

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

Sunday, Dec. 13 The Third Sunday of Advent - **No Dean's Forum**
 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Cummings Chapel
 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Cathedral
 10 a.m. Christian Formation classes - various locations
 10:30 a.m. *Messiah* Sing Along - Cathedral
 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Cathedral
 Noon AgeWell Workshop - Ingram Lounge
 12:30 p.m. Celebration Singers Rehearsal - Room 201
 5 p.m. Advent Healing Service - Cummings Chapel

Monday, Dec. 14
 5:30 p.m. Friends of Bill W. - Ingram Lounge

Tuesday, Dec. 15
 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. 16
 7 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Holy Communion Chapel
 12:10 p.m. Holy Eucharist - Cummings Chapel
 6 p.m. Ye Olde English Christmas Party - Taliaferro Hall
 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Thursday, Dec. 17
 Noon Lectionary Bible Study - Ingram Lounge
 12:10 p.m. Holy Eucharist - Cummings Chapel
 6 p.m. Vestry Meeting - Ingram Lounge

Friday, Dec. 18
 11 a.m. **Clara's at the Cathedral** - Taliaferro Hall
 12:10 p.m. Contemplative Holy Eucharist - Cummings Chapel

Saturday, Dec. 19
 8:30 a.m. **Men's Breakfast Group** - Taliaferro Hall
 10 a.m. Christmas Pageant Rehearsal - Cathedral
 4 p.m. Youth Christmas Dinner Party - offsite

Sunday, Dec. 20 The Fourth Sunday of Advent - No Sunday classes
 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Cummings Chapel
 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist w/Christmas Pageant - Cathedral
 10 a.m. Christmas Pageant After-Party - Taliaferro Hall
 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Cathedral
 12:30 p.m. Celebration Singers Rehearsal - Room 201

AgeWell Workshop TODAY

Join us in Ingram Lounge after the 11 a.m. service for a presentation from Bruce Cathcart, Physical Therapist at the Baptist AgeWell Center. If you or a loved one are concerned about the prospect of falling, the Physical Therapy F.R.A.M.E. program at the Baptist AgeWell Center for Senior Health may be able to identify problems that can be "Rebalanced" and "Enhanced" to help restore your confidence and/or the confidence of your loved one to keep up physical activity.

Be in the Christmas Pageant

Calling all children: come and be a part of our Christmas pageant next Sunday, December 20 during the 9 a.m. service! The rehearsal is at 10 a.m. this 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 cheryld33@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.



George Frideric Handel

Join us for a *Messiah* Sing Along today!

You are invited to join the Cathedral Choir today at 10:30 a.m. in the cathedral for a *Messiah* chorus sing along! We will sing a selection of popular choruses from Part I and Part II of Handel's timeless oratorio. Music packets will be provided. Of course, you're also welcome to just come and listen!

Handel's *Messiah*, written in a period of just over three weeks in 1741, came along a pivotal point in Handel's career. By this time in his life, Handel had been living in England for nearly thirty years and had earned renown as a composer, especially of Italian opera. By the early 1740's, however, the English public was beginning to tire of Italian opera, and Handel found his reputation (and his finances) beginning to wane. In the summer of 1741 he received an invitation from the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland to visit Dublin and to stage a series of concerts there. Handel set to work on *Messiah* with this upcoming visit to Ireland in mind. Charles Jennens provided the libretto, drawing on both the Old and New Testaments, and the work was premiered in Dublin on April 13, 1742. The work was a raging success from the very first performance, and helped revitalize Handel's career.

Messiah has remained Handel's most popular work, and indeed, one of the most popular works in all of Western music, for over two and a half centuries. Its impact cannot be overstated. The eighteenth-century English musicologist Charles Burney wrote, some 40 years after the premiere, "...this great work has been heard in all parts of the kingdom with increasing reverence and delight; it has fed the hungry, clothed the naked, fostered the orphan and enriched succeeding managers of the oratorios, more than any single production in this or any other country."

Please join us as we celebrate this holiday season with Handel's enduring *Messiah*!

Tim Tuller, Canon for Music

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

Sunday, December 13 Marie Koon, John Barry, Robert Hyde, Rose Lindblad, Keith Reed, Carol Mackoul	Wednesday, December 16 Emmy Cerven, Peggy Croom, Anil Suthar, Gus Hubert, Paul Moriarty
Monday, December 14 Nancy Altman	Thursday, December 17 Carolyn Foley, Tim Engemann, Carrie Gentry
Tuesday, December 15 Robert Burns, Lynda Erwin, Amy Currey	Friday, December 18 Joann Watson, Daniel Abdelhour
	Saturday, December 19 Shirley Bush, Samuel Craddock

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God calls us to give generously

Dear friends,

As the end of the year approaches, I want you to pray about how you can be generous. Has God blessed you this year? Can you give more generously to the cathedral at the end of the year? Jesus is constantly calling us to give thanks and praise God with our gifts.

