The Window

The Newsletter of St. James' Episcopal Church in Fremont, CA
Called to serve in new and loving ways

April 2017

Into Holy Week towards Resurrection

Soon, we enter into the holiest of times in preparation for the glorious resurrection of our Savior. It is a time of great importance, bringing us close to the path Jesus walked, The Way, from his entry into Jerusalem, to his meal with the disciples, to his interrogation in front of the Jewish court, the Sanhedrin, to his walk up Golgotha, to the empty tomb, and finally, to his resurrection. The point of Holy Week is to allow Christians to fully experience these pivotal moments of Jesus' life. In order to do so, each event is important. Make a commitment to engage in each one.

Palm Sunday

In order to place more emphasis on Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, we are modifying this service. Unlike past years, we will not be showing a slideshow during the Passion, and we will be moving the reading of the Passion, a shorter version, to the end of the service. This allows us to spend more time celebrating Jesus' arrival. It also allows us to more fully experience the Passion on Good Friday.

Maundy Thursday

A pivotal moment in Jesus' life was when he gathered his disciples together to break bread and demonstrate to them the self-sacrificing love of his life. On Maundy Thursday, we gather for a similar meal and ritual. Here, we are reminded of each person's call to serve others. With Holy Communion and stripping the altar bare, the centrality of Jesus Christ in our own lives is brought to mind, preparing us to fully experience the new life manifested in the Resurrection.

Good Friday

To accommodate schedules, we have arranged for two Good Friday services, one in the afternoon at 12:00, and a second in the evening at 7:00. The afternoon service will follow the traditional service found in the Book of Common Prayer and will be followed by the opportunity to walk the Stations of the Cross and engage in the Veneration of the Cross.

The evening service will incorporate Taize and the Veneration of the Cross. This day is called the Trehora, the Latin word for three hours, referring to the time in which Jesus was hanged upon the cross leading to his death. It is on this day that we reflect upon the events of the Passion of our Savior, the love of God they express, and the aspects of our lives in discord with Jesus' Law of Love.

Easter Vigil

The Vigil is the primary service of the Christian faith, with the glorious transformation of darkness to light, of death into life. The stories of salvation are told, reminding us that God brings us out of bondage into freedom. Two baptisms will take place, and as One Body, we will recommit our lives to Christ through our baptismal vows, and Easter, the Risen Christ, will be proclaimed.

Easter Sunday

We will gather together to welcome friends into our sanctuary, to celebrate the Resurrected Christ, and to proclaim the ultimate message of the Resurrection, that all that is cast down is raised up, that all that is broken is redeemed, that all that has died will live again.

See you on The Way!

Lori+

Holy Week & Easter

Palm Sunday April 9

We will begin outside with a blessing of the palms, followed by the grand procession into the church, a representation of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Our service of Holy Communion will include a sermon and a children's anthem.

Maundy Thursday April 13

*A simple meal in monastic style will begin at **6:30pm**. Following the meal, we will have the liturgy rituals of foot washing and cross exchange, continuing with Holy Communion and the stripping of the altar.*

Good Friday April 14

From 12:00-2:00pm

A traditional service of solemn collects, hymns, and the Passion.

From 2:00-3:00pm

The Veneration of the Cross in the Little Church or walking the Stations of the Cross outside will be available to those who wish to extend their worship this additional hour.

At 7:00pm

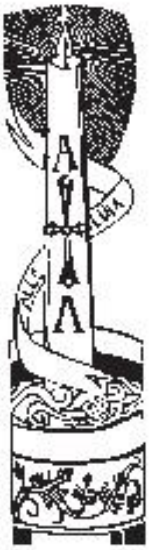
A service honoring Jesus' last hours with Taize, prayers, the Veneration of the Cross and the Passion of Jesus Christ. For those unable to make the daytime service, this is your chance to meditate on the Passion before we reach Easter.

Easter Vigil

8:00pm April 15

The Lighting of the Great Fire, Stories and Song!

