Dear friends,

Tempted in every way as we are. That’s taught as a fundamental truth about our relationship to Jesus. The first Sunday in Lent always offers the story to back that up. While I think we all know what it is to be tempted in ways that seem beyond our control, my problem is that Jesus’ temptations don’t seem much like mine. I don’t need bread, I have more food than I need. I’m not looking for the world to worship me, just a little more respect from a few quarters. Nor do I want to see if God will save me if I leap from a tall building; that just seems like asking for trouble.

Yet I have discovered how these temptations can make sense in my world and, more importantly, what I can learn from Jesus’ responses to the devil. The first temptation reflects a genuine need. We all have real needs and the fear they may not be met. We have wants too, not least the longing to be respected and maybe even admired. Do you ever wonder just how much or if God loves you? That’s the third temptation in a nutshell.

Jesus replies are clear: God will meet my need and provide more than I can imagine. Worshipping God refocuses us on serving God, freeing us from our desire to have others serve us. How much does God love us? Enough, as Lent will show us, to send his only Son to live and die as one of us.

In Christ,

The Rev. Brenda G. Husson, Rector
Next Sunday: March 17

The Second Sunday in Lent

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Homily by the Rev. Brenda Husson.

9:10 a.m. Family Eucharist
Sermon by the Rev. Ryan Fleenor. The Canterbury Choir offers the music of Alan Bullard and Peter Miller.

11:15 a.m. Choral Eucharist
Sermon by the Rev. Brenda Husson. The Compostela Choir offers the music of Peter Mathews, Herbert Howells, and Louis Vierne.

6:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion

Lenten Forum series continues 10:30 a.m., Coburn Hall
The Rev. Zack Thompson continues our Lenten Forum series on discovering, nurturing and using our spiritual gifts. Zack will explore more of what the Bible teaches us about these gifts.

Afternoon Bible Study 4:30 p.m., Sunderland Hall
Join us for this weekly, clergy-led Bible study; no preparation necessary! This Lent, the Rev. Ryan Fleenor will guide us through the Gospel of Luke.

Bible Memorization Project

Challenge yourself to commit Scripture to memory, one bit per week!

FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 10

“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart.” —Romans 10:8b
St. Jamesians Lenten Small Group  Beg. Mon. March 11, 7 p.m.
Join other young adults on Mondays in Lent, in reading Being Disciples by Rowan Williams. Books provided with a $10 suggested donation. To reserve your copy contact Jeremy Diakonov-Curtis. Meet in the Crowder Youth Room. Snacks also provided!

Lenten organ concert  Fri. Mar. 15, 7:00 p.m.
Stephen Tharp will again offer Marcel Dupre’s “Stations of the Cross” this Lent. Based on an extraordinary sequence of poems by Paul Claudel, Le Chemin de la Croix, the pieces offer a highly personal reflection on the traditional 14-station Way of the Cross. Dupre performed the piece throughout his life, including annually during Lent at St. Sulpice, Paris. Parishioner Stephen de Francescwill offer the readings. An evening not to be missed!

Lenten Quiet Day  Sat. Mar. 16, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Parishioner Brad Whitehurst and the Rev. Ryan Fleenor will lead a Quiet Day in reflection on the mystical vision of the great 17th century Anglican poet and priest, George Herbert. To reserve a spot, RSVP to Ryan by March 10.

April Parenting Forum  Sunday, April 7th, 10:25 – 11:00am
Dr. Nancy Ulrich will join us to talk about the delicate balance of healthy boundaries and increasing autonomy when children reach their teens. Dr. Ulrich is a therapist and professor, with over twenty years of experience working with parents and teens.

Osborne Career Day  Mon. April 22, 12:00 p.m.
Volunteers needed! Help inspire and inform the children of incarcerated parents. Athlete, artist/animator, entrepreneur, YouTube vlogger, nurse, and financial advisor backgrounds are of special interest! Please contact Susana Ferrer for more information.

Vestry Nominations Announced
On Feb. 19, the Nominating Committee presented its slate of candidates to be elected to the Vestry at the Annual Meeting on May 5. Missy Condo has been nominated for a 2-year term as Warden; Richard Brown, Dolly Geary, Marcy Sendax, and Bob Stinson have been nominated for 3-year terms. Additional nominations by petition, signed by 20 eligible parishioners, may be made until March 12. Many thanks to those who submitted nominations and especially to those who were willing to be considered for Vestry service. Additional information is available on the Vestry bulletin board in the Parish House and at www.stjames.org/vestry.

