



# ST. MARK'S THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 21 - Saturday, December 27, 2025



## **PRACTICE CONTINUES TODAY FOR CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS TABLEAU:**

St. Mark's beloved Christmas Tableau is at the 2:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service. Rehearsals will be held today 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](mailto:knott@smjax.org).

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

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



# *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

**SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 28 AND JANUARY 4**

**8 A.M. – CHAPEL | 10 A.M. – CHURCH | 5 P.M. – THE RIVER**



**Thank you for a wonderful stewardship season!**

Last call for 2026 pledges! Of our over 400 households, 238 have pledged, and for that, St. Mark's is so thankful. We are still \$495,363 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](mailto:finance@smjax.org), or call the church office. Join us as we go All In on a Spirit-filled Church!

**START AND END YOUR DAY AT ST. MARK'S**  
**NEW WORSHIP SCHEDULE - STARTING JANUARY 11**

8 a.m.	9 a.m.	10 a.m.	11 a.m.	5 p.m.
Chapel Service	Traditional Service	Christian Education (All Ages)	Traditional Service	The River Service



**MEN'S RETREAT:** Join the men of St. Mark's for a weekend of fellowship, teaching, and outdoor fun at Camp Weed, taking place January 9-11. After Saturday's teaching sessions, enjoy a variety of afternoon activities including fishing, clay pigeon shooting, canoeing/kayaking, hiking, napping, a cornhole tournament, and more. Don't miss this chance to relax, recharge, and connect. Please RSVP by Tuesday, December 30 to hold your spot. Scan the QR code to sign up.



**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.



**WELLSPRING OF LIFE: A RETREAT FOR WOMEN:** Come away and be refreshed at the St. Mark's Women's Retreat, taking place January 30 through February 1. This special time of renewal, connection, fun, and spiritual growth will feature uplifting worship, meaningful teaching, and rich fellowship with women of all ages and walks of life. Step away from the busyness, find rest for your soul, and return home renewed in faith and purpose. Our retreat leader is the Rev. Dr. Sandi Kerner. Please register by Tuesday, January 20, to hold your spot. Scan the QR code to sign up.



**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS (WEEK OF DEC. 21 – DEC. 27)**

Ben Allison; Lewis Bliss; Russell Clarkson; Libby Donahoo; Darden Ferranti; John Gandy; Emme Grimes; Jan Harbeson; Cathy Heffernan; Jacob Holyer; Nancy Knight; Marme Kopp; Anna Mann; Kevin McAfee; Sarah Oates; London O'Brien; Virginia Parks; Tim Perot; Joe Steilberg; Nancy Studstill; Courtney Thompson; Ryan Williams