



6 PM & 11 PM

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

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Music

Timothy Tuller, *Canon for Music*

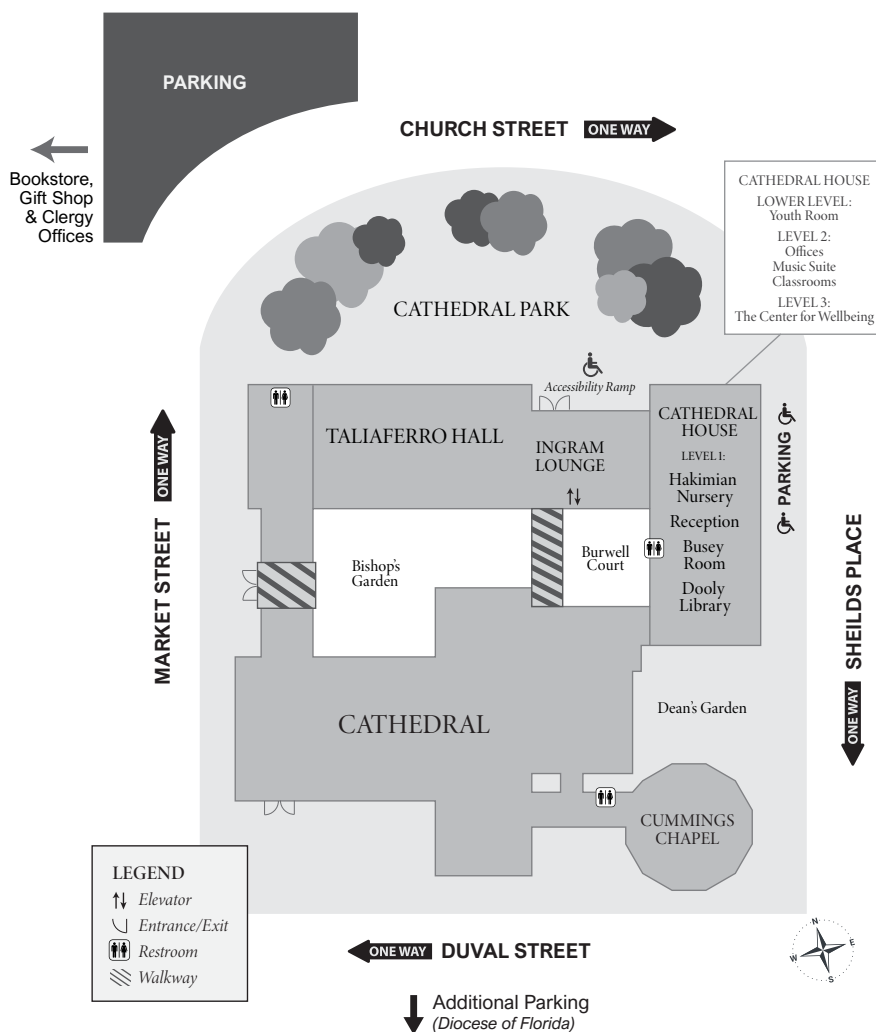
WELCOME

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.

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Music Before the Service

In Dulci Jubilo, Michael Praetorius

Cinq Noëls, Traditional French, arr. Michel Rondeau

I. Voici la Noël

II. Iesous Abatonnia

III. Noël Nouvelet

IV. Tout le Ciel Reluit

V. Entre le Bœuf et L'Âne Gris

Ding dong merrily on high, arr. Michel Rondeau

Yuletide Carols for Brass and Organ, arr. Robert Powell

The Little Road to Bethlehem, Michael Head

Rebecca Andrews-Craven, soprano

In Procession, Hymn #83

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

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

The lights are dimmed and the Advent wreath is lit. As the Christ Light begins to shine forth, we hear the opening sentences of Saint John's Gospel.

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.

Hymn #87

“Hark the herald angels sing” *Mendelssohn*

1982 Hymnal

The Collect of the Day

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Silence.

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

The First Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7

All sit.

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.

*Sung by the Cathedral Choir.
This was the hymnal of the
ancient Hebrew people.*

Psalm 96

O sing unto the Lord a new song; sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.
Sing unto the Lord, and praise his Name; be telling of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his honour unto the heathen, and his wonders unto all people.
For the Lord is great, and cannot worthily be praised; he is more to be feared than all gods.

As for the gods of the heathen, they are but idols; but it is the Lord that made the heavens.

Glory and worship are before him; power and honour are in his sanctuary.
Ascribe unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people, ascribe unto the Lord worship and power.

Ascribe unto the Lord the honor due unto his Name; bring presents, and come into his courts.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
Tell it out among the heathen, that the Lord is King, and that it is he who hath made the round world so fast that it cannot be moved; and how that he shall judge the people righteously.

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is.

Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it; then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord.

For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth; and with righteousness to judge the world, and the people with his truth.

The Second Lesson: Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

The words of holy scripture.

