THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | NOVEMBER 9, 2025

THE WEEKLY COMPASS

St. John's Episcopal Church & Parish Day School



St. John's and St. Andrew's came together for a beautiful evening of worship and music at our combined Choral Evensong. The service was a moving expression of prayer and fellowship between our two parishes. We are deeply grateful to our choir and to Simon Morley, Organist and Director of Music, for their inspiring leadership and dedication.

PIC OF THE WEEK:

Combined Choral Evensong

Have a Pic of the Week? We'd love to feature it! Email your photo to Mthr. Caroline at cdevitt@stjohnstampa.org.

CORNERSTONE CHRISTMAS

The 13th Annual Giving Tree Begins Today

Today we celebrate the start of our 13th Annual Giving Tree! Visit the tree and table in the courtyard between or after services to pick a child's name from the program. You may choose to:

-Purchase 1–2 gifts (limit $30 total, wrapped, please)

-Donate $20 Walmart gift cards for parents

-Provide food or paper products for the children's afternoon meals

All items must be dropped off at the church office no later than **Tuesday, December 9**.

Thank you for helping make Christmas brighter for local children and families!

Contact: MC Jenkins at 813-503-4605

Worship at St. Johns

Sundays: Rite I at 8:00 a.m. | *Rite II at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School is offered for all ages after the 9:30 a.m. service

**Livestream Options: Website | Facebook | YouTube*

Wednesdays & Thursdays: Holy Eucharist at 12:15 p.m.

The Reverend John R. Peterson Chapel

The Chapel of the Resurrection, located in the courtyard, is open 24/7 for prayer

Need a Nametag?

Wearing your nametag each Sunday helps us connect. Keep it in your car so it's always with you!

If you need one, email Donna Gem at dgem@stjohnstampa.org.

Adult Formation: "What Do We Believe — and Why?"

After the 9:30 service, stay for coffee, donuts, and this week's class with Fr. Chris. He'll explore the heart of the Nicene Creed: "Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven…" Together we'll reflect on the mystery of the Incarnation — God made human for our salvation — and what this truth means for our faith today.

BIKES FROM THE HEART - BIKE MECHANICS NEEDED!

Bikes from the Heart is looking for volunteer bike mechanics to help repair and refurbish bicycles for our neighbors in need. No experience necessary—training and tools are provided!
This is a great opportunity for all who enjoy bikes, fixing things, and helping others. Join us Tues–Thurs, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. at *The Shop* (3515 N. Florida Ave).
We've already refurbished over 2,200 bikes and are also collecting used bicycles—demand is high!
Learn more at shfa.org/bikes or contact Jack Wyatt at jwyatt613@gmail.com.



THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

Thursday, November 27 at 10 a.m.
Make plans for you and your family to join us on Thanksgiving morning as we come together to give thanks to God for the blessings of our lives and community. Begin your holiday in worship and gratitude at St. John's.



Ordination of 'Chaplain HQ'

Miranda Channing Harrison-Quillin, Chaplain to St. John's Episcopal Parish Day School, will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons.
Monday, Dec 1, 2025 • 7:00 p.m.
Cathedral Church of St. Peter, 140 Fourth St N, St. Petersburg
The Rt. Rev. Douglas F. Scharf, presiding.
Your prayers and presence are requested.



Dedications

The Church Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God
by Bonnie Edgar in memory of her mother Geraldine Parker;
and by the Choir in memory of Bart Galloway.
The Chapel Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God
by Mary Stephen Straske, Carson Eckhard, and Sykes Eckhard in loving memory of their dear friend Abby Shaw Nalty;
and by Kari Power in loving memory of her mother, Martha Louise Bartlett.
The Candle in the Sanctuary Light is given to the Glory of God
by the Hearing family in thanksgiving for Michael and Judy Barber.
To sponsor altar flowers or the sanctuary candle in memory or thanksgiving, contact parish@stjohnstampa.org or call 813.259.1570
Suggested donations: Church Altar Flowers: $50 | Chapel Altar Flowers: $35 | Sanctuary Candle: $20
Available dates: November 23 & December 7

ST. NICHOLAS PARTY

St. John's Parish Hall | Dec. 3 | 6:00 p.m.

All children who donate to St. John's FYI Linen Drive* will recieve a gift from St. Nick himself!

*Our linen closet is fully stocked this year, so we're requesting Uber and grocery gift cards to support CarePortal needs and transportation for Madi's Movement young adults.



KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY

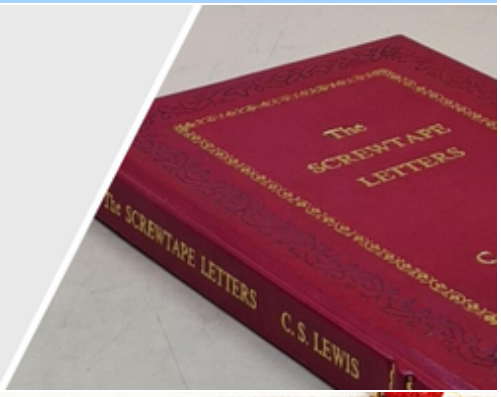
Your prayers are requested once again as two of our parishioners, John Jenkins and Bob Alter, will enter Sumter Correctional November 13-16, 2025 as part of an ecumenical team of 23 volunteers. The goal of the 4-day men's weekend is to share the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ with the 24 inmates (participants) so that they can become loving and productive citizens of their community. The motto is simple: "Listen Listen, Love Love" and this is accomplished through a series of talks, discussions, chapel mediations, music and yummy food. Finally, inmate Alberto, a 2021 Kairos graduate, is honored to be the 4th Day speaker on Sunday. He will encourage the new graduates to continue their faith journey.

The Gathering

Men's meetup—third Tuesdays, 5:30-7p.m.
Help us find a new meeting spot! Scan the code for more info and to make a suggestion.

Contact: alazo@stjohnstampa.org

Scan here:



Advent Wreath Making

Sunday, December 7

Join us after the 9:30 a.m. service for Advent Wreath Making! All supplies will be provided—just bring your creativity and enjoy this meaningful way to prepare your hearts and homes for the season of Advent.

ADULT FORMATION

Tue.	Zoom	CWBS (Contemporary Women's Bible Study)	tampasal@gmail.com	06:00 PM
Wed.	Zoom	Wednesday Adult Formation	parish@stjohnstampa.org	03:30 PM
Thurs.	Lowry Room	Men's Bible Study	dlrnertpa@verizon.net	11:45 AM
Alternate Tue.	Lowry Room	Women's Mid-Morning Bible Study	patwilson68@tampabay.rr.com	10:00 AM

EYC TONIGHT!

Sunday School for all ages after the 9:30 a.m. service
Scan newsletters for updated locations >>

EYC:

Middle School (6th–8th) 5–6:30 p.m.
High School (9th–12th) 6–7:30 p.m.

Stay up to date with our newsletters:

Youth: *Children:*

Holiday Tent Sign-Up:

SERVE WITH METROPOLITAN MINISTRIES

Join St. John's at the Metro Ministries Holiday Tents!
<< Sign up using the QR Code
-Children/Families (ages 8+) – Saturday, November 15, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.
-Youth (6th–12th graders) – Sunday, December 21, 2:30–6 p.m.

SAVE THE DATES

Cornerstone Christmas	Celebratio 2025	Thanksgiving Day Mass	St. Nick Party	Advent Wreath Making
Nov 9 | TODAY we celebrate the 13th Annual Giving Tree event with the distribution of names of the children who attend the program. Look for the tree and table in the courtyard between/after services. You can choose a child to buy 1-2 gifts for ($30 limit and wrap them, please); OR you can buy $20 Wal-Mart gift cards for the parents; OR you can buy food and paper products for the kids' hot afternoon meals. Drop off all goodies at the church office No later than Tuesday, Dec. 9. Happy shopping! Contact MC Jenkins with questions 813-503-4605.	**Nov 14 | Palma Ceia Golf & Country Club** Day School fundraiser with dinner, auctions, entertainment, and dancing Tickets: *qtego.us/l/stjohneagles/tickets/event-tickets*	**Nov 27 | Church** Join us at 10:00 a.m. for Thanksgiving Day Holy Eucharist as we give thanks to God for his many blessings.	**Dec 3 | Parish Hall** Join us at 6:00 p.m. for our St. Nick Party! Children who give to the FYI Linen Drive* will receive a gift from St. Nick. *This year we're collecting Uber and grocery gift cards for CarePortal and Madi's Movement.	**Dec 7 | Parish Hall** Join us after the 9:30 a.m. service for Advent Wreath Making! All supplies are provided—just bring your creativity and enjoy this meaningful way to prepare for Advent.

Scan for online Bulletins, *The Compass*, and *The Scroll*

Blessing of a Child

Parents of newborns may schedule this brief service of thanksgiving (BCP p.439). The Newborn Celebration Ministry also delivers gift baskets to families with newborns—please notify the office of any births. Contact: *parish@stjohnstampa.org* | Lois Smith: *rstlrsmom2@aol.com*

Stay Connected

Weekly Email – Subscribe to *The Weekly Scroll* by emailing Mthr. Caroline at *cdevitt@stjohnstampa.org*

Social Media – Follow us @stjohnstampa on Facebook, Instagram & YouTube

Sermons – Watch weekly sermons on YouTube, Facebook, or via the link in our Instagram bio

Pastoral Care

If you or a loved one is hospitalized or preparing for surgery, please let us know. Hospitals cannot contact us due to privacy laws.

To notify us or request pastoral care:

Parish Office: 813.259.1570 | *parish@stjohnstampa.org*

Pastoral Emergencies: 813.726.3108

Fr. Chris: 917.822.9741

Fr. Andrew: 713.302.6262

Mthr. Caroline: 941.320.6686

Dcn. Mary Alice: 813.493.8337

Fr. Goodheart: 321.446.4934

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Online: *stjohnstampa.org/stewardship*

Text: Text **SJE** to **73256**

QR Code: *Scan here*