

St. James Episcopal Church Weekly Newsletter

October 17, 2025

Please join us
In person at 8:00 a.m. or
online or in-person at 10:00 a.m.
We hope to see you on Sunday!



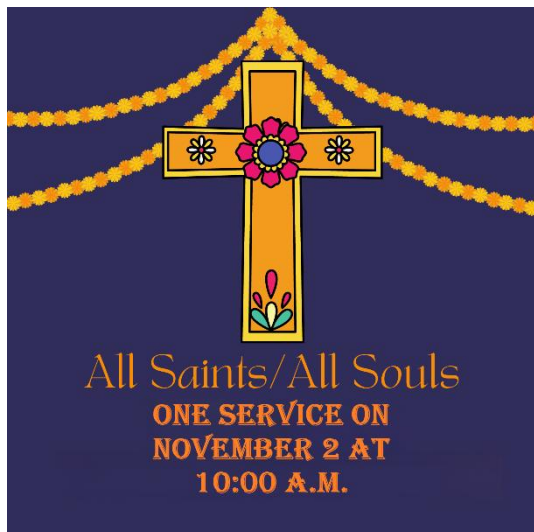
SERVICE ON FACEBOOK LIVE

Our online worship service is
at 10:00 a.m. The link will be
on our website at:

www.saintjamespr.org



Coffee Hour after the 10:00 a.m. service.



All Saints/All Souls
ONE SERVICE ON
NOVEMBER 2 AT
10:00 A.M.

Service SCHEDULE

THANK YOU FOR SERVING ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

IN-PERSON & ONLINE 10:00 A.M.

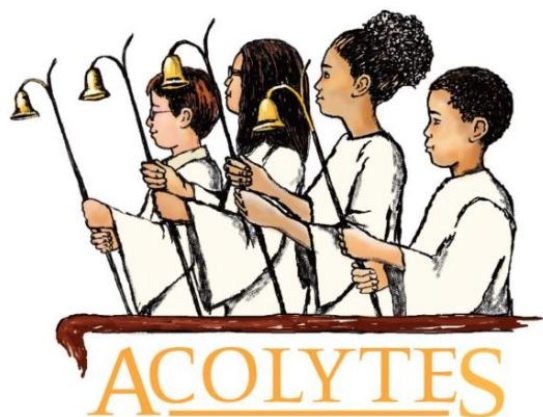
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LECTOR: PEGGY BEEMER
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USHERS: GRIGGER JONES & JEANNE MARSH
TECH: NEWLIN HASTINGS
VESTRY ON DUTY: PEGGY BEEMER
COFFEE HOUR: NORA GAISI &
CYNTHIA MOSELY
ALTAR GUILD: TEAM C
COUNTERS: LIZ & NEWLIN HASTINGS

THANK YOU FOR SERVING ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

IN-PERSON & ONLINE 10:00 A.M.

PRESIDER: THE REV. RUSS GORDON
DEACON: THE REV. JAMES ARNOLD
EUCHARISTIC MINISTER: MARK PLANTS
LECTOR: VALARIE CRANDAL-LOWMAN
SPANISH GOSPELER: DAVID DOD
USHERS: MAC & LAURA LEARNED
TECH: MAC LEARNED
VESTRY ON DUTY: LAURA LEARNED
COFFEE HOUR: BONNIE RAILSBACK
ALTAR GUILD: TEAM A
COUNTERS: CHUCK & KATHY BARTON

OCTOBER SPECIAL GIVING



The St. James Acolyte Program is up and running again. Your donation will help fund new robes, cinctures and other materials as needed. There are specially marked envelopes for your donation in the narthex. If you choose to write a check, please make it payable to St. James, and designate Acolytes on the memo line.

OUTREACH NEEDS



Our outreach for Feeding the Hungry continues to grow. We used to serve between 60-80 people per month and we have increased our meals due to a greater need. We are currently serving approximately 200 people per month. We are requesting help in meeting our present needs. We need some help with both casseroles and cookies. If you can help, please contact Marilyn Gerber.

We have pans for the casseroles in the narthex--please see the links below for some casserole ideas (in case you are stumped for what to make).

