



Welcome to St. James' in the City!

We're happy to have you with us this morning. We hope you find our parish to be a place of welcome and invitation. After the service, come have a cup of coffee and visit our welcome table, where you'll find out more of what St. James' has to offer.



Bethlehem Handicrafts – Here TODAY

Bethlehem Handicrafts will be here to sell handmade Olive wood carvings. Based out of San Diego, CA, Bethlehem Handicrafts operates on behalf of Christian families in the Holy Land. These families are currently facing an

economic hardship that has caused many to relocate to more secure and stable places to live and work. Each carving is unique, and they make beautiful gifts. Visit bethlehemhandicrafts.org for more information.

Food for People – Here TODAY

Also today we have the wonderful foods and soaps offered by Richard Fiock and friends. All proceeds from this sale benefit the Food Ministries of St. James'.



Women's Retreat Report

Thirteen women of St. James' were present for a deep and meaningful retreat in Santa Barbara April 20-22. Here's the buzz: "The retreat helps me to better see God's presence in all things, and to be conscious of God's presence." -Mary Manning. "I want to graciously thank the

women of St. James for this spiritual opportunity. I've gained greater awareness of my feelings, experiences, and relationships with God's help. As I am new to St. James, this sisterhood of women embraced me with warmth and affection. My retreat involvement has been life changing and I look forward to attending next year." -Sandra Spencer JOIN US IN 2019! MARCH 8-10.

YAPGES Meeting – Monday, May 14th

The May meeting of YAPGES (the Young Adult Prayer Group and Eating Society) is scheduled for Monday, May 14th, at 7:30PM at the home of Marisa Cuevas and Jeff Koch at heir apartment in Koreatown. Please call the church office for their address and phone information, 213-388-3417.

VESTRY NEWS – Search Update

Dear Friends in Faith,

At the start of this weekend, (May 11 & 12) your vestry meets to consider the finalist candidates and prayerfully to discern whom to call as our next rector. Because of the lead time required to print this bulletin we cannot with certainty report that a candidate has accepted our call—but we fully expect that to have happened. And—as soon as we have given time to break the news to their home parish, we shall joyfully supply details and begin to plan a welcome.

Faithfully yours,

Emily Abbott & Steve Yeazell
Your Wardens

FROM THE INTERIM RECTOR



"As a mother comforts her child, so I [God] will comfort you" (Isaiah 66:13).

"Jesus, like a mother you gather your people to you; you are gentle with us as a mother with her children". (St. Anselm of Canterbury)

"And though our earthly mother may suffer her child to perish, our heavenly Mother Jesus may never suffer us who are his children to perish, for he is almighty, all wisdom and all love, and so is none but he, blessed may he be." (Julian of Norwich, 14th c.).

Julian of Norwich was a Medieval mystic who spoke often of God and Jesus as "mother". She was not the only one—Hildegard von Bingen, Catherine of Siena and St. Anselm of Canterbury also wrote and taught about the feminine aspects of God. Julian spoke of Divine Love as "motherly love" and saw God as both Father and Mother, and even saw the maternal aspect of Christ in a literal sense and not merely just as a metaphor. Scholars note that Julian applies this feminine aspect of God to the relational quality of the Trinity where father means "power and goodness" and motherhood means "wisdom and lovingness". Jesus says, "How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings" (Luke 13:34 and Matt. 23:37). The bible is full of passages with feminine imagery for God. While we still often think of gender when referring to masculine and feminine imagery, today in the 21st century, society is much more fluid regarding masculine and feminine roles allowing us to explore, in a broader sense like Julian, who God can be in our lives. As today is Mother's Day, let us ponder what the various passages and writings about God as mother can tell us about God's nature and God's love for us. After all, as the first chapter of Genesis tells us, God created us male **and** female in God's own image.

