

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

Sunday, Nov. 29 The First Sunday of Advent
 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Cummings Chapel
 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Cathedral
 9 a.m. Alternative Gift Market open till 1 p.m. - Taliaferro Hall
 10 a.m. Advent Wreath Making - Taliaferro Hall
 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Cathedral
 12:30 p.m. Celebration Singers Rehearsal - Room 201
 5 p.m. Advent Procession of Lessons and Carols and Reception - Cathedral and Taliaferro Hall

Monday, Nov. 30
 5:30 p.m. Friends of Bill W. - Ingram Lounge

Tuesday, Dec. 1
 12:10 p.m. Holy Eucharist - Cummings Chapel
 5:30 p.m. Yoga - Cummings Chapel
 7 p.m. Boy Scout Troop Meeting - Taliaferro Hall
 7 p.m. Girl Scout Troop Meeting - Coffee House
 7 p.m. EFM - Ingram Lounge

Wednesday, Dec. 2
 7 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Holy Communion Chapel
 12:10 p.m. Holy Eucharist - Cummings Chapel
 4 p.m. Music Lessons - Room 202
 5 p.m. Dinner is served - Taliaferro Hall
 5:30 p.m. Chorister Rehearsal - Choir Room
 5:30 p.m. Young Adults Choral Ensemble - Cummings Chapel
 5:30 p.m. Basic A - Ingram Lounge
 6 p.m. Grace - Room 304
 6 p.m. Art Class - Basement/Paint Room
 6:30 p.m. Moral Vision of the New Testament - Cummings Chapel
 6:30 p.m. Youth Group - Undercroft
 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Thursday, Dec. 3
 9:30 a.m. Shakespeare Reading Group - Ingram Lounge
 Noon Lectionary Bible Study - Ingram Lounge
 12:10 p.m. Holy Eucharist - Cummings Chapel

Friday, Dec. 4
 Boy Scout Lock-in begins
 11 a.m. Clara's at the Cathedral - Taliaferro Hall
 12:10 p.m. Contemplative Holy Eucharist - Cummings Chapel

Saturday, Dec. 5
 Boy Scout Lock-in ends
 Sanctuary Guild Cleaning Day

Sunday, Dec. 6 The Second Sunday of Advent
 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Cummings Chapel
 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Cathedral
 10 a.m. Christian Formation classes - various locations
 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Cathedral
 Noon Verger Meeting - Ingram Lounge
 12:30 p.m. Celebration Singers Rehearsal - Room 201
 5 p.m. Ordination to the Diaconate and Reception - Cathedral and Taliaferro Hall

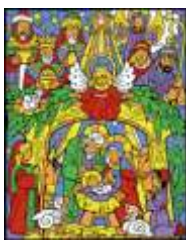
Be in the Christmas Pageant!

Calling all children: come and be a part of our Christmas pageant Sunday, December 20 during the 9 a.m. service! The rehearsal is at 10 a.m. Saturday, December 19. All aged volunteers are needed too! If you would like to participate in any way, come to the rehearsal. *For more information on participating in the Christmas Pageant, contact Cheryl Bowen at cherydi33@icloud.com.*

Cathedral Announcements

NEW OR VISITING? WELCOME!

We'd like to know who you are! Please fill out the Visitor's Card found in your pew and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. A cathedral docent is available at the back of the church after the 11 a.m. service to take you on a tour of this beautiful space. Please join us for coffee and fellowship in Taliaferro Hall. Assistive Listening Devices are available to enhance worship services for the hearing-impaired. A large-print edition of our service bulletin is also available. Nursery care is available during Sunday services. Office hours are Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you have any questions, please call us at 904-356-5507 or check out jaxcathedral.org.



Bookstore Specials

Come visit our bookstore next to the reception area before and after Sunday services. You can also shop during the week. Open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on weekdays. Come see our new selection of chocolate Advent calendars are on the way, including a color-it-yourself calendar with colored pencils and a 3D calendar! These are great gift items and tools to use during the Advent season.

Celebrate the First Sunday of Advent TODAY: Happy New (Liturgical) Year!

- Stop by Taliaferro Hall at 10 a.m. to make your Advent Wreaths for the home. Bring \$5 for all the supplies to make a beautiful, fresh evergreen wreath.
- The Alternative Gift Market will also be in Taliaferro Hall. Many wonderful giving opportunities are available, so stop by and give a gift of love to those in need.
- Do some Christmas shopping at our bookstore! We have many great gift ideas, and a portion of the proceeds go to St. Mary's Mission.

