



## 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.

### St. James' Women's Retreat – MARCH 8-10, 2019

Lent 2019: Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time



Join the women of St. James' and come away for a weekend to Mt. Calvary Monastery in Santa Barbara. We will be led by the Rev. Kate Lewis, a priest of our diocese and a Board Certified Chaplain serving at St. John's Pleasant Valley Hospital in Camarillo. Mother Kate Cress will be in attendance.

Who is Jesus? What were you taught as a child? What do you think now? We'll utilize Marcus Borg's modern classic book *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time* as our starting point to explore the presence and promise of Jesus at this particular time in each of our lives. We'll explore the insights of theologians like Cynthia Bourgeault, Thomas Keating, Richard Rohr, and Mary Oliver to think more expansively and to practice more authentically.

Come away and meet Jesus again for the first time. Engage in thoughtful conversation with new and old friends. Immerse yourself in the beauty of nature either at the monastery or in nearby Rocky Nook Park. Join the monks in their rhythm of daily prayer and praise. Come away and rediscover the call and the promise of Christ in your life. \$300 to attend the retreat; and a \$50 deposit will reserve your spot. You may pay online at [stjla.org](http://stjla.org), or write a check to St. James' (write Women's Retreat on the memo line).

For more information, please contact Sara Jane 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)).

### Stewardship Corner

PLEDGES TO-DATE: 172      TARGET: 200

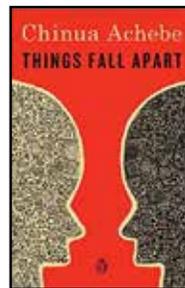
You will recall, we are aiming for \$800,000 in pledges to truly thrive and we are over halfway there! So far, 171 pledgers have come forward and pledged a total of \$491,945.54.

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.

### Flower Power and Coffee Hour

You may not know this—flowers on the altar and food at coffee hour are almost entirely funded through parishioner generosity. Flower dedications (remembering loved ones, special occasions like birthdays and anniversaries, and thanksgiving for other good news) help pay for flowers, and coffee hour hosts provide the wonderful treats we enjoy after church. We invite you to sign up for these ways of supporting the beauty of worship and fueling of fellowship here at St. James'. Your participation is much needed in the weeks to come.

### The St. James' International Book Group TODAY



The St. James' International Book Group will meet Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, after the 10:30AM service in the Conference Room on the second floor of the Parish Hall. We will discuss the novel *Things Fall Apart* by the Nigerian writer Chinua Achebe. This month's discussion will be led and interpreted by Eziada Ebigbo. For those of you who weren't able to download a copy of the book, Gregory will have copies available, so there can be an open book session and/or Eziada may introduce the book and then carry the discussion on to the next month. The door is open to all.

### Greeters Needed for Mother Kate's Installation

Next Saturday, Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mother Kate will be installed as our 10<sup>th</sup> rector. Many people from around the city and beyond, including visiting clergy, will be with us that day, and greeters are needed to direct them as they arrive.

Please contact Delicia Smith in the church office if you are willing to serve as a greeter 213-388-3417.

### Please Continue to Wear a Name Tag

We all need to know one another's names. So, please continue to use the labels in the Narthex.

## **Notice of Upcoming Vestry Election at Annual Parish Meeting** **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10<sup>th</sup> After the 10:30 Service**

In the Episcopal Church the vestry, a group of lay persons acting in concert with the rector, functions in a manner analogous to a board of trustees or director of a corporation: most significantly, the vestry is charged with fiduciary responsibilities for church property, as well as with calling and periodically evaluating the rector. St. James' bylaws call for three year terms for vestry members, so each year a new "class" of vestry members must be chosen.

