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December 24, 2025

*The Eve of the Nativity*



SAINT JOHN'S  
CATHEDRAL  
EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF FLORIDA

## HOURS & INFORMATION

### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8am Holy Eucharist, spoken

9am Breakfast  
Adult Formation: Dean's Forum,  
*Taliaferro Hall (No Forum 12/28)*

For Children & Families: Family Eucharist (First Sundays), *Cummings Chapel*, Family Flex Cafe (activities for children ages 4 - 10), *Ingram Lounge (No Flex Cafe 12/28)*

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 (*Nursery closed 12/28*)

### 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. Thomas O'Dell, *Associate Priest for Welcome and Engagement*; The Rev. Sandra Kidd, *Deacon for Pastoral Care and Outreach*

### Music

Timothy Tuller, *Canon for Music*

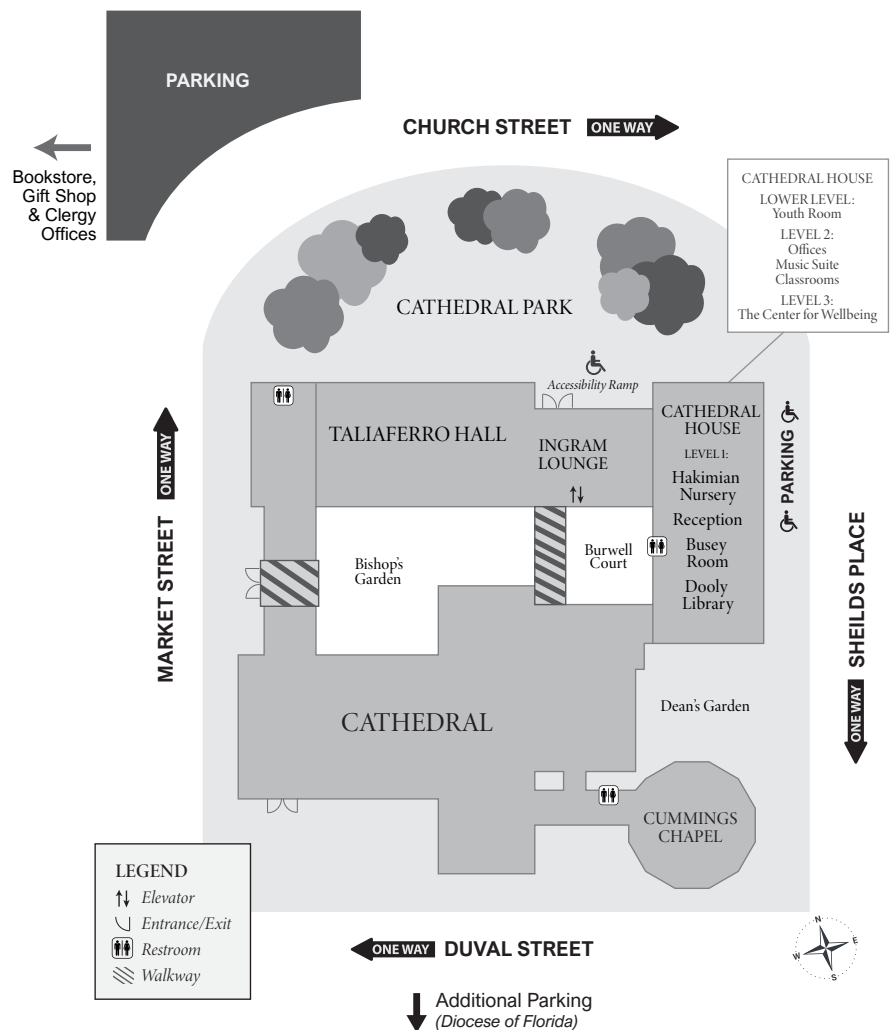
## WELCOME

Whether you're visiting for the first time or you've been worshipping 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 complete the form online at [jaxcathedral.org/welcome](http://jaxcathedral.org/welcome) (or scan the QR code) so we can get to know you.



## MAP



# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Music Before the Service

Jesu Bambino, Pietro Yon

Triptych on *Forest Green*, arr. Vaughan Williams/Hildebrand

*I. Meditation*

*II. Giocoso*

*III. Reflection*

*Glynda Newton, violin*

In Procession, Hymn #83 (*St. I-3*)

“O come, all ye faithful” *Adeste fideles*

*All stand. 1982 Hymnal*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Blessed be 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.**

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

The Collect of the Day

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

*All sit.*

The First Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness--on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The words of holy scripture.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Psalm is spoken in unison.  
This was the hymnal of the  
ancient Hebrew people.*