Ordination to the Diaconate

Please join us at the cathedral as we celebrate the Ordination to the Diaconate for Mark Anderson, Robert Beazley and Nathan Huddleston on Sunday, December 6 at 5 p.m. Let us all celebrate these ordinands on this very special day. Reception to follow.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

Sunday, November 29 Christine Walsh-Marku, Bruce Chappell, Renee Klein, Susan Towson, Deborah Baker, Carrie Bachara, Molly Vines, Elaina Stewart	Wednesday, December 2 Margaret Maida, Thomas Madrigal-Hamilton, Alison Gallup
Monday, November 30 Nancy Wright, Sabrina Smid	Thursday, December 3 Stacey Lowery
Tuesday, December 1 Dorcas Tanner, Douglas Walker, Sally Frisbie, Darrell Ramsey, Tyler Winkler, Drew Miller, Oliver Barakat	Friday, December 4 Sheila Burrell, Sharon Millan, Lisa Still, Greg Craddock, John Lind, Rodney Lofton, Elizabeth Phillips
	Saturday, December 5 Ann Dyer, Judy Maurer, Shelly Parman

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Advent: preparing for the immanence of God

Dear friends,

One of the wonderful aspects of the Episcopal Church is our participation in and practice of the liturgical seasons. Each year, we participate in the life of Christ, his birth, ministry, death and resurrection, and the early life of the Holy Spirit in the Church. Yes, while the entire creation is heading toward a glorious cosmic moment in which all things will be made new and Christ will be all in all, we are called, in this moment, to go deeper, to live fuller lives as disciples of Christ. One of the primary tools to live into this depth and fullness is participation in the liturgical seasons.



The Reverend Canon
David Erickson

So it is time to begin, again, with the season of Advent. Advent is the official beginning of the church year in which we prepare for the coming of Christ in the form of an infant baby, Jesus of Nazareth. Advent celebrates and asks us to prepare for God's immanence. Immanence is a fancy word meaning the closeness of God, the intimacy of God, the availability of God. Jesus came to show us "Emmanuel," God With Us, in a powerful and personal way.

I invite you to open a space in your lives and in your hearts for this coming immanence of Christ. Take time every day to pray, begin reading an Advent devotion, attend one of the many and wonderful additional services held at the cathedral to celebrate the season, be grateful, and look with hope to all that God has in store for you.

It is time to begin again, anew, to prepare a place in our souls for the wonderful life of a little boy who was, and is, the son of God.

In Christ's love,

David +



Advent Procession of Lessons and Carols

Celebrate the beginning of Advent with us TODAY at 5 p.m. with a candlelit dramatic liturgy in movement around the inside of the cathedral. Carols from many lands and many ages are sung by the cathedral choir. Join us after the service for a wine and cheese reception in Taliaferro Hall. The Cathedral Bookstore table will also be there.

Feed the Homeless at Sulzbacher

Monday, December 7. Dinner preparation begins at 2 p.m. and is served at 6 p.m. Please call Don Wucker at 398-4776 for more information.

St. Mary's Bag-a-month Club

Donate to those in need at St. Mary's! The theme for this month is first aid supplies. Bring a marked brown bag filled with small first aid kits, cold medicines and vitamins by Sunday, December 13.

Newcomer Social

Join us to meet other newcomers and our cathedral clergy, vestry and staff for a reception on Thursday, December 10 at 6 p.m. in Burwell Court and Ingram Lounge. Please RSVP to Judy Maurer at 356-5507 or jmaurer@jaxcathedral.org.

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CALL FOR VESTRY NOMINATIONS AND CONVENTION DELEGATES

The Vestry bylaws provide for a nominating committee to nominate candidates for vacancies on the vestry as well as candidates for the offices of Delegate to the Diocesan Convention.

