



# ST. JAMES' IN THE CITY UPDATE

" respecting the dignity of every human being "

4 FEBRUARY 2018

THE FIFTH SUNDAY  
AFTER THE EPIPHANY

## 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.

## Adult Forums on Personal and Estate Planning

**February 25<sup>th</sup> 12:15-1:30:** Jody Giles, the writer and creator of THE MISSING PIECES PLAN will be here to give us a comprehensive overview of how to prepare for "end of life issues" and what documents are essential for careful planning. The cost for this seminar is \$20.00 which includes lunch and a copy of Jody's book/workbook. (Scholarships available, please contact Mtr. Jenifer) **Please RSVP by TODAY,** [jchatfield@stjla.org](mailto:jchatfield@stjla.org).

**March 11<sup>th</sup> 12:15-1:30:** Steven Carvel of The Law Offices of Steven Carvel, an Estate Planning, Trusts, and Probate Attorney will offer a general presentation on key terms and concepts of estate planning and health-care directives from a legal perspective. **Please RSVP by March 4<sup>th</sup>,** [jchatfield@stjla.org](mailto:jchatfield@stjla.org).

## Men's Group – Wednesday, February 7



The Men's Group will gather this coming Wednesday, February 7, at 7PM at Doug Jones' home in the Hollywood Hills near Griffith Park. Please join us for a couple of hours of good food, good conversation, and great fellowship. All are welcome, both familiar faces and newcomers. Please contact Alan Heppel

at [alanheppel@gmail.com](mailto:alanheppel@gmail.com) 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!

## Youth Confirmation Classes

Youth Confirmation classes will take place from Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>– March 25<sup>th</sup> from 12:15-1:30 with Confirmation taking place during the Great Vigil of Easter on March 31<sup>st</sup>. If you have a child who would like to be confirmed, contact Rev. Jenifer for more information.

## Rector Search Update

Your Search Committee is in the process of interviewing the potential candidates. Our next interview is this afternoon. It is an exciting process and we are on schedule to complete the interviews by mid-February. Please continue to keep your search committee in your prayers.

*Ingrid Finley-Scott,*  
Chair of the Search Committee and Vestry Member

## SOME BUDGETARY CONTEXT



Dear Friends in Faith,

Some of us had questions during the presentation of the parish budget last Sunday, and I thought it might be helpful to provide some context. First, both good practice and our bylaws require the vestry to adopt a budget to guide our spending each year. But—and this is important: budgets by their nature are predictions of our financial future,

including likely income and expenses for the coming year. Particularly in recent years, we have tended to estimate very conservatively. For example, as we pull together the budget, we don't know the total extent of the income we will receive through pledges, other gifts, and plate collections. Just looking at pledges, inevitably folks who have been out of town or just misplaced the form will send in their pledges in February or even later. But when we estimate our income, we feel duty bound to count only those chickens (pledges) that have actually hatched, not those which will later arrive. The same thing can be said of expenses: we can make a pretty fair estimate of how much our electric and water bills will be, but other expenses (for example, minor facilities repairs) are harder to estimate. We build in some guesses, but like all guesses, some will be wrong.

To use a recent example, last year (2017), we presented you with a budget that anticipated a deficit – but we ended the year with a much smaller deficit as pledges and other income exceeded our estimates, and we were able to manage expenses down. I would be delighted to assure you that this would happen again, but I cannot. I can assure you that the vestry is extremely conscious of the gap between income and expenses and is focused on trying to repeat last year's results, so that we finish the year with a deficit significantly lower than is projected in the materials passed out at the annual meeting.

None of this suggests that we—or you—should ignore the numbers we present to you in January, but it does suggest that rather than worry whether each of those numbers is "right" (which by definition they won't be), we should as a community use the budget to focus on where our likely income is coming from, what our needs are, and how big the gap is between income and covering those needs.

Finally—the numbers presented last Sunday do without doubt tell us something: that all of us need to consider with gratitude the blessings that St James' showers on us individually and collectively, and, wherever possible, to have our pledges reflect our gratitude for the Lord's many mercies.

Yours in faith and gratitude,  
Steve Yeazell  
*Senior Warden*



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## CALENDAR

## SUNDAY 4 FEBRUARY

Holy Eucharist, Rite I	Church	8:00AM
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>		

## TUESDAY 6 FEBRUARY

Food Pantry Prep	Street Lvl	8:00AM
<i>(volunteers welcome)</i>		
Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Chapel	12:15PM

## THURSDAY 8 FEBRUARY

Food Pantry Distribution	Street Lvl	7:30AM
<i>(volunteers welcome)</i>		
Centering Prayer	Chapel	9:15AM

## FRIDAY 9 FEBRUARY

Soup Kitchen Prep	Parish Hall Kitchen	2:00PM
Soup Kitchen Meal	Parish Hall	5:00PM
Soup Kitchen Chapel	Chapel	6:00PM
<i>Volunteers are always welcome!</i>		

## SUNDAY SCOUT SUNDAY 11 FEBRUARY

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

## SAVE THE DATE

February 14	Ash Wednesday
February 25	Missing Pieces Planning Forum
March 11	Estate Planning Forum
March 25-April 1	Holy Week and Easter Sunday
April 20-22`	Women's Retreat, Santa Barbara

## 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.

## 2018 WOMEN'S RETREAT

We are happy again this year to offer the women of St. James' a time to deepen their spiritual life in community. The retreat will be held at Mount Calvary on the weekend of April 20-22. Sharon Crandall, Centering Prayer leader at the Church of Our Saviour San Gabriel and a member of Prism ministries will lead us in a retreat about seeing ourselves as God's beloved. We have 12 spaces reserved and the cost is \$300. Scholarships are available if it would help you to be able to attend the weekend. Speak to Holly, Ingrid, or Sara Jane if you're interested or have questions. Make a deposit of \$50 today to reserve your space either by check to St James' (note women's retreat on the memo line) or via the church's online donations page at [www.stjla.org](http://www.stjla.org). The remaining balance due to St James' by April 8<sup>th</sup>.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers that adorn the Altar this morning are given to the glory of God in celebration of Arnold's and Janold's birthdays, by the Blanshard Family.

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 Betty Terry and Ifeanyi Nwoko for hosting coffee hour after the 8 o'clock service, and to the Caribbean Community for hosting the 10:30am coffee hour.

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.

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