



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 LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

Holy Eucharist Rite II – 9:30am
November 26, 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

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. With immense joy and gratitude, we welcome you to the annual Stewardship Drive at Saint John's Episcopal Church in beautiful Tampa, Florida.

This stewardship season, we reflect on the blessings that God has poured upon us, individually and as a faith community. We are grateful for the many ways Saint John's has enabled each of us to come, worship, and grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ.


As we embark on this journey, we are reminded of the words of the Apostle Paul, who wrote to the Corinthians, "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver," (2 Corinthians 9:7, RSV). Stewardship is not just about our financial contributions but also about giving our time, talents, and treasures with a cheerful heart in response to God's love.

During this stewardship drive, we ask you to prayerfully consider how you can support and sustain the mission and ministry of Saint John's. Your commitment plays a vital role in the life of our church and in furthering God's work in the world.

We have exciting plans for the year ahead, with opportunities for spiritual growth, outreach, and fellowship. Your support will help us continue to be a beacon of hope and a place of transformation for all who seek God's love and grace.

May your heart be open, your spirit be willing, and your generosity abound as we embark on this stewardship journey together. It is a great blessing to be a member of Saint John's. I hope each of you will support this incredible parish by making a pledge so we can continue to Come, Worship, and Grow!

Faithfully,

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

Fr. Christian M. Wood
Rector

Processional Hymn *Christ is the King! O friends rejoice*

Gelobt sei Gott

The people stand

Harmony

Unison

Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia .

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| <p>1 Christ is the King! O friends rejoice;
brothers and sisters with one voice
make all men know he is your choice
<i>Allelu.</i></p> <p>2 O magnify the Lord, and raise
anthems of joy and holy praise
for Christ's brave saints of ancient da
<i>Allelu.</i></p> <p>3 They with a faith for ever new
followed the King, and round him dre
thousands of faithful men and true.
<i>Allelu.</i></p> | <p>4 O Christian women, Christian men,
all the world over, seek again
the Way disciples followed then.
<i>Alleluia.</i></p> <p>5 Christ through all ages is the same:
place the same hope in his great name,
with the same faith his word proclaim.
<i>Alleluia.</i></p> <p>6 Let Love's unconquerable might
your scattered companies unite
in service to the Lord of light.
<i>Alleluia.</i></p> <p>7 So shall God's will on earth be done,
new lamps be lit, new tasks begun,
and the whole Church at last be one.
<i>Alleluia.</i></p> |
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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.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSON

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

The people sit

Lector A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

O COME, let us sing unto the LORD; * let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving; * and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.
3 For the LORD is a great God; * and a great King above all gods.
4 In his hand are all the corners of the earth; * and the strength of the hills is his also.
5 The sea is his, and he made it; * and his hands prepared the dry land.
6 O come, let us worship and fall down, * and kneel before the LORD our Maker.
7 For he is the Lord our God; * and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE EPISTLE

Ephesians 1:15-23

Lector A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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 *Christ triumphant, ever reigning*

Guiting Power

(See next page)

1 Christ tri-um-phant, ev - er reign-ing, Sav - ior, Mas - ter, King!

2 Word in - car - nate, truth re - veal - ing, Son of Man on earth!

3 Suffer - ing ser - vant, scorned, ill - treat - ed, vic - tim cru - ci - fied!

4 Priest - ly king, en - throned for ev - er high in heaven a - bove!

5 So, our hearts and voic - es rais - ing through the a - ges long,

Lord of heaven, our lives sus - tain - ing, hear us as we sing:
 power and maj - es - ty con - ceal - ing by your hum - ble birth:
 death is through the cross de - feat - ed, sin - ners jus - ti - fied:
 sin and death and hell shall nev - er sti - fle hymns of love:
 cease - less - ly up - on you gaz - ing, this shall be our song:

Yours the glo - ry and the crown, the high re - nown, the e - ter - nal name.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 25:31-46

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

Father Wood

The people sit

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 III)

The people kneel

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Douglas, our Bishop;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially those in hospital and those in hospice.

Silence

The Celebrant adds this concluding collect

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **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 Anthem *A Hymn for St. Cecilia*

Herbert Howells

*Sing for the morning's joy, Cecilia, sing,
In words of youth and praises of the Spring,
Walk the bright colonnades by fountains' spray,
And sing as sunlight fills the waking day;
Till angels, voyaging in upper air,
Pause on a wing and gather the clear sound
Into celestial joy, wound and unwound,
A silver chain, or golden as your hair.*

*Through the cold aftermath of centuries,
Cecilia's music dances in the skies;
Lend us a fragment of the immortal air,
That with your choiring angels we may share,
A word to light us thro' time-fettered night,
Water of life, or rose of paradise,
So from the earth another song shall rise
To meet your own in heaven's long delight.*

*Sing for your loves of heaven and of earth,
In words of music, and each word a truth;
Marriage of heart and longings that aspire,
A bond of roses, and a ring of fire.
Your summertime grows short and fades away,
Terror must gather to a martyr's death;
But never tremble, the last indrawn breath
Remembers music as an echo may.*

Hymn 380 Stanza 3

Old 100th

The people stand

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer A*

The people stand

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Lord's Day

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

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant

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

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

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

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

People and Celebrant

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Fraction Anthem S155

Gerald Near

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia. Alleluia. 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 middle out.