Qualifications for Vestry members (5 to be elected): A Vestry nominee must be a **communicant of St. John's Cathedral in good standing for a period of at least 12 months** prior to election; if a nominee has served two full terms (for a total of six years), there must be a two-year break before he or she may be nominated again; must be actively involved in the ministry of the Parish; must be willing to accept active leadership, including responsibility for decision making that represents the entire Parish; must, if called upon, serve on the boards of affiliated corporations of the Cathedral; must be willing to invest the time necessary in the ministry of leadership, including attendance at worship, Vestry meetings and other scheduled Vestry activities, special events, and satellite activities; and must be otherwise eligible. In addition to the above qualifications contained in the bylaws, the Vestry believes that nominees for service for the next three-year term should possess special skills, gifts and talents in visionary and strategic thinking, be courageous, and have skills in fiscal planning and policy.

Diocesan Convention Delegates (2 to be elected): **Per the St. John's Parish** by-laws, the Sr. Warden fills one of the 5 delegate positions. The remaining four convention delegates serve a two year term, with one or two rotating off each year. At the 2016 Annual Parish Meeting, we will elect two delegates and two alternates for the 2017 diocesan convention. It is critically important that you obtain the permission of your nominee before submitting his or her name to a Nominating Committee member. (Please note: the By-Laws have been amended so that parishioners choose Vestry members by election at the annual meeting rather than through a selection (lottery) process.) Send nominations to Helen Likins, Communications Coordinator at hlikins@jaxcathedral.org. Nominations will be forwarded to and reviewed by the nominating committee members: Bill Erwin, Lynda Erwin, Faye Wisner, Ryan Uitti, Robert Hyde, Jim Jamison, Bonnie Hardman and Hud Berrey.

Christmas ornaments needed



The cathedral is in need of Christmas tree lights and tree ornaments for a special parish wide event coming in December. If you are downsizing or changing your Christmas decor, please consider sharing your no longer needed ornaments or lights with us. They can be brought to the office at any time. Questions? Contact Sue Engemann at 356-5507 ext. 24 or sue@jaxcathedral.org.

Men's Grill & Chill, Monday, December 7 at 6 p.m.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew invites all men of the cathedral to join us for a fellowship dinner in Taliaferro Hall. Bring your own steak (or chicken, or fish or veggie burger) to cook and a drink. The Brotherhood will provide a starch, vegetable, salad and bread. We suggest a donation of \$3. Men, please consider bringing your sons with you, regardless of age. This is a monthly opportunity for all the men of the cathedral to gather, so please join us!

Christian Formation Holiday Schedule

The last Sunday for Christian formation classes of all ages before the holidays is December 13. Sunday classes will resume on January 3. The last Wonderful Wednesday for the season will be December 9. Join us on Wednesday, December 16 for an Olde English Christmas party starting at 6 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday supper and classes will resume on January 6 after the holidays.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

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The Right Reverend Charles L. Keyser
and The Right Reverend Dorsey F. Henderson
Assisting Bishops of the Episcopal Diocese of Florida

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The Very Reverend Katherine B. Moorehead, Dean
The Very Reverend Gustave J. Weltsek, Jr., Dean Emeritus
The Reverend Canon David Erickson, Canon for Congregational Development
The Reverend Carl Saxton, Curate
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The Reverend Jean C. Dodd, Deacon, Children and Families
The Reverend Louise O. Hardman, Deacon, Center for Prayer & Spirituality
The Reverend Bennett B. Clance, Deacon, Prison Ministries

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Don Lester, Junior Warden and Campus & Facilities Council Leader
Ginny Myrick, Campus & Facilities Council Leader
Joe O'Shields, Christian Formation Council Leader
Ryan Uitti, Service & Outreach Council Leader
Charles Winney, Treasurer
Faye Wisner, Sanctuary Guild Liaison and Worship, Music & Arts Council Leader

+Prayers of the People+

The Church, especially for the Church in West Malaysia, for John, Charles and Dorsey, our bishops, for Michael, our presiding bishop, for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, for all ministers, and for the mission of the church.

For all those who have died, especially Adele Cobbs and Libby Swinson Howell. (To see our full prayer list, please pick up a copy at the back of the church.)

WELCOME TO

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF FLORIDA, JACKSONVILLE

256 East Church Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202

The First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2015



**"Show me your ways,
O Lord, and teach me
your paths."**

-Psalm 25:3



To all who enter here—to those who are weary and need rest,
who mourn and need comfort, who sin and need a Savior,
who rejoice and wish to praise, who are blessed and wish to serve—
this Church opens wide the door and says in the name of our Lord
Jesus Christ, WELCOME.

Love at the Core