In addition to being generous with your pledge, consider making a donation of stock to the cathedral. All that is required is a few lines of information on a form which is then sent to our broker. Our bookkeeper, Meredith Cataland, can provide you with this form. You can also give online anytime at jaxcathedral.org. Just click "Give" in the upper right corner of the homepage. Once there, you will find a list of all gifts you can make to specific funds or entities. If the IRS extends the Required Minimum Distribution rule again this year for your IRA, St. John's Cathedral is a qualified 501(c)(3) that can accept these donations. Please keep in mind that to qualify for tax credit for the 2015 year, all gifts must be received by midnight on December 31, or postmarked by December 31.

We are so blessed to worship together in this beautiful holy space. Give generously so that our love at the core of the city may thrive. God gave us the gift of Jesus, the embodiment of God's love. When we are generous, we reflect the very heart of God.

In Christ's love,

Kate+



The Very Reverend
Kate Moorehead,
Dean

Advent and Christmas at St. John's Cathedral

TODAY, Sunday, December 13: Third Sunday of Advent
Messiah Sing Along, Cathedral, 10:30 a.m.

Advent Healing Service: When Christmas Hurts, Cummings Chapel,
 5 p.m.

This Wednesday, December 16

Ye Olde English Christmas, Taliaferro Hall, 6 p.m.
 Join us for carols, great food and a visit from Father Christmas in
 Taliaferro Hall!

This Saturday, December 19

Christmas Pageant Rehearsal, Cathedral, 10 a.m.
Mandatory for all pageant participants!

Next Sunday, December 20: Fourth Sunday of Advent
 Christmas Pageant, Cathedral, 9 a.m. *Curtain call: 8:15 a.m.*

Next Thursday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

4 p.m., Family Service with Holy Eucharist*
 6 p.m., Holy Eucharist with Bishop Howard and brass and tympani*
 11 p.m., Holy Eucharist with brass and tympani -
 incense will be used at this service.

Next Friday, December 25 - Christmas Day

10:30 a.m., Holy Eucharist in celebration of the birth of Christ.

Thursday, December 31 - New Year's Eve

The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, 5 p.m.*

*Nursery available

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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 by this Tuesday, December 15.* 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.



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. We have lots of great stocking stuffer ideas for Christmas, including these Guardian Angel visor clips from Terra Sancta Guild.

We want your photos!

Have you taken any pictures from any events at St. John's Cathedral over this past year? If you have photos you'd like to share with us, please email them to Meredith Cataland at mcataland@jaxcathedral.org. We may use them for our Annual Parish Meeting slide show!

Today's the last day to shop at the Alternative Gift Market

Thanks to everyone who stopped by the tables of those organizations represented from our Alternative Gift Market last Sunday and made donations! Today there will be informational material for all the selected charitable organizations available at tables in Taliaferro Hall. In addition, a check out table where donors can write one check to the cathedral for multiple gifts for multiple organizations will be manned. Checks will be disbursed the week of December 20 to the organizations along with a list of donors and their addresses.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

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The Right Reverend Samuel Johnson Howard
Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Florida

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

CATHEDRAL CLERGY

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
The Reverend Raja Zabaneh, Chaplain to the Cathedral Residences
The Reverend Louis A. Towson, Priest Associate
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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& "L.A." Winston, Sextons

VESTRY

John Adams, Aging True Liaison and Christian Formation Council Leader	Robert Hyde, Stewardship & Development Council Leader
Hud Berrey, Worship, Music & Arts Council Leader	Jim Jamison, Service & Outreach Council Leader
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Martha Cox, Youth Ministry Liaison and Parish Life Council Leader	Ginny Myrick, Campus & Facilities Council Leader
Tommy Donahoo, Vestry Clerk, Liaison to ESJ and Stewardship & Development Council Leader	Joe O'Shields , Christian Formation Council Leader
Bill Erwin, Senior Warden	Ryan Uitti, Service & Outreach Council Leader
Bonnie Hardman, Children's Ministry Liaison and Parish Life 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 the West Indies, 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.

The Nation and all in authority including Barack, our President; Rick, our Governor; and Lenny, our Mayor. (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 Third Sunday of Advent
December 13, 2015



**"Rejoice in the Lord
always; again I will say,
Rejoice."**

-Philippians 4:4



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