THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | NOVEMBER 23, 2025

THE WEEKLY COMPASS

St. John's Episcopal Church & Parish Day School



Our children and youth enjoyed a behind-the-scenes look at the St. John's organ with Simon Morley last Sunday. They explored the console, learned how the pipes work, and experienced the beauty of church music up close—a wonderful moment of curiosity and joy in our worship space.

PIC OF THE WEEK:

Discovering the Sound of Worship

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



THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today we celebrate **Christ the King Sunday**, the final Sunday of the liturgical year, when the Church proclaims the sovereignty of Christ and looks with hope toward his coming reign. After the 9:30 a.m. service, all are invited to the Parish Hall for **Breakfast Sunday**. We also look ahead to **Thanksgiving Day**, when we will gather for a 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist on Thursday, November 27. It is a beautiful and grounding way to begin the holiday—giving thanks to God before the celebrations of the day.

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.

CORNERSTONE CHRISTMAS

Thanks to everyone who showed interest in our Giving Tree effort! All 29 children are spoken for, but no need to despair. You can still contribute by purchasing $20 WalMart gift cards for their parents. Our goal is to give each family at least two cards. Almost 20 have already come in! Please return the gift cards and labeled, wrapped presents to the Parish office **no later than December 9**. Questions? Call MC Jenkins at 813-503-4605. Thank you!

Men's Kairos Prison Ministry Weekend

The Men's Kairos Prison Ministry Weekend (#36) was held at Sumter Correctional Institution on November 13–16 and November 22, with two St. John's parishioners serving in leadership roles. Twenty-four residents were selected from 148 applicants to participate in this short course in Christianity, which included talks, small-group discussions, chapel meditations, music, and a closing graduation ceremony. The weekend was a meaningful time of spiritual growth and reflection for the participants, who engaged deeply with the program and with one another. We are grateful for all who supported the ministry through prayer and encouragement, including the children who created colorful placemats for the meals. Those interested in learning more about Kairos Prison Ministry are invited to contact John Jenkins, MC Jenkins, Bob Alter, or Hugh Cruse.



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 Peter Dawson in loving memory of Birdie and Sydney Dawson and Jane and Brian Buckland;
and by Sally Olsson in loving memory of her husband, Dr. Ray Olsson and in honor of his birthday, November 30.

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: December 7, 14, & 21

ST. NICHOLAS PARTY

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

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

*This year, we're requesting Uber and grocery gift cards to support CarePortal needs and transportation for Madi's Movement young adults.



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT CAST

The cast for this year's St. John's Christmas Pageant—a beloved tradition presented during the 3:00 p.m. Family Service on Christmas Eve—will be announced this morning during Breakfast Sunday after the 9:30 a.m. service.

For more information, contact Ayana at *AGrady@stjohnstampa.org*.



Advent Lessons and Carols

December 7th | 5:00 p.m.

Lessons and Carols is a beautiful service of scripture and song that invites us to pause, listen, and prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ.

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 dlrncrtpa@verizon.net	11:45 AM
Alternate Tue.	Lowry Room	Women's Mid-Morning Bible Study harpwings@aol.com	10:00 AM

CHILDREN & YOUTH

There is **no Sunday School** this morning. Instead, all families are invited to join us after the 9:30 a.m. service for Breakfast Sunday in the Parish Hall.

For our youth, there is **no EYC tonight**. We look forward to gathering again on Sunday, November 30, for a special Friendsgiving EYC from 5–6:30 p.m., celebrating friendship and gratitude together.

Stay up to date with our newsletters:

Youth:

Children:

SAVE THE DATES

Thanksgiving Day Mass	Deacon Ordination	St. Nick Party	Advent Wreath Making	Advent Lessons & Carols
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 1 | Cathedral Church of St. Peter** Join us at 7:00 p.m. for the Ordination of Chaplain Miranda Channing Harrison-Quillin ("Chaplain HQ") to the Sacred Order of Deacons. Your prayers and presence are invited for this joyful occasion.	**Dec 3 | Parish Hall** Join us at 6:00 p.m. for our St. Nick Party! Children who give to FYI* 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.	**Dec 7 | Church** Join us at 5:00 p.m. for Advent Lessons and Carols, a beloved service of scripture and song that prepares our hearts for the coming of Christ. A reception will follow.

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

Please Note: The Parish Office will be closed Nov. 27 & 28

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*