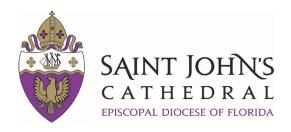


8 AM & 10:30 AM

November 30, 2025

Advent I





ADVENT is a season of holy anticipation, inviting us to wait, watch, and prepare our hearts for Christ's coming into the world.

TODAY

The First Sunday of Advent Advent Wreath Making

After each morning service, in Burwell Court.

Join us in making a traditional Advent wreath—a simple, beautiful way to mark each Sunday of Advent as we prepare our hearts for the birth of Christ. The wreath, with its circle of evergreen and four candles, symbolizes God's unending love and our journey toward the light of Christ coming into the world. Each week, another candle is lit, guiding us deeper into hope, peace, joy, and love.

Crafting your own wreath becomes both a spiritual practice and a gentle reminder to pause, watch, and wait for the holy mystery of Christmas.

Advent Procession with Lessons and Carols 4pm

Advent Procession of Lessons and Carols is a beautiful service that marks the beginning of the Church's liturgical year. Through scripture readings and the Cathedral Choir's soaring music, we are invited to enter deeply into the season of Advent—a time of watchful waiting, hope, and preparation for the coming of Christ.

This moving liturgy helps set our hearts on the path toward Christmas with reverence and expectation. A reception will follow in Taliaferro Hall.

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LOOKING AHEAD

ADVENT DEAN'S FORUMS 9am | Taliaferro Hall



Dec. 7 - Tim Tuller on the History of the Christmas Carol

Dec. 14 - Dean Kate on Mary, the Mother of God

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT Dec. 6 | 5:30-7:30PM Ingram Lounge/Hakimian Nursery

Parents, drop off your little ones (ages 3 months-12 years) for a fun-filled St. Nicholas Workshop while you enjoy a date night, tackle your Christmas shopping, or simply relax. Dinner and treats will be provided. This is a registration-only event, limited to 25 children. Register on Realm by December 3rd.

ANGEL TREE GIFTS

Prison Fellowship has closed its
Jacksonville office and can no
longer serve families in our area, so
we have partnered with the **Child Guidance Center** to provide gifts for 40 foster children.
These children have been placed with relatives
who receive no financial assistance despite
often already facing significant challenges.

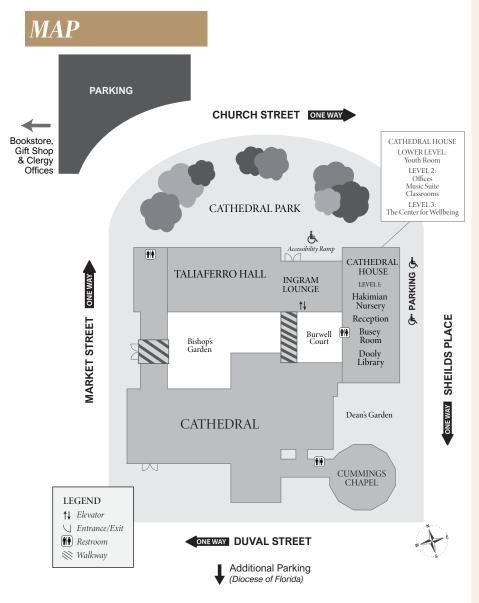
You'll find the tree set up in the Narthex with tags identifying each child. Please return wrapped gifts with the tag attached by **Sunday**, **December 14.** Together, we can offer these children a sense of home, hope, and belonging this Christmas.

WELCOME

Whether you're visiting for the first time or you've been worshiping here for years, our welcome ministry - Engage@JaxCathedral is here to help you make a home for your faith at St. John's Cathedral.

Fill out the Welcome card in the pew back and place it in the offering plate or hand it to a clergy. Or complete the form online at jaxcathedral.org/welcome (or scan the QR code) so we can get to know you.





HOURS & INFORMATION

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8am Holy Eucharist, spoken

9am Breakfast

Adult Formation: Dean's Forum,

Taliaferro Hall

For Children & Families: Family Eucharist (First Sundays), Cummings Chapel; Family Flex Cafe (activities for children ages 4 - 10), Ingram Lounge

10:30am Holy Eucharist, Rite II with organ and choir

Children gather in the Taliaferro Hall foyer before the 10:30 a.m. service, and return to their families at the Peace. Blessing Bags with quiet activities are available for children who remain in the service.