In accordance with the parish bylaws your vestry appointed a nominating committee composed of vestry and non-vestry members (Stephen Yeazell, Emily Abbott, José Zambrana, Adoabi Obijaku, and Sandra Lee). That committee in turn presented a slate of proposed nominees to the vestry, which unanimously approved the slate at its December meeting. The short biographies and pictures of this slate appear below. At our annual meeting (on February 10, after the 10:30AM service) this slate (and any additional nominees) will be submitted to the annual meeting for a vote by qualified parishioners. If approved, each new member of the vestry will have a three year term, again according to our bylaws. If members of the parish wish to nominate themselves or a fellow parishioner as alternates to the vestry slate, they must do so by submitting the names in writing to the parish office no later than January 25<sup>th</sup>. The office will circulate the bios of any additional nominees. Further in accordance with our bylaws, we will post a list of those entitled to vote at the annual meeting in the parish hall starting this Sunday. Please direct any questions regarding this process to the Senior or Junior Warden (Steve Yeazell; Emily Abbott).

### **Nominees for 2019-2021 Vestry Members** **(Listed in Alphabetical Order)**



#### **Stephen Bedikian**

My wife Heather and I joined St. James' in 2004 when our son Jordan was baptized in the Church. Jordan subsequently attended St. James Episcopal School and graduated in 2012. I worked closely with the then Head of School Debbi David as a member of the school's Advancement Committee. This past year I assisted Bishop Roskam and Senior Warden Steve Yeazell with the successful St. James' Church Mid-Year Pledge Campaign and more recently helped Mother Kate and the Stewardship Committee members to plan and execute our ongoing 2019 Pledge Campaign.



#### **Elizabeth Igwe**

My husband David and I along with our three small children joined St. James' family in the late 1980's. With young children in tow, plus work and college commitments, we could only manage to attend church services as often as possible. Making our widow's might pledges and donations in support of the Parish.

Years later, I found myself serving as a member of the Parish Lay ministries: serving as a Lector and Intercessor till present. I also served 1 term in the vestry during Fr. Paul Kowalewski's tenure as the Rector. I am an active member of St. James' African Christian Fellowship and am the immediate past President of the Fellowship. It was such a joy working with Bishop Catherine Roskam during that period presiding over the resolution of various issues faced by the parish. I also had the honor and privilege of being called to serve in the search committee that brought Mother Kate to St James'. I am humbled by the nomination to serve once more in the vestry.



#### **Mary Van Osdel Manning**

I am a life-long Episcopalian – the home I grew up in was the closest house to our church in Encino. As a teenager I took care of the younger children in the nursery, belonged to the church youth group, and was a volunteer (with others from the parish) at the old Good Samaritan Hospital while I was in high school.

I attended Argyll Episcopal Academy for my last year and a half of high school. After high school, I went to the University of Arizona and then to UCLA. After UCLA, I took a paralegal course, got a paralegal job, and became a night student at Southwestern School of Law. After graduation and bar passage I practiced law for many years, in firms in Los Angeles and Glendale.

My husband Alan and I attended St. Luke's of the Mountains which was close to our home in La Crescenta. We later moved to Glendale and attended the Episcopal Church there where I was active in church and a member of The Daughters of the King – a lay order which concentrates on prayer and service. I have served on search committees and vestries.

I came to Saint James' about 10 years ago when one of my high school classmates (Sara Jane Thies) told me about the Education for Ministry (EFM) group that she was starting. It sounded interesting, and this how Alan and I came to Saint James'. At St. James', I have served as a lay reader at the 8:00 service. I also am one of the instructors of the EFM program for which I also do administrative

tasks. I currently teach years 3 and 4, (Church History and Theology) in the EFM Program. Last year I served on the search committee that screened rector candidates for recommendation to the vestry.



### **Ola Thomas**

My name is Ola Thomas. I was born in Sierra Leone, baptized and confirmed at St. Mark's Anglican Church. And having been fully immersed in an Anglican Church, I found my home at St. James' Episcopal Church because of their similarities. My wife, Alice and I have been members of St. James' for almost thirty years. We are blessed with three awesome children and three wonderful grandchildren. Two of our children were baptized and all three confirmed at St. James'.