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.]

Communion Motet *Christ the Lord is risen*

Arr. Geoffrey Shaw

1. *Christ the Lord is risen! Now is the hour of darkness past; Christ hath assumed His reigning power. Behold the great accuser cast Down from the skies, to rise no more: Alleluia, alleluia.*

2. *Christ the Lord is risen! 'Twas by Thy blood, immortal Lamb, Thine armies trod the tempter down; 'Twas by Thy word and powerful name They gained the battle and renown: Alleluia, alleluia.*

3. *Christ the Lord is risen! Rejoice, ye heavens! let ev'ry star Shine with new glories round the sky! Saints, while ye sing the heav'nly war, Raise your Redeemer's name on high! Alleluia, alleluia.*

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 gives the Blessing

People Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon gives the Dismissal.

People Thanks be to God.

The people stand

Closing Hymn 460: 1, 3, & 4

Hyfrydol

Voluntary *Allegro maestoso (from Sonata No. 1)*

Sir Edward Elgar

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

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICES

ALTAR GUILD: Jan Williams, Gwyn Schabacker, Chris McAdams, Debbie Tozier, Jan Kelley, Madeleine Tellekamp, Lyz Pickette, Porsche Amaya, Florence Fouts **LINENS:** Chris McAdams

ACOLYTES: 8:00 Michael Eachon; 9:30 Paul Brokaw, Olivia Gray, Charlie Williams, Will Jennewein, Caroline Little

LECTORS: 8:00 Donna Gem, Michael Eachon; 9:30 Lisa Leal, Norm Allen, Paul Brokaw

CHALICE BEARERS: 9:30 Lisa Leal, Paul Brokaw

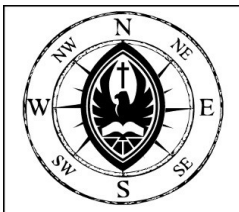
USHERS: 8:00 George Sprenkle, Charles Harden; 9:30 Keith Lindquist, Norman Allen, Cary Brown, Roger Kurz, Eric Williams, Bruce Yost

VERGER: Michael Eachon

The Flowers at the Church Altar are given to The Glory of God by Peter Dawson in loving memory of Birdie and Sydney Dawson and Jane and Brian Buckland.

The Flowers at the Church Altar are given to The Glory of God by Sally Olsson in loving memory of her husband, Dr. Ray Olsson and in honor of his birthday, November 30.

The Candle in the Sanctuary Light is given to the Glory of God by Pat Wilson and Marci Thomas in loving memory of Shirley Susich's son, Charles J. Armstrong.



The Weekly Compass

St. John's Episcopal Church and Parish Day School

THE TWENTY-SIXTH & LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 26, 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](#)

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](#).

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. The final session for the year will be this Tuesday, November 28.

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. 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 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 agradys@stjohnstampa.org with questions.

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 all, 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!



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!

St. John's History Presentation: Wednesday, November 29

Now that you've heard about the history of Hyde Park and Davis Islands, come and hear about the 112-year history of our own parish! Sally Thompson, Shelley Blood, Jack Wyatt, and Sally Olsson will use pictures and narrative for this presentation. If you have any archival information about St John's, please bring it to help us update our history!

Our Kitchen Krewe will provide a dinner of pizza, salad, and dessert. All ages are invited, bring the kids and grandkids for special activities! Bring a beverage to share, dinner begins at 6:00 p.m., program to follow at 6:30 p.m.

St. John's Featured on HPPI Home Tour

Want more history? During Hyde Park Preservation's annual Home Tour on Saturday, December 2, St. John's is the first stop of the day! We expect some 300 or more folks to tour our church. You may order tickets in advance through <https://oldhydeparkfl.membershiptoolkit.com/hometour> or on the day of the tour at St. John's.

Advent Service of Lessons and Carols

The Annual Service of Advent Lessons and Carols will take place on 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!

Please join us for a festive St. Nicholas Party on Wednesday, December 6th at 5:30 pm. 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!

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, 12/31/23. If you would like to honor a memorial or give a gift in thanksgiving, please contact parish@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; Richard; Mary; Nancy; Mary Bryan; Winkie Game; Michael Wood; Pat; Art and Constance Severn; Mark; Cole, William Janes, his family and medical team; Tor, Marjorie, and Daniel; and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

The Departed: Garth Drewry, Elizabeth Guyton

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

November 26, Tatiana Coll, Ayana Grady, George Peterson, Debra Schriels

November 27, Bob Lewis, Julia Mattox, Allison Watkins

November 28, Joe Andrews, Kay Peterson

November 29, Sam Giordano, Scott Russell

November 30, Beth Arthur, Andy Brown, Roy Collins, IV, Jonathan Davidson, Archer Hutkowski, Tom Kendall, Jackson Lee, Jason Lejkowski, Joseph Strickland, Jr., Lizzie Welch

December 1, Lorien Johnson, John Reffue, Beth Meyers, Caroline Schabacker, Nicki Weekes

December 2, Max Borland, Laurie Calfee, Elizabeth Hanley, Christopher Lykes, Maggie Welch

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: St. Andrew's, Boca Grande; St. David's, Englewood; Church of the Good Shepherd, Punta Gorda; St. Nathaniel's, North Port; St. James', Port Charlotte; Good Shepherd, Venice, and St. Mark's, Venice.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer: The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

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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.