



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 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Holy Eucharist Rite II – 9:30am
December 10, 2023

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II

*Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the house of God.
Before the service speak to the Lord;
during the service let the Lord speak to you;
after the service speak to one another.*

The Rector's Welcome

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

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

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

Faithfully,

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

Fr. Christian M. Wood
Rector

VOLUNTARY *Chorale Prelude "Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland" (BWV 659)* 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.**

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant

Seeing that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14,16*

Deacon

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and most merciful father,

we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,

we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,

we have offended against thy holy laws,

we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,

and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

**But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,**

according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord;

and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,

that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,

to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Celebrant

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

KYRIE S89

Hans Leo Hassler

Kyrie eleison

Christe eleison

Kyrie eleison

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent 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

Isaiah 40:1-11

The people sit

Lector A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL: PSALM 85: 1-2, 8-13 (COVERDALE TRANSLATION)

Sir George Martin

*LORD, thou art become gracious unto thy land; * thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.*

*2 Thou hast forgiven the offence of thy people, * and covered all their sins.*

*8 I will hearken what the LORD God will say; * for he shall speak peace unto his people, and to his saints, that they turn not again unto foolishness.*

*9 For his salvation is nigh them that fear him; * that glory may dwell in our land.*

*10 Mercy and truth are met together: * righteousness and peace have kissed each other.*

*11 Truth shall flourish out of the earth, * and righteousness hath looked down from heaven.*

*12 Yea, the LORD shall show loving-kindness; * and our land shall give her increase.*

*13 Righteousness shall go before him, * and shall direct his going in the way.*

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

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Lector A reading from the second letter of Peter.

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

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 65

Beredan vag for Herran

THE GOSPEL

Mark 1:1-8

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

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

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'"

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

Father Van Wormer

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 I)

The people kneel

The Leader says

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

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

For the sick, for those in hospital, and for
those in hospice, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

To thee, O Lord our God.

The Celebrant adds this concluding collect

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

THE PEACE

All stand

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people sit

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Offertory Anthem *E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come*

Paul Manz

Peace be to you and grace from him

Who freed us from our sins,

Who loved us all and shed his blood

That we might saved be.

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,

Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,

For Christ is coming, is coming soon,

For Christ is coming soon!

Sing holy, holy to our Lord,

The Lord, Almighty God,

Who was and is and is to come;

Sing holy, holy, Lord!

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come,

And night shall be no more;

They need no light nor lamp nor sun,

For Christ will be their All!

Hymn 56 Stanza 2

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

The people stand

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer B*

The people stand

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant

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

Preface of Advent

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus and Benedictus S125

Richard Proulx

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel

Celebrant

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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

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

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

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

Celebrant

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

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed John, and all

your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

People and Celebrant

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Fraction Anthem S170

Mason Martens

*Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.
Whoever believes in me shall not hunger or thirst,
for the bread which I give for the life of the world is my flesh.*

Celebrant **The Gifts of God for the People of God.**



*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's Table.
If you are not receiving, you are invited to come forward for a blessing (indicated by crossing your arms over your chest). If you have not been baptized, and find yourself drawn to Jesus Christ and life in him, please let one of our clergy know. We would be honored to have a conversation with you about the possibility of baptism, or any other questions. Baptism and life in the Body of Christ is open to all.*

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

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

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

or

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

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

Communion Motet *Drop down, ye heavens, from above*

Judith Weir

*Drop down ye heavens from above,
And let the skies pour down righteousness.
Comfort ye, comfort ye, my people;
My salvation shall not tarry.
I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions.
Fear not, for I will save thee;
For I am the Lord thy God,
The holy one of Israel, thy redeemer.
Drop down ye heavens from above,
And let the skies pour down righteousness.*

Communion Hymn 309

O Welt, ich muss dich lassen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon gives the Dismissal.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand

Processional Hymn 462

York

Voluntary *Fugue on the Magnificat (BWV 733)*

J.S. Bach

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

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICES

ALTAR GUILD: Pat Rice, Nancy Watkins, Cece Lane, Janice Straske, Vera Farmen, Lisa Leal, Trish McKay, Laura Silva **LINENS:** Yvonne Santiago

ACOLYTES: 8:00 Eric Williams; 9:30 Will Jennewein, Frankie Gardner, Cindy Gardner, Allison Decelles, Trenten Decelles

LECTORS: 8:00 Richard Hadlow; 9:30 Lisa Leal, Laura Cruse, Drew Graham

CHALICE BEARERS: 9:30 Lisa Leal, Paul Brokaw

USHERS: 8:00 Kenneth E. Lane, Harry Hedges; 9:30 Mike Barna, Doug Arthur, Stephen French, John Giordano, Stephen Leal, John McKay

VERGER: Eric Williams

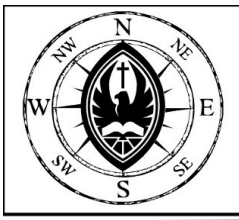
The Church Altar Advent Greenery is given to the Glory of God by Susan Boyd in memory of Marion and William Boyd.

