



SAINT JOHN'S
CATHEDRAL
EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF FLORIDA

The Epiphany

January 7, 2024 | 8 & 10 a.m.

LOVE *at the* CORE.



The bulletin cover is a photo of the icon "The Three Kings" written by Jan Miller in a class directed by Ann Brodt.

✻ THE HOLY EUCHARIST ✻

Voluntaries

The Holy Boy, John Ireland

'Twas the moon of wintertime, Robert J. Powell

Impression on "We Three Kings," Alfred V. Fedak

Brenda McNeiland, guest organist

At the sound of the bell, all stand.

Introit (10 a.m.)

Saw you never in the twilight, Harold Friedell

Saw you never, in the twilight, when the sun had left the skies, up in heav'n the clear stars shining through the gloom, like silver eyes? So of old the wise men watching, Saw a little stranger star, and they knew the king was given, and they followed it from far. Know ye not that lowly baby was the bright and morning star? He who came to light the Gentiles, and the darken'd isles afar? And we, too, may seek his cradle there our hearts' best treasures bring; Love, and faith, and true devotion for our Savior, God, and King.

✻ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD ✻

Hymn 119 (8 a.m., Stanzas 1-3)

"As with gladness men of old"

Dix

Celebrant Blessed be God.

People Forever and ever. Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Silence.

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All sit.

The Lesson

Isaiah 60:1-6

Reader A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 72:1-7,10-14

**All Give the King your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the King's Son;
That he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;
That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the little hills bring
righteousness.
He shall defend the needy among the people; he shall rescue the poor and crush
the oppressor.
He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.
He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the
earth.
In his time shall the righteous flourish; there shall be abundance of peace till the
moon shall be no more.**

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.

All kings shall bow down before him, and all the nations do him service.

For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, and the oppressed who has no helper.

He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

All stand.

Hymn 128 (10 a.m.)

“We three kings of Orient are”
Three Kings of Orient

The congregation sings the following:

Verse 1 – sung by ALL

Verses 2-4 – Congregation sings Refrain

Verse 5 – sung by ALL

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out; and

there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

All sit.

The Sermon

The Very Rev. Kate Moorehead Carroll

A period of silence is kept.

The Nicene Creed

All **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Leader Eternal God, we thank you for the gift of our lives, for friendship, community and for this beautiful Cathedral.

People **Awaken us to the brightness of your light.**

Leader We ask that you would bring peace to this world, to all the nations of the earth.
People **Awaken us to the brightness of your light.**

Leader We ask you to help us care for and nurture this planet.
People **Awaken us to the brightness of your light.**

Leader We ask you to empower us, that we may fulfill our baptismal vows and serve the world as followers of Jesus.
People **Awaken us to the brightness of your light.**

Leader We ask you to embrace those who have died and bring them into your loving embrace.
People **Awaken us to the brightness of your light.**

Leader We ask you to guide us as we seek to bring new life to the urban core of this city.
People **Awaken us to the brightness of your light.**

The Celebrant concludes the prayers.

All remain standing or kneel as able.

Confession of Sin and Absolution

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

All Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Greet one another with the peace of Jesus.

Welcome and Announcements



As the altar is prepared for Communion, please place your offering in the collection plate as it is passed. You may also give by texting jaxcathedral \$(amount) to 73256. Or use the QR code to give online. Thank you for your generosity

✧ THE HOLY COMMUNION ✧

The Offertory Anthem (10 a.m.)

Epiphany Carol, Alexander L'Estrange
Lisa McKenna, soprano

Is it gold that you bring?
Is that your present for the King?
Is that your special offering?
But far more precious than the gold,
So often have we heard it told,
Is our beloved blue-green world.
Oh bring me, oh bring me a present for the future.

Is that your present for the King?
Is that your special offering?
However fair the frankincense,
Its perfume warming to our sense,
Our planet's need remains immense.
Oh bring me, oh bring me a present for the future.

Is it myrrh that you bring?
Is that your present for the King?
Is that your special offering?
If only could those drops of myrrh
A sense of longing in us stir
To make Earth's blessings as they were.
Oh bring me, oh bring me a present for the future.

-Joanna Forbes L'Estrange

Hymn 380 (8 a.m., Stanza 3)

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow"
Old 100th

Hymn 297 (10 a.m.)

"Descend, O Spirit, purging flame"
Erhalt uns, Herr

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant Father, you made the world and love your creation. You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour. His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death. And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels praising you, and singing:

Sanctus *(Sung three times)*

Holy, Holy, Holy, My Heart
WLP 785

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My
heart pours out my praise to - you; you are ho - ly, Lord.

