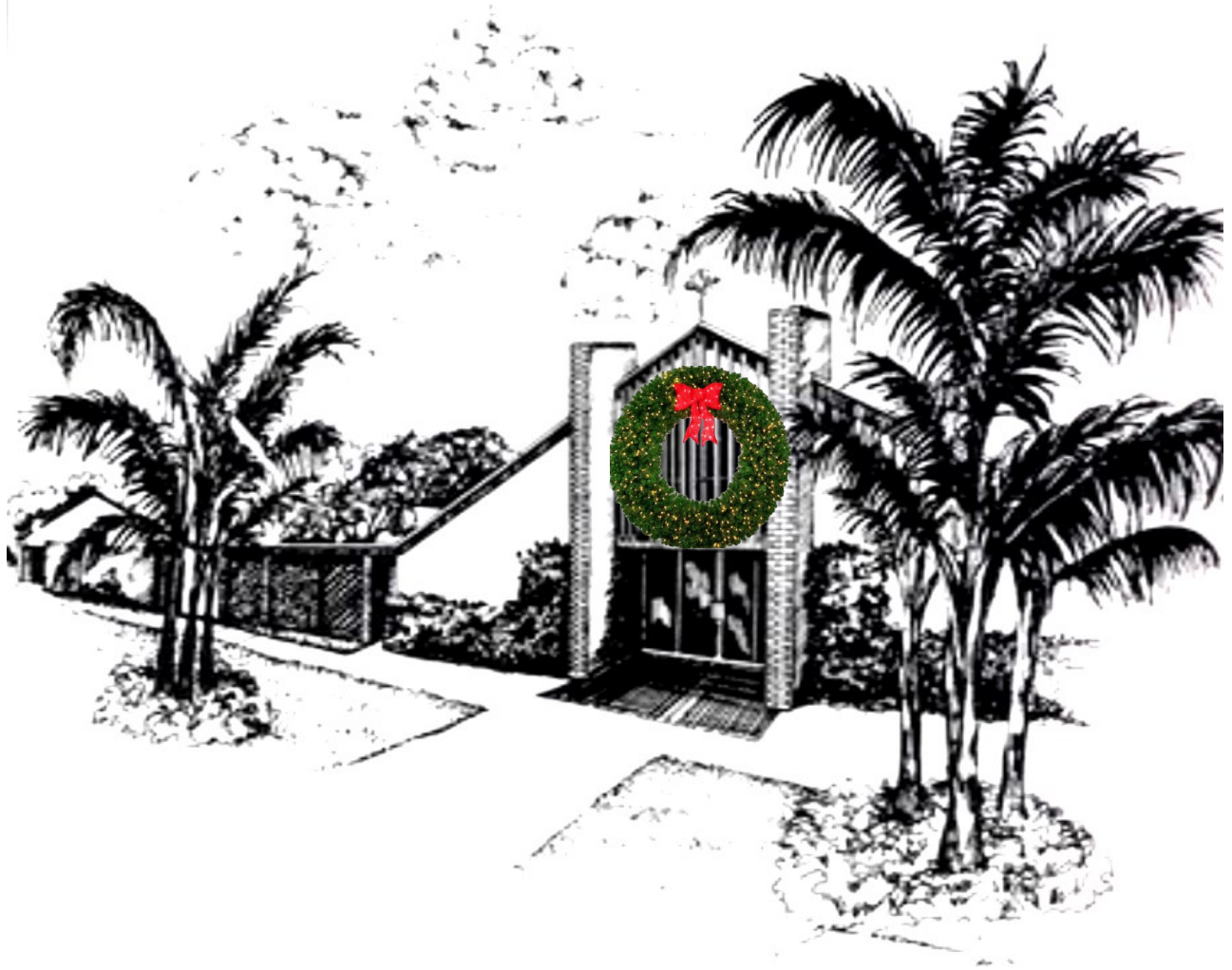




ST JAMES
IN THE HILLS

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

SUNDAY SERVICE 9:30AM

JANUARY 5TH, 2025

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II - 9:30 A.M.

Please be aware that Services at St. James in-the-Hills are live streamed and published online.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Angels, from the realms of glory Hymnal 93

The Word of God

OPENING SENTENCE AND PRAYER

From Enriching our Worship 1

Priest: Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People: You come to your people and set them free.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GLORIA

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1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

(continued...)

you a-lone are the Lord, 7. you a-lone are the Most
 High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the
 glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT

JEREMIAH 31:7-14

A Reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."

