



# ST. JAMES' CHURCH

## Invitations & Information

February 11, 2018



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### Dear friends,

We are at one of the pivot points in the church's liturgical year. Today is the Last Sunday after the Epiphany. Next Sunday is the First Sunday in Lent. In between comes Ash Wednesday, as it always does, and the revelry of Mardi Gras the day before. Things are beginning to shift.

In New Orleans, this shift is a dramatic thing (as so many things in that wonderful city are!). The crowds and festivities of the Carnival season are legendary and sweep the entire city up in a blaze of joy. But when midnight strikes, and Fat Tuesday becomes Ash Wednesday, it all ends. Immediately. As the bells of St. Louis Cathedral toll, the police sweep through the French Quarter, shutting down the parties. The sanitation crews begin their cleanup. Lent is come.

The shift into Lent may well be less dramatic in our own lives. In fact, the season often sneaks up on us. Sometimes we are unsure what to give up or take on. Sometimes we are so preoccupied with our own lives and agendas that we miss what God is up to. What a gift, then, that we have these days of preparation before Lent, this clear signal that something new is coming. There are lots of ideas about ways you might observe this season on our website ([stjames.org/lent](http://stjames.org/lent)). Speak to any of the clergy if you need advice. But let's use this time wisely. Ready or not, Lent is coming. And if we embrace it, it can be what God intends for it to be: a gift to help us pivot toward, and focus on, God's great love for us all.

In Christ,  
*The Rev. Ryan Fleenor, Vicar*

## Today at St. James'

### This week in *The Path*

Our parish-wide reading of *The Path* continues, with discussion of Chapter 15: "Go Up and Rebuild." All are welcome at our 10:30 a.m. Forum in Coburn Hall or 4:30 p.m. Bible Study in Sunderland Hall. Learn more at [stjames.org/LivingWord](http://stjames.org/LivingWord).

### Homeless Shelter Open House 1:00 p.m., MAPC

Want to learn more about St. James' homeless shelter ministry? Meet us at Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church for an orientation and information about how you can get involved.

### 2018 Parish Weekend Away registration is live!

We're going back to camp! Will you come, too? St. James' second Parish Weekend Away will be held over Columbus Day weekend (Oct. 5 - 7). Learn more and register at [stjames.org/weekendaway](http://stjames.org/weekendaway).

### HAVE YOU TAKEN THE RENEWAL WORKS SURVEY YET?

Please visit [stjames.org/renewalworks](http://stjames.org/renewalworks) to respond before Feb. 18! Thank you to all those who have already responded.

## Every Sunday

### Fellowship

- After the 9:10 a.m. service, coffee outside Coburn Hall
- After the 11:15 a.m. service, coffee in Sunderland Hall

### Nursery Care available

Nursery care is available downstairs during the 9:10, 11:15 a.m. services, and adult formation offerings.

### Formation for all ages!

At St. James', we believe that if you come here, you will grow. To learn more, visit the First-time Families podium in the Narthex.

- Toddler (ages 2-3) and Primary (ages 4-6) 9:05 - 11:00 a.m.
- Church School, Youth Group (grades 1-12) 10:15 - 11:00 a.m.
- The Forum 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.
- Afternoon Bible Study 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

### Healing Prayer

Is there something you would like prayer for — a joy or a concern, for yourself or someone else? Join our Healing Prayer ministers in the Chapel following worship at 9:10, 11:15 a.m., and 6:00 p.m.

## New? START HERE TO BEGIN YOUR LIFE IN CHRIST

- Pick up a "Start Here" brochure and return the welcome card.
- "Meet me at the bell" (after 9:10, 11:15 a.m., and 6:00 p.m.)  
Meet next to the bell at the back corner of the church for an informal conversation with a priest about what led you here and where you might be called to go in your spiritual life.

