

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

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

Monday, Dec. 7
 2 p.m. Feed the Homeless - Sulzbacher Center
 5:30 p.m. Friends of Bill W. - Room 305
 6 p.m. Men's Grill 'n Chill - Taliaferro Hall

Tuesday, Dec. 8
 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. 9 - last day of Wonderful Wednesday programs before the holidays!
 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. 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. 10
 9:30 a.m. Shakespeare Reading Group - Ingram Lounge
 Noon Lectionary Bible Study - Ingram Lounge
 12:10 p.m. Holy Eucharist - Cummings Chapel
 6 p.m. Newcomer Social - Ingram Lounge/Burwell Court

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

Saturday, Dec. 12 Youth Ice-Skating
 7 a.m. Brotherhood Meeting - Ingram Lounge
 9:30 a.m. 11th Step Meditation - Room 301
 10 a.m. Daughters of the King Meeting - Ingram Lounge

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

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. Pick up a marked brown bag and fill it with small first aid kits, cold medicines and vitamins. Bring your bag back by Sunday, December 13.

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.



Mark Anderson

Ordination to the Diaconate

I will be ordained as a deacon at St. John's this Sunday, December 6 at 5 p.m. (everyone is welcome to attend!). St. John's has been my church home since I was in third grade, when my family moved to Jacksonville. I first felt God calling me to be a priest over a decade ago while sitting in the cathedral one Sunday morning, and I officially began my discernment process here as well,

spending months in conversation and prayer with Dean Kate and then with a wonderful group of parishioners.

The last two and a half years of seminary have been a real delight! I have studied a wide range of subjects: the Bible, ancient Greek, church history, ethics, preaching, pastoral care, and church finances. I have augmented this classroom work with great hands-on experiences: serving in churches in the New York area and spending one summer working as a hospital chaplain. Throughout this process, I have been so grateful for the ongoing prayers, support, and encouragement from everyone at the cathedral!

Now, I am ready and eager to be taking this next step in this church that has played such an important role in my journey. However, when I am ordained a deacon, I will not become a minister. I am already a minister. And, so are you!

The Book of Common Prayer explains, "The ministers of the church are lay persons, Bishops, Priests, and Deacons." If you are a lay person, you are listed first! People are not commissioned as ministers when they are ordained, but when they are baptized. Going forward, the exciting question is not primarily about how God will use *me* as a deacon. The much more exciting question is how God will use *all of us* as ministers. Through your baptism, how is God calling you to serve as a minister in his Church?

Thank you again for your support, your prayers, and for working alongside me as ministers serving in God's church!

Yours in Christ,

Mark Anderson

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

Sunday, December 6 Gerald Tjoflat, Sara Flynn, Erica Uitti	Thursday, December 10 Jackie Gahan
Monday, December 7 Pam Parent, Larry Shughart, Colt Sloan	Friday, December 11 Beth Wilson
Tuesday, December 8 Dan Hadwin, Noel Liles, Perry Todd, Mohini Cole, Caroline Bedenbaugh	Saturday, December 12 Linda Stern, Beverly Bonaparte, Haley Hakimian
Wednesday, December 9 Doanyelle Conner, Randy Gallup, Lauren Young	

Cathedral Announcements

How should we tell the story of our cathedral?

Dear friends,

For years, members of this cathedral have mentioned to me that we should write a book about our history. The history of this cathedral is magnificent and most cathedrals of our size and stature have a published book to reference their story. A group of parishioners has begun to meet and brainstorm a way to create a book that illustrates our stained glass windows, but, as of yet, we have no official history book about St. John's Cathedral.



The Very Reverend
Kate Moorehead,
Dean

How exactly does one go about writing a history book? The Episcopal School of Jacksonville has just finished the process. Their new book commemorates the fiftieth anniversary of the school and the many people who worked tirelessly to help it succeed. It is a beautiful coffee-table book complete with photographs that will take your breath away.