Psalm 96

**Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.  
Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; proclaim the good news of his salvation from  
day to day.  
Declare his glory among the nations and his wonders among all peoples.  
For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; he is more to be feared than all gods.  
As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but it is the Lord who made  
the heavens.  
Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! Oh, the power and the splendor  
of his sanctuary!  
Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; ascribe to the Lord honor and power.  
Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.  
Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him.  
Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! he has made the world so firm  
that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."  
Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is  
in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.  
Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord when he comes,  
when he comes to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with his truth.**

*All stand. 1982 Hymnal*

Hymn #79 (*St. 1-3*)

"O little town of Bethlehem" *St. Louis*

The Holy Gospel: Luke 2:1-20

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

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and



Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

The good news of our Savior.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Hymn #79 (*St. 4-5*)

“O little town of Bethlehem” *St. Louis*

*1982 Hymnal*  
*All sit.*

The Sermon

The Rev. Canon Mark S. Anderson

*A period of silence is kept*  
*following the sermon.*  
*All stand.*

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.**

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

**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

Oh Mystery that is beyond all fathoming, thank you for coming into this world to save us.  
Jesus, Savior of the World,  
**Show us how to love.**

Bless all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. May they know the healing power of your love.  
Jesus, Savior of the World,  
**Show us how to love.**

Embrace the souls of those who have died, that they may know the brightness of your light.  
Jesus, Savior of the World,  
**Show us how to love.**

Usher in a time of peace in every heart and in every corner of this world.  
Jesus, Savior of the World,  
**Show us how to love.**

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

*The celebrant concludes the prayers.*

*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 your generosity.*



### *1982 Hymnal*

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

*All kneel or stand as able.*

Guide us in caring for this beautiful earth that you have made.  
Jesus, Savior of the World,  
**Show us how to love.**

We give you thanks for the gift of our lives. May we spend them in service to you.  
Jesus, Savior of the World,  
**Show us how to love.**

### The Peace

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

### Welcome and Announcements

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### The Offertory

Greensleeves Variations, Fleury/Owens

#### Hymn #87

"Hark, the herald angels sing" *Mendelssohn*

#### The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching Our Worship I

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

#### 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.**

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and

raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, 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.**

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

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.

Music at Communion

Hymn #101

"Away in a manger" *Cradle Song*

Hymn #111

"Silent night, holy night" *Stille Nacht*

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.**

*These words come from  
Scripture:*

*Matthew 26:26-29*

*Mark 14:22-25*

*Luke 22:14-20*

*1 Corinthians 11:23-26*

*All who long for God  
are welcome to receive  
Communion. If you are not  
baptized, we invite you to  
speak with a member of the  
clergy about Baptism, the  
doorway into the Church's full  
sacramental life.*

*Everyone is also welcome  
to come to the altar for a  
blessing, indicated by folding  
your arms across your chest.*