## This Week

### \* Special this week

Learn more at [stjames.org/calendar](http://stjames.org/calendar)

#### Monday, February 12

Morning Prayer	8:00 - 8:20 a.m.
Caregivers Playgroup	10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Evening Prayer	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Centering Prayer	6:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Overnight Shelter open (Monday through Friday)	

#### Tuesday, February 13

*Absolom Jones*

Morning Prayer	8:00 - 8:20 a.m.
Tuesday Morning Small Group	8:45 - 9:45 a.m.
Tuesday Lunch Program	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
3-5 year old Playgroup	3:30 - 4:45 p.m.
Cherub Choir rehearsal	3:45 - 4:15 p.m.
Junior Choir rehearsal	4:35 - 5:40 p.m.
* Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Evening Prayer	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Lectio Divina group	6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday, February 14

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

* Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes	8:00 - 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study	8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
0-12 month Playgroup	10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
* Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes	12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
* Ash Wednesday Children's Service	4:30 - 5:00 p.m.
* Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes	6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

#### Thursday, February 15

*Thomas Bray*

Morning Prayer	8:00 - 8:20 a.m.
12-24 month Playgroup	10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Bible Stories & Legos	4:00 - 4:45 p.m.
We Love to Sing	4:00 - 4:45 p.m.
Primary Choir rehearsal	4:00 - 4:40 p.m.
Thursdays for Families	4:45 - 6:00 p.m.
The Catechumenate	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Education for Ministry	6:30 - 8:45 p.m.

#### Friday, February 16

Men's Group	7:00 - 8:00 a.m.
Morning Prayer	8:00 - 8:20 a.m.
24-36 month Playgroup	10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Centering Prayer	12:00 - 12:30 p.m.
Friday Dinner Program	5:00 - 9:00 p.m.

## Next Sunday: Feb. 18

### The First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 9:8-17, Psalm 25:1-9, 1 Peter 3:18-22, Mark 1:9-15

#### 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon by the Rev. Craig Townsend.

#### 9:10 a.m. Great Litany & Holy Eucharist

Sermon by the Rev. Craig Townsend. The Canterbury Choir offers music by Rupert Jeffcoat, and Martin How.

#### 11:15 a.m. Great Litany & Choral Eucharist

Sermon by the Rev. Brenda Husson. The St. James' Compostela Choir offers music by Herbert Howells, Henry Purcell, and C. Hubert H. Parry.

#### 6:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion

Homily by the Rev. Ryan Fleenor. Music for piano.

### Next week in *The Path*

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### Renewal Works Survey deadline—we need your voice!

Please offer 20 minutes to reflect on where you are in your spiritual life using the anonymous Renewal Works survey, which you can take at [stjames.org/renewalworks](http://stjames.org/renewalworks). Your thoughtful participation will give parish leadership data that will help us focus our spiritual life and ministry for years to come. If you require a paper survey, please request one at the reception desk in the Parish House.

### Did you know?

- You can always access Sunday's readings online at [stjames.org/next-sunday](http://stjames.org/next-sunday), or by subscribing to our weekly e-newsletter at [stjames.org/eNews](http://stjames.org/eNews) and clicking the link in the "Coming Up Sunday" section.
- You can set up a recurring gift online to support St. James' throughout the year! Visit [stjames.org/give](http://stjames.org/give) or contact Sandra De La Cruz to get started.
- If you gave online last year and wish to continue giving, you must set up a new gift. Please visit [stjames.org/give](http://stjames.org/give) to do so.

## Living Word: A Year With the Bible

### Reflecting on *The Path*:

#### Chapter 15: Go up and rebuild

When the prophet Ezra reads the people the scriptures for the first time, they are overcome with both joy and conviction. Have you ever been deeply touched by a passage of the Bible? What was the passage, and what has it meant to you?

### Bible Memorization Project verse:

And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white.

—Mark 9:3

**LEARN MORE AT [STJAMES.ORG/LIVINGWORD](http://STJAMES.ORG/LIVINGWORD)**

## News & Notes

### **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** **Tuesday, 5:00- 7:00 p.m.**

Join us for a “Fat Tuesday” feast with parishioners of all ages at the festive annual celebration before the start of Lent. Contact Grace Beacham to learn more or get involved.

### **Ash Wednesday** **Wednesday**

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten season, during which we reflect, repent, and recount the story of Jesus’ ministry, betrayal, arrest, and crucifixion. Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes will be held at 8:00 a.m., 12:00, and 6:00 p.m. A Children’s Eucharist with Ashes will be held at 4:30 p.m. If you would like to participate in “Ashes to Go,” offering the imposition of ashes at nearby subway stations, please contact the Rev. Ryan Fleenor.

