



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

IN THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

Choral Eucharist Rite I - 10:00am
December 5, 2021



The Second Sunday of ADVENT

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:00 Holy Eucharist Rite II

Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the house of God.

*Before the service speak to the Lord;
during the service let the Lord speak to you;
after the service speak to one another.*

VOLUNTARY Chorale Prelude "Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme" (BWV 645)

J.S. Bach

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 76

Winchester New

The people stand

PROPER ACCLAMATION

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

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant may say

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

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

The Celebrant says

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

KYRIE ELEISON *Communion Service in E (sung by the choir)*

Harold Darke

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.

Merciful God, who didst send thy messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSON

Malachi 3:1-4

The people sit

Lector A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Malachi.

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

The people stand

CANTICLE 4: The Song of Zechariah (*sung by the choir*)

Thomas Attwood Walmisley

Blessed ☩ be the Lord God of Israel, *
for he hath visited and redeemed his people;
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us *
in the house of his servant David,
As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, *
which have been since the world began:
That we should be saved from our enemies, *
and from the hand of all that hate us;
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, *
and to remember his holy covenant;
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham, *
that he would give us,
That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies *
might serve him without fear,
In holiness and righteousness before him, *
all the days of our life.
And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest, *
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord
to prepare his ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people *
for the remission of their sins,
Through the tender mercy of our God, *
whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness
and in the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
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 people sit

THE EPISTLE

Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The people stand

SEQUENCE HYMN 65

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THE GOSPEL

Luke 3:1-6

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

Father Cannon

The people sit

THE NICENE CREED

Officiant and People together, all standing

I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible;
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped
and glorified;
who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

The people kneel

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor those for whom our prayers are requested, remembering especially those on our parish prayer list, and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Additional petitions and thanksgivings may be included here.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.
Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Minister and People

Almighty God,

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all men:

We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins
and wickedness,

which we from time to time most grievously have committed,
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.

We do earnestly repent,

and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,
the burden of them is intolerable.

Have mercy upon us,

have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,

forgive us all that is past;

and grant that we may ever hereafter

serve and please thee in newness of life,

to the honor and glory of thy Name;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Minister may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

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 Spotless Rose*

Herbert Howells

A Spotless Rose is blowing. Sprung from a tender root, of ancient seers' fore-showing, of Jesse promised fruit; its fairest bud unfolds to light amid the cold, cold winter, and in the dark midnight. The Rose which I am singing, whereof Isaiah said, is from its sweet root springing in Mary, purest maid; for through our God's great love and might, the Blessed Babe she bare us in a cold, cold winter's night.

Hymn 56 Stanza 2

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

The people stand

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer I*

The people stand

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 E (sung by choir)*

Harold Darke

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 hath taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

WE BREAK BREAD AND SHARE THE GIFTS OF GOD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Fraction Anthem *Agnus Dei*

Harold Darke

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

The following prayer may be said. The People may join in saying this prayer

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

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 *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. 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 we were heirs to endless woes, til God the Lord did interpose; and so a promise soon did run that he would redeem us by his Son. 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. 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.

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 BLESSING *A Priest gives the Blessing*

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

People Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN 73

St. Stephen

VOLUNTARY *Theme and Variations*

Hendrick Andriessen

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, Lelia Clewis; 10:00 Katey Brown, Lois Smith, Laura Silva, Miriam Faircloth; **LINENS:** Nora Russell

ACOLYTES: 8:00 David Kenyon; 10:00 Lauren Brown, Bennett Cruse, Mason Cruse, Rowan Cruse, Frankie Gardner

LECTORS: 10:00 Betsy Wood, David Wheaton, Dallas Coffield

USHERS: 8:00 Harry Hedges, John Thompson; 10:00 Thomas Cassedy, Stephen Fluharty, Rick Barrs, Jim Whittlesey, Gregory Hearing, John Marston

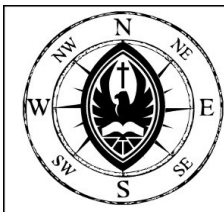
VERGER: David Kenyon

OBLATION BEARERS: Under 40 Way of Love Group

The Church Altar Advent Greenery is given to the Glory of God by the Crosby family in memory of Janice Camp.

The Chapel Altar Advent Greenery is given to the Glory of God by Fred and Linda Robinson in thanksgiving for the birth of Zoey Kessel-Robinson on November 19, 2021 to Dr. Michael Robinson and Dr. Shayna Kessel. The proud grandparents are Fr. Fred and Linda Robinson.

The Candle in the Sanctuary Light is given to the Glory of God by Janis Elliott in loving memory of the blessed life and love of her husband, the Rev. Robert J. Elliott.