Happy Mother's Day to all!
Faithfully, *Mtr. Jenifer*

Spring Pledge Update

As of Friday May 11, we had received \$45,616 in new or increased pledges—more than 90% of our way to our goal of meeting the \$50,000 challenge grant, which expires on May 15. So—for anyone who has not joined this wonderful effort, there are still two days. A pledge card in the plate or a click of the green "Pledge 2018" button on the right hand side of our web site will do the trick. With our deep gratitude for this blessing,

Emily Abbott
Stephen Bedikian
Mumbie Fredson-Cole
Ola Thomas
Steve Yeazell

CALENDAR

SUNDAY 13 MAY

Holy Eucharist, Rite I	Church	8:00AM
Family Service	Church	9:30AM
Sunday School	Sunday School Rm	10:30AM
<i>Childcare available for children 4 and under.</i>		
Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Church	10:30AM
<i>Worship Together with Korean Congregation</i>		
Evensong	Church	4:30PM
Organ Recital	Church	6:00PM

TUESDAY 15 MAY

Food Pantry Prep	Street Lvl	8:00AM
<i>(volunteers welcome)</i>		
YAPGES	Call Office for Location	7:30PM
<i>(Young Adult Prayer Group & Eating Society)</i>		

THURSDAY 17 MAY

Food Pantry Distribution	Street Lvl	8:00AM
<i>(volunteers welcome)</i>		
Centering Prayer	Chapel	9:15AM

FRIDAY 18 MAY

Soup Kitchen Prep	Parish Hall	3:00PM
Soup Kitchen Meal	Parish Hall	5:00PM
Soup Kitchen Evening Prayer	Chapel	5:45PM

SUNDAY PENTECOST 20 MAY

Holy Eucharist, Rite I	Church	8:00AM
Intercessory Prayer Mtg	Conf Rm	9:15AM
Sunday School	Sunday School Rm	10:30AM
<i>Childcare available for children 4 and under.</i>		
Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Church	10:30AM
Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Church	12:15PM
<i>Korean Language</i>		
Vestry Meeting	Conf Rm	12:15PM

SAVE THE DATE

June 10	Baccalaureate
July 22	St. James' Day All-Parish Picnic

GREAT MUSIC

Come to St. James' to hear Solemn Evensong tonight at 4:30PM, followed by a free recital by organist Namhee Han, Organist of the Westwood Presbyterian Church, Los Angeles. Doors open at 4:00PM.

Please note: the "Australia Tour Preview Concert" scheduled for May 20, 2018 has been canceled. The tour itself is postponed until 2019, and the Choir will be using the month of May to record a CD for commercial release later this year. Please stay tuned!

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers that adorn the Altar this morning are given to the glory of God in celebration of all Mothers, especially Lucille Stephenson McLean and Katharine Wright Lamb, by Heidi and Steve McLean.

Supporting the Altar Flowers ministry is a wonderful way to honor your loved ones and beautify our Altar at the same time. Please consider signing up for a Sunday, so that we may continue to adorn the altar with beautiful arrangements every week. The sign-up calendar is located in the Parish Hall. Suggested donation: \$150.

Thank you for your generosity.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Many thanks to Ruby Rogers-Beckley and George Nicol for hosting the 8:00 coffee hour; and to Mary Nichols for hosting the 10:30 coffee hour this morning.

Hosting coffee hour is a wonderful way to support St. James'. It offers hospitality and welcome to our fellow parishioners and visitors. Please sign up for a Sunday in 2018, the calendar is located in the Parish Hall. Thank you for your generosity.

ST. JAMES' PRAYER LIST

Supporting Our Brothers and Sisters with Prayer

We ask you to hold the following friends and parishioners of Saint James' close to your heart and in your prayers: the Rev. Charles Sacquety, Helen Nelson, Eric Nelson, Shirley Perez, Bill Wasson, Ogechi Ogbunamiri, Freddie Wright, Kisun Kim, Angelica Cob-Baehler, Margaret Pasley, Susan Watanabe, and Harold Ahaiwe.



OUR COFFEE THIS MORNING

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