Dear friends,

We do some strange things this weekend. Just as the world is tugging us toward joyful meals and festive moments, we at St. James’ proclaim a crucified man King, hear a Gospel passage that seems better suited for Good Friday, and face, after centuries, the legacy of slavery in our church’s history. I’m sure I’m not the only one who has wondered about the timing of it all.

But in fact, honesty is always the route to real joy. And clear-eyed mercy is the hallmark of real power. When we acknowledge Jesus as King—as Lord of lords—we ally ourselves with a sovereign who transcends the whims and fads and misjudgments of earthly powers, the fallibility that plagues human history, and dare to be citizens of a better Kingdom. A more just kingdom. A more courageous kingdom. A more free kingdom.

Of course, living under the reign of this particular King means trying every day to live by his law, his customs, and his expectations. It means strange things like admitting our faults and confessing our sins, forgiving our enemies and extending mercy, honoring the God-given dignity of every person and investing ourselves in the work of building beloved community. By the world’s standards, following this King seems strange, indeed. But we know that it is a way that leads to true joy.

In Christ,
Chris Veillon, Director of Communications

Today at St. James’

John 21 Breakfast 10:15 - 11:00 a.m., Kitchen
Middle and High School students are invited to share breakfast together after the 9:10 a.m. service. Join us today or contact Jeremy Diakonov-Curtis to learn more about Youth Group activities.

Forum: St. James’ & the Slave Trade 10:30 a.m., Coburn Hall
Parishioner Sarah Cunningham leads a special forum looking at the history of St. James’ Church and the economy of the slave trade at the time of our church’s founding in 1810.

St. James’ 101 Brunch 10:30 - 11:00 a.m., Sunderland Hall
Are you “new” to St. James? Our clergy, parishioners, and parish life staff would love to get to know you. Join us today or contact the Rev. Zack Thompson to learn more.

The Rector Reads 3:00 - 4:15 p.m., Rector’s Office
All 3rd Graders are invited to the Rector’s office for a special series in which Brenda will read aloud C.S. Lewis’s classic, The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe. Please note that this series will pause over Thanksgiving weekend (Dec. 1) and conclude on Dec. 8.

Thank you!
Consecration Sunday last week was fabulous—thank you! 214 households offered 2020 financial commitments; 55 of those were first-time commitments; 102 were increases over commitments made last year; and those who increased their commitments did so at an average of 25 percent! If you would like to offer your Commitment today, please find a card in the Narthex.

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

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

**Monday, November 25**

* Matthew 19:1-12
  
**Morning Prayer**

8:00 - 8:20 a.m.

* Caregivers Playgroup (0-36 months)

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Evening Prayer**

5:30 - 6:00 p.m.

**Lectio Divina**

6:00 - 6:30 p.m.

* Overnight Shelter (Mon. - Thu.)

**Tuesday, November 26**

* Matthew 19:13-22
  
**Morning Prayer**

8:00 - 8:20 a.m.

* Moms 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.

**Evening Prayer**

5:30 - 6:00 p.m.

**Centering Prayer**

6:00 - 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, November 27**

* Matthew 19:23-30
  
**Holy Eucharist**

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.

**Centering Prayer**

12:00 - 12:30 p.m.

* Thanksgiving Eve Eucharist

5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

**Thursday, November 28**

* John 6:25-35
  
**Thursday, November 28**

* Thanksgiving Day

* The Church and Parish House are closed. AA groups will meet as usual and our Overnight Shelter will remain open.

**Friday, November 29**

* Matthew 20:17-28
  
**Morning Prayer**

8:00 - 8:20 a.m.

**Moms Small Group**

8:45 - 9:45 a.m.

**Evening Prayer**

5:30 - 6:00 p.m.

**Centering Prayer**

12:00 - 12:30 p.m.

* Thanksgiving Eve Eucharist

5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

**Saturday, November 30**

* John 1:35-42

* The Feast of Saint Andrew

Next Sunday: December 1

The First Sunday of Advent

* Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44; Psalm 122

**Sunday, December 1**

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Homily by the Rev. Ryan Fleenor.

9:10 a.m. Holy Eucharist


11:15 a.m. Choral Eucharist


6:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion

Homily by the Rev. Eva Suarez. Music for piano and guitar.

The Forum

10:15 a.m., downstairs

The Rev. Brenda Husson introduces our Advent series on the Bible’s sweeping story of salvation as told through the stories of four gardens, beginning with Eden.

Baptism Preparation

10:15 a.m., Library

Interested in learning more about baptism for yourself or your child? Come, meet with the Rev. Zack Thompson, other baptism candidates and parishioners who have been through the sacrament.

