



## 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 to coffee hour in the Parish Hall across the courtyard.

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."

(from the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 1)

May God be with you and all those you love, now and in the time to come. May you have a joyous Christmas and a New Year filled with the Peace of Christ!



## From Rev. Jenifer

Dear St. James' Family,

It is with immense gratitude that I say "thank you"! It is time to announce that my last Sunday with you will be Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>.

It has been an amazing five-plus years of great privilege to have been able to serve both as your Associate Rector and as Interim Rector. While I have not been on staff full-time since September 1<sup>st</sup>, Rev. Kate and the Vestry have graciously afforded me the opportunity to spend the fall with you on Sundays which has brought me great joy. I now have chosen to take the time to explore new opportunities as I continue to discern where the Spirit will be leading me next. It has been a great pleasure and a whole lot of fun serving with Rev. Kate and I am very excited about all the work that is being done and the possibilities yet to be imagined for this wonderful parish! I leave with my heart and spirit full. I hope you will join me on January 20<sup>th</sup> to celebrate our time together.



With gratitude, *Jenifer+*

## Stewardship Corner

PLEDGES TO-DATE: 151      TARGET: 200

You will recall, we are aiming for \$800,000 in pledges to truly thrive and we are over halfway there! So far, 151 pledgers have come forward and pledged a total of \$461,495.54.

Our estimated budget for 2019 anticipates we need \$600,000 in pledges. As you can see, we are really depending on more pledges to come in so we can meet this goal.

## Christmas Schedule of Services

### Christmas Eve December 24

4:00PM – Holy Eucharist and Christmas Pageant

10:30PM – Carols and Anthems with Choir of St. James and Instrumental Ensemble

11:00PM – Solemn Eucharist with Choir of St. James and Instrumental Ensemble

### Christmas Day, December 25

10:30AM – Rite II Holy Eucharist – The Men of St. James' sing Gregorian Chant at this peaceful service.

12:15PM – Rite II Holy Eucharist (Korean Language)

### St. James Students Brighten Christmas for Soup Kitchen Guests

This past Friday, the St. James' Soup Kitchen was full of Christmas cheer thanks to St. James School students! They had decorated gift bags with Christmas messages and drawings, and filled them with toiletries and socks! Thank you Rob Krueger, teacher extraordinaire, for leading this effort, and thanks to our church's Social Justice team for all the shopping!



Rob Krueger and a student bring a cart loaded with decorated bags to the Parish Hall.



Parishioner and Soup Kitchen regular guest Mary Ramirez happily displays her decorated bag.

Each bag was individually decorated by a St. James school student.



The bags are ready for distribution!



A team from Living Spaces furniture store came to volunteer! Thank you Vielka Casanova for inviting them!

The contents of each bag included a toothbrush, cleansing wipes, hand gel, hand lotion, and nice warm socks.

### Blanket Donations Extended to 26 Dec

As you are able, please join in the giving of blankets with a check to St. James' (write Food Ministries Blanket Drive on the memo line), or order an \$8 "Mainstays Value Blanket" online from Walmart (item #555394125, free 2-day shipping to church), or drop off your blanket donations by Christmas.

### Baptisms Slated for January 13<sup>th</sup>

During the 10:30 service (which marks the Baptism of Jesus in the liturgical year). Interested persons please contact Rev. Kate at [kcress@stjla.org](mailto:kcress@stjla.org) or 213.388.3417, x101.



### Electronic Pledging

Many of you give to St. James' electronically. If so, now, as you enter the church, you can pick up a green card to put in the collection plate. This way, Rev. Kate can bless and offer your

gift to God at the altar, too. Thank you for giving!

### Please Continue to Wear a Name Tag

As Rev. Kate continues to learn all our names, please continue to use the labels in the Narthex. It's also a great way to learn each other's names as we grow together here at St. James'.