### **Youth Missioners travel to Haiti** **Sat. Feb. 17 - Tue. Feb. 20**

St. James’ high schoolers will travel to Haiti to visit the residents and students at St. Vincent’s Centre for Handicapped Children. Please keep the group and their chaperones in your prayers.

### **“Communion in the Bible” Small Group** **begins Sun. Feb. 25**

Join parishioners in their 20s & 30s after the 11:15 a.m. Eucharist Sundays in Lent to learn more about how God uses the Living Word and the Bread of Life to shape us into who we are called to be. Contact Chris Harding to RSVP.

### **Lenten organ concert** **Mon. Feb. 26, 7:00 p.m.**

Stephen Tharp will offer Marcel Dupré’s “Stations of the Cross,” based on the traditional 14-station Way of the Cross, with readings offered by parishioner Stephen de Francesco. All are welcome!

### **Lenten Quiet Day** **Sat. March 3, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

Join the Rev. Ryan Fleenor for a Quiet Day in meditation on Jesus’ journey to the cross through art that raises awareness of the experiences of refugees and displaced persons. Learn more at [artstations.org](http://artstations.org).

### **Parish-wide Reading in Lent: “Wearing God” by Lauren Winner**

In our Lenten parish-wide reading, *Wearing God*, Lauren Winner explores lesser-known names for God, reflecting on how they work biblically and culturally, and how they can deepen our spiritual lives. Visit [stjames.org/lent](http://stjames.org/lent) to learn more or order your copy online. We are thrilled to welcome Laura as our 2018 Stillman Lecture guest on April 25 at 6:30 p.m. Please mark your calendar!

### **Giving for God’s holy purposes**

Jesus called disciples to follow him, to learn from him, and to work alongside him for God’s holy purposes. Together they bore witness to God’s reign of justice, mercy, and peace, making manifest in tangible ways God’s light and love. Do you have a practice of weekly or monthly giving for God’s kingdom? A mailing has just gone out to parishioners who have not yet committed their support for 2018; please take this opportunity to join with your fellow parishioners so that we can deepen our journey together with Jesus as we move into Lent. Visit [stjames.org/2018commitment](http://stjames.org/2018commitment) to get started. Thank you!

## Prayer List

### **Thanks be to God**

- for today’s baptisms of Daphne Shaw Franz, Sadie Louise Lehrman, Henry Thompson Stratoudakis, and Elliott John de Gorter.
- for the generosity of parishioners who have made pledges for 2018, including dozens of new and increased financial commitments.