Thanks be to God.

All stand. 1982 Hymnal

Hymn #89

“It came upon the midnight clear” *Carol*

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.

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.

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 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.



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.

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

Bell Carol, William Mathias

Born is Jesus Christ the King, Alleluia. Joy and peace to us he'll bring, Alleluia.
Refrain: Upon this day all people sing to hear the news the angels bring, to free mankind from fear and sin, and all the bells on earth do ring.
Shepherds saw the angels bright, Alleluia. Shining through the dark of night, Alleluia.
Refrain
Kings there came, and gifts they bare, Alleluia. To worship Christ that child so rare, Alleluia. To hear the news the angels bring, to free mankind from fear and sin, upon this day all people sing Noel!

Blessed be that holy child, Alleluia. And his mother, Mary mild, Alleluia. *Refrain*
 Blessed be the Trinity, Alleluia. Mankind is forever free, Alleluia. *Refrain*

Hymn #380 (*St. 3*)

“Praise God from whom all blessings flow” *Old 100th*

All stand. 1982 Hymnal

The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching Our Worship I

Chanted at 11pm.

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

1982 Hymnal

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.

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

All kneel or stand as able.

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.”

*These words come from
 Scripture:*

Matthew 26:26-29

Mark 14:22-25

Luke 22:14-20

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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.”

*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.*

*Please remain seated. 1982
Hymnal*

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

Sussex Carol, arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

On Christmas night all Christians sing, to hear the news the angels bring.
News of great joy, news of great mirth, news of our merciful King's birth.
When sin departs before Thy grace, then life and health come in its place.
Angels and men with joy may sing, all for to see the new-born King.
All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night:
"Glory to God and peace to men, now and for evermore. Amen."

The Huron Carol, arr. Robert B. Anderson

Gloria!

'Twas in the moon of winter-time when all the birds had fled,
The mighty Gitchi Manitou sent angel choirs instead;
Before their light the stars grew dim, and wandering hunters heard the hymn:
'Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born, *in excelsis gloria.*'
Within a lodge of broken bark the tender Babe was found,
A ragged robe of rabbit skin enwrapp'd His beauty round;
But as the hunter braves drew nigh, the angel song rang loud and high:
'Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born, *in excelsis gloria.*'
O children of the forest free, O Sons of Manitou,
The Holy Child of earth and heav'n is born today for you.
Come, kneel before the radiant Boy who brings you beauty, peace and joy,
Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born, *in excelsis gloria. Gloria!*

Hymn #79

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

Hymn #101

"Away in a manger" *Cradle Song*

The lights dim. The People remain seated for the singing of “Silent Night” as candlelight fills the Cathedral.

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

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.**

In Procession, Hymn #100

“Joy to the World” *Antioch*

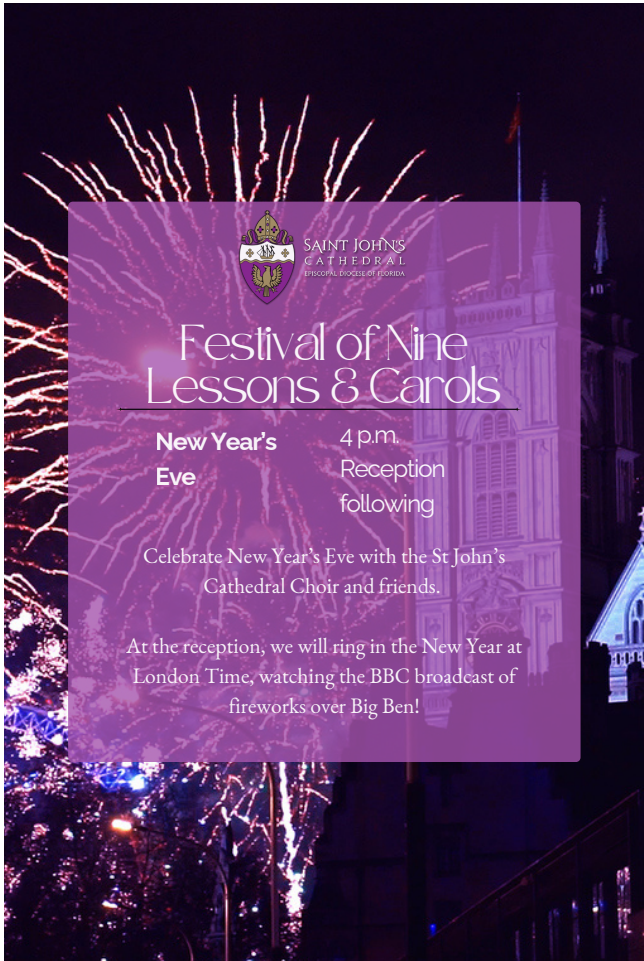
All stand. 1982 Hymnal.