For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd;

their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again.
Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old
shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for
sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be
satisfied with my bounty,

says the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

PSALM 84

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
**by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.**
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
**and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.**
- 10 For the LORD God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;
- 11 No good thing will the LORD withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.
- 12 O LORD of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

What child is this, who, laid to rest **Hymnal 115**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 2:1-12

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

`And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening

their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. Joseph A. Krasinski

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Intercessor: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

People: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

People: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For our Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe, and our Bishop Peter Eaton; and for all bishops and other ministers; and our priest Fr. Joseph;

People: For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially for those on our parish prayer list...

Silence

Hear us, Lord;

People: For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

For those celebrating birthdays... anniversaries... and for anyone or anything which you care to mention... We will exalt you, O God our King;

People: And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People: Who put their trust in you.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Priest: Shepherd of Israel and Light of all Nations, made known in the gifts of those who call to other names and walk on different ways: may unjust powers and the hatred within us be dismayed by your friendship and dethroned by your love; through Jesus Christ, the open arms of grace. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

From Enriching our Worship 1

Priest: Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

ALL: God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Priest: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People: Amen.

THE PEACE

BCP 360

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME OF VISITORS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

OFFERTORY HYMN

We three kings of Orient are **Hymnal 128**

PRESENTATION OF ALMS & OBLATIONS

DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

Priest: All things come of Thee, O Lord,

People: And of Thine own have we given Thee.

HOLY COMMUNION

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Priest: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

Ho - - ly, Ho - - ly, Ho - - ly LORD, God of pow'r and might,
hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
name of the LORD. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant
There - fore, ac - cord - ing to his com - mand, O Fa - ther,
Celebrant and People
We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -
rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

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And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with James and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP 364

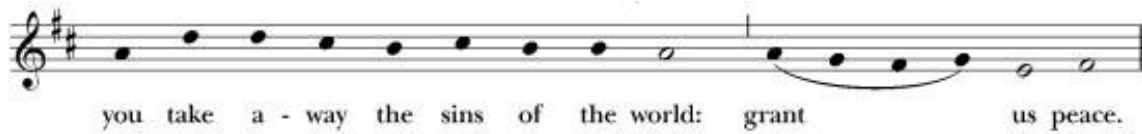
Priest: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,". The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence on the third staff.

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Priest: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION HYMN

The first Nowell the angel did say **Hymnal 109**

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION SAID BY THOSE NOT PRESENT AT HOLY COMMUNION

Priest: In union, O Lord, with the faithful of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you. And since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all the love of our souls. Let nothing ever separate you from us. May we live in you, and may you live in us, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

Priest: Let us pray.

ALL: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Priest: May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

What star is this, with beams so bright **Hymnal 124**

DISMISSAL

Priest: Alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

NOTICES

Sisters and brothers in Christ,

We pray that you are well on this the second Sunday after Christmas.

Please join us after the Service in Feaster Hall for our fellowship hour hosted by Lorna Smith, Joan Kennedy, and Clovia Rush-Barnett. We thank them for their kindness!

HAPPY NEW YEAR ST. JAMES IN-THE-HILLS!

May we rejoice and see the blessings of God's plans for this new year of 2025!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Our **Annual Parish Meeting** will be held on **Sunday, January 19th, 2025** immediately following the 9:30am Worship Service, in Feaster Hall. Ministries please begin the 2024 Ministry Reports and deliver via email to the Parish Office no later than Monday, January 13th.

Bishop Visitation

Our Diocesan Bishop, Bishop Peter Eaton will join us in worship during his visit to St. James on **Sunday, January 26th, 2025**. Please attend!

CHRISTMAS CARD MAILBOX

Those who wish to share warm wishes with Christmas cards are welcome to use the red mailbox in Feaster Hall, organized by parishioners' last names, now through Epiphany.



2025 CONTRIBUTIONS

New parishioners who wish to receive personal offering envelopes for the year 2025, please contact the Office and we will designate a numbered envelope box to record a future offering statement. Contribution statements will be sent out in the coming weeks. Online Zelle payments may also be received by our email address: **stjameshollywood@gmail.com**
We will still be collecting any future pledge cards.

JOIN OUR VESTRY

Requirements to join our Vestry include: being a confirmed member of the Episcopal Church, enrolled as a member of St. James in-the-Hills, 16 years of age or older, have been regular in attendance at Worship Services and have maintained a financial commitment to the parish, known to the treasurer, in the year preceding the election. To learn more please grab a Vestry requirement form/sign-up sheet by the welcome station.