Helping Hands

10:15 a.m., downstairs

All are invited to help our combined Church School classes with a project to serve our neighbors! Meet us downstairs and spend some time sharing God’s love with those in need.

Coming up: December 8

Christmas flower donations names due by December 8

Remember or honor a loved one at Christmas by making a gift to the Altar Guild Christmas Flower fund! Visit stjames.org/altarguild to submit names for print in the Christmas bulletin.

Christmas Boutique

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Bring your Christmas list (and a friend!) and shop our unique vendors for clothing, candy, jewelry, gifts, and much more. 20% of sales support those in need through the St. James’ Grants Program.

Food Drive for St. James’, Fordham

Our partnership with St. James’, Fordham, helps that parish stock a food pantry to serve their immediate community. A basket in the Parish House is available for donations of 1lb packages of spaghetti.

Advent Procession special service held at 6:00 p.m.

Modeled on a service at Salisbury Cathedral, the Compostela Choir will lead us in an evening of glorious music and seasonal readings as we move from a dark church to one bathed in candlelight. This service, which will replace the Candlelight Communion for the week, will be a beautiful opportunity to enter the Advent season!

This week’s Bible Memorization verse

Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.

—Psalm 46:11
Prayer List

Thanks be to God

• for the generosity of all who have made 2020 financial commitments.
• for the faithful volunteers who made the Second Time Around Sale a great success, raising over $50,000 to help those in need in our city.
• for our shared ministry with St. James’ Church, Fordham, and our mission to seek and serve Christ in all persons.

Your prayers are requested

• for our parish Church on this Feast of Christ the King, that we have the grace to follow Christ’s self-sacrificing example of serving all people in the Spirit of his love.
• for St. James’ as we dedicate our plaque acknowledging the enslaved persons whose labor created wealth that made possible the founding of this parish church, and that we would always remember that the truth shall indeed make us free.
• for our partners at St. Vincent’s School and in the Diocese of Haiti, during this time of conflict and civil unrest.
• for members and friends of the parish who are sick, sorrowful, or in any kind of trouble: Donald, Henry, David, Terry & Mary Jane, Elona, Cynthia, Pam, Caroline & Michael, Walterene, James Edward, Joan, Lois, Brian, Michael, Eula Mae, Carol, Lily, Laura, Ann & Ben, Bob, Chris, Amanda, Victor, Val, Jeanette, Iris, Sophie, Maria & her parents, Frank, Lisa, Milton, Alice Mary, Isabel, Rick, Peter & Dianne, Ben, Bill, John, the Kirkpatrick family, Tom, Douglas, Pelham, Anthony, Nancy, Yozy, Nadine, Isabelle & Viviane, Tracey, Jeannette, Dorothy, Elnora, Harriett, Alex, Christopher, Margot, James, Peggy, Katharine, Casey, John & Catherine, Ruth, Sandy, Dick, John, George, Peter, Jose, Laura, Pam, Barb, Craig, Megan, Grace, Matthew, Isabel, Margaret, Barb, MaryAnn, Bill, Dale, Carol Sue, Robert, Jonathan, Ben, Bryce, James, Elena, Kelly, Mackenzie, Jason, Carter, Angelo, Kathryn, Teresa, Ben & Juergen, Liam, Ann, Emily, Andrew, Charlie, John, Monique, Cilla, Rich, Janet, Behida, Ray, John, Frank, Karen & Craig, Gary, Aaron & family, Anita, Dwain, Caris & Blake, Charlotte, Peter, Anne, Jason, Vicky, Bill, Dorothy, Peg, Chace, Alice, Claude, Matthew, John, Blake & Pamela, Gabrielle, Pamela, Paula, Elena, Allison, Jane & Peter, Emily, Pat, Robert, Jorge, Brad, Ryan and the Malosh family, Karen, Olivia, Grace, Kim, Kenneth, Philip, Drew, Taylor, and Layla, Justin & Jennifer, Joseph [JP], Florence, Phyllis, Ivan, Suzanne, Elizabeth, Thomas, Lorraine, Francis, Mary Beth, Annette, Terence, Caroline, Dan, Tony, Ward, Sophie, Sharon, Nate, Jim, Richard, Joseph, Anne, Darby, Susan, Mary, Arwen, Vicki, Jimmy, Tom, Beth, Elizabeth, Christine, Rafa, Emily, Christopher, Karen, Susan, Ann, Liz, Sam, Ruth and John, John’s family, Suzanne, Sebastian, Nico, Lola, Susan, Lynda, Joseph, Katy, Christina, Miriam, Stephen, Paula, Jerry, John, Madelyn, Benjamin, Richard, Diane, Lucy and Nicholas, Tim, Teresa and Jackie, John, Laura, Daniel, Charlie, Paul, Randy, Larry, Nathan, Charlie, August, Lena, Beverley, Pete, Dayanand, Joyce, Cynthia, Simon, and Julia.

for St. Peter’s Church (Westchester Square), Bronx, according to the Diocesan cycle of prayer.

