

St. James Church



Special Christmas Edition

CHRISTMAS SERVICES



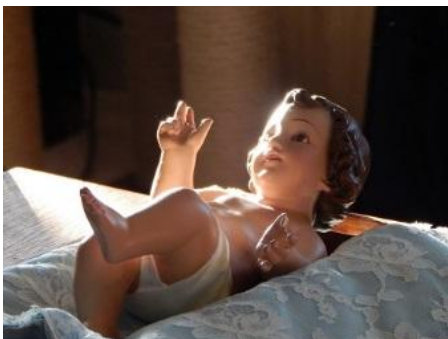
December 24 8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

December 28 10:00 a.m. Christmas Lessons & Carols (one service only)

DECEMBER SPECIAL GIVING

Holiday Giving is the featured special outreach for December. There are specially marked envelopes for your donation at the church entrance.

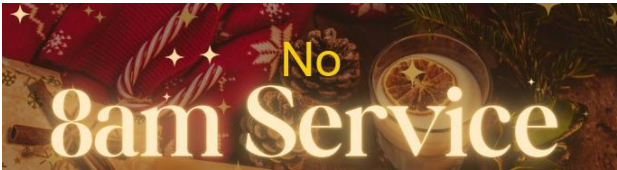
We are collecting donations to be used to make Christmas a bit brighter for some local families and also for our own parishioners in need. Please make your check payable to St. James' and designate Holiday Giving on the memo line.



CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED

The office will be closed December 25 - January 1. If you are interested in making any donations to St. James and would like it to count for the 2025 calendar year, please be sure to have them in the church office by December 23

We will have one service together at 10:00a.m. on Sunday, December 21 and on Sunday, December 28.



HELP US MAKE THE CHURCH BEAUTIFUL



We (Altar Guild) would love your help to decorate for Christmas. The more available for help the quicker things go for everyone. The time for setting up will be Sunday, December 21st after coffee hour and our first communion service. I know this is a lot in one day but thought it would be easier than scheduling another day that very busy week. Thank you in advance for your help in making the celebration of Christmas even brighter!

Laura Learned, Altar Guild



In keeping with our annual tradition of giving Sylvia gift cards for Christmas, we will have a gift bag available in the narthex for you to put your gift card in.

Things that Sylvia loves (but she would appreciate anything),

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| Starbucks | Crumbl |
| Amazon | Goshi |
| Trader Joe's | Los Robles Café |
| Smart and Final | Cool Hand Luke's |
| Albertsons | |

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It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas



We will have 12 Santa Buckets in the parish hall to fill – one for each child in our program and one for each of the acolytes. You can put anything you'd like in the buckets. They will be identified by number only—this is a surprise to the kids, so we don't want to write their names on the stockings.

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, or you can buy a gift card for a couple of the kids—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.

Things that they would all love: Candy, chips, cookies, Starbucks, Target, Walmart, McDonald's. Anything that you think that they would like!

This list will be in the drawer under the buckets, in case you have to check something on the list. Thank you!!

#1 is for Luis – Boy 9 years old.

#7 is for Rebecca – Girl 9 years old.

#2 is for Evelyn – Girl 17 years old.

#8 is for Roberto – Boy 14 years old.

#3 is for Brianna – Girl 11 years old.

#9 is for Kenya – Girl 10 years old.

#4 is for Angelica – Girl 7 years old.

#7 is for Alie – Girl 7 years old.

#5 is for Joana – Girl 11 years old.

#8 is for Karla – Girl 8 years old.

#6 is for Juan – Boy 11 years old.

#9 is for Kate – Girl 7 years old.



Poinsettia Dedication

I would like to help decorate the Church for Christmas.

Enclosed is my check for \$_____.

Given by _____

Please dedicate the poinsettias

in memory of

in honor of

in thanksgiving for

Please place your poinsettia dedication as soon as possible.

Deadline for poinsettia dedications is

Sunday, December 21, 2025.

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St. James Episcopal Church Raffle to Benefit
St. James Youth Programs



You Win:

