



# SAINT JAMES' IN THE CITY

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## THE FIRST 100 YEARS

### Interim Steps – A New Chapel

It was 1953 and the parishioners of the church were imagining the future. Their vision included renovations on the Parish House to include a common room with a kitchenette for receptions, a reception room and offices for clergy and a parish secretary, additional facilities for children of the church school, as well as a new chapel to “hold enough people for weddings, services of instruction, and Holy Communion.” The new chapel would fill the courtyard. The old chapel would become a

library, Vestry Room, and conference room for small groups.

But that’s not what happened. Structural weaknesses in the Parish Hall would require its demolition and an entirely new Parish Hall to be built in its place. The new chapel never made it off the drawing board. The old courtyard was preserved and enhanced with a fountain. Man proposes, God disposes, and sometimes turtles find a nice wet home in which they can enjoy the sun.