All stand or kneel.

Celebrant We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: "Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory. Great is the mystery of faith:

Spoken at 8 a.m., sung at 10 a.m.

All Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favor on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

All And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

Spoken at 8 a.m., sung at 10 a.m.

All Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized people are welcome to receive communion. Please let clergy know if you would like a gluten free wafer. Everyone is welcome to come to the altar for a blessing, indicated by folding your arms across your chest. If you would like to receive communion and are unable to come to the altar, please ask an usher for assistance. You are also invited to receive prayers in our chapel to the left of the altar.

Music at Communion (10 a.m.)

He looked beyond my faults, Dottie Rambo
John White, tenor; Nicole Fogle, piano

Hymn 124 (Stanzas 1-3), "What star is this, with beams so bright"
Puer nobis

We have seen His star, Everett Titcomb
We have seen His star in the East, and are come with our offerings to worship the Lord.

The Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing

Celebrant The blessing of God Almighty, who is our home, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

All stand.

Hymn 117

“Brightest and best of the stars of the morning”
Morning Star

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Voluntary

Fantasy on *Antioch*, Emma Lou Diemer



The flowers at the High Altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Linda Kay Hastings.

∞ LOVE AT THE CORE ∞

Love at the Core is our motto; it refers to the heart of who we are. For nearly 200 years, St John's Cathedral has sought to lead people in worship and community service here in the urban core of Jacksonville. We believe that through beauty, art, and worship we can draw people into community to experience God's love and serve those in need. We are a diverse congregation that welcomes all people. You are welcome to learn about the love of Jesus with us.

Our Clergy



**The Very Rev.
Kate Moorehead Carroll**
Dean



**The Rev.
Mark S. Anderson**
Subdean



**The Rev.
Eric Kahl**
Director of the Center for
Prayer and Spirituality



The Rev. Gee Alexander
Associate Priest for
Pastoral Care



**The Rev. Dr.
Linda Privitera**
Associate Priest



The Rev. Saundra Kidd
Deacon for Pastoral Care
and Outreach

Our Vestry

Steve Busey, Chancellor
Charles Winney, Treasurer

Martha Cox, Senior Warden
Patrick Kimball, Junior Warden

Donna Walker Bell, Chris Collinsworth, Barbara Fiser, Glenn Guiler, Paige Hakimian,
Scott V. Hill, Lewis Hunt, Will Ketchum, Lloyd Lewis, Lisa McKenna, Meg Sacks

✧ GROW ✧

St. John's Cathedral offers opportunities for people of all ages and stages to come together to "read, mark, and inwardly digest" the Word of God. Join us anywhere on your journey.

ONLINE

FIRST MONDAY BOOK CLUB

First Monday of each month
12 p.m. | Zoom Meeting
Contact St. John's Cathedral Bookstore &
Gift Shop for the Zoom link and reading list
Led by Sandi Dunnavant

CENTERING PRAYER PRACTICE

Mondays
8 a.m. | Zoom Meeting
We will learn the process together by reading,
breathing, chanting and sitting in silence.
Register on our website [jaxcathedral.org/
adult-formation](https://jaxcathedral.org/adult-formation)
Led by Owene Courtney

READING BETWEEN THE LINES: BIBLE STUDY

Friday
9 a.m. | Zoom Meeting
A study of the Gospels using *Mapping the
Gospels* by Susanna Gunner. Register on our
website jaxcathedral.org/adult-formation
Led by Owene Courtney

IN-PERSON & ONLINE

DIGITAL DISCIPLES

Sunday
9 a.m. | Zoom
Zoom participants may register on our
website jaxcathedral.org/adult-formation
Led by Owene Courtney

GROWING THROUGH THE WORD

Wednesday
11 a.m. | Busey Conference Room & Zoom
Zoom Meeting ID: 810 5329 1806
A Lectionary-based Bible study
Led by Deacon Sandra Kidd

MEDITATING ON ANGELS

Dean Kate teaches this 4-session online class
offered by ChurchNext. Ideal for those open
to making angels part of their meditative
practice. To take the class, visit [https://
www.churchnext.tv/library/meditating-on-
angels-47714/100306/about/](https://www.churchnext.tv/library/meditating-on-angels-47714/100306/about/)

*All books mentioned in the class listings are
available at the St. John's Cathedral Bookstore
& Gift Shop. See our website for even more
classes and offerings.*

✧ WORSHIP ✧

In addition to our 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. services on Sunday mornings, St. John's Cathedral offers opportunities for worship and prayer throughout the week, both online and in person.