*Please let clergy know if you  
would like a gluten-free wafer.*

*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.*

## The Blessing

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*All stand. 1982 Hymnal*

In Procession, Hymn #100

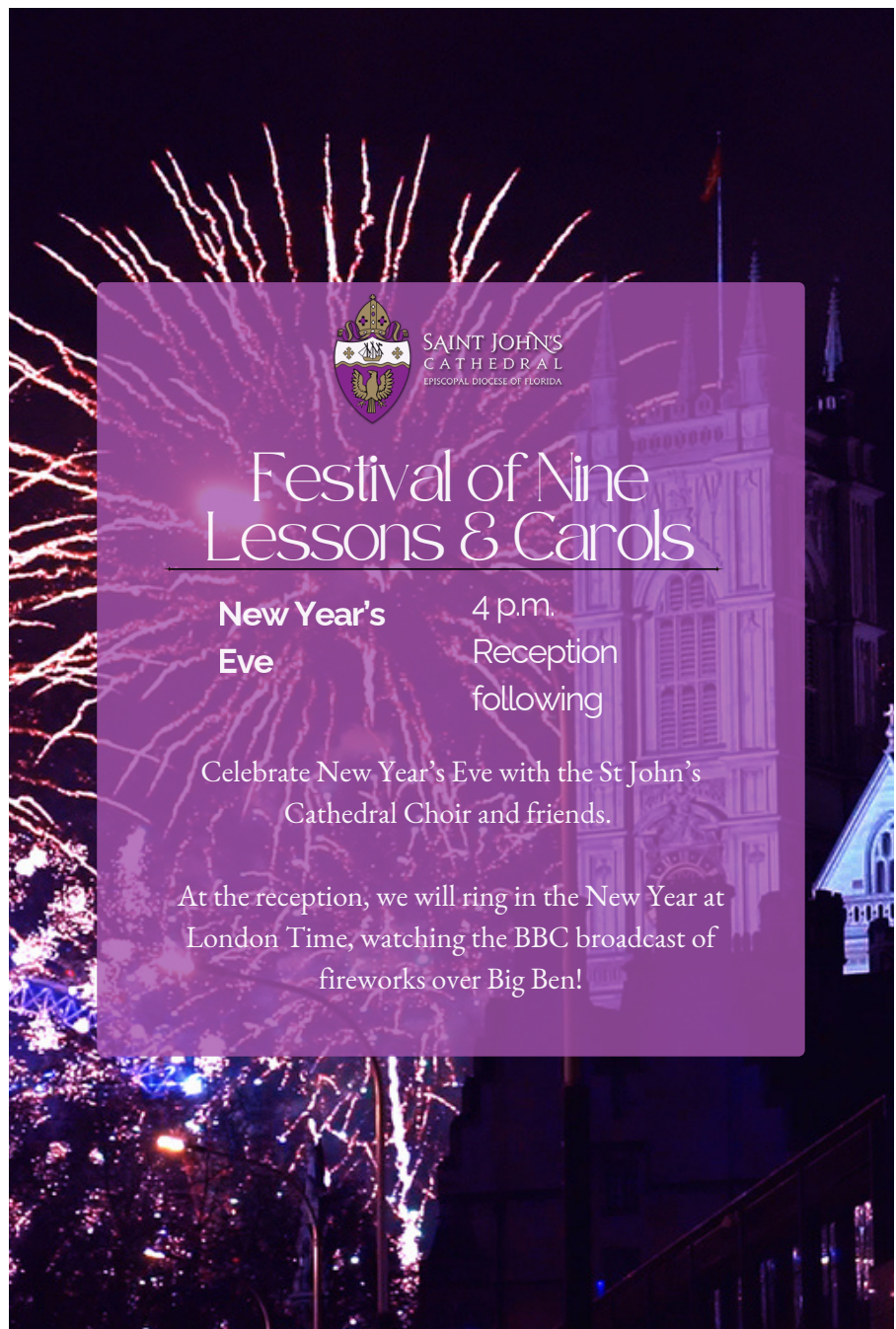
“Joy to the World” *Antioch*

## The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Voluntary

Fanfare on *In Dulci Jubilo*, Don Michael Dicie







# *Poinsettias at the Christmas Altar*

*given in loving memory of*

Lillian & William Armsby	Leo & Marie Jean
Neal Armstrong	Carol & Doug Jennings
Dr. Ambrose Moody Bailey	Earl & Dixie Jones
Dr. Raymond Lull Bailey	Jean Kasten
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Mr. & Mrs. WD Baldwin	Sue & Keith Kirwan
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Alice & Chester Gillis	Mercedez Ramirez
Vonciel Gore	Marjorie Goldthwait Richardson
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Col. James & Adele Higgins	Art Towson
Marcia, Robert & Lilly Hodgson	Patty & John Waidner
Geneva Hubbard	Bill Warren
Marion Bendikson & William Ingram	Glenn West

## *given in thanksgiving for*

The Cathedral Clergy and Staff	John & Nancy Barry
The Sacks Children: Mattie, Spencer, Flora Grace & Beck	Jayne & Spook Hill
The Life and Love of Barbara Davis	Catherine Gerding
Our Grandchildren: Jack, London & Sky	Dion III, Dylan, Allison, Aubree & Lily
The Parents of Sharon & Ed Millan	For Family
Jacqueline & Soraya Claudia Maxwell	The Nichols Family
The Children & Grandchildren of	The Rogers Family
Bob & Valerie Dannals	The Cassidy Family
	The Naughton Family





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## Engage Pop-Up: Mandarin Museum

