woes,
Till God the Lord did interpose;
And so a promise soon did run
That he would redeem us by his Son*

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 the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; 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

PLEASE LEAVE THE CHURCH QUIETLY
in respect for those who choose to stay for the Voluntary.

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICES

ALTAR GUILD: Francie Brooks, Leila Clewis, Katey Brown, Lois Smith, Jeannie Kenyon, Pam Divers, Miriam Faircloth, Laura Silva **LINENS:** Nora Russell

ACOLYTES: 8:00 Michael Eachon; 9:30 Mae Allbritton, Elizabeth Welch, Wren Wankelman, Tommy Bricklemeyer, Virginia Hobby

LECTORS: 8:00 Richard Hadlow; 9:30 Dallas Coffield, Stephen Straske, Roy McCraw

CHALICE BEARERS: 9:30 Dallas Coffield, Roy McCraw

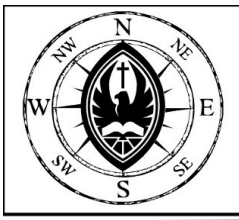
USHERS: 8:00 Ben Nelson, Jr., Frank J. Reif III; 9:30 Jim Whittlesey, Lee Casey, Tom Cassedy, Brett Divers, John Marston, Jeff Mitchell

VERGER: Michael Eachon

The Church Altar Advent Greenery is given to the Glory of God by John, Thomas and Jessie Reffue in loving memory of Mary-Teresa Reffue.

The Chapel Altar Advent Greenery is given to the Glory of God by John, Thomas and Jessie Reffue in loving memory of Lyle and Ruth Reffue and Louis and Julia Tropia.

The Candle in the Sanctuary Light is given to the Glory of God by John, Thomas and Jessie Reffue in loving memory of Thomas Loren.



The Weekly Compass

St. John's Episcopal Church and Parish Day School

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 3, 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, in the Church, live on [Facebook](#), on [our website](#), and on [our YouTube channel](#)
- 5:00 p.m. Advent Lessons and Carols, in the Church and streamed live

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. **The last of these sessions before the holidays will be on December 6 with our St. Nick Party. The events will resume regularly in the New Year.**

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 dlrncrtpa@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.

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 together, as one body, participate in the Kingdom: worshipping together, especially on Sunday, and pledging to give to our Parish. These are truly two things all of us can do together to Come. Worship. Grow.!"

Pledge cards went out in the mail, or you can fill out our online pledge form by using the QR code. You can also pledge or give a gift at our website or on Realm. Thank you for your support!



Advent Service of Lessons and Carols Today

The Annual Service of Advent Lessons and Carols will take place today Sunday, December 3, at 5:00 p.m. This service, which marks the beginning of the season of preparation and waiting for Christmas, will feature the music of Palestrina, Herbert Howells, Judith Weir, and Boris Ord, together with some of the great Advent hymns for choir and congregation. A reception, to which all are warmly invited, will follow in the Parish Hall. Please join us!

St. Nick Is Coming to St. John's this Week!

Please join us for a festive St. Nicholas Party this Wednesday, December 6, at 5:30 p.m. There will be food, music, and if we are lucky, even a visit from good Ol' St. Nick himself! It will be a night of fun for the whole family. Children are encouraged to bring a donation for St. John's FYI (Foster Youth Initiative) Linen Drive (please bring new toddler, crib, twin, and full-sized bed linens). In exchange, St. Nick will give them each a gift in return! As Christmas draws near, let us all get into the spirit of giving and remember the true meaning of this special time of year!

Cornerstone Kids Family Support

Thanks to everyone who showed interest in our Giving Tree effort! All 30 children are spoken for, but no need to despair, you can still contribute by purchasing \$20 WalMart gift cards for the parents. Our goal is to give each family two cards, for a total of 50 cards collected. Please return the cards and labeled, wrapped gifts to the Parish Office no later than Thursday, December 14. Happy shopping! Questions? Contact MC Jenkins at 503.4605. Thank you!

Christmas Flower Dedications

Offering envelopes for Christmas Flowers are in the Church. All dedications must be returned to the Parish Office by Thursday, December 14, in order to meet our print deadline. Those wishing to participate may return the envelopes by Thursday or email the Parish Office at jdepinto@stjohnstampa.org, including the dedication and the name(s) of those making the request in the body of the email. You may make your contribution by going to "Give Now" on our website and selecting "Christmas Flowers" from the dropdown menu, or send a check to the Parish Office. Dedications may be given in memory of and/or in thanksgiving for loved ones.

Mission Trip Sign-Ups

The sign-ups for our 2024 Mission Trips--High School Trip to the Dominican Republic (June 2 through 9) and our Middle School Trip to Atlanta (June 15 through 22) are now open! Please contact Youth Minister Ayana Grady for more info and to sign up!

Flower and Greenery Dedications Available

Flowers and the candle adorning the Church Altar and the flowers at the Chapel Altar are financially supported by individuals and families. There is 1 available spot for Church Altar flowers and 2 spots available for Sunday, New Year's Eve. 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; and Tor; and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

The Departed: Daniel Greco Sr., Markham Rea Power

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 3, Gavin Moore, Vincent Shellgren, Ray Stoll, Doug Tozier, Jr.

December 4, John Few, Meg Grebe, Aiden Yarnell

December 5, Robin Gonzalez, Larry Heisel, Peter Spencer

December 6, Hayden Kendall, Gail Dee Russ, Reed Wilson

December 7, Jim Voss

December 8, Sydney Braun, Mark Schabacker

December 9, Thomas Conlee, Jack Koch

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: Church of the Epiphany, Cape Coral; Iona-Hope, Fort Myers; Lamb of God, Fort Myers; St. Hilary's, Fort Myers; St. Luke's, Fort Myers; St. Raphael's, Fort Myers Beach; Good Shepherd, LaBelle; St. Anselm's, Lehigh Acres; All Souls', North Fort Myers; St. Michael and All Angels, Sanibel, and St. John's, Pine Island.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer: The Church of North India (United)

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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.