### **Your prayers are requested**

- for St. James’ this Epiphany season, that being illumined by Word and Sacrament, we may shine with the radiance of Christ’s glory, that his light may be known to the ends of the earth.
- for parishioners participating in the Catechumenate at St. James’ as they seek to deepen their faith in preparation for baptism, confirmation, or a renewed commitment to Christ.
- for our ongoing work with St. Vincent’s Centre for Handicapped Children in the Diocese of Haiti, and for the members of our youth group and their chaperones preparing to visit St. Vincent’s next week.
- for members and friends of the parish who are sick, sorrowful, or in any kind of trouble: Donald, Henry, David, Susan, Terry & Mary Jane, Mal, Elona, Carol, Lydia, Cynthia, Pam, Caroline & Michael, Walterene, James Edward, Joan, Lois, Brian, Sara, Michael, Jen & Ulrik, Norman, Janet, Eula Mae, Carol, Kathy, Jane, Lilly, Richard, Laura, Sallie, Ann & Ben, Bob, Chris, Alain & Stafford, Amanda, Koula, Blanche, Victor, Carolyn & David, Kari & Zoe, Valli, Casper, Seth, Jeanette, Alice, Iris, Sophie, Asher, Mady, Kate, Marielle, Maria & her parents, Lisa, Frank, Lisa, Carmen, Manny, Milton, Alice Mary, Maurice, Andy & Sabra, Izabel, Rick, Doug, Barbara, Peter & Dianne, Lewies family, Ben & Juergen, Kell, Birgit & Kevin, Kunle, Peter, Bill, John, Prune, Lee McGee, the Kirkpatrick family, Gingi, Emi, Nathan & Nicholas, Martha, Tom, Hayden, Douglas, Vicky, Ramon, Pelham, Anthony, Nancy, Zoey, Lenore, Bruce, Nadine, Isabelle & Viviane, Tracey, Hermie, Meshida & her children, Kevin, Greg, Paul, Betsy, Jeannette, Rodney, LeRoy, Bill & Gail, Dominick, Mary Frances, Dorothy, Grace, Aris, Artemis, Mary, JoAnne, Mechelle, A.B., Pamela, Robert, Sue Ellen, Elizabeth, Dorothy, Kit, Elnora, Harriett, Martha, Alex, Marc, Travers, Mitties, Kathryn, Warren, Susan, Sean, Madge & Bill, Christian, Danny, Kathleen, James, Tate, Asafe, Norma, Christopher, George, Jodi, Margot, James, Earl, Peggy, Katharine, Jerry, Casey, John & Catherine, Alex, Theresa, Ruth, Filip, Sandy, Dick, John, Catherine, George, Mary Kate and Peter, Elie, Joan, Samuel, Steve, Sean, John, Barbara, Alicia Raquel, Adrian, Selma, Bryce, Hedwig, Al, Jose, Laura, Pam, Dmitri, Doroteo, Deborah, Jane, Josefina, Jorge, Lillian, Vincent, Barb, Nick, Craig, Peter and Jana, Megan, Grace, Wayne, Meredith, Bonnie, Matthew, Malcom, Jane, Shawn, Nicole, Richard, Gordon, Isabel, Babis, Kiley, Margaret, Julie, Norman, Nancy, Victims of California wildfires, Babu, Ruth and Petteri, Silvia, Holly, Tom, Gabriella, Thomas, Chloe, Tom, Pam, Paul, Blake, Camilla, Barbara, Vinod, Ann, Chetram, MaryAnn, Anita, Bill, Florence, Yukie, Carl Jandernoa family, John, Don, Alida and Martin, Dustin, Mary, Georgia, Dale, Wendy, Matthew, and Page.
- for the Church of the Atonement, Bronx, according to the Diocesan cycle of prayer.
- for the Diocese of Lusaka in the Province of Central Africa, its ministries and people, and their Bishop, the Rt. Rev. David Njovu, according to the Anglican cycle of prayer.
- for our work as stewards of God’s creation, that we may use the earth’s resources rightly in the service of others, and be mindful of our connection to all living things.
- for the United States of America, for wisdom and grace for our leaders in the exercise of their duties, that the rights and dignity of all may be protected, and our nation be a blessing to other nations of the earth.
- for justice and peace in this city and nation; for those who serve the common good in law enforcement and the courts; and for the victims of racism, injustice, and intolerance.
- for all who are persecuted for their faith, including Christians in the Middle East; for all refugees and all who welcome and serve those in need.
- for members and friends of the parish serving in the Armed Forces, in the Diplomatic Corps, and with the U.N.: Tracy, Christian, Mads, Michael, Mark.

### **We commend to God’s never-failing care**

- victims of war and violence throughout the world, including all victims of terrorism; all migrants and refugees who have died fleeing danger; and all those killed in the military service of our nation.
- all whom we love but see no more, especially Virginia Echols Orgain, Sally Woodworth, and Jackie Walker.

**To have your prayer requests printed in this space,  
or to provide an update, please e-mail the clergy at  
[pastoralcare@stjames.org](mailto:pastoralcare@stjames.org), or visit [stjames.org/prayer](http://stjames.org/prayer).**



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*St. James' Church is a community that actively shares the love of Jesus Christ with each other, our city and the world.*

## Worship

### SUNDAYS

8:00 a.m. · Holy Eucharist (Chapel)  
9:10 a.m. · Holy Eucharist (Church)  
11:15 a.m. · Choral Eucharist (Church)  
6:00 p.m. · Candlelight Communion

### WEEKDAYS

M, T, Th, F 8:00 a.m. · Morning Prayer  
Wed. 8:00 a.m. · Holy Eucharist  
Mon., Tue. 6:00 p.m. · Evening Prayer

### CENTERING PRAYER

Mon. 6:30 p.m.  
Wed. 12:00 p.m.  
Fri. 12:00 p.m.

*Open for prayer and meditation  
Sunday, 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Mon. - Fri., 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.*

## Visit Us

### PARISH HOUSE HOURS

Mon. - Fri. · 9:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
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