11:45am Lunch and Fellowship, Taliaferro Hall

Hakimian Family Nursery Hours

10am to Noon

St. John's Cathedral Bookstore & Gift Shop Hours

Sun: 9am to 12:30pm M-Th: 10am to 4pm F: 10am to 3pm

Vestry

Steve Busey, *Chancellor*; John Sefton, *Subchancellor*; Martha Cox, *Sr. Warden*; Patrick Kimball, *Jr. Warden*; Paul Arrington, *Treasurer*; John Bass, Donna Walker Bell, John Erstling, Glenn Guiler, Paige Hakimian, Lewis Hunt, Lisa McKenna, Laura Jane Pittman, Louis Russo, Adam Smith, Shane Williams

Clergy

The Very Rev. Kate Moorehead Carroll, Dean; The Rev. Canon Mark S. Anderson, Vicar; The Rev. Dr. Linda Privitera, Associate Priest of Theology and the Arts; The Rev. Saundra Kidd, Deacon for Pastoral Care and Outreach; The Rev. Thomas O'Dell, Associate Priest for Welcome and Engagement

Music

Timothy Tuller, Canon for Music

Throughout this service, items in **bold** are spoken by the congregation in unison.

At the sound of the bell, all stand.

1982 Hymnal

This prayer, called the Collect for Purity, is said every Sunday. We ask God to purify our hearts for worship.

Silence.

This prayer changes each Sunday and summarizes a theme from today's Scripture readings.

All sit.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Voluntary

Prelude on Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, J. S. Bach

Introit (10:30 a.m.)

"O" Antiphons for Advent I

O WISDOM which hast come out of the mouth of the Most High, and mightily ordered all things. Come and teach us the Way of wisdom.

O ADONAI, the leader of the house of Israel, who didst on Sinai give the law to Moses. Come and deliver us with an outstretched arm.

Paul Fisher, cantor

In Procession, Hymn #73 (8 a.m.) "The King shall come when morning dawns" St. Stephen

In Procession, Hymn #61 (10:30 a.m.) "Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us" Wachet auf

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Blessed be our God.

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

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson: Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The words of holy scripture.

Thanks be to God.

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself;

To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the Lord.

For there are the thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

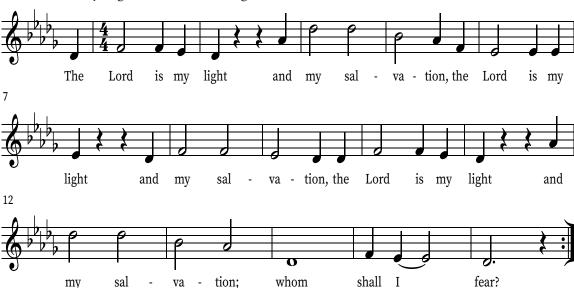
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.

For my brethren and companions' sake, I pray for your prosperity.

Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do you good."

"The Lord is My Light," Lillian Bouknight, arr. Paul Gainer



The Holy Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Christ.**

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The good news of our Savior.

Praise to you, O Christ.

All stand.

Repeat chant, page 5.

All sit.
A period of silence is kept following the sermon.

All stand.

The Nicene Creed is 1700 years old as of this year. It is a statement of trust, and not uncertainty

The Prayers of the People are read by a member of our congregation and reflect the concerns of our day and our community.

"The Lord is My Light," Lillian Bouknight, arr. Paul Gainer

The Sermon

The Very Rev. Kate Moorehead Carroll

The Nicene Creed

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.

The Prayers of the People

Eternal God, you blessed the whole world when you were born in the form of a tiny child, Jesus, and you bless us now as we wait for Christ to come again. Give us courage, wisdom, and patience to meet the days ahead in the hope of your coming. Word of God,

Come among us and bless us.

We ask you to bless all the peoples of the world, especially those who suffer from hunger, illness, poverty, oppression, loneliness, or despair. Word of God,

Come among us.

We ask you to bless and carry home all our loved ones who have died, that they may see the brightness of your coming.

Word of God,

Come among us.

Bring peace to every corner of the world, that the entire human race may treat one another with dignity and respect.

Word of God,

Come among us.

Give us the conviction and strength to care for this beautiful planet that you have so generously given us.

Word of God,

Come among us.

Strengthen us to do your will just as Mary, Jesus' Mother, once did. Word of God,

Come among us.

We give you thanks for all the blessings of this life and for the hope of the life to come. Word of God,

Come among us.

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

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

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory Anthem (10:30 a.m.)

"The Brightness of Thy Rising," Maurice Greene

The Gentiles shall come to thy light; and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

Hymn #56 (St.1 & 2)

"O come, O Come, Emmanuel" Veni, veni, Emmanuel

Eucharistic Prayer G

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

The celebrant concludes the prayers.

All kneel or stand as able. A period of silence invites us to reflect on our own lives and our need for forgiveness.

Confession is a process of letting go, forgiving others, and being forgiven by God.

