



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



*A Christmas*  
FESTIVAL OF  
*Lessons & Carols*

AND

Holy Eucharist Rite I – 10:00am  
December 19, 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.*



*The people are seated for the Lessons and Carols and stand for the Congregational Carols,  
unless otherwise indicated.*



**VOLUNTARY** *Prelude in C Major (BWV 547)*

J.S. Bach

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN 102** *(the congregation joins at verse 3)*

*Irby*

*The people stand*

**A BIDDING PRAYER** *(remain standing)*

Beloved in Christ, in this Christmastide, let it be our care and delight to hear again the message of the Angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger.

Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by this holy Child; and let us make this place glad with our carols of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; for the mission and unity of the Church for which he died, and especially in this country and within this city.

And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us at this time remember in his name the poor and the helpless, the hungry and the oppressed; the sick and those who mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; and all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Lastly, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words which Christ himself hath taught us:

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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. Amen.

## THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:8-15

*God announces in the Garden of Eden that the seed of a woman  
shall bruise the serpent's head.*

Elizabeth Hinckley, A Soprano of the Choir

And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden. And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, "Where art thou?" And he said, "I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." And he said, "Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?" And the man said, "The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat." And the Lord God said unto the woman, "What is this that thou hast done?" And the woman said, "The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat." And the Lord God said unto the serpent, "Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."

Thanks be to God.

## CHOIR CAROL *The Lamb*

John Tavener

Little Lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee? Gave thee life, and bid thee feed by the stream and o'er the mead; Gave thee clothing of delight, softest clothing, woolly bright; Gave thee such a tender voice, making all the vales rejoice? Little Lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee? Little Lamb, I'll tell thee: He is called by thy name, for he calls himself a Lamb. He is meek, and he is mild; He became a little child. I, a child, and thou a lamb, we are called by his name. Little Lamb, God bless thee! Little Lamb, God bless thee!

## THE SECOND LESSON

Luke 2:1-7

*Saint Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.*

Simon Morley, The Organist and Director of Music

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

Thanks be to God.

CHOIR CAROL *The Angel Gabriel*

Basque Noel

*(The text is that of Hymn 265)*

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL Hymn 82

*Divinum mysterium*

THE THIRD LESSON

Luke 2:8-16

*The shepherds go to the manger.*

Issa Allbritton, An EYC Member

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us." And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

Thanks be to God.

CHOIR CAROL *A Child is born in Bethlehem*

Philip Stopford

A child is born in Bethlehem, Alleluia, Alleluia. And joy is in Jerusalem, Alleluia, Alleluia. Rejoice, rejoice, sing high, sing low, Alleluia, Alleluia. Benedicamus Domino (bless the Lord), Alleluia, Alleluia. To thee O Lord be glory paid, Alleluia. Thou Son of Mary, Mother maid, Alleluia. To Holy Trinity give praise, Alleluia, Alleluia. With Deo gracias (thanks be to God) always, Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!

THE FOURTH LESSON

Matthew 2:1-11

*The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.*

Brett Divers, The Senior Warden

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him." When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, "In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, and thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel." Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, "Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come

and worship him also.” When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and then they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense and myrrh.

Thanks be to God.

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL Hymn 90

Noel

*Please remain standing for the final lesson.*

THE FIFTH LESSON

John 1:1-14

*Saint John unfolds the mystery of the Incarnation.*

The Reverend Dr. Frederick A. Robinson, Interim Rector

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Thanks be to God.

*The people sit*

CHOIR CAROL *Benedicamus Domino*

Peter Warlock

*Procedenti puero, Eya, nobis annus est! Virginis ex utero Gloria! Laudes! Deus homo factus est et immortalis. Sine viri semine Eya, nobis annus est! Natus est de virgine Gloria! Laudes! Deus homo factus est et immortalis. Sine viri copia Eya, nobis annus est! Natus est ex Maria Gloria! Laudes! Deus homo factus est et immortalis. In hoc festo determine Eya nobis annus est! Benedicamus Domino! Gloria! Laudes! Deus homo factus est et immortalis.*

For the advent of a child, Hurrah! the season is upon us. From a virgin's womb; Glory! Praises! God has been made man and immortal. Without a husband's seed, Hurrah! the season is upon us. He has been born of a virgin; Glory! Praises! God has been made man and immortal. Without recourse to a husband; Hurrah! the season is upon us. He has been born of Mary. Glory! Praises! God has been made man and immortal. Upon this festal tide; Hurrah! the season is upon us. Let us bless the Lord. Glory! Praises! God has been made man and immortal.

## THE PEACE

*All stand*

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

*People* And with thy spirit.