<https://www.thepioneerwoman.com/food-cooking/meals-menus/g31929060/easy-casserole-recipes/>

EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar

October 25 Peggy Yost Memorial
 October 19 Stewardship Kickoff
 November 2 One Service at 10:00 a.m.
 November 8 Rummage Sale
 November 9 Stewardship Ingathering
 December 21 First Communion

RUMMAGE SALE COMING SOON!

Busy cleaning out your house and garage? Need a "place" to donate all of those delicious items???



Well, we have a place for you! Once again St. James will be having a rummage sale. It will happen on November 8. Donations will go to benefit the "Feeding the Hungry" program here at St. James. Gather up all those things you don't need. The only exception this time is we **WILL** take your furniture you are no longer in need of. Although, we are still **not** taking clothing. More info to follow. We have a cart that you can borrow to help you when you unload your car. Please ask at the office.

Marilyn Gerber, Sylvia Barker, Laura Learned



COVID UPTICK

Due to the uptick un case, we will be reverting to the covid protocols during the sign of the peace.



RECTOR SEARCH

BISHOP'S DISCERNMENT / CALL MEETING SUMMARY

The profile will be posted on Wednesday, September 24th on the following sites: realepsicopal.org (Diocesan website), EPN, Province 8 and ENS.

Bullet points for next steps:

- Postings on the website for 6 weeks. All enquiries go to the Bishop
- Bishop reviews cover letter, CV and TMP
- Bishop gives names to the vestry
- Vestry discernment of the candidates
- Zoom conversations with those vestry feels has a call to be with us (1 or 2)
- Visitations in person with the vestry
- Vestry discerns the call for our Priest in Charge (PIC)
- Gives the name to the Bishop
- Vestry makes the call!!!

Dear friends and neighbors,
The Wednesday morning Bible Study Group whose members weekly meet at St. James from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. cordially invite you to join them for a screening of the "Dead Sea Scrolls" beginning on Wednesday, October 10th 2025.

Narrated by Dr. Gary A Rendsburg, who occupies the Laurie Chair in Jewish History at Rutgers University, this series of 24 lectures tell the remarkable story of the scrolls' discovery, research, and publication. The first scrolls were found by accident by a Bedouin shepherd boy who was chasing a stray goat that had wandered into one of the Qumran caves. Scholars systematically explored other caves in the region until 11 individual caves yielded 930 texts from the 3rd century B.C.E. through 68 C.E. that provide an unprecedented view of Jewish history, culture, and religion from before and during the time of Jesus. Join us for a unique experience and adventure as we learn about the great diversity of rich material from Qumran.



As an added bonus, NO PREPARATION OR HOMEWORK IS REQUIRED FOR OUR GROUP. For more information, you can contact Holly Cooper (805) 434-7002 or Kathy Showers (626) 808-8250.



*And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior..."* Luke 1:46-47, NRSV

The St. James community is entering our Stewardship Pledge season. In these weeks leading to Thanksgiving, we take this time to prayerfully consider our intentions to serve and to give in the coming year – with God's help.

The Episcopal Church Stewardship theme is inspired by the Gospel story of Mary the mother of Jesus, who proclaims her joy: "Tell out my soul! The greatness of the Lord!" Each of us has a different story to tell and a different contribution to make.

Pledge packets are available starting Sunday, October 19. Each packet includes a Tell Out My Soul Pledge Card, a letter and a Q&A About Pledging.

What is a pledge?

A pledge is a commitment to give a part of one's time, talents and resources as personal responses to God's generosity. Giving is for the ministries of the church: for worship and for care of people. A pledge is a statement of intent, not a legal obligation.

Why is pledging so important at St. James?

Giving enables all the different ministries of St. James. Pledging is important, because our ministry budgets for 2026 will be prepared based on the total of pledges received. Each ministry depends on both financial giving and volunteering of our time and talents.

We encourage you to prayerfully consider your response before returning your card. An Ingathering Service for pledges will be November 9 when we pray together for all these hopes and intentions. Please bring your completed Pledge Card to the Ingathering or send it to the church office any time before November 9.

Kathy Currie, Stewardship Chair

OKTOBERFEST EXPENSES



If you have receipts for expenses for Octoberfest, PLEASE turn them into Sylvia in the office no later than November 1st. We want to finalize the numbers for the fundraiser and have all the work from the Octoberfest finished prior to year end financials. We appreciate your diligence in this effort.

