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St James in-the-City Announces Additional Weekly Meals for Those in Need

LOS ANGELES, CA: St. James in-the-City today announced they will begin serving a free meal on Tuesdays, 12:00-3:00pm beginning May 12. All are welcome. The meal is served hot, prepared in multiple courses, and packaged in take away containers.

The event encourages attendance by low-income families or PEH (people experiencing homelessness) or anyone experiencing food scarcity. Attendees are encouraged to take away as many meals as needed to nourish themselves, friends, or family during this critical time.

“Our loyal friends who come to our kitchen have been overwhelmingly grateful, compliant to all the new rules, never complaining, *grateful* beyond measure,” says Margaret Ecker, Volunteer Programs Manager at St. James. “We’ve served more people than ever, often over 100 meals.”

The ever-growing response to aid the surrounding community during the current crisis now has several opportunities both for those in need and volunteers:

- Free hot meal every Tuesday, 12:00-3:00PM
- Free grab-and-go groceries Thursdays, 8:00-9:00AM
- Free hot meal every Friday, 3:30-5:00PM
- Free breakfast, clean clothes, and hot showers Saturdays, 9:00AM-1:00PM

Full COVID-19 safety practices will be in place for all volunteers and attendees, including crowd management and social distancing enforcement. St. James asks those who are over 65, or any feeling unwell to contact the church to arrange delivery of meals for the safety of the event.

The volunteers at St. James would like to work on creating a better network of resource and information sharing for providers and givers in the mid-city area. Those interested in connecting and sharing useful information are encouraged to contact the church.

Special thanks is given to The Giving From the Heart Foundation for providing the first seven weeks of meals for this new event and making it possible. Gratitude is also given to The United Way for the continuing support of the food programs at St. James in-the-City.

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