ONLINE

DEAN KATE'S MORNING DEVOTION

Daily

6 a.m. | YouTube, Facebook, and St John's Cathedral app

Start your day with a 5-minute devotion featuring art and thoughts on the daily lectionary reading. Use QR code to sign up for a daily email.



COMPLINE

Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday

8 p.m. | Facebook Live @jaxcathedral
Prayers for a peaceful night and a perfect day's end.

Led by Lewis Hunt

IN-PERSON

CHURCH WITHOUT WALLS

Sunday

1 p.m. | Cummings Chapel

A ministry that reaches across typical social boundaries to create a community that is welcoming, nurturing and transformative.

Led by the Rev. Beth Tjoflat

NOONDAY HEALING EUCHARIST

Wednesday

12:10 p.m. | Cummings Chapel

A lunchtime prayer service centered on the self-giving love of God for the world and for us, the body and blood of Christ given for our healing, and the healing of creation.

Led by the Rev. Gee Alexander

CENTERING PRAYER CIRCLE

Thursday

9 a.m. | Dooly Library

Reflection and silent prayer. Guided by participants.

An offering of the Center for Prayer & Spirituality.

IN-PERSON

🌀 ANNOUNCEMENTS 🌀

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

EPIPHANY SUNDAY
NEWCOMERS BRUNCH
11:30 a.m. | Ingram Lounge

YOUTH EPIPHANY PARTY and
PARENT GET TOGETHER
Youth: 4 - 7 p.m. | Youth Room
Parents: 4 - 7 p.m. | Hoptinger 5 Points
Questions: contact Meg Cochran
mcochran@jaxcathedral.org

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

BISHOP BENHASE VISITS
ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL
Bishop Benhase, the Provisional Bishop for
the Diocese of Florida, will preach at
8 & 10 a.m.

CONVERSATION IN COMMUNITY
with Bishop Benhase
11:30 a.m.

Dean Moorehead Carroll will lead a
discussion with Bishop Benhase. Let us hear
about his life, his vocation as deacon, priest,
and then bishop, and how he came to love
Jesus. Plan to attend and give the Bishop a
warm welcome!

*The conversation will be livestreamed on our
YouTube channel and website.*

UPCOMING

SOUL GARDENING
Baptism as Greening Power
Saturday, January 13
9 a.m. to Noon | Cummings Chapel
Register in Realm.*

EXPLORING THE EPISCOPAL
FAITH
Sundays January 21- February 11
9 a.m. | Ingram Lounge
A 4-part series on Episcopal roots, beliefs, and
practices. Led by clergy.

CONVERSATION IN COMMUNITY
AND BOOK SIGNING
with Lucinda Mosher
Sunday, January 21
11:30 a.m. | Cathedral
A conversation on how to avoid missteps in
interfaith encounters. Mosher's book *With the
Best of Intentions* is available at the St. John's
Cathedral Bookstore and Gift Shop.

SAVE THE DATE
Movie Screening: A Case for Love
Tuesday, January 23
7 p.m. | AMC Regency
"A Case for Love" is inspired by the teachings
and writings of Bishop Michael Curry.
Details for our outing coming soon!

ANNUAL MEETING
Sunday, February 4
11:30 a.m. | Taliaferro Hall

**If you need assistance registering for an event in
Realm, please call the Church Office.*

✧ INFORMATION ✧

FOR VISITORS AND NEWCOMERS

Welcome! We're glad you've joined us today. To learn more about membership, baptism, confirmation or to receive emails about upcoming events, fill out a connection card found in the pew and hand it to an usher or clergy. Or, visit jaxcathedral.org/welcome and fill out a card online.

HAKIMIAN NURSERY

Our nursery is staffed with trained caregivers for infants and toddlers up to 3 years old every Sunday from 9:15 to 11:15 a.m.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Christian formation for ages 4 through 12th grade is offered at 10 a.m. All are invited to meet in the back of the church to process behind the choir down the aisle and out to their various classrooms. We join the 10 a.m. service at the time of The Peace.

PASTORAL CARE AND PRAYER

The prayer line is always open. Please let us know what you need and how we can pray for you. Many parishioners appreciate our clergy being with them prior to surgery. If you are having a medical procedure and would like pre-op prayers, please call the church office (904) 356-5507.

If you are calling after hours, press 4, and your call will be routed to a member of the clergy. You may also choose the prayer request option under "Contact" on our website for a quick and confidential response.

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Monday - Thursday - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Friday - 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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