The Resurrected Christ, when he appeared to the disciples, said these words.

As the altar is prepared for Holy 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

All stand. 1982 Hymnal

your generosity.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation; to you be glory and praise for ever! From the beginning you have created all things and all your works echo the silent music of your praise. In the fullness of time you made us in your image, the crown of all creation. You give us breath and speech that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise:

1982 Hymnal

This ancient song, called the Sanctus, is sung by the angels in the book of Revelation.

All kneel or stand as able.

These words come from Scripture. Matthew 26:26-29 Mark 14:22-25 Luke 22:14-20 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 Sanctus S-130 Franz Schubert

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord! As a mother tenderly gathers her children you embraced a people as your own. When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast. From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary, to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied. He offered his life for sinners and with a love stronger than death he opened wide his arms on the cross.

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

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, 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."

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand. Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son. As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us into the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory. Remember Lord your Church in every land. Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace. Bring us at the last with John and all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendor for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by him, with him, and in him, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise: Blessing and honor and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

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.

Jesus was known to us in the breaking of the bread.

The one whom the universe could not contain, is present to us in this bread. The one who redeemed us and called us by name now meets us in this cup. So, take this bread and this wine. In them God comes to us so that we may come to God.

Music at Communion (10:30 a.m.)

Organ Prelude on Lo, a rose burst into bloom, Johannes Brahms

Hymn #73 "The King shall come when morning dawns" St. Stephen

Antiphon The Advent Prose for Advent I

Paul Fisher, cantor

Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness. Be not wroth very sore, O Lord, neither remember iniquity forever. Thy holy cities are a wilderness. Sion is a wilderness. Jerusalem a desolation: Our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee.

Prayer of Sending and Service

Let us pray.

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.

The Blessing

The blessing of God Almighty be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

In Procession, Hymn #72 "Hark! the glad sound! the Savior comes," *Richmond*

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Voluntary Prelude on Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, Paul Manz

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God.

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All who long for God 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. A socially-distant communion table is set in the chapel to the left of the altar (the North Transcept). If you are in need of confidential prayers, please come to the Baptismal Font.

All stand. 1982 Hymnal

Calendar

MON. 12/1

8am - Centering Prayer, Zoom

Start your week off with guided centering prayer. Contact Owene at owene_courtney@yahoo.com.

12pm - First Monday Book Club, Zoom

A discussion on *I, Julian: The Fictional Autobiography of Julian of Norwich*, led by Susan Lloyd. Visit jaxcathedralbooks.org for the Zoom Meeting link.

2-3pm - Meditation Class, Center for Wellbeing

A focused meditation that leads us from the mind to the heart.

6-7:15pm - Yoga, Cummings Chapel

Free, gentle yoga practice, led by Megan Cochran.

TUES. 12/2

10am - Art Group, *The Painting Place (under Taliaferro Hall)* Come paint with us. Contact Kathie at meuselbachkl@yahoo.com.

4-6pm - Cancer Support Group, Center for Wellbeing, Room 303

All are welcome, regardless of faith tradition or stage in the journey. Contact Lisa at lisamck@bellsouth.net.

6-7:30pm - Legacy Society Dinner, Ingram Lounge

We welcome Jonathan Rich for a Spires in the Sun legacy talk. Contact Pam Searcy at psearcy@jaxcathedral.org to RSVP.

WED. 12/3

11am - Growing Through the Word, Busey Conference Room and Zoom

An insightful discussion of the upcoming Sunday's lectionary readings. Led by Deacon Saundra Kidd.

11:30am-1:30pm - Spires in the Sun, Amelia Island Museum of History

An author talk, meet & greet, and book-signing with author Jonathan Rich.

12:10pm - Healing Service, Cummings Chapel

A weekly gathering of prayer and the Holy Eucharist.

6pm - Art Group, *The Painting Place (under Taliaferro Hall)* Gather with fellow artists and paint to your heart's content. Contact Heather at chihuahua7044@att.net.

THURS. 12/4

9:30-10:30am - Centering Prayer, Dooly Library

Let go of distractions; open your heart to the divine within. 10

FRI. 12/5

9-10:30am - Reading Between the Lines, Zoom

An online Scripture study supplemented by art, literature, poetry. Contact Owene at ocourtney@jaxcathedral.org.

5:30-7:30pm - Parent's Night Out,

Hakimian Nursery/Ingram Lounge

Reserve a spot by December 3. Register on Realm, or contact Felicia at fbullock@jaxcathedral.org.

7pm - Shout for Joy!, Cathedral Nave

Episcopal School of Jacksonville Winter Choral Concert.