*The people sit*

## GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Offertory Sentence

**Offertory Anthem** *A Babe is Born*

William Mathias

A babe is born all of a may, to bring salvation unto us. To him we sing both night and day.  
Veni Creator Spiritus. At Bethlehem, that blessed place, the child of bliss now born he was;  
and him to serve God give us grace, O lux beata Trinitas. There came three kings out of the  
East, to worship the King that is so free, with gold and myrrh and frankincense, O solis ortus  
cardine. The angels came down with one cry, a fair song that night sung they in worship of  
that child: Gloria tibi Domine. Noel!

**HYMN 94** *Stanza 6*

Winchester Old

**The Great Thanksgiving** *Eucharistic Prayer I*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them up unto the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People* It is meet and right so to do.

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

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places,  
give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Because thou didst  
send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of  
everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the  
world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and  
magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**Sanctus and Benedictus** *Communion Service in C*

Sir Charles Villiers Stanford

*The people kneel*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy,  
didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption;  
who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient  
sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in  
his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death  
and sacrifice, until his coming again.

*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.*

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *Amen*

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

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** *Agnus Dei*

Sir Charles Villiers Stanford

O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy 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.

*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.*

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

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith, with thanksgiving.

**Communion Motet** Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming

Michael Praetorius

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung! Of Jesse's lineage coming as men of old have sung. It came, a flow'ret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half-spent was the night. Isaiah `twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind, with Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind. To show God's love aright she bore to men a Savior, when half-spent was the night. O flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air, dispel in glorious splendor the darkness everywhere; true man, yet very God, from sin and death now save us, and share our every load.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.



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

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness.    *Amen.*

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel.

*Amen.*

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor.

*Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

*Amen.*

**CONGREGATIONAL CAROL Hymn 78** (*Verse 3 is sung by the choir only*)

*The people stand*

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

*People*        Thanks be to God.

**VOLUNTARY**    *Marche Pontificale (from Symphonie 1)*

Charles-Marie Widor

**Please leave the church quietly in respect for those who choose to stay for the Voluntary.**

**ASSISTING IN THE SERVICES**

**ALTAR GUILD:** 8:00 Francie Brooks, Heddy Brown; 10:00 Sally Olsson, Susan Lang, Ruth Passquarello, Pat Wilson, Carol Blume, Mariellen Curtis;    **LINENS:** Pat Rice

**ACOLYTES:** 8:00 Eric Williams; 10:00 Maggie Malizia, Caden Hearing, Sofia Stone, Gracie Schnell, Parker Milling

**LECTORS:** 10:00 Drew Graham, Kristie Salzer, Suzy Lopez

**USHERS:** 8:00 Oliver Roberts, Ben Nelson; 10:00 Paul Carastro, Michael Matthews, Robert Thomson, Robert Alter, John Jenkins

**VERGER:** Eric Williams

**OBLATION BEARERS:** Cursillo

**The Church Altar Advent Greenery** is given to the Glory of God by Susan Lang in celebration of, and with thanksgiving for, the 13th anniversary of the ordination to the priesthood of Fr. Connelly.

**The Chapel Altar Advent Greenery** is given to the Glory of God by Mary and Ron Hulse in thanksgiving for our special family.

**The Candle in the Sanctuary Light** is given to the Glory of God by Denise Cassidy in loving memory of her parents Denis and Kathleen Duggan.



*The Parish Offices are closed at noon Christmas Eve and reopen on Wednesday, December 29*

**Christmas Eve—Friday, December 24**

4:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Pageant with Holy Eucharist Rite II

6:00 p.m. The Holy Eucharist Rite II

10:30 p.m.—Pre-Service String Quartet

11:00 p.m.—The Holy Eucharist Rite I

*The Choir of St. John's Church sings these services.*

**Christmas Day—Saturday December 25**

10:00 a.m.—The Holy Eucharist Rite II with congregational carols

**The First Sunday after Christmas Day—Sunday, December 26**

8:00 a.m.—The Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:00 a.m.—The Holy Eucharist Rite II

**The Feast of St. Stephen, Deacon and Martyr**

**Monday, December 27**

10:00a.m.—The Holy Eucharist Rite II: Chapel

**The Feast of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist**

**Tuesday, December 28**

10:00a.m.—The Holy Eucharist Rite II: Chapel

**The Feast of The Holy Innocents**

**Wednesday, December 29**

12:15 p.m.—The Holy Eucharist Rite II: Chapel

**Thursday, December 30**

10:00 a.m. A Public Service of Healing

**New Year's Eve—Friday, December 31**

*The Parish Offices are closed*

*at noon today and reopen on Tuesday, January 4, 2022*

**The Holy Name of our Lord—Saturday, January 1, 2022**

10:00 a.m.—The Holy Eucharist Rite II

**The Second Sunday after Christmas Day—Sunday, January 2, 2022**

8:00 a.m.—The Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:00 a.m.—The Holy Eucharist Rite I

