

**Saint John's Episcopal Church
Tampa, Florida
Associate Priest Ministry Description**

The Mission of Saint John's

To proclaim, by word and example, the good news of God in Christ, and to build a spiritual community forming Christians of all ages through worship, education, and outreach.

The Priest We Seek

The parish is seeking an additional, articulate priest with a passion for reaching new Christians, teaching the "faith once delivered," and faithfully administering the sacraments.

About Saint John's

We are a thriving program-size church with a 500-student day school located in the heart of beautiful Tampa, FL. For more on St. John's, please visit our website at www.stjohnstampa.org.

The Priest Associate works closely with the Rector and lay leaders within the parish to accomplish its mission. Because of the size and complexity of the parish, the Associate is counted upon to be a strong multi-faceted servant leader.

Ministry Description for the Associate Priest

1. Support and give counsel to the Rector
2. Assist in leading worship by preaching, administering sacraments, and performing pastoral offices with the Rector and other assisting clergy
3. Take a lead role in the pastoral care of the congregation – directing and supporting its lay pastoral care team
4. Support the church's various existing ministries and studies
5. Welcome and incorporate all newcomers into the life of the parish
6. Discern the need for new ministries and programs and help bring them about
7. Support youth and outreach programs as directed and practicable

Qualifications

The Associate Priest will be a priest in good standing in the Episcopal Church, or otherwise in good standing with a bishop and diocese while in the process for ordained ministry as a priest within the Episcopal Church. Experience in parish ministry is preferable, and demonstrable leadership skills are essential.

Abilities & Requirements

The Associate Priest must:

1. Be a person of prayer, demonstrating faith and discipleship
2. Be a passionate proclaimer of the good news of the gospel
3. Be an effective preacher
4. Be an effective teacher
5. Be a proficient liturgist able to lead spoken and sung worship with ease and dignity
6. Possess pastoral sensitivity and grace

7. Be able to do skillful and creative project development management
8. Have competence and comfort with computers and online communication
9. Be ready to give and receive feedback and to offer complete solutions and plans
10. Be adept at group facilitation and volunteer recruiting and support

Requisite Personality

All Saint John's staff and lay leaders must have an appreciation for the work of the parish, recognizing that we must be "customer-driven" in order to make Jesus Christ known, hallowed and adored in Tampa and beyond. Everyone who visits the parish must be welcomed as Christ Himself (paraphrase from *The Rule of St. Benedict*). To that end, every staff person will:

1. Have a strong work ethic, demonstrating a sense of urgency to reach new believers
2. Be a dependable, honest, and trustworthy member of our team
3. Have a kind, even winsome, disposition, reflecting the joy of Christian life and ministry
4. Work well with others as a member of our team
5. Resist "triangulation" in all its forms and communicate openly and effectively in a team setting

Additional Requirements

The successful candidate will be required to submit to a criminal and financial background check, including a motor vehicle report, a drug test, and complete Safeguarding training.

Compensation and Benefits

Cash stipend and housing may be offered, depending upon experience. Health coverage will be offered per the DHP.

How Do I Apply?

Please send your *curriculum vitae* to the Reverend Christian M. Wood, Rector, at cwood@stjohnstampa.org Applicants should also include one-paragraph answers to the following questions:

1. Why are you an ideal candidate for the Associate Priest position at Saint John's?
2. How would you describe your theological and liturgical convictions?
3. What does the phrase "Jesus is Lord" mean to you?
4. What is the role of Holy Scripture for today's Church?
5. What is the role of the Church in relationship to contemporary cultural issues?

Applications must be submitted before **15 May 2022**. Candidates should also have two letters of recommendation sent directly to the Rector.