



ST. MARK'S THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 7 - Saturday, December 13, 2025



PLEASE WELCOME SANDI KERNER TO ST. MARK'S: There will be a Welcome Breakfast for Reverend Canon Dr. Sandra ("Sandi") Kerner at 10 a.m. between the services.

PRACTICE STARTS 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 7, 14, and 21 at 10:00 a.m. in the Dempsey Chapel and on December 23 at 1:00 p.m. in the church. **Scan QR code to sign up.** Questions? Contact **Kaitlyn Nott** at knott@smjax.org.



THE RIVER: Join us at The River service on Dec. 7, Dec. 14, and Dec. 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!

EYC TONIGHT: There will not be Middle School or High School EYC tonight, but instead an EYC White Elephant Christmas Party from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

MESSIAH – UNF CHAMBER SINGERS: Join us on **Monday, December 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the church** as we welcome Dr. Tasher and the talented University of North Florida Chamber Singers, along with the Lawson Ensemble, who will present Handel's beloved Messiah. Wine and cheese reception to follow. Questions? Contact **James Holyer** at jholyer@smjax.org.

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.**

Thank you for a wonderful stewardship season!

Thank you, thank you to the 216 households that have sent in their 2026 pledges! We have received a commitment for \$1,821,676.54 towards our \$2.425,000 goal for this campaign. We are still \$603,323.46 short of our target. We would love to have our over 400 parish households pledge this year. Any size pledge is welcome! You can pledge by returning the card in your packet, scanning the QR code, emailing gdonahoo@smjax.org, or calling the church office. Join us as we go All In on a Spirit-filled Church!



ANGEL TREE: There's still time to make a difference! Stop by, choose an angel, and help us bring joy and hope this holiday season. All gifts need to be back to St. Mark's by the due date listed.

CHRISTMAS ALTAR FLOWERS: Please contact engage@smjax.org if you would like to make a donation and dedication of Christmas flowers.

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. 7 – DEC. 13)

Andy Bates; Virginia Beard; Kate Boozer; Ansleigh Burgett; Ann Commander; Hartley-Ann Crews; Elinor Davidson; Sarah Duggan; Carole Dunn; John Fewell; Elaine Foster; Andrew Gabriel; Eric Gabriel; Lesley Gittings; Russell Glasheen; Mary Claire Kodatt; Ted Lyon; Hugh Magevney; Wyndham Manning; Lynn McCLOW; Henry Page; Tiffany Post; Cason Shiver; Andrew Smith; David Stewart; Sally Surface; Amanda Thoele; Diana Tope; Karina Tyler; Frank Westmark; Brooks Whittaker; Courtney Wilder