



## 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, join us for coffee hour in the Parish Hall across the courtyard.

### A Conversation About Finances at St. James'

**\$** Last week, we met to discuss church finances. This weekend we are reprising this presentation after the 8AM service, and again (same format repeated) after the 10:30AM service, in the Sunday School Room (1<sup>st</sup> floor, parish office building). At this time we will update parishioners on St. James' financial status, and the avenues your vestry is currently exploring to put us on a more sound fiscal footing. Please come! **Your presence is deeply valued.**

### From Mother Kate

Dear friends,

I have been very slow to warm to social media. Years ago, when others were enjoying pictures of their children and grandchildren on Facebook, I resisted. Social media just didn't seem healthy or real enough, and I used to joke that I was waiting for Facebook to blow over.



Well, far from blowing over, communicating electronically is here to stay. And so, today, I come to you as a convert. Our talented communications director Justin Baker regularly updates our website, Facebook page, Blog, Instagram and Twitter accounts with fresh stories and photographs, and I am so proud of our social media storytelling here at St. James.'

Recently I opened my own Twitter account which we share with you on the church website. Justin taught me how to open the account and post on Twitter in just 10 minutes, the night before I left for Korea. My conversion should serve as a great encouragement to you fellow social media resisters. If I can do it, you can too!

So, here's my request. Start by visiting the church website at stjla.org. You can access all the other accounts—Facebook, Instagram, Twitter—from the website.

Looking at the material is a great start, but I would appreciate more. Please consider getting on these platforms yourself, liking our posts and sharing them with your friends here at church, AND beyond the church walls. Write comments in the comment section too! Let's use these platforms to communicate, encourage, and, yes, evangelize! People joke that Episcopalians are too shy to evangelize, but this is one form of reaching out that you can do from the privacy of your own home.

Let's say there is a post that you particularly like. You could forward it to a friend and add a note: "I love my church, and I bet you would too. Want to join me this Sunday? We could have breakfast afterwards!" Friends, that's evangelism!

One more thing. Every week, we post an audio version, and sometimes video (on Facebook), of my sermons on the website. These recordings also can be found on Apple Podcasts. So, if you miss a Sunday, you can still catch the sermon and even send it to your friends!

Peace and blessings,  
*Kate+*



### Please Continue to Wear a Name Tag

*Do you know the name of every single person here at St. James'?*

**Not yet? That's why we wear nametags. Everybody. Keep learning names!**

### Great Music at St. James'

Join the Choir of St. James' as they present their last service of Evensong for the 2018-19 season, next Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:30PM in the church.



**Amanda Mole in Recital**  
**International Lautrates Organ Series**  
**at 6:00PM**

Following a reception, please return to the church to hear a stunning recital by Ms. Amanda Mole. Program Information will be available soon.

## Calendar

### **Sunday** **5 May**

Holy Eucharist, Rite I	Church	8:00AM
Church Finance Information Mtg	Sunday School Rm	9:00AM
Sunday School	Sunday School Rm	10:30AM
<i>Childcare available for children 4 and under.</i>		
Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Church	10:30AM
African Christian Fellowship	St. James' School	12NOON
Church Finance Information Mtg (after the 10:30 service)	Sunday School Rm	12:15PM
Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Church	12:15PM
<i>Korean Language</i>		

### **Tuesday** **7 May**

Food Pantry Prep (volunteers welcome)	Street Lvl	8:00AM
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### **Thursday** **9 May**

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

### **Friday** **10 May**

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

### **Sunday Mother's Day** **12 May**

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>		
Evensong	Church	4:30PM
Organ Recital	Church	6:00PML

### Save the Date

Vestry Meeting	Conference Rm	May 19
Men's Retreat	Mt. Calvary	June 28-30
The Feast of St. James' and Picnic		August 4
Bishop Bruce Visitation (also Michaelmas and the Choir of St. James returns)		September 29

The memorial service planned for  
**Lawrence Okezie**  
March 10, 1938 – March 27, 2019

**HAS BEEN MOVED UP.**  
**Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM, here at St. James'.**

We extend our condolences to Adanma, their adult children Nnenna, Uchenna, Chinwe and Chibuzor, and the many family members and friends who knew and loved Lawrence.

