



# St. John's Chimes

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT | December 3, 2023

## TODAY

### Ecuador Mission Parent Meeting

St. John's Youth are excited to be returning to Quito in July 2024. If you think your high schooler might join us on this mission, please come to an important parent meeting today at 11:30 AM (Rutledge Room). We'll share trip details, introduce chaperones, and discuss fundraising.

### "Home for Christmas" Youth EYC

Youth in grades 6-12, join us for holiday fun—TONIGHT from 5 to 7 PM—at our Youth Group (EYC) Christmas Party. Bring a gift for our "White Elephant" exchange (\$10 limit), and enjoy games and a holiday feast!

## ADVENT FELLOWSHIP

### SPUDS Gathering – December 14

Come celebrate the season with St. John's SPUDS on Thursday, 12/14, at 6:30 PM. SPUDS stands for "St. John's Parishioners United for Dining and Spirit," so all are invited for fun and fellowship at the home of Miles Taylor and David Pascoe. Check the directory in Realm for the address or contact peggybielby@aol.com with questions.

### Integrity Holiday Party – December 15

Coming up Friday, December 15, at 6 PM, all are invited to Integrity Tallahassee's holiday gathering at the home of Jen & Emily Garretson. Bring an item for our White Elephant exchange (\$10 limit). Check the directory in Realm for the address or contact jenlgarretson@gmail.com with questions.

### Music Ministry Party – December 17

If you are one of the many individuals involved in St. John's Choirs and Music Ministries, please come celebrate the season at the home of Betsy Calhoun and Michael Corzine on Sunday, December 17 at 5 PM. Check email for details.

## SAVE THE DATE

WED  
12/20

**Service of Comfort and Healing**  
12:10 PM | CARTER CHAPEL  
*Guitar music & special healing prayer*

SAT  
1/6

**Epiphany Service & Pageant**  
4 PM CHURCH | DINNER FOLLOWS  
*Stay tuned for details and a pageant signup*

SAT  
1/20

**New Members' Retreat**  
8:30 AM | CHAPEL | REGISTER NOW  
*See website calendar for registration info.*

St. John's  
**Lively Café**



*Our holiday catering menu is now online along with our weekly offerings. The catering order deadline is 12/15  
[saint-john.org/livelycafe/](http://saint-john.org/livelycafe/)*



## THIS SEASON

One of the greatest gifts God can give us—and we can give ourselves—is the gift of respite, peace, and love. Our website highlights the many ways you can come and soak up the peace of God found at St. John's this season ([saint-john.org/christmas2023](http://saint-john.org/christmas2023)). We also encourage you to take on an Advent practice, such as the daily devotions featured in the calendars provided in the Calhoun Street lobby.





# Highlights

## NEXT SUNDAY

### Advent Lessons and Carols

Join us next Sunday, December 10, for our annual Service of Advent Lessons and Carols, a special holiday liturgy that heightens the expectancy of the Advent season! Celebrate with the reading of scripture and the singing of Advent carols, hymns, and anthems. The Tallahassee Bach Parley will kick off the evening with a recital at 6:30 PM. After the service all are invited to a festive dessert reception in Alfriend Hall, where the Stewardship Committee will share a champagne punch to toast a promising year ahead at St. John's!

*Our St. John's Reception Committee would love some help with next weekend's reception! If you are able to donate a couple dozen of your favorite holiday cookies, please bring them plated next Sunday morning or before Lessons & Carols. Thank you!*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Christmas Dedications – Due December 12

Poinsettia and music dedications shared in our Christmas Eve bulletins are a wonderful way to honor loved ones! Place pew envelopes in the offering plate by 12/12, or make dedications digitally: [saint-john.org/2023holidaydedications/](http://saint-john.org/2023holidaydedications/)



### "Elder Elf" Gift Delivery – December 16

On 12/16, St. John's volunteers will deliver gifts to senior adults in our area as part of Elder Care Services' annual "Elder Elf" program. Gifts have already been donated, so we just play Santa! [saint-john.org/event/elderelf2023/](http://saint-john.org/event/elderelf2023/)



### Christmas Caroling – December 17

Join us later this month for an afternoon of caroling as a parish family! After the 10 AM service on 12/17, we'll gather in Alfriend Hall to deck ourselves in festive apparel and enjoy refreshments before heading out by bus. All ages and singing abilities welcome!

### Advent Sound Bath – December 21

On Thursday, 12/21 at 6 PM, come enjoy a relaxing sound bath, led by a trio of local sound healing practitioners. Dress comfortably and bring a yoga mat, pillow, and blanket. Hot cocoa and cookies will be served after the event. There is a \$15 fee to cover costs: [saint-john.org/event/soundbath/](http://saint-john.org/event/soundbath/)



## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

TODAY	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>11:30 AM</b> Ecuador Mission Parent Meeting  <b>5 PM</b> Youth Holiday Party	<b>8:30 AM</b> SJ Historic Cemetery Workday  <b>7 PM</b> Centering Prayer	<b>11 AM</b> The Knitters  <b>1:30 PM</b> Meditation	<b>2:15 PM</b> Whataburger Wednesday w/ Fr. Lonnie	<b>7 AM</b> Men's Bible Study  <b>12 PM</b> Good Book  <b>12:30 PM</b> Contemplative Lunch	<b>12 PM</b> Friday Book Study	

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This grid highlights a few of the ways to get involved at St. John's. For event details and weekly worship times, scan the QR code or visit [saint-john.org/events](http://saint-john.org/events)