Followed by Baptisms, the Proclamation of Easter and Holy Communion in the Main Church.



Easter Principal Service

10:00am April 16

A Festive Service in the Main Church with music and Holy Communion, followed by the annual Easter Egg Hunt for Children and a reception hosted by the Vestry after the service.

March Vestry Report

After sharing a lovely dinner prepared by Josephine, we shared God Moments and then opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. We approved the minutes from the February vestry meeting, the Annual Meeting and the vestry retreat. Lynn presented the financial reports and these were approved.

Meg Amouroux came to the meeting to give us a report on the meeting with the pastor from Centerville Presbyterian. Their 150th anniversary was last year and they gave us a lot of ideas to discuss. Vestry were asked to attend the meeting on Sunday 19th for the next planning meeting. We talked about some of the ideas and about who might lead certain aspects of St. James'150th anniversary celebration.

We then created norms for the vestry meetings, approved the parochial report and discussed how to distribute the endowment money. We will vote on this next month. Vestry were asked to think about this distribution.

Finally, we reviewed the possible purchase of an AED and the codes which go along with this responsibility. We decided to have a small team look into this and bring back information for April's vestry meeting which will be on April 6th due to the timing of Holy Week.

We reviewed the vestry jobs for the year. Before accepting the ministry and rector's report, Lori gave us an update about Ron's health. She will not be going on sabbatical this year.

After adjourning the meeting, Josephine led us in compline.

Vivienne Paratore
Senior Warden

SAVE THE DATE!

Women's Retreat, Saturday, May 13, 9am - 3pm, at St. James'. The theme is ***Nevertheless She Persisted: Hidden Figures in the Church.*** Watch for details coming soon!

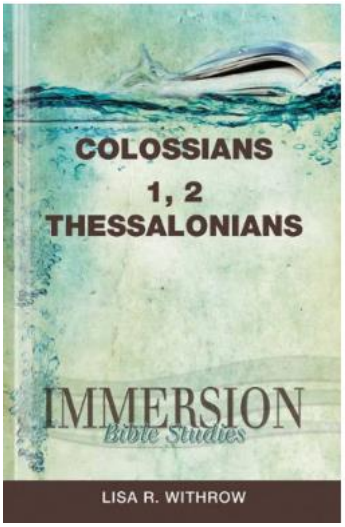
Janet Fischer

How Jesus Changed My Life Through St. James'

The face of Jesus is visible every day at Saint James'. We hear the words of Jesus in the liturgy, in the music, and in the sermons. Every time I hear the communion prayer where we pray for our brothers and sisters who follow other faiths, I am reminded that Jesus told us and showed us how to love everyone. The banner declaring that everyone is welcome and accepted without exception represents us as a faith community.

Jesus is obviously present at St. James'. I see Him in the face of our clergy and in the faces of fellow parishioners who lovingly minister to each other and the community at large. St. James has given me the opportunity to serve dinner with a team at Abode which changed my life in many ways. We are able to show love to others and see the fruits of our labors. The opportunities to serve in many different ways have changed my life. Jesus is definitely present at St. James' and has changed my life in many ways.

Vivenne Paratore
Senior Warden



FAITH FORMATION PRESENTS...
Bible Study!

You asked, we listened. Starting in April, we will have bible study at the 9:15 hour between services on Sundays.

We will take a chronological approach to the New Testament, starting with the books/letters that were written first. That means we will start with I & II Thessalonians, considered by most scholars to be the first known letters written. We will use the Immersion Bible Studies series. You are welcome to purchase this book (Immersion Bible Studies: *Colossians, 1 Thessalonians, 2 Thessalonians,* by Lisa Withrow, available on amazon.com or your favorite bookstore), but it is not necessary. Just bring your bible!

We hope to recruit others to lead future studies. As an incentive, the Faith Formation committee will purchase your Immersion book if you agree to be one of the leaders. If you are interested, please talk to Janet Fischer.

April 23, 30, May 7, 14, 9:15 am in the Education Room. Bring your bible and join us!