The Weekly Compass

St. John's Episcopal Church and Parish Day School

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 5, 2021

Worship in St. John's

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

Virtual Ministries and Worship

Please visit 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.

Small Group Ministries and Classes

Wednesday Afternoon Adult Formation

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

Contemporary Women's Bible Study

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

Women's Mid Morning Bible Study

The group meets on alternate Tuesdays on Zoom. For more information, contact Sally Wiley at 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 agradyl@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 Mondays. Click on the **Worship** button in the top right of our homepage.

Compass Points

Christmas Flower Dedications Due by Thursday

Offering envelopes for Christmas Memorial Flowers are in the church today. All dedications must be returned to the parish offices by Thursday, December 9, in order to meet our print deadline. Those wishing to participate may return the envelopes by Thursday or email the parish offices at parish@stjohnstampa.org with the dedication and the name(s) of those making the request. You may also click "Give Now" on our website and select "Christmas Flowers" from the dropdown menu. Dedications may be given in memory of loved ones and/or in thanksgiving for loved ones.

Advent Wreath Making Is Today!

Our annual St John's Advent Wreath Making is today after both services. We will have everything you need to make your wreath for the small price of \$5 (\$5 extra for the wreath frame). Join us!

Advent Lessons and Carols: Today, Sunday, December 5

Join us today for Advent Lessons and Carols at 5:00 p.m. The season of Advent, a time of waiting and preparation most certainly not to be confused with Christmas, (despite what the canned music in stores would have you believe!) contains some of the most beautiful music written for the church, and arguably more so than the festival of Christmas itself. We will feature the music of Boris Ord, Ralph Vaughan Williams, Herbert Howells and Sir William McKie, among others. The service will be followed by a reception in the Parish Hall, to which all are warmly invited.

Advent Study Continues Today

Interested adults are invited to join an in-person Advent study in the Lowry Room between services from 8:50 to 9:50 a.m. It is a video-based study, *Light of the World*, by internationally renowned scholar, teacher and author Dr Amy-Jill Levine, University Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School. Bring your coffee and join the conversation!

St. Michael's Youth Conference

8th-12th grade parents and youth! We are having a special St. Michael's Conference luncheon today, December 5, in the Parish Hall at 11:15 a.m. following the 10:00 a.m. service. Fr. Fred has invited Fr. Jay James to give a presentation about St. Michael's Conference, a Youth Camp/Conference held in Connecticut next summer from July 24 through 30, 2022! Join us to learn more!

Cornerstone Christmas: Gift Cards Still Needed, Deadline Thursday

Thanks to everyone who is participating in the Giving Tree effort benefitting Cornerstone Kids, the local after-school program in Tampa Heights! We hope you are enjoying your gift-buying experiences for the children. We are still in need of \$20 Wal-Mart gift cards for their parents, hoping to collect 40 in all. All wrapped presents, gift cards, and food/paper products are due in the church office by December 9. Call MC Jenkins with questions at 503.4605.

Pilgrimage to the Balkans

The St. Bartholomew Travel Society is excited to announce its much-anticipated pilgrimage/tour August 31 through September 14, 2022 to four Balkan countries: Croatia, Slovenia, Montenegro, and Bosnia & Herzegovina. These countries are visually stunning and contain several UNESCO World Heritage sites. This all-inclusive program promises to be both spiritually and culturally enriching. Departure on August 31 will be from Church of the Redeemer to Miami International Airport. Look for more details at a table in the courtyard beginning this Sunday, November 28. Questions? Please contact Linda at lindarobinsonsrq@gmail.com or 941.914.2688.

Love INC Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for the Love INC furniture ministry; you must be able to help move furniture from the warehouse to the truck to the delivery destination. The days and hours of urgent need are Monday through Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Anyone interested in donating their time should contact Love INC Help Center Coordinator Charles Kutt at 222.5683. Thank you!

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; Pat and Rick LeVarge; Ellie Taylor; Kathy; Miriam Faircloth; Ashley and family; Yadil Caraballo; Mary Hulse; Chris Parker; Clari, Raphael and Raphael; and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity;

The departed:

Janice Camp

The Reverend Robert J. Elliott

Herschel Waller

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 5, George Burchill, Robin Gonzalez, Larry Heisel, Harrison Browning

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

December 7, Jim Voss

December 8, Mark Schabacker, Sydney Braun

December 9, Thomas Conlee, Jack Koch

December 10, Kevin Johnson, Julie Sunich, Nicole Hasselbach, Reese Kenney

December 11, Ingalls Witte, Tommy Moxley, Corbin Bexley

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. Mary Magdalene, Bradenton; St. Mary's, Bonita Springs; St. Mary's, Dade City; St. Mary's, Palmetto; St. Mary's, Tampa; St. Matthew's, St. Petersburg

In the Anglican cycle of prayer: The Anglican Church of Burundi

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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.