

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.

Remember to join our 15 minutes of prayer time in the church before the services for the life and ministry of this congregation.

Sunday School News

New Sunday School Room

Please bring your children to the new Sunday School room (the former offices across the hall from the kitchen), before the 10:30 service. The children will have a lesson (see below) and then brought back into the church before communion. We will prep the room for a grand opening and blessing – date TBD.

Fall Sunday School Curriculum



This Fall we will be using a program called *Whirl*. This program offers Bible-centered lessons that help kids 4-12 understand scripture and how it applies to their lives. Childcare will still be offered for toddlers in the same room. Children will be brought back into the church before com-

munion to be with parents. **Parents:** Please email Mtr. Jenifer at jchatfield@stjla.org if you would like your child to participate. Please provide name, age, address, phone, and email. Or you can sign up in person on Sunday.

St. James' Head of School Search Update

The first of two finalists for Head of St. James' School is visiting the school this week. Parents and interested parishioners may meet with the candidate during an Open Community Meeting to be held at 6PM in the Parish Hall on Monday, September 24. All are welcome to attend.

Respectfully, *William L. Walton*

School Board President & Search Committee Chair

Next Week: Blessing of the Animals

On October 1st come to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Bring your pets to the 10:30AM service to receive a blessing from one of the clergy. No Sunday School is planned this day.

Men's Group October Meeting

The Men's Group will gather on Wednesday, October 4th, at 7PM at Steve McLean's home, near the Rose Bowl in Pasadena. Join us for a couple of hours of good food, good conversation, and great fellowship. All are welcome, both familiar faces and newcomers. Information: contact the church office (phone 213-388-3417, or email Lauren Azeltine at lazeltine@stjla.org) for directions, if you would like to join us, or if you would like to be on our mailing list. Please *RSVP* as soon as you can so that we can plan the meal; a donation of \$10 towards the cost of dinner will be appreciated. See you there!

What is the Episcopal Church All About?

If you are new to the Episcopal Church and would like to deepen your understanding of its history and theology, Rev. Jenifer will be teaching a three-part series on "Episcopal Basics." Sundays October 15th, 22nd, & 29th in between services from 9:15-10:15AM. To *RSVP*, please email jchatfield@stjla.org.

RECTOR SEARCH UPDATE

Dear Friends in Faith,

On behalf of your vestry, we're very pleased to be able to announce the membership of the search committee that will do the initial screening of candidates for our next rector:

Ingrid Finley-Scott, Vestry Liaison and Chair

Spencer Hong	Elizabeth Igwe
Mary Manning	Steve McLean
Mary Nichols	George Marks
Obi Nwajuaku	Ken Robbins
Lawrence Yeo	

A few words about the selection process: After prayerful discussion of all submissions, your vestry identified a slate of approximately 20 nominees. We unanimously agreed that we would be pleased to have any one of the nominees serve—something that speaks well of our parish. We then by secret ballot voted for our top choices—keeping very much in mind the diversity of our parish, the importance selecting people of deep faith and discernment, and the desirability of keeping the size of the committee to a number that would not render meetings and discussions difficult. Then we contacted our nominees to ascertain their willingness to serve, making appropriate substitutions for those who were not able. We know that there are those who would have been willing and able to serve on this committee who do not appear above; we are grateful for that willingness and hope all will understand the many factors that led to our calling a small but truly representative group.

Next steps: your search committee will meet with diocesan authorities to be briefed on the mechanics of the process. They will then commence screening interviews—likely through Skype or a similar platform. At the same time the diocese will be conducting various screening processes to assure that the candidates have the kind of record that would warrant a call to our rectorship. The goal is for the search committee to recommend 3-4 finalists from among whom your vestry will discern whom to call to as our next rector. It's important to remember that this process is not one unique to St. James but rather is one approved and used across the Episcopal Church.

An important word about confidentiality: at this stage the search must occur under conditions of strict confidentiality—otherwise we risk some serious problems, including losing the best candidates. So—just as we will be charging the committee with the need for that confidentiality, we charge all of us—vestry members included—to refrain from sidling up to a search committee member and asking about candidates! We are asking the search committee to undertake a task of delicacy and judgment. We can all help them in this important work by refraining from asking questions the process does not allow them to answer.

But there is information you can expect. You will get regular reports on the status of the process itself: how many submissions the committee receives; when the Skype interviews begin; the number conducted by various times; when the first "cut" occurs and how many candidates remain. You will continue to receive reports of this nature in written and oral updates at all three services—up until the time the Vestry makes its final choice and that candidate has accepted the call, at which glorious time the name of our new Rector will be announced.

Meanwhile, we ask you to keep in your prayers the committee, the candidates, and for the one who will eventually be called, that all might be said and done in accordance with God's will for us!

Gratefully,

Emily Abbott, Junior Warden
Stephen Yeazell, Senior Warden

CALENDAR

SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

The Feast of St. Michael and All Angels

Holy Eucharist, Rite I	Church	8:00AM
Sunday School	Sunday School Rm	10:30AM
Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Church	10:30AM
Holy Eucharist, Rite II <i>Korean Language</i>	Church	12:15PM

TUESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

Food Pantry Prep <i>(volunteers welcome)</i>	Street Lvl	7:30AM
Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Chapel	12:15PM

THURSDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

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

FRIDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

Soup Kitchen Volunteers Are Always Welcome!

Soup Kitchen Prep	Parish Hall Kitchen	2:00PM
Soup Kitchen Meal	Parish Hall	5:00PM
Soup Kitchen Chapel	Chapel	6:00PM

SUNDAY 1 OCTOBER

The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

Holy Eucharist, Rite I	Church	8:00AM
Sunday School	Sunday School Rm	10:30AM
Morning Prayer <i>and Animal Blessing (NO SUNDAY SCHOOL)</i> <i>Worship Together with Korean Congregation</i>	Church	10:30AM

SAVE THE DATE

Family Service (9:30AM)	October 8
African Fellowship Sunday	October 8
Evensong / Organ Recital	October 8
The Feast of All Saints <i>with Baptisms, Confirmations, and Receptions</i>	November 5
Daylight Savings Time Ends	November 5

GREAT MUSIC

TODAY the choir returns from its summer hiatus to lead the congregation for the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels (also known as Michaelmas). Welcome back, choir!

Then, the first service of **EVENSONG will be Sunday Oct. 8** at 4:30 PM, followed at 6PM with an International Laureates Organ Recital featuring Johann Vexo, the newest organist on the staff of Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris, France. (Free.)

For a complete schedule of our Great Music Events, please visit STJLA.org/GreatMusic.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers that adorn the Altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God by Janet Bawaan.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Many thanks to the Soup Kitchen Volunteers who provided refreshments for the 10:30AM coffee hour last Sunday. It was a great help to have snacks for the Ministry Fair!

Thank you to Ruby Rogers-Beckley and George B. Nicol for providing the 8AM coffee hour snacks, and to Gregory Ross Miller for providing 10:30AM coffee hour snacks (in celebration of his birthday!).

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 Saquety, Helen Nelson, Kay Wiley, Eric Nelson, Shirley Perez, Bill Wasson, Ogechi Ogbunamiri, Freddie Wright, and Harold Ahaiwe.



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