Lenten Daily Devotionals Available
Written by parishioners of all ages, the 2019 St. James’ Daily Devotional for Lent is now available in the Narthex and Parish House. Pick up your copy today and join us in daily prayer throughout this holy season.

NEW! St. James Church Audio and Video Offerings
We are excited to share that Sunday sermons and Forums are now available for download as podcasts. You can search for “St. James Church” in iTunes and on Google Play, as well as on Podbean, Stitcher and Tune-In. Like what you hear? Subscribe, rate or share with a friend.

Prayer List

Thanks be to God
• for last week’s baptisms of Mary Louise Rebecca Hirsch, Bradley George Razook III, Bowen Timothy Elcock-Hargreaves, and Leo Ward Elcock-Hargreaves.
• for the generosity of parishioners who have made pledges for 2019; and for all who share in the financial support of the parish.

Your prayers are requested
• for the observance of a holy Lent at St. James’, that in self-examination and repentance, we may receive the Gospel message of pardon and absolution, and celebrate with joy the Easter feast.
• 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, Mal, Elona, Cynthia, Pam, Caroline & Michael, Walenere, James Edward, Joan, Lois, Brian, Michael, Janet, Eula Mae, Carol, Lilly, Laura, Ann & Ben, Bob, Chris, Amanda, Blanche, Victor, Valli, Charles, Seth, Jeanette, Alice, Iris, Sophie, Maria & her parents, Frank, Liska, Carmen, Milton, Alice Mary, Andy & Sabra, Izabel, Rick, Peter & Dianne, Ben, Bill, John, Prune, the Kirkpatrick family, Tom, Douglas, Vicky, Pelham, Anthony, Nancy, Zoey, Nadine, Isabelle & Viviane, Tracey, Kevin, Jeanette, Mary Frances, Dorothy, Mary, JoAnne, Dorothy, Elena, Harriett, Alex, Travers, Madge & Bill, Christopher, Margot, James, Peggy, Katharine, Jerry, Casey, John & Catherine, Ruth, Sandy, Dick, John, George, Peter, Samuel, Jose, Laura, Pam, Barb, Craig, Megan, Grace, Matthew, Isabel, Babis, Kiley, Margaret, Barbara, MaryAnn, Bill, Carl Janderneau family, Dale, Carol Sue, Robert, Jonathan, Ben, Bryce, James, Elena, Kelly, Mackenzie, Jason, Carter, Angelo, Kathryn, Teresa, Ben & Juergen, Liam, Ann, Aaron, Emily, Andrew, Charlie, Roger & Jovie, John, Monique, Susie, Cilla, Rich, Sharon, Janet, Julie, Belinda, Ray, John, Diane, Frank, Karen, Craig, Gary, Andrew & family, Anita, Dwain, Helen, Caris & Blake, Charlotte, Peter, Nellie & Ray, Bill, Anne, Jason, Alexandra, Ed & family, Vicky, George, Ryan, Peggy, Bill, May Dean, Dorothy, Peg, Andrea, Monica, Chase, Jean, Kimberly, Alice, Claude, Matthew, Sarah, Steven, John, Paul, Blake & Pamela, Orville, Gabrielle, Pamela, Paula, Elena, Allison, Jane & Peter, Emily, Ann, Pat, Robert, Jorge, Shakiera, Brad, Connie, Ryan and the Malosh family, Jim, Karen, Olivia, Grace, Kim, Kenneth, Philip, Drew, Taylor, and Layla, Justin & Jennifer, Deepa, Colin, Mimi, John, & Evangelene, Kevin, Paul and Sage, Vahie and family, Clare & David, Miriam, Joseph, Alexander, Florence, Duncan & Katie, Molly & Frank, Eleanor, Phyllis, and Jennifer.
• for Episcopal Relief & Development, according to the Diocesan cycle of prayer.
• for the Iglesia Anglicana de Chile, its ministries and people, and the Most Rev. Héctor (Tito) Zavala Muñoz, Bishop of Santiago & Primate, 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 Raphael Meda.
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.

LECTIO DIVINA
Mon. 6:00 p.m.

Open for prayer and meditation
Sunday, 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Mon. - Fri., 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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