HIDDEN TREASURES: Discovering The Hymnal

Hymn 93- *Angels From the Realms of Glory* was written by James Montgomery (1771-1854). Montgomery's father was a minister, and his parents later served as missionaries to the West Indies. He began writing poetry at age 10, inspired by the hymns of the Moravians, the same group that influenced John Wesley. Though he flunked out of school at age 14, Montgomery found a job in 1792 at a radical weekly newspaper, The Sheffield Register.

He assumed the leadership of the paper when the previous editor, due to his politics, had to flee

the country for fear of persecution. “Angels from the realms of glory” was first published there on Christmas Eve, 1816.

As many texts from Isaiah and the prophets remind us, the Incarnation was an event celebrating the liberation of oppressed peoples by a just and merciful God taking on human form. Let us celebrate, in the words of Montgomery, that God’s “justice now revokes our sentence” and that God’s “mercy breaks our chains”!



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COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS

Those who have signed up to volunteer as host for coffee hours, please contact the Office for any inquiries on supplies and procedures, and to collect the keys if needed. For any Sundays not chosen by volunteers, simply the **coffee station only** will be provided. Please check out the sign-up sheet on the blue bulletin board located outside the Parish Office for 2025.

DAILY DEVOTIONALS

Forward Movement's Day-by-Day devotionals for NOV-DEC-JAN are available in the sanctuary and from the Church Office during the week for you to take home or to share with others.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS: Following the tragedy at St. Stephen’s Episcopal in Alabama, the Diocese encourages churches to remain vigilant in the safety and security of its congregants during Worship Services. St. James will continue to keep the outer doors locked once the Service has begun. In the case of late arrivals, an usher/greeter will be present to open the doors for you.



Please Pray for...

Our Anglican Community:
The Church in Wales

Those in our Parish:

Jan Pushkar, Deb Terzino, Loretta Steward, Paul Crosta, Tom Krasinski, Sarah Allen, Karron Bacchus, Sonia Fiederick, Riley Rupert-Richendollar, Alan Demascus, Bisan Owda, Julia Smith, Tom Jackson, Cynthia Cone, Cheryl-Ann Edward, Arthur Bilotti, Sandra Hoyle

We pray for the members of our parish family who are celebrating their birthday this week:

**Philmore Smith, Marjorie Jackson, Andrew Mirjah, Joseph Muñoz,
Rev. Joseph A. Krasinski, Lauren Clarke**



We pray for the repose of the soul of President James ‘Jimmy’ Carter. May we follow his example of Christian service, and may his soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Rev. Fran Toy, first Asian-American female Episcopal priest. Please join me in praying for Fran’s family, for the people of St. John’s Episcopal Church in Oakland, California where she served as priest associate for many years, and for all who loved and admired her.

–The Most Rev. Sean W. Rowe, Presiding Bishop

We pray for the protection of all innocent lives at risk across the Middle East, for peace in Israel and in Palestine, for peace in Ukraine, for all those affected by gun violence, and we continue to pray for continued protection and healing for all those dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic.



Lay Eucharistic Visitor Commissioning

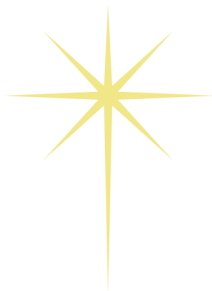
Please come forward those who are commended by the Bishop for this ministry and will be visiting this week.

Priest: I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go, may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

Congregation: *We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.*



MEETINGS & EVENTS



Sunday, January 5th

Fellowship Hour

Monday, January 6th

Feast of the Epiphany

Monday, January 13th

2024 Ministry Reports Due

Tuesday, January 14th

Vestry Meeting via Zoom - 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 19th

Annual Parish Meeting

Monday, January 20th

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - *Office Closed*

Sunday, January 26th

Visitation from Bishop Eaton



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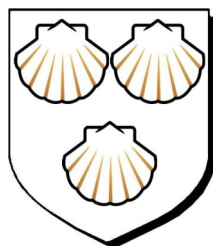
Amanda Groome, our Administrative Assistant, is available in our Parish Office Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. and via Office Email:

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of St. James in-the-Hills Episcopal Church is to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit and to invite all of God's diverse community into a personal relationship with our Lord.



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