Today at 10 a.m. in Taliaferro Hall, join us to hear the story behind the Episcopal School of Jacksonville. We will hear about how it was born from the dream of our dean back in the 1960's and how it grew to the incredible school it is today. We will also learn more about the process of writing a history book, why it should be done and how the process unfolds.

The Bible is our sacred story. It is the written history of our relationship with God. God also calls us to tell our own personal stories. All of us need to recall how God has acted in our lives. Join us as we hear about how Episcopal is telling their story.

In Christ's love,

Kate+

Advent and Christmas at St. John's Cathedral

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.

Wednesday, December 16

Ye Olde English Christmas, Taliaferro Hall, 6 p.m.

Saturday, December 19

Christmas Pageant Rehearsal, Cathedral, 10 a.m.

Sunday, December 20: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Christmas Pageant, Cathedral, 9 a.m. *Curtain call: 8:15 a.m.*

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.

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 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 in the bookstore this week a wonderful new gift and book set for Christmas--the "Comfort Critter," a huggable, plush monkey for children experiencing challenge, change or celebration. This cuddly companion comes with the book, "Monk Monk & Me," a story that provides a great opportunity to talk about the need for comfort. The book and gift set were written and designed by St. John's parishioner, Lisa Nass. A portion of each Comfort Critter purchase goes to caring organizations, sharing comfort, courage and connection with the world. Lisa will be signing her books today after the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services.

Alternative Gift Market continues today!

Thanks to everyone who stopped by the tables of those organizations represented from our Alternative Gift Market last Sunday and made donations. Today representatives will be available from Sulzbacher and Church Without Walls to answer questions. If you have looked over the Alternative Gift Market brochure, there is a check out table in Taliaferro Hall where you may pay for your gifts and receive cards to send to those you have honored with your donations.

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.

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
Steve Busey, Chancellor	Don Lester, Junior Warden and Campus & Facilities Council Leader
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 Diocese of Western Louisiana, 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 Todd Copeland. (To see our full prayer list, please pick up a copy at the back of the church.)

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ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF FLORIDA, JACKSONVILLE

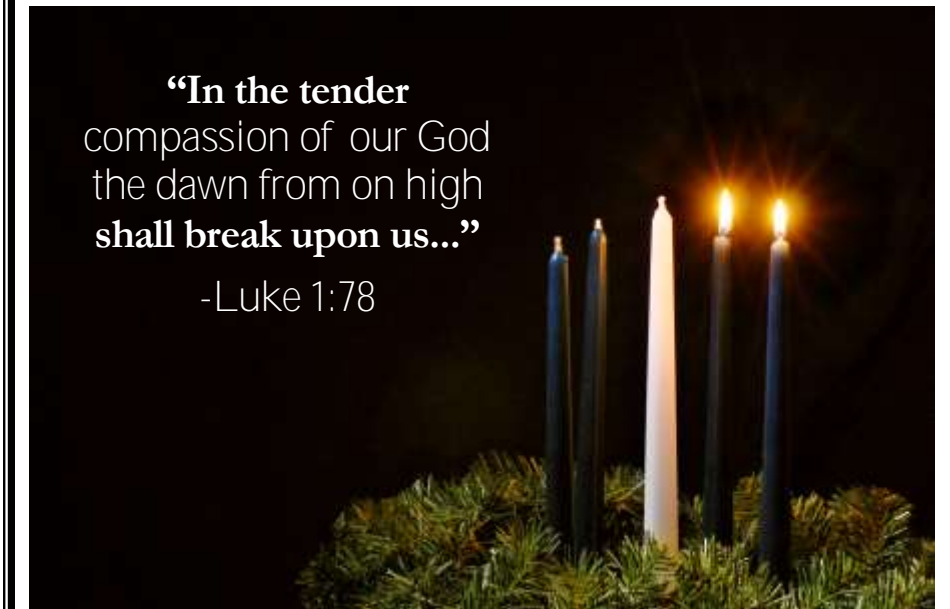
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The Second Sunday of Advent
December 6, 2015



**"In the tender
compassion of our God
the dawn from on high
shall break upon us..."**

-Luke 1:78



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