11:30a.m.—Kids Against Hunger Packing Event: Parish Hall

**Wednesday, January 5, 2022**

12:15 p.m.—The Holy Eucharist Rite II: Chapel

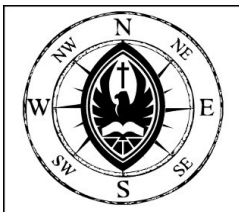
**The Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ—Thursday, January 6, 2022**

10:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist Rite II with Hymns

**The Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ—Sunday, January 9, 2022**

8:00 a.m.—The Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:00 a.m.—The Holy Eucharist and Holy Baptism Rite II



# The Weekly Compass

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

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 19, 2021

### Worship in St. John's

- 8:00 a.m. The Holy Eucharist, Rite I, Church  
10:00 a.m. A Festival of Christmas Lessons and Carols with The Holy Eucharist Rite I, in the Church, on [Facebook](#) and [our website](#)

### Virtual Ministries and Worship

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

#### Group Prayer and Pastoral Care

##### The Holy Eucharist during the Week

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

##### Evening Prayer

Clergy, staff, and parishioners stream evening prayer daily Monday through Saturday at 4:00 p.m., or catch it later in the day 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).

#### Small Group Ministries and Classes

##### Wednesday Afternoon Adult Formation: On Holiday Break

The group meets on Wednesdays by Zoom from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. [Contact Deacon Kathleen](#) at [kmoore@stjohnstampa.org](mailto:kmoore@stjohnstampa.org) for info.

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

This group meets in the Lowry Room and on Zoom to discuss the readings for each upcoming Sunday. Contact John Edgar at [jedgar@stjohnstampa.org](mailto:jedgar@stjohnstampa.org).

##### Contemporary Women's Bible Study: On Holiday Break

CWBS holds a weekly virtual study on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. but is taking a break for the holidays. 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: On Holiday Break

The group meets on alternate Tuesdays on Zoom. For more information, contact Sally Wiley at [wiley48sm@gmail.com](mailto:wiley48sm@gmail.com) or 244.4497.

#### Youth and Children's Ministries

EYC meets each Sunday. The nursery is open at both the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. services and Children's Sunday School takes place during the 10:00 a.m. service. [Contact Ayana](#) at [agradys@stjohnstampa.org](mailto:agradys@stjohnstampa.org) with questions.

#### Pastoral Care

Please call upon your clergy for pastoral conversations at the church office at 259.1570, or directly: Pastoral Emergency Line: 813.906.5199; Fr. Robinson: 941.350.0043; Fr. Cannon: 864.320.7116; Fr. Goodheart: 321.446.4934; Deacon Moore: 813.785.9400; Fr. Reho: 917.526.0746.

### Service Notes

Our 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](#).

All fully vaccinated parishioners, clergy, and lay people serving in the chancel are not required to wear masks. We encourage those who are not fully vaccinated to continue to wear masks and to get vaccinated if possible. Masks are optional for children.

A clearly marked seating area is available for those in 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.

### 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.

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 your secure payment.

### Sunday Sermon Audio

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

# Compass Points

## Support Your Church with Year End Gifts of Securities

Appreciated securities make a fantastic gift to the Operating Fund, the Endowment, or the Building Fund. You may be eligible to take advantage of a two-fold tax savings. First, you avoid paying any capital gains tax on the increase in value of your stock. In addition, you receive a tax deduction for the full fair market value of the stock on the date of the gift. John Edgar, our Parish Administrator, is available to help you, contact him at 259.1750.

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## Christmas Service Schedule

### Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. – Children’s Christmas Pageant with Holy Eucharist, Rite II

6:00 p.m. – The Holy Eucharist, Rite II, with the Choir of St. John’s

11:00 p.m. – The Holy Eucharist, Rite I, with the Choir of St. John’s (string quartet music begins at 10:30).

### Christmas Day

10:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist, Rite II, with congregational carols

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## The Twelve Days of Christmas 2021

The 12 days of Christmas have within them several major feasts, some of which are little known by the average churchgoer. Of course, everyone knows of the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, which falls on 25 December, and the Feast of the Epiphany, which falls on 6 January, and which we will celebrate with the Eucharist at 10:00 a.m., ending Christmastide. We will also celebrate the Feasts of St. Stephen on 27 December with a Eucharist at 10:00 a.m. (transferred from the 26th because it falls on a Sunday), St. John on 28 December with a Eucharist at 10:00 a.m., the Holy Innocents on 29 December with a Eucharist at 12:15 p.m., and the Holy Name on 1 January, with a Eucharist at 10am. These wonderful feasts give shape to the 12 days of Christmas and provide a depth of meaning to our celebration of the Incarnation. Won’t you join us as we observe the fullness of the season?

