

# St. James Episcopal Church Weekly Newsletter

March 6, 2026

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

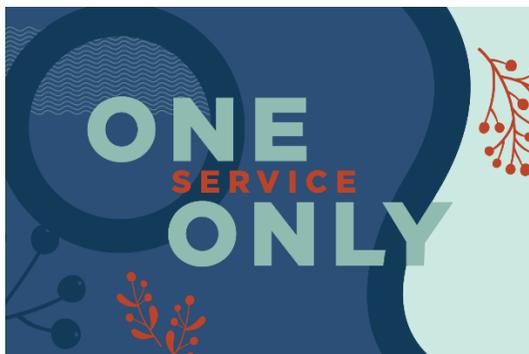


## SERVICE ON FACEBOOK LIVE

Our online worship  
service is at 10:00 a.m.  
The link will be on our  
website at:  
[www.saintjamespr.org](http://www.saintjamespr.org)



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



March 29 Palm Sunday (one service)  
May 24 Pentecost (one service)  
July 26 St. James Day (one service)

## Service SCHEDULE

THANK YOU FOR SERVING ON

### SUNDAY, MARCH 8

IN-PERSON & ONLINE 10:00 A.M.  
PRESIDER: THE REV. RUSS GORDON  
DEACON: THE REV. JAMES ARNOLD  
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: MARK PLANTS  
LECTOR: JUDI DOD  
SPANISH GOSPELLER: DAVID DOD  
USHERS: JUDI DOD & JEANNE MARSH  
ACOLYTES: HERNANDEZ FAMILY  
TECH: ROBERTO QUINTERO  
COFFEE HOUR: DALE & PATTY BRECKOW  
VESTRY ON DUTY: MARK PLANTS  
ALTAR GUILD: TEAM B  
COUNTERS: DALE & PATTY BRECKOW

### SUNDAY, MARCH 15

IN-PERSON & ONLINE 10:00 A.M.  
PRESIDER: THE REV. RICHARD ROLLEFSON  
DEACON: THE REV. JAMES ARNOLD  
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: LUCY SIMOLA  
LECTOR: JANET DRASIL  
USHERS: ALICE & GRIGGER JONES  
TECH: PAUL DRASIL  
COFFEE HOUR: LAURA LEARNED &  
KATHY BARTON  
VESTRY ON DUTY: CONNIE HIGDON GANNON  
ALTAR GUILD: TEAM A  
COUNTERS: DENNIS & BETSY BRECKOW



If you see an error above; no need to contact the  
office. Please check the service schedule for the  
correct information. Thank you!

## MARCH SPECIAL GIVING



## ALTAR GUILD

What is Altar Guild? The Altar Guild's ministry is more than just the beautiful flowers. We are responsible for preparing all the linens for each service. We tend the vestments to make sure they are well cared for and kept clean. Anything having to do with the sanctuary or any service at the church is part of the Altar Guild's ministry. The Altar Guild is a group of behind-the-scenes volunteers in our parish. This ministry is self-sustaining, which means that all the monies you donate to Altar Guild help to keep the service running smoothly.

When you donate to the Altar Guild, remember that your donation does much more than buy flowers. Your donation purchases the wine for the services, sanctuary candles, votives, oil for the candles and even gluten-free hosts! Your donations go a LONG way. There are specially marked envelopes for your donation in the narthex. Please make your donation payable to St. James' and designate Altar Guild Fund on the line.

Laura Learned Altar Guild

### YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO...



Unwind into the weekend with the peace and beauty of the harp in the peace and beauty of SLO's historic church.

Presented by Jennifer Sayre, harpist.

Free. Friday, March 20, 4:30-5:30 PM.

In the Sanctuary at St.

Stephen's Episcopal Church, corner of Pismo and Nipomo Streets, San Luis Obispo. Parking lot is located at 650 Pismo Street and is limited so carpooling is recommended.

Jennifer performed with local classical ensembles and numerous national and international groups.

## EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar

March 22	First Communion Fundraiser
March 29	Palm Sunday (one service)
April 5	Easter Sunday
April 12	First Communion
May 10	Confirmation
May 24	Pentecost (one service)
July 26	St. James Day (one service)

### 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/>

### SPRING AHEAD THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 8!



## PLEA FROM YOUR DEACON



Dear people of St. James:

We have been asked to collaborate with our neighbor, the United Methodist Church, in assisting the ministries of 'Faith Communities and Neighbors in Action' by collecting needed resources to support those who are living in fear of detention and deportation. Below is a list of items that are needed and would be easy for us to collect. I will place a specially marked bin in the parish hall for collection of these items and then take them over to the United Methodist Church, who will distribute them to families on regularly scheduled days. It would be an easy thing for all of us to add one or more of these items to our routine grocery lists and then bring them to the church for distribution, and a realistic and worthy local ministry for St. James. I know you are all doing a lot already, but I also know that your hearts are always capable of further expansion in your ongoing love of your neighbor. With much gratitude and thanks, Deacon Jim!