The Dismissal

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

Voluntary

Angels we have heard on high, arr. Michel Rondeau





Poinsettias at the Christmas Altar

given in loving memory of

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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
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Engage Pop-Up: Mandarin Museum

SAT 9:30 a.m.
JAN 10 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 9 a.m.
Jan. 11 Taliaferro Hall
Jan. 18
Jan. 25
Feb. 8

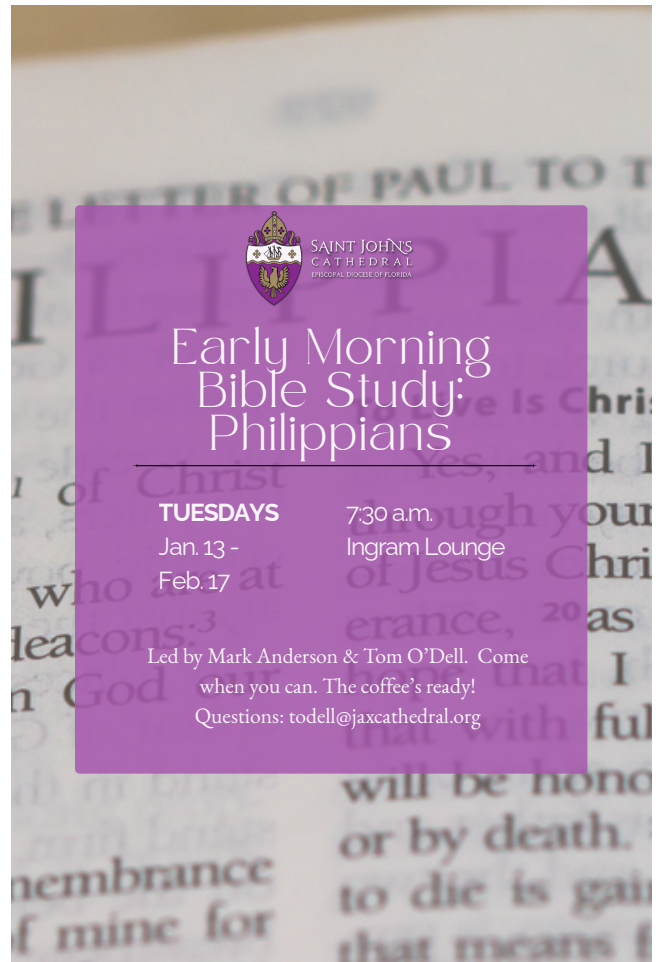
Bring Your Questions! Each class is stand alone and perfect for those who are new, newer or just interested. Questions: lodell@jaxcathedral.org



Creation Care Think Tank

SUNDAY 11:45 a.m.
Jan 11 Taliaferro Hall

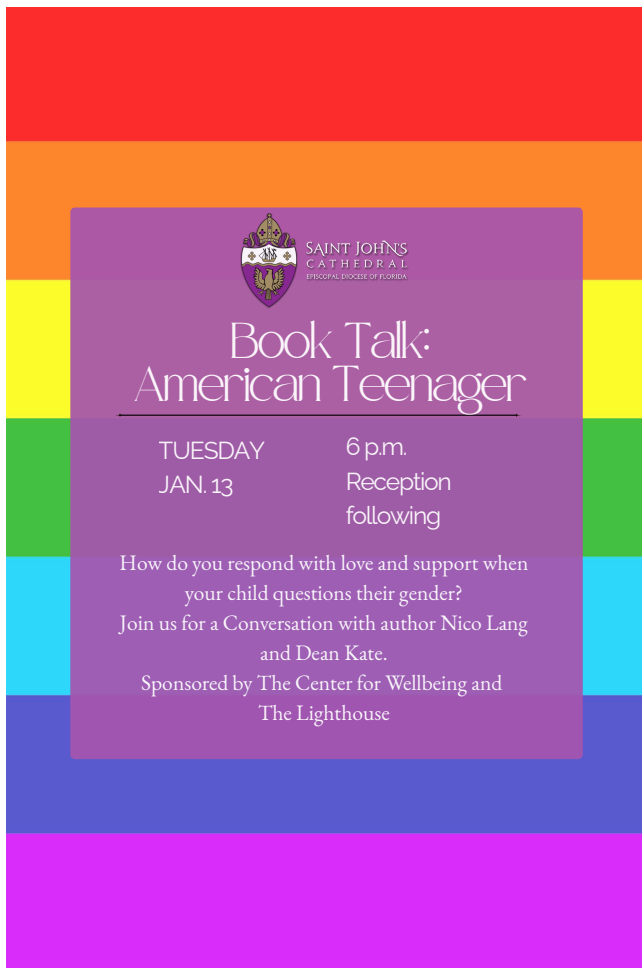
Join our next Think Tank as we explore how St. John's can take faithful, concrete steps to protect God's world. Together, we'll listen, reflect, and act for creation care.



Early Morning Bible Study: Philippians

TUESDAYS 7:30 a.m.
Jan. 13 - Ingram Lounge
Feb. 17

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



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