Bonnie Railsback and Laura Learned
Event Chair and Senior Warden

Giving Toolbox - Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs)

Notice: This is general information, not tax advice. Since each person's financial situation is unique, please contact your own tax advisor to determine if this may be helpful to you.



Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) can be a powerful and tax-efficient way to fulfill monetary pledges to a church or other charitable organizations. This method allows individuals who are 70½ years old or older to donate funds directly from their Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) to a qualified charity, such as a church, without incurring additional taxes on the distribution.

The process of utilizing QCDs involves five essential steps:

1. **Qualification:** To be eligible for QCDs, the individual must be at least 70½ years old. Although you may not be required to take minimum distributions from your traditional IRAs until age 72 or 73, depending on your birth year, you can still make a QCD. QCDs allow these distributions to be sent directly to a qualifying charity.
2. **Direct Transfer:** The QCD process involves instructing the IRA custodian to transfer funds directly from the IRA to the chosen charitable organization. It is crucial to ensure that the transfer is made payable to the charity, not to the IRA holder, to qualify as a QCD.
3. **Tax Benefits:** One of the primary advantages of using QCDs is that the donated amount counts towards the required minimum distribution (RMD) without being included in the individual's adjusted gross income (AGI). This can potentially lower taxable income, thereby reducing the individual's overall tax liability. QCDs are not taxed, but you cannot claim a charitable deduction for the same amount.
4. **Limitations:** There are limits to the amount you can donate via QCDs. In 2025 the maximum annual amount you can donate tax-free is \$108,000 per individual. For married couples filing jointly, each spouse can contribute up to \$108,000, totaling a potential \$216,000 tax-free donation in a year. The maximum is indexed each year, so check each tax year to know the maximum for that year.
5. **Documentation:** It is crucial to maintain proper documentation for QCDs. The IRA custodian should issue a Form 1099-R to report the total distribution, including the QCD amount. The individual should retain records of the donation acknowledgment from the charity for tax-filing purposes.

For individuals who wish to support their church or any other qualified charitable organization while minimizing their tax burden, QCDs present a viable and advantageous option. By leveraging this strategy, individuals can meet their charitable giving goals while potentially reducing their taxable income and fulfilling their required minimum distributions from their IRAs.

This is not to be construed as tax advice!

It is essential to consult with a tax advisor or financial planner to understand the specific rules, limitations, and implications of utilizing QCDs based on individual circumstances. While QCDs can offer significant benefits, each person's financial situation is unique, and professional guidance ensures adherence to IRS regulations and maximizes the advantages of this charitable giving strategy.

THE GREAT PUMPKIN AT ST. JAMES



We will be gifting each of our 6 First Communion Candidates a pumpkin basket. We will have the baskets in the parish hall to fill – one for each child in our program. You can put anything you'd like in the basket. The basket will be identified by a number only—this is a surprise to the kids, so we don't want to write their names on the basket.

Please note—you do not have to purchase something for each child. You can purchase it for whoever you would like. You can get one child one thing or you can buy some candy for each child—it is completely up to you. The only thing we ask is that you are careful if you are speaking about this in front of the kids, since it is a surprise for them.

#1 is for Luis – Boy 9 years old. Suggestions for his Basket: Candy, gift cards to McDonald's, cookies, chips, snacks from Dollar Tree, or anything else you'd like.

#2 is for Juan – Boy 10 years old. Suggestions for his basket: Chips, candy, gift cards, small Lego set, card games, or anything else you'd like.

#3 is for Brianna – Girl 11 years old. Suggestions for her Basket: Candy, gift cards, hair clips, bracelets, socks, nail polish, lip balm, slimy sand, or anything else you'd like.

#4 is for Evelyn – Girl 18 years old. Suggestions for her Basket: Candy, gift cards to Starbucks, Ulta or Kohl's, socks, nail polish, lip balm, or anything else you'd like.

#5 is for Angelica – Girl 7 years old. Suggestions for her Basket: Candy, gift cards, hair clips, bracelets, socks, nail polish, lip balm, slimy sand, mini plush or anything else you'd like.

#6 is for Joana – Girl 11 years old. Suggestions for her basket: Chips, candy, gift cards, wallet, purse, snacks from Dollar Tree, or anything else you'd like.

