



ST. MARK'S THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 14 - Saturday, December 20, 2025



PRACTICE CONTINUES TODAY FOR CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS TABLEAU

Children in PreK–6th grade are invited to participate in St. Mark's beloved Christmas Tableau at the 2:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service. Rehearsals will be held on Sundays, December 14 and 21 at 10:00 a.m. in the Dempsey Chapel and on December 23 at 1:00 p.m. in the church. Questions? Contact **Kaitlyn Nott** at knott@smjax.org.

THE RIVER

Join us at The River service today and on December 21 for a special time of worship and community. Stay afterward for a festive hot chocolate & Christmas cookie bar! We encourage you to invite others!

FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS & PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER

Are you coming to the Parish Christmas dinner? We hope so! Please email engage@smjax.org to let us know you are coming and whether you can bring a dessert! We look forward to celebrating the season with you in **Leatherbury Hall**, after the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, which is **Wednesday, December 17, at 6:00 p.m. in the church.**

CHRISTMAS ALTAR FLOWERS

Please let us know if you would like to donate towards the flowers and the greenery in the church this Christmas, and, if so, whether you would like a dedication included in the Christmas Eve bulletin. The printing deadline for these bulletins is **Thursday, December 18, 2025.** Our requested Christmas flower donation is \$75. You can pay by check, cash, or credit card online at smjax.org. You can include your dedication there or email engage@smjax.org.



Thank you for a wonderful stewardship season!

Last call for 2026 pledges! Of our over 400 households, 229 have pledged, and for that, St. Mark's is so thankful. We are still \$538,783 shy of the \$2,425,000 proposed budget for next year. It is easy to pledge: simply return the card in your packet, scan the QR code, email finance@smjax.org, or call the church office. Join us as we go All In on a Spirit-filled Church!



DOWNLOAD THE SMJAX APP

Did you know we have an app? Download it in the Apple App Store or the Google Play store to watch our services live, watch past sermons, check out upcoming events, give online, and more!

YOUTH CONFIRMATION RETREAT: Join us for our annual Confirmation Retreat on January 16-17, where we'll come together with six other churches in our diocese to explore what it means to follow Jesus. We'll meet at Christ Church in Ponte Vedra for an overnight, lock-in style retreat. Our time will be filled with fun and formation in community with one another. Scan the QR code to sign up.



Come to St. Mark's FOR THE HOLIDAYS!



Christmas Eve Services*

Wednesday, December 24

2:00 p.m. in the church

Holy Eucharist with traditional hymns and Christmas Tableau

5:00 and 10:00 p.m. in the church

Holy Eucharist with choir, organ, and brass

**because of the size of the congregation at these services, seats may only be held until 10 minutes before the service*

Christmas Day Service

Thursday, December 25

10:00 a.m. in the chapel

Holy Eucharist with traditional hymns



BISHOP SURVEY: Be sure to complete the Bishop Search Survey by December 22 by scanning the QR code.



BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS (WEEK OF DEC. 14 – DEC. 20)

Willie Alexander; Diane Brooke; Dee Burnett; Emmy Cerveny; William Edmonston; Tim Engemann; Kay Fellows; Alise Ferranti; Leslie Freeman; Elizabeth Grich; Frank Hamilton; Henry Hobby; Ann Houston; Meredith Jones; Dennis Kelly; Jane Luby; Vason Lyerly; Jordan Mabry; Lillian Morgan; Ignacio O'Brien; Ben Oxnard; Allyson Pelser; Gordon Polley; Alston Rachels; Matt Robertson; Mike Shad; Lainey Sharkey; Serena Sharp; Jack Stephens