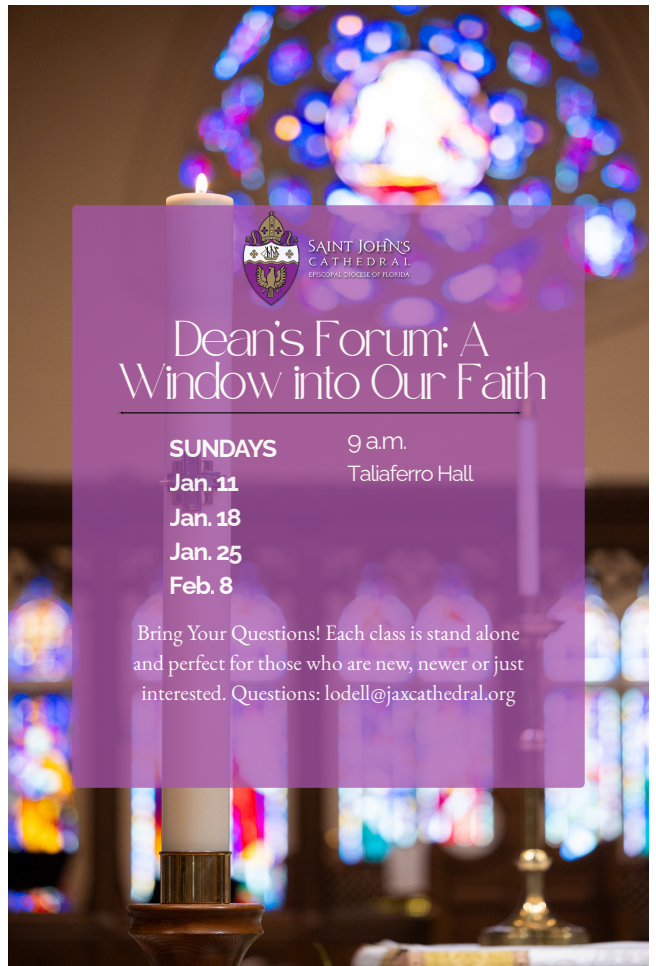
**SAT**

**JAN 10**

9:30 a.m.

Mandarin Museum  
11964 Mandarin Rd.

See the Best Hidden Gem in Jacksonville and its exhibit on Harriet Beecher Stowe (author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin"). Susan Caven will tell us Stowe's story, and we will tour the museum and grounds. Join us! Linda O'Dell:  
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## Dean's Forum: A Window into Our Faith

**SUNDAYS**

**Jan. 11**

**Jan. 18**

**Jan. 25**

**Feb. 8**

9 a.m.

Taliaferro Hall

Bring Your Questions! Each class is stand alone and perfect for those who are new, newer or just interested. Questions: [lodell@jaxcathedral.org](mailto:lodell@jaxcathedral.org)



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## Creation Care Think Tank

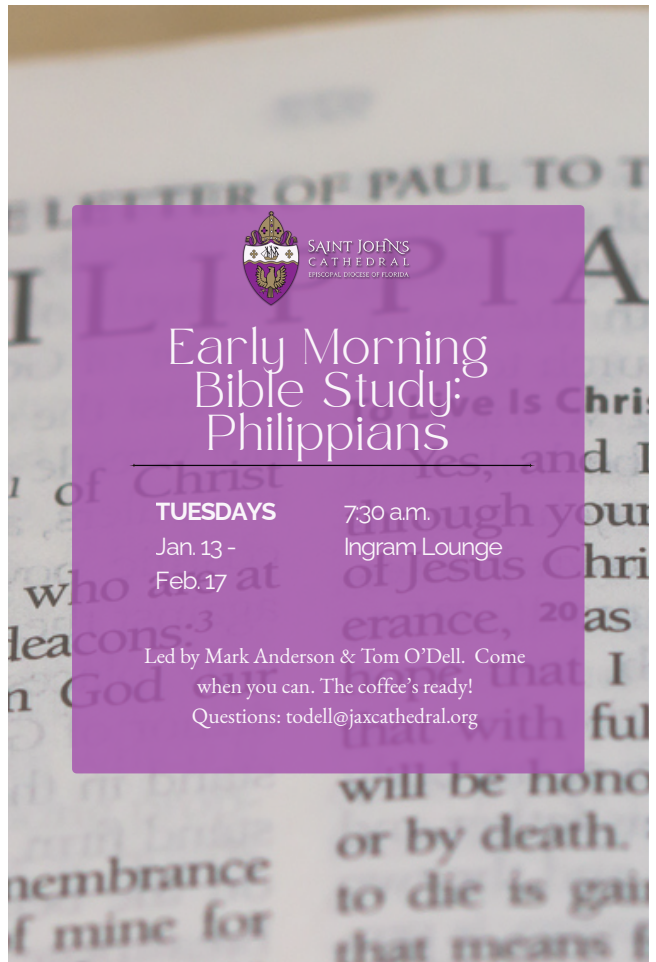
**SUNDAY**

**Jan 11**

11:45 a.m.

Taliaferro Hall

Join our next Think Tank as we explore how St. John's can take faithful, concrete steps to protect God's world. Together, we'll listen, reflect, and act for creation care.



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## Early Morning Bible Study: Philippians

**TUESDAYS**

Jan. 13 -

Feb. 17

7:30 a.m.

Ingram Lounge

Led by Mark Anderson & Tom O'Dell. Come when you can. The coffee's ready!  
Questions: [todell@jaxcathedral.org](mailto:todell@jaxcathedral.org)





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## Book Talk: American Teenager

TUESDAY  
JAN. 13

6 p.m.  
Reception  
following

How do you respond with love and support when  
your child questions their gender?

Join us for a Conversation with author Nico Lang  
and Dean Kate.

Sponsored by The Center for Wellbeing and  
The Lighthouse



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## Women's Retreat: Joy in Lent

FEB 20 &  
FEB 21

Camp Weed  
Speakers: Rev.  
Neely Towe and  
Dean Kate

24 hours of Friendship, Exploration, Growth.  
Registration or questions: [lodell@jaxcathedral.org](mailto:lodell@jaxcathedral.org)

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