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## Save the Date: Kids Against Hunger Packing Event

Start out the new year by joining your parish family in a food packing event on Sunday, January 2 in the Parish Hall immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service! More information is available in the *Weekly Wednesday Scroll*.

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## Fr. Reho Departure

We congratulate Fr. James Reho, who has just accepted a call to become Rector of St. Catherine’s Church in Temple Terrace, Florida. Fr. Reho has served as Chaplain for St. John’s School, with preaching and celebrating responsibilities on Sundays for the parish, since the summer of 2019. His last Sunday with us will be 23 January, when he will preach and celebrate at both the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. celebrations of the Holy Eucharist. There will be receptions for him and Lori following both services. A “purse” will be presented to him on that final Sunday. If you would like to contribute to this financial gift for Fr. James, click the “Give Now” button on our website, adding the note, “Fr. Reho’s Purse,” or mail a check made out to St. John’s with “Fr. Reho’s Purse” in the memo line.

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## Flowers and Candle Dedications Available

Flowers and the candle on the High Altar and the flowers at the Chapel Altar are financially supported by individuals and families in memory of departed loved ones or in thanksgiving for blessings received. If you would like to make a memorial or give a gift in thanksgiving on one of the dates below, contact us at [parish@stjohnstampa.org](mailto:parish@stjohnstampa.org) or 259.1570. Available dates are: January 2 – Flowers at the Chapel Altar; January 9 – Flowers at the Church Altar; January 16 – Flowers at the Chapel Altar; and January 30 – Candle in the Sanctuary Light.

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## Building Closures

The church buildings will be closed for maintenance from Monday, December 20 through midday on Wednesday, December 22. Please feel free to email staff and clergy with any immediate needs. There will be no Eucharist on Wednesday. We will also be closed for the Christmas holiday from noon on Christmas Eve to Wednesday, December 29. For the New Year’s holiday, we will close at noon on New Year’s Eve and will reopen on Tuesday, January 4.

# 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; Dabney, our Diocesan 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 specially requested:**

Jackie Faircloth and family; Jeff LeVines; Jonathan; Pam and Shailee; Anna, her family and her medical team; Collin; Ray Olsson; Tory Stone and family; Nancy Watkins; Nita Hamric; Jayce Hicks; Howard Roberts; Stefanie Austell; Chris Parker; Pat and Rick LeVarge; and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity;

**The departed:**

Sid Stubbs                      Taylor Koulouris                      Barbara Armstrong                      Denis Duggan                      Kathleen Duggan

*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 19, Paul Keesling, Sandy Murray, Lora Hulse, Marilyn Espino-Maya, Evan Lick, Keith Bexley

December 20, Rosalyn Gibbs, Grayson Leal, Bob Gaudsmith, Walker Martin, Ivy Gustafson, Nate Lacktman, Taylor Moore

December 21, none

December 22, Tricia Hancock, Stephen Swindal, Pat Wilson, Zigmund Bereday, JoAnna Hall, Anne Williams, Eric Stoll

December 23, Helen Scott

December 24, none

December 25, Harry Hedges

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

**Health care workers, first responders, and all others whose work puts them in danger.** We give thanks for their many sacrifices for the common good. Protect them from injury and illness; renew their wisdom, compassion, and strength.

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St. Raphael's, Fort Myers Beach; St. Stephen's, New Port Richey; St. Thomas', St. Petersburg; St. Vincent 's, St. Petersburg; St. Wilfred 's, Sarasota; Trinity-by-the-Cove, Naples

**In the Anglican cycle of prayer:** The Church of the Province of Central Africa

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*V Bishop of Southwest Florida*

## THE WARDENS, VESTRY, AND OFFICERS OF THE PARISH

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

## THE CLERGY AND STAFF

THE REVEREND DR. FREDRICK A. ROBINSON <i>Interim Rector</i>	THE REVEREND JOHN R. PETERSON <i>Rector Emeritus</i>
THE REVEREND DR. JAMES H. REHO <i>Associate Rector and Chaplain to the School</i>	THE REVEREND MICHAEL D. CANNON <i>Associate Rector</i>
THE VENERABLE DR. KATHLEEN M. MOORE <i>Deacon</i>	THE REVEREND DONALD P. GOODHEART <i>Priest Associate</i>
SIMON J. MORLEY <i>Organist and Director of Music</i>	HUGH A. R. JEBSON <i>Head of St. John's School</i>
JOHN P. EDGAR <i>Parish Administrator</i>	MICHAEL M. MATTHEWS <i>Chief Operations Officer</i>
LAURIE D. LAWTHER <i>Financial Administrator</i>	LEE M. LOWRY <i>Director of Communications</i>
JANIS L. ELLIOTT <i>Office Assistant and Registrar</i>	AYANA S. GRADY <i>Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries</i>
JEFF EDMONSON <i>Maintenance Supervisor</i>	

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.