SAT. 12/6

10am-12pm - Arts of the Spirit, Taliaferro Hall

Join us for a creative and contemplative start to the Advent season as we use daily AdventWord prompts to make meditation booklets, or Zines. Register on Realm.

10am & 2pm - Cathedral District Historic Churches Tour,

Ticketed event. Visit cathedraldistrict-jax.org/christmas-2025 for information and tickets.

SUN. 12/7

9am - Dean's Forum, Taliaferro Hall

Tim Tuller teaches about the history of Christmas Carols.

11:30am - Lunch Angels, Busey Conference Room

Join our Outreach ministry as we pack lunches for those who attend Church without Walls.

4pm - Kariné Poghosyan in Concert, Taliaferro Hall

Experience an unforgettable evening of piano music with the award-winning Armenian-American pianist. Reception to follow.

MON. 12/8

8am - Centering Prayer, Zoom

Start your week off with guided centering prayer. Contact Owene at owene_courtney@yahoo.com.

2-3pm - Meditation Class, Center for Wellbeing

A focused meditation that leads us from the mind to the heart.

6-7:15pm - Yoga, Cummings Chapel

Free, gentle yoga practice, led by Megan Cochran.

TUES. 12/9

10am - Art Group, *The Painting Place (under Taliaferro Hall)* Come paint with us. Contact Kathie at meuselbachkl@yahoo.com.

4-6pm - Cancer Support Group, Center for Wellbeing, Room 303

All are welcome, regardless of faith tradition or stage in the journey. Contact Lisa at lisamck@bellsouth.net.

7pm - Young Adults Trivia Meetup, *Grace Note Brewing* Join us for a battle of the brains! All are welcome.

WED. 12/10

11am - Growing Through the Word, Busey Conference Room and Zoom

An insightful discussion of the upcoming Sunday's lectionary readings. Led by Deacon Saundra Kidd.

12:10pm - Healing Service, *Cummings Chapel* A weekly gathering of prayer and the Holy Eucharist.

1-3pm - Prayerful Crafts, Dooly Library

Whether your gift is knitting, crocheting, painting, or any other craft, come join us! Contact Robin at rcclass@yahoo.com.

6pm - Art Group, *The Painting Place (under Taliaferro Hall)* Gather with fellow artists and paint to your heart's content. Contact Heather Lawson at chihuahua7044@att.net.

THURS. 12/11

9:30-10:30am - Centering Prayer, *Dooly Library* Let go of distractions and open your heart to the divine within.

FRI. 12/12

9-10:30am - Reading Between the Lines, Zoom

An online Scripture study supplemented by art, literature, poetry. Contact Owene at ocourtney@jaxcathedral.org.

10-11am - The Cathedral School Christmas Program, *Cathedral Nave*

SAT. 12/13

9:30am - Center for Wellbeing Walking Group,

UNF Trails, 1 UNF Drive

Join us for a leisurely walk on the Gopher Tortoise Ridge Trail and Big Cypress Loop, which is approximately 3 miles in length. Led by Bob Hill. Contact centerforwellbeing@jaxcathedral.org.

SUN. 12/14

9am - Dean's Forum, Taliaferro Hall

Dean Kate teaches on Mary, the Mother God.

4-5pm - Blue Christmas Service, Cummings Chapel

A contemplative worship service for people struggling with grief or loss during the holiday season. All are welcome.

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If you are in need of pastoral care, visit jaxcathedral.org/pastoral-care to complete the request form, and we will respond quickly and confidentially. If you have an emergency and want to reach a priest, please call (904) 356-5507 and press 4. For information on Baptisms, Confirmations, Weddings, and Funerals, please visit jaxcathedral.org/life-events.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR VESTRY AND CONVENTION DELEGATES

Our Parish bylaws provide a nominating process for 4 upcoming vacancies on the vestry as well as 2 Delegates to the Diocesan Convention. Nominations must be submitted by **December 7**. The election will be held at the Annual Parish Meeting on **February 1, 2026.**

Qualifications for Vestry members (2 to be chosen for a 3-year term)

A Vestry nominee must be a communicant of St. John's Parish in good standing for a period of at least 12 months prior to election. The nominee must be actively involved in the ministry of the Parish; must actively support the Parish by pledge or subscription; must be willing to accept active leadership, including responsibility for decision making that represents the entire Parish; and 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. In addition to the 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 chosen)

The Delegate will have a two-year term. The Alternate Delegates have a term of one year if their service is required. Please give the future leadership of the Cathedral prayerful consideration and contact any of the following Nominating Committee Members for submission of names for consideration by the committee: John Bass, Glenn Guiler, Patrick Kimball, or Laura Jane Pittman. It is critically important that you obtain the permission of your nominee before submitting his or her name to a Nominating Committee member.