Janet Fischer

From the St. James' Archive

Easter is upon us. Can you tell what year this photo was taken? We don't know. Notice any differences between this photo and the Little Church as it is now?"

Photo from St. James' Archive.
Submitted by Bruce Roberts

Available for Lunch Celebrates Chinese New Year

On Sunday, March 5, 2017, approximately 25 members of St. James' and their friends gathered at the latest Available for Lunch event. While the main reasons for meeting were for great food and even better fellowship, this springtime gathering marks the celebration of the Chinese New Year 2017, The Year of the Rooster. In the spirit of this international event, we met for a festive and delicious lunch at Newark Buffet, an expansive Chinese buffet in Newark.

The Available for Lunch team has been organizing these informal gatherings since 2008. If you have suggestions for local eateries you feel might be suitable for our lunchtime meet-ups, feel free to share them with us. Everyone is welcome to attend-- families, friends, and neighbors. We pay for own lunches, and enjoy each other's company over good food.

We hope to see you next time we ask if you're Available for Lunch!

Sylvia Ma and Meg Amouroux
Available for Lunch Ministry

Financial Summary February 2017			
	2/29/2016		2/28/2017
Operating Fund	51,834.31		54,260.85
Building Fund	36,897.85		34,014.11
Year to Date Summary Operating			
Pledges Budgeted	43,332.00		49,839.33
Pledges Paid	43,034.64		52,546.05
Unpledged Contributions	2,885.00		1,165.00
Other Op Income*	4,553.69		3,514.33
Total Operating Income	50,473.33		57,225.38
Total Operating Expenses	48,070.84		52,396.05
Income less Expenses	**2,402.49**		**4,829.33**

St. James' Prayer List

Most Holy God we pray for:

For Those In The Military:
Scott, Jarrod, Megan, Erica, Theresa, Mark, Tim, Louis, Military Children of ACBSM, the families and Marines of Dark Horse Battalion, Caitlin, Emily, Robin, Adam, Dave, Shawn, Ethan, Paul, Darren, Matthew, Johnny

For Those Who Need Guidance and Direction:
Manuel, Shelly, David

For Those Who Need Comfort and Healing:
Ron, Ellison, Peter, Michael, John, Linda, Nancy, Patricia Holger's mom, Carol, Vern

For Families Expecting Children:

For Those Who Have Passed Away: Sue, Joe

To add someone to the "Special Prayers" list, please complete a pew card and place it in the offering plate OR call / email the Church Office. After six weeks, names are removed from the list. Please renew your request as needed.
Thank you

Please note: If your birth month or anniversary is in this month and your name(s) is not listed or the information is incorrect, please email the appropriate information to admin@saintj.com

April Birthdays

6 Ann Jamison
John Trubina
7 Ian Fuller
8 Andy MacRae
Renee Whitehouse
10 Robert Bell
E.J Hilliard
13 Allen Krimmel
14 Tim Feeney
15 Christopher Schnurr
Marie Schnurr
Elyse Lovellette
16 John Butterfield
17 Tom Scrutton
20 Ruth Poole
23 Karl Drescher
26 Elizabeth Hart
Michael Hart
28 Marnie Hartmann
Al Casas

April Anniversaries

9 Alice and Mel Johnson
19 Bud and Jan Pearson
25 Wayne and Victoria Krimmel

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Ralph Locher
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Penny Trant
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The next issue of ***The Window*** is in May. We welcome your **comments, essays, poems, photos, cartoons, newsworthy items of interest, art work, any group activity information and reviews**.

Email your submission to newsletter@saintj.com
by: **April 15th**

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Sunday Services: 8:00am & 10:30am
Contemplative Practices: Sunday 9:30-10:00am
Sunday school 10:15am
Wednesday Eucharist 10:00am

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Vestry Clerk: *Elizabeth Hart*

Other Important Coordinators

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Ken Trant
Scott Whitaker

Alternates to Convention

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