This list of names and suggestions of items for their baskets will be in the drawer under the baskets, in case you need to check something on the list. Thank you!!



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PLYMOUTH AND ST. JAMES CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18TH
10 AM – 2 PM**

**IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
1301 Oak St
Paso Robles, CA 93446**

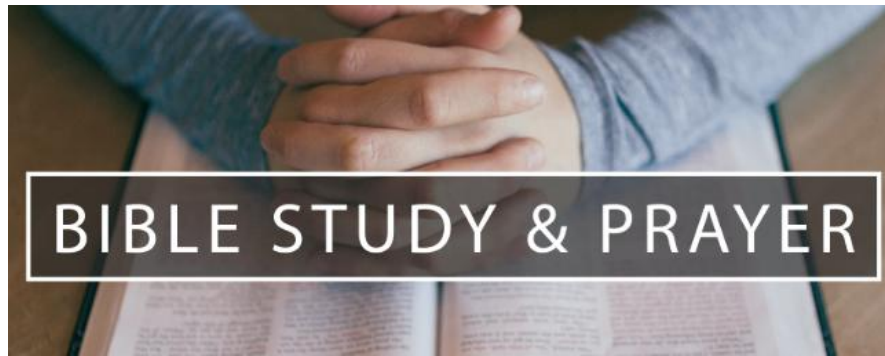


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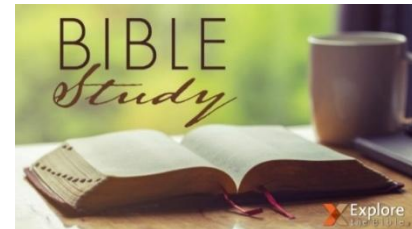
WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE



This week our Wednesday Evening Service is at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom. If you would like to join us, the link is shown below.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/97618986631?pwd=QUF6aUduWE9vUFJlQ2lzbmNYaWplUT09>

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All are invited to meet on **Thursday mornings** at 11am for a one-hour bible study via Zoom. The Zoom link is on our webpage. Each week we look at the Gospel lesson for the upcoming Sunday by reading the passage from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible, The Message, and The Voice. Each translation offers a slightly different perspective on the lesson. Please join us!

<https://zoom.us/j/97608924151?pwd=SVJscVUzaEU4c25GcEtKZlQvNoVldzo9>

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The Women's Prayer Group meets for breakfast on the **second Wednesday** of each month at 9:00 a.m. in the parish hall.



Our Grief Support Group will meet on the **fourth Tuesday** of each month at 12:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Please bring a sack lunch, if you'd like.



The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will meet monthly. We welcome all men from St. James! Please contact Deacon Jim for more information.



TEAM A

Bonnie Railsback
Alice Jones

TEAM B

Carol Hungerford
Kathy Barton
Kathy Currie

TEAM C

Laura Learned
Marilyn Gerber
Sue Thorson



BIRTHDAYS

October 2	Bonnie Railsback
October 14	Tom Westbrook
October 23	Kim Cruciani
October 28	Susan Funk
October 28	Sedona Rodriguez



Senior Warden:	Laura Learned
Jr. Warden & Diversity Development:	Cynthia Mosely
Education:	Peggy Beemer
Finance:	Dennis Breckow
Worship & Music:	Mark Plants
Administrative Communication:	Chuck Barton
Columbarium	Lee Adinolfi
Stewardship	Kathy Currie
Diversity Development	Judi Dod

WEEK AT A GLANCE

October 19 – October 25

Office Hours: Tuesday- Friday 9-1

Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening Service
Thursday	11:00 a.m. Bible Study
Friday	
Saturday	

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Hart Doris Theresa

PARISH CYCLE OF PRAYER

We give thanks for the life & ministry of:

Cynthia & Julie Mosely
Gregg Parras
Elana Peters

Mark Plants & Mike Hughes
Owen & Helen Purcell
Bonnie Railsback
Suzanne Reynolds
Sedona Rodriguez
Chris & Troy Rudman
Rosaleen Runnalls

DELEGATES



Delegates:

Becky Hewatt
Kathy Barton
Rosaleen Runnalls

Alternates:

Laura Learned
Jimmy Ciccolo