

Meet Our Rector

Fr. Daniel Johnson, OPA grew up in Albert Lea, Minnesota, and was raised in the Roman Catholic tradition. In his twenties, he stepped away from the Church and spent a season identifying as an atheist—an experience that ultimately led him to a life-changing rediscovery of faith within the Episcopal Church.

Fr. Daniel holds a B.A. in English from the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth, Minnesota, an M.A. in Irish Literature from Queen's University in Belfast, Northern Ireland, and an M.Div. with a concentration in Christian Spirituality from Virginia Theological Seminary. He is currently pursuing a Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) at Nashotah House Theological Seminary, focusing on Christian Mysticism.

Ordained to the priesthood in 2019, Fr. Daniel is a Life Professed Brother in the Anglican Order of Preachers (OPA) and serves as Chaplain to the Virginia Chapter of the Society of Catholic Priests.

A self-described lifelong nerd, Fr. Daniel is passionate about comic books, science fiction, and Japanese samurai films. Before entering ordained ministry, he enjoyed a dynamic creative life as an actor, director, playwright, and stand-up comedian—and he also studied martial arts, including Taekwondo, Goju-Ryu, Muay Thai, and Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu. Fr. Daniel lives in Fredericksburg with his wife, Shannon, a fourth-grade teacher. They have three children—Logan, Aubry, and Rhys—a self-aggrandizing pit bull, and a perpetually plotting Norwegian Forest cat.