*May his soul and the souls of all the departed through the mercy of God rest in peace and rise in glory.*

Yours in Christ, *Mother Kate+*

### ALTAR FLOWERS

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

Many thanks to Louis and Helen Egbunkonye for hosting the 8:00 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, the Rev. Betsy Anderson, and Harold Ahaiwe.

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### Fun Ways to Fund Raise!

Do you (or your family members/friends) shop at Ralph's, Food4Less or Amazon??? If the answer is YES, you have the ability to actively support St. James' in its ongoing fundraising efforts!

#### Amazon Smile



Now you can support St. James' by shopping at Amazon using smile.amazon.com web address. When you specify "St. James Episcopal Church A Corp" as your charity of choice, Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchases to St. James'. (Note that this works only on purchases made from a web browser at the Smile address and not from one of Amazon's apps for your smart phone or tablet—you'll actually need to delete those apps from your devices in order for Smile to work.)

#### Ralphs Community Rewards Program



To Use the Ralphs Community Rewards Program: Simply encourage your participants to visit <https://www.ralphs.com>. Once logged into their

Ralphs account they can search for ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH either by name or DV309 and then click Enroll. New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email address and a rewards card.

Once your Rewards card is registered, Ralphs will donate a minimum of 1% (purchase up to \$200 per quarter) up to 4% (for purchases over \$500).

#### Food 4 Less Community Rewards Program



Similar to Ralphs, only you will need a Community Rewards card. Please see Adaobi Obijiaku at coffee hour to get signed up. Food 4 Less pays a better

rate: 4% on purchases up to \$500 and 5% on purchases over \$500.

If you're interested, our Junior Warden Adaobi Obijiaku will be available to assist parishioners set-up in the Parish Hall after the 8AM, 10:30AM and 12:15PM services on May 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>. For more information, visit [stjla.org/give](http://stjla.org/give).



### Interested in Baptism?

The next baptism dates are Pentecost Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> (also Baccalaureate Sunday), Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, at the 10:30AM service.

Please see Mother Kate for more information, and/or to express your interest in any of the these dates. It is important that she knows who she is baptizing!!

### African Christian Fellowship Monthly Meeting and Lunch

Today After the 10:30 Service in St. James' School Hall.

All are welcome to join the ACF for their regular monthly meeting and lunch (generally held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month after the 10:30 am service in St. James' School hall.



The purpose of this fellowship is to provide a forum for all people, but most especially at St. James'—to embrace and maintain the unity, culture and values of Africans both in the United States and Africa—with emphasis on religious closeness and family values.

### EFM – AT SAINT JAMES'



The EFM (Education for Ministry) program at Saint James is now preparing for a new class of Year 1 Students for the fall of 2019. We will be beginning our 11<sup>th</sup> year of EFM at Saint James! We invite you to consider applying for our fall Year 1 class, and provide you with information about this exceptional program of learning, growing in, and understanding our faith, the Bible, the Church, and the thinking behind what, as Christians, we do, say, and pray.

If you are interested in knowing more about EFM, please contact Mary Manning (818) 240-9155 (and please leave a message if she does not pick up the telephone) or e-mail her at [mvmanning@aol.com](mailto:mvmanning@aol.com).

### Men's Group Retreat

June 28-30, Mt. Calvary Retreat House, Santa Barbara



The Men's Group will hold its annual weekend retreat from Friday evening, June 28<sup>th</sup>, through Sunday lunch, June 30<sup>th</sup>, at the Mount Calvary Retreat House in Santa Barbara, located right behind Santa Barbara mission. It's a chance to be both sociable with our brethren and thoughtfully

reflective about our lives as Christian men. Our own John Bassett, leader of Education for Ministry at Saint James', will be guiding the discussions. The fee for the whole weekend, including accommodations and food, is \$300. If you would like to join us or have any questions, please contact Alan Heppel ([alanheppel@gmail.com](mailto:alanheppel@gmail.com)).

If you are ready to sign up, we'd like a deposit of \$100 to hold your space. To do this, either place a check in the Sunday offering (write "Men's Retreat" on the memo line) or you can go to [www.stjla.org/give](http://www.stjla.org/give), click on the "Give to St. James box and follow steps to pay online, or contact the church office 213.388.3417 and we'll be happy to help you. Peace be with you!