This Beautiful 6' Tall
Nutcracker

Custom Painted by
Local Artist &
Comedian

Julia Wood

**Tickets \$5 each
or 5 for \$20**

Raffle Drawing Will
Be Held on
December 21, 2025

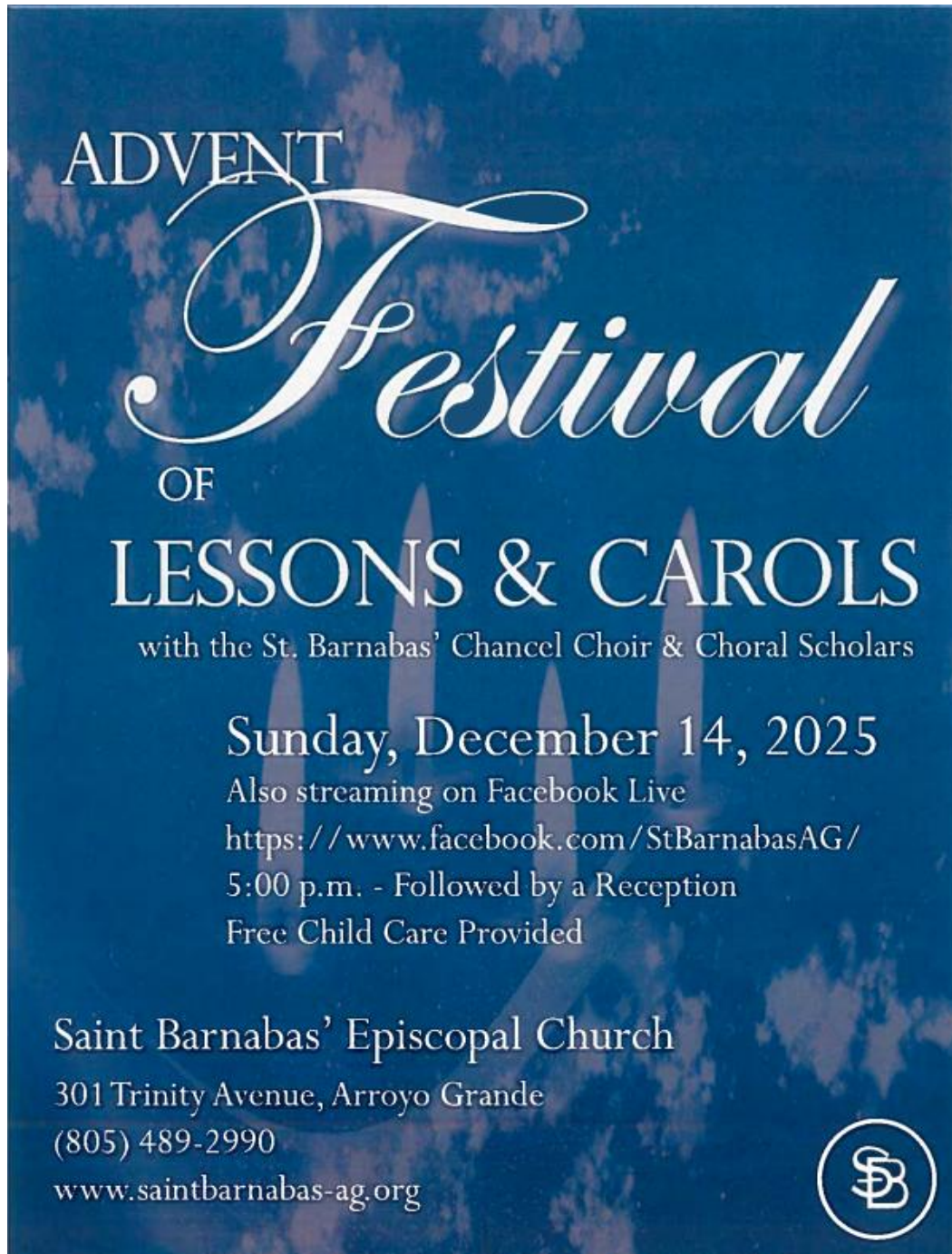
(winner need not be present)

Once again, this year we will be worshipping God with an Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols. It is this coming Sunday, December 14th at 5:00 pm at St. Barnabas (301 Trinity Avenue, Arroyo Grande, CA 93420). Originating from King's College, Cambridge, England a hundred years ago, this service of readings and music is one of the glories of the Anglican tradition, of which we are a part. The heart of the service continues to this day, that is, the retelling of the Christian story of faith from the fall of Adam to the coming of the Word Incarnate. Each carol or hymn illumines the lesson that it is paired with. The texts for the Lessons are from the traditional King James Bible.

Eight of the alumni or graduates from our Choral Scholars Program will be joining our Chancel Choir to offer this worship. Childcare is provided and a reception follows the Advent Festival. Please join us and bring a friend.

May your Season of Advent continue to be filled with beauty.


Rob+

A poster for the Advent Festival of Lessons & Carols. The background is a deep blue with a faint, lighter blue pattern of stars and clouds. In the center, there is a faint, stylized illustration of a church steeple. The text is white and arranged in a formal, centered layout.

ADVENT
Festival
OF
LESSONS & CAROLS
with the St. Barnabas' Chancel Choir & Choral Scholars

Sunday, December 14, 2025
Also streaming on Facebook Live
<https://www.facebook.com/StBarnabasAG/>
5:00 p.m. - Followed by a Reception
Free Child Care Provided

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A circular logo containing the stylized letters 'SB'.