My family and I have been blessed and I give God the glory for His calling to serve in the altar and as Lay Reps at St. James'. I am a Lector and an Intercessor. My wife and I have taught our children the significance of stewardship and pledging and we are so proud of them for pledging.

It was an honor to be chosen in 2016 by the outgoing Bishop-in-Charge Catherine Roskam to be the co-chair of our Stewardship Committee. During that year I facilitated and worked with my fellow co-chair, the vestry, members and guides of the stewardship committee to increase the number of pledges we had in 2015. Indeed, we saw an increase in the number of speakers who spoke at the "Minute for Mission" at both the 8AM and 10:30AM services, as well as an increase in the number of pledges.

I am the financial secretary of the African Christian Fellowship at St. James', an executive position I have held before. As a former school teacher in my early twenties I have deep appreciation of interacting with different people, families and students, listening to and communicating with them effectively. This is a concept and practice that have always be part of me and brought to St. James'. As a Certified Health Care Quality Improvement Personnel, I truly believe in team work and I feel quite honored to be considered a candidate for the vestry. This is an exciting time at St. James' especially with our new rector. If elected I will work with the Vestry and members of the Parish to continue to make St. James' a vibrant place of worship where the dignity of every human being is valued and respected.



### **Bob Williams**

I appreciate the opportunity to be of service at St. James'. Our parish community is vibrant, and our future is bright especially with our gifted new rector. May we all together continue to live fully into our potential.

My first visit to St. James' Church was in February 1986 when I wrote a news story on the Caring Hands food program (which was succeeded by Hope-Net), then a significant outreach along the Wilshire Corridor. I soon returned to St. James' for concerts and the parish's 75th anniversary celebration. I began attending Sunday services and joined the parish after moving to Hollywood from South Pasadena.

At St. James' I found old friends and made new ones. St. James' is to me a nourishing spiritual home. I often invite others to share in our multicultural vitality, Great Music, St. James' School, Soup Kitchen and more.

In recent years it has been my privilege to chair the parish communications committee, facilitate the Middle East Ministries group, and moderate a civic panel on homelessness. I have assisted with crisis communications at various challenging times in the life of the parish, and with large events including the 1997 memorial for Princess Diana, and, in 2012, the parish centennial.

In serving St. James' I am glad to draw from experience gained across the Anglican Communion as the Episcopal Church's director of communication in 2004-2008. I currently serve Bishop John Taylor as diocesan Canon for Common Life specializing in communications, interfaith ministries, and historical collections, with a priority on helping congregations implement best practices in our shared work of "feeding hungry hearts."

## **Call for Delegate Nominations**

The Vestry is seeking nominees for five (5) lay delegates to Diocesan Convention 2019, which will take place November 15–16, 2019 in Riverside, CA. Anyone interested should send a statement of interest to Emily Abbott at [emily.mariah.abbott@gmail.com](mailto:emily.mariah.abbott@gmail.com). Please include the reason[s] you feel called to this ministry and any relevant experience. The delegates will be elected at the Annual Meeting in January.

Stephen Yeazell, *Senior Warden*  
and Emily Abbott, *Junior Warden*

**CALENDAR****Sunday Epiphany III 27 January**

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 29 January**

Food Pantry Prep <i>(volunteers welcome)</i>	Street Lvl	8:00AM
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**Thursday 31 January**

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

**Friday 1 February**

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

**Saturday 2 February**

<b>Mthr Kate Installation!</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>11:00AM</b>
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**Sunday Epiphany IV 3 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
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**Save the Date**

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

Scout Sunday	February 10
Ash Wednesday (Beginning of Lent)	March 6
Women's Retreat	Santa Barbara March 8-10

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The flowers that adorn the altar this morning are given to the glory of God by Lissa Glenn, in loving memory of her sister, Linda (Linnie) Walker.

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 to George Nicol and Ruby Rogers-Beckley for hosting the 8AM coffee hour, and to Ernest and Ngozi Onyia for hosting the 10:30 coffee hour.

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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