Rice – 2 or 4 lb bag  
Sugar – 4 lb bag  
Canola oil – 48 oz  
Strawberry jam – 32 oz  
White corn tortillas  
Peanut butter – 16 oz  
Evaporated milk  
Pinto beans – 16 or 32 oz bag  
Pancake mix – 32-56 oz box or bag  
Pasta  
Instant coffee – 8 oz jar  
Chicken bouillon – 16 oz  
Oatmeal – 25 oz  
Cereal in box  
Water – gallon bottle  
Apple juice  
Diapers

## St. James Youth Religious Ed Fundraising



### **Youth Religious Education Program Fundraiser Eat in or To-Go**

We will be hosting a Tacos fundraiser on March 22. The plate includes 3 tacos, rice & beans for \$10. The sale will be from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**PLEASE SIGN UP IN  
THE NARTHEX**

# Here Comes Peter Cottontail!



We have a couple of Easter activities coming up.

We need Easter Eggs!

We will begin collecting filled Easter eggs for our annual Easter egg hunt. Please bring filled eggs and place them in the narthex. We also have a lot of empty eggs that need to be filled. Please take some to fill or bring in bags of candy. We have lots of kids this year, so we need lots of eggs. Thank you!

We will be gifting each of our 5 Confirmation Students and our First Communion Candidate an Easter Basket. We are also providing a basket for acolytes. We will have the baskets in the parish hall to fill – one for each child. 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 Ainhoa – Girl 7 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 Breanna – Girl 14 years old.

#9 is for Kenya – Girl 10 years old.

#4 is for Belinda – Girl 17 years old.

#10 is for Alie – Girl 7 years old.

#5 is for Miguel – Boy 14 years old.

#11 is for Karla – Girl 9 years old.

#6 is for Fernando – Boy 14 years old.

#12 is for Kate – Girl 7 years old.

Suggestions for older students: Chips, candy, gift cards, wallet, purse, snacks from Dollar Tree, nail polish, small Lego set, Nerf foam balls, card games, or anything else you'd like.

Suggestions for younger students: Candy, gift cards, hair clips, bracelets, socks, nail polish, lip balm, slimy sand, mini plush or anything else you'd like.

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

## EASTER FLOWERS DEDICATION



If you would like to dedicate altar flowers for Easter Sunday, please complete the form below.  
The deadline to get your dedication in is **March 29**.

**I would like to help decorate the Church for Easter.**

Enclosed is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone or Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please dedicate the flowers

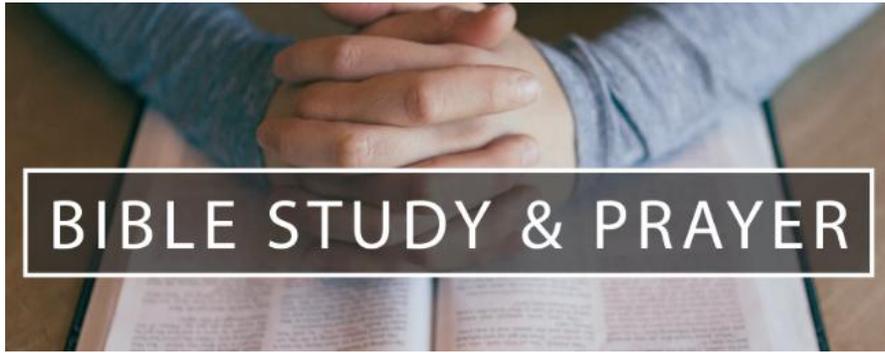
In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In thanksgiving for \_\_\_\_\_

Please place your flower dedication  
as soon as possible.  
Deadline for dedications is  
Sunday, March 29, 2026





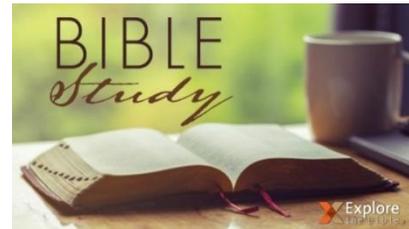
### WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE



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=QUF6aUduWE9vUFJlQ2lzbnNYaWplUT09>

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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.



GRIEF  
SUPPORT  
GROUP



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

**MAY GOD GRANT YOU MANY YEARS!**



**BIRTHDAYS**

March 8	Joe Chouinard
March 15	Amanda Ferrell
March 17	Joyce Humphreys
March 21	John Joyner
March 24	Ron Johnson
March 31	Hart Junge

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# Vestry

Senior Warden:  
Jr. Warden, Worship & Music:  
Finance:  
Administrative Communication:  
Stewardship  
Diversity Development  
Buildings and Grounds:  
Hospitality:

Laura Learned  
Mark Plants  
Dennis Breckow  
Grigger Jones  
Kathy Currie  
Judi Dod  
Jimmy Ciccolo  
Becky Hewatt  
Connie Higdon Ganno

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Hart Doris Theresa

**PARISH CYCLE OF PRAYER**

We give thanks for the life & ministry of:

Robert & Theresa Edelman  
Suzie Elwell  
Justin, Amanda, Aldin & Hannah Ferrell  
Nancy Foran  
Gordon Fuglie & Susan Funk  
Nora Gaisi & Max & Nico Torres  
Marilyn Gerber  
Sue Grosjean  
Newlin, Liz & Alie Hastings

# DELEGATES



**Delegates:**

Laura Learned  
Jimmy Ciccolo  
Rosaleen Runnals

**Alternates:**