• for the Falkland Islands (Extra-Provincial to Canterbury), its ministries and people, and for the Rt. Rev. Timothy Thornton, Bishop to the Falkland Islands, according to the Anglican Communion 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, including Gilbert Hasenjager, Warren Walker, and Ethan Wasserberger.

To have your prayer requests printed in this space, or to provide an update, please e-mail the clergy at pastoralcare@stjames.org.

News & Notes

Thanksgiving Eve Eucharist  Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.
Begin the Thanksgiving weekend in gratitude for life’s blessings at this special Eucharist. Friends and family welcome! The Rev. Nate Lee, Rector of All Angel’s Church, will be our guest preacher.

Advent Quiet Evening  Wed. Dec. 4, 7:00 p.m.
Spend an evening in prayer, with meditations on “A Rose Ever Blooming: Songs and Readings of Hope and Expectation,” led by The Rev. Benjamin Straley; with supper at 6:15 p.m, programming at 7:00 p.m., and candlelit Compline at 8:15 p.m.

Advent Wreath Workshop  Thu. Dec. 5, 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.
A creative evening for ALL ages (small children require supervision)! We supply fresh greens, straw frame, red berries, and candles ($25). Seasonal music sets the mood and supper is also available ($5).

St. Nick’s Young Adult Party  Fri. Dec. 6, 6:00-9:00 p.m.
Join with young adults from around the Diocese to celebrate the Christmas season at St. Bartholomew’s Church, Midtown. Contact Jeremy Diakonov-Curtis to learn more or to RSVP.

Advent Retreat at Holy Cross Monastery  Fri.-Sun., Dec. 6-8
Join Lay Associate, Matthew Leaycraft, to explore prayer as a part of life in beloved community. Treat yourself to spiritual refreshment and reflection! Space is limited; contact Matt to learn more.

Gingerbread House Family Friday  Fri. Dec. 13, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Get ready for this year’s gingerbread house party! Watch for online registration to reserve your house; $40 covers the cost of one house, as well as pizza and snacks. Contact Vicki Hall to learn more.

Volunteers needed for Food Pantry service day  Sat. Dec. 14
As part of our new partnership, we will be volunteering at St. James’, Fordham’s, Food Pantry Day. All ages are welcome for different tasks! Contact Windsor Jones for details.

Mission Brunch  Sun. Dec. 15, 12:30 p.m.
Interested in mission and service at St. James? Please join our staff and ministry chairs to learn about how you can serve others and deepen your life of faith. Contact the Rev. Eva Suarez to learn more.

Children’s Christmas Pageant  Sun. Dec. 15, 4:00 p.m.
The Christmas story comes to life for our youngest parishioners (ages 4-17)! Sign up now for the Christmas Pageant. With two rehearsals, December 7 and 14. Register online at stjames.org/pageant.

Caroling on the Church Steps  Tue. Dec. 17, 5:30 p.m.
Parishioners (and friends) young and old are invited to join Director of Music Davis Wortman for some old-fashioned caroling! A festive reception will follow from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Share the Joy: Gift Drive  deadline December 17
Help make the holiday season extra special for the children of incarcerated parents by participating in our annual Gift Drive. Visit stjames.org/sharethejoy to make a personal gift. Please contact Windsor Jones to learn more.

Last Call for Hymnal Drive gifts!
A few hymnals are available for purchase in memory of or thanksgiving for your friends and loved ones! Did you miss your chance or forget a name? Visit stjames.org/hymnals to make a gift!

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The Vestry
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Sue Bennett
Hugh Boston
Gerlinde Brixius
Richard Brown
Tristan Bulman
Stephen de Francesca
Dolly Bross Geary
Susanna Guffey
Elizabeth Littlejohn
Marcy Sendax
Bob Stonson
Anne Strassner
Mary Malhotra, Vestry Officer for Stewardship
Annika Gottfrid, Youth Representative

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. · Family Eucharist
11:15 a.m. · Choral Eucharist
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. - Fri. 5:30 p.m. · Evening Prayer

CENTERING PRAYER
Tue. 6:00 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.

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