### St. James' Programs on Hiatus This Week

Please note the following programs are off this week:

**Food Pantry** will be closed Tuesday & Thursday Dec 25 & 27.

**Centering Prayer Group** will not meet Thursday, Dec 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Book Group** will not meet this month.

The St. James' **Update** is on holiday and will return in 2019.

And the **Parish Office** will be on a limited schedule during the week.

### Vestry Nominations / Annual Meeting

In accordance with the parish bylaws your nominating committee (Senior and Junior Wardens, two members of the vestry and a non-vestry parishioner) met and considered candidates. After consultation, we are putting forward as our nominees the following parishioners: Elizabeth Igwe, Ola Thomas, Stephen Bedikian, Bob Williams, and Mary Manning.

Short biographies of each of these candidates will appear in a coming service leaflet update.

The bylaws state "members of the parish may nominate persons willing to serve (or themselves) for membership on the Vestry, provided, that no nominations shall be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting nor within a period of fourteen days before the Annual Meeting.

**\*\* Please note** that the 2019 Annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 10, 2019, after Rev. Kate is officially installed as Rector of St. James'.

*Stephen Yeazell, Senior Warden*



Rev. Kate enjoys the 2018 St. James School Christmas Pageant

### SAVE THE DATE – Women's Retreat!



Join us for the St. James' Women's Retreat at Mount Calvary Monastery and Retreat House in Santa Barbara, Friday-Sunday, March 8-10, 2019.

Weekend with Meals \$300. Reserve your

room today \$50. For more information, please contact SaraJane Thies <[sjthies1503@gmail.com](mailto:sjthies1503@gmail.com)>; Holly Holyk <[gaah@att.net](mailto:gaah@att.net)>; or Ingrid Finley-Scott <[ingridfs45@icloud.com](mailto:ingridfs45@icloud.com)>.

### Men's Group – January 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00PM

Guys, start your year right. The Men's Group will gather on Wednesday, January 9, at 7PM at Brice Martin's home down towards the airport.

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. 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!

## CALENDAR

### Sunday Advent IV 23 December

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>		

### Monday Christmas Eve 24 December

Food Pantry Prep	Street Lvl	8:00AM
<i>(volunteers welcome)</i>		

### Tuesday Christmas Day 25 December

**Parish Offices Closed**

**NO Food Pantry this week. See you next week!**

### Wednesday 26 December

**Parish Offices Closed**

### Thursday 27 December

**NO Food Pantry this week. See you next week!**

**NO Centering Prayer this week. See you next week!**

### Friday 28 December

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

### Sunday Christmas I 30 December

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
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### Save the Date

Men's Group Home of Brice Martin January 9, 2019

Installation of the Rev. Dr. Kate Cress February 2, 2019  
*Bishop John Taylor, Officiant* 11:00AM

**Annual Meeting Parish Hall February 10, 2019**  
**Please note new Annual Meeting date.**

Women's Retreat Santa Barbara March 8-10, 2019

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers that adorn the altar this morning are given to the glory of God by Ola and Alice Thomas in celebration of her birthday.

Please support the Altar Flowers ministry! It is a wonderful way to honor your loved ones, beautify our Altar, and ensure we have flowers every week. Please consider signing up for a Sunday. The sign-up calendar is located in the Parish Hall. Suggested donation: \$150.

Thank you for your generosity.

## COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Thank you this week to Elizabeth Hord for hosting coffee hour after the 8am service, and to Ola and Alice Thomas & Family for hosting coffee hour after the 10:30am service.

We are eager every week to have coffee hour covered by a host.

Hosting coffee hour is a wonderful way to support St. James', and we need your help. Please choose a weekend to sign up on the calendar located in the Parish Hall, and plan to bring some sweets and/or savories for all to enjoy.

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, Ogechi Ogbunamiri, Freddie Wright, Kisun Kim, Margaret Pasley, Susan Walker, Russell Walker, Steven Rim, Thomas Ahn, and Harold Ahaiwe.

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