The Church Altar Advent Greenery is given to the Glory of God by Russel, Melaura and Elise Olinger in loving memory of their father and grandfather, Ron Meyers.

The Chapel Altar Advent Greenery is given to the Glory of God by the Grotz, Merritt and Kercher families in loving memory of Dale C. Grotz.

The Chapel Altar Advent Greenery is given to the Glory of God by Lois Smith in loving memory of Robert De Meo.

The Candle in the Sanctuary Light is given to the Glory of God by Pat Wilson in thanksgiving for her family.



The Weekly Compass

St. John's Episcopal Church and Parish Day School

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 10, 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](#)

Worship During the Week

The Holy Eucharist

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

Adult Faith Formation

Women's Mid Morning Bible Study: 10:00 a.m. on Tuesdays

This group meets on alternate Tuesdays in the Lowry Room and on Zoom. Contact Sally Wiley at wiley48sm@gmail.com. Paused until January

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

CWBS holds a weekly study on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. by Zoom. Contact Sally Thompson at tampasal@gmail.com to get the link.

Wednesday Afternoon Adult Formation: 3:30 p.m.

The group meets on Wednesdays by Zoom. Contact the Parish Office at parish@stjohnstampa.org for more information and the link.

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

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

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

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

Youth and Children's Ministries

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

Service Notes

Our regular Sunday services are the Holy Eucharist, Rite I, at 8:00 a.m. and the Holy Eucharist, Rite II, at 9:30 a.m. The 9:30 a.m. is also streamed live [on Facebook](#), [on our website](#) and [on YouTube](#).

Sunday Sermons

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

Pastoral Care

Parish Office: 259.1570

Pastoral Emergencies: 726.3108

Fr. Chris: 917.822.9741

Deacon Lopez: 813.493.8337

Fr. Dale: 607.481.4702

Fr. Goodheart: 321.446.4934

Giving to St. John's

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

You can also give safely by text. In the "To" field of the text message, type 73256. Then in the message, type SJE. You will immediately receive a text back with a link to complete payment. Or use this QR code!



Stay in Touch with St. John's!

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

Compass Points

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

As Fr. Chris said in his recent letter to the Parish, "there are two ways we can together, as one body, participate in the Kingdom: worshipping together, especially on Sunday, and pledging to give to our Parish. These are truly two things all of us can do together to Come. Worship. Grow.!"

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



The Soiree is Friday!

St. John's Church invites you to a Soirée at the home of Ron and Mary Hulse, 4912 Lyford Cay Road, on Friday, December 15, at 6:30 p.m. Bring an hors d'oeuvre to share. RSVP to Mary Hulse at mmhulse@tampabay.rr.com or Pat Wilson at patwilson68@tampabay.rr.com. Please join us!

Parish Breakfast on December 17

Our monthly Parish Breakfast will take place a bit earlier this month because of the holiday, so please join us on Sunday, December 17, after the 9:30 a.m. service for delicious food from our Kitchen Krewe and fellowship with parishioners and friends!

Choir Christmas Concert

Please join us on Sunday, December 17, at 5:00 p.m. for our Annual Christmas Concert. The program will include carols for choir and audience, with the music of Philip Marshall, Peter Warlock, Paul Edwards and Mack Wilberg. Simon Morley conducts the Choir of St. John's, with guest organist Dwight Thomas, Organist of the Cathedral of St. Peter in St. Petersburg. As always, a reception will follow in the Parish Hall, to which all are warmly invited.

Cornerstone Kids Family Support: Deadline Thursday

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

Christmas Flower Dedications: Deadline Thursday

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

Epiphany Mass: January 6

Save the date for our Epiphany service, which will take place at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, January 6. Epiphany commemorates the visit of the Magi and traditionally marks the close of the Christmas season. This will be a Said Mass in the chapel.

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 Chapel Altar flowers for Sunday, New Year's Eve. If you would like to honor a memorial or give a gift in thanksgiving, please contact jdepinto@stjohnstampa.org or call us at 259.1570.

Prayer Requests

Your prayers are bid today and throughout the week for:

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

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

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

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

The Departed: Markham Rea Power

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Our Companion Diocese in the Dominican Republic

Our Parish Day School

Our Pastoral Care Team

Those who celebrate the anniversary of their birth this week

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

December 11, Corbin Bexley, Carl Grebe, Ingalls Witte

December 12, Steve Galloway, Ellie Taylor, Christopher Walker, Jack Walker, Christie Yarnell

December 13, none

December 14, Donna Gem, Ab Goodman, Mary Greacen, Kathy Lewis, Sharon Stoll

December 15, Marty Angiulli, Hayden Atzenhoefer, Alexis Farmen, Peggy Thompson

December 16, Andrew Mason, Samuel Shoukry, Bridget Wiese

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. Mary's, Bonita Springs; St. Mark's, Marco Island; St. John's, Naples; St. Monica's, Naples; St. Paul's, Naples, and Trinity-by-the-Cove, Naples

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

SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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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.