The Window

The Newsletter of St. James' Episcopal Church in Fremont, CA

Called to serve in new and loving ways

December 2020

When We Walk on Sacred Ground

What is sacred ground?

When Moses encounters God after seeing a burning bush, he is instructed to take off his sandals because the ground on which he is standing is holy. It is holy, sacred, because it is where God dwells. The voice of God in this passage found in the Book of Exodus is a commanding voice. It compels us to pay attention, to listen, and to act. In this case, the action is to remove one's shoes. Moses approaches God with reverence and a light foot. One should never approach God casually. One should never tromp across sacred ground.

This past fall, almost 30 parishioners made a decision to walk on sacred ground by engaging in a program exploring our faith combined with systemic and personal racism. The ground that we gently walked upon was not a physical land, but rather the experiences of others. For eleven weeks we listened to, watched, and read stories of people who have been burdened by the inherent racism found in our country. Some of these stories were as old as the founding of our country and others were as current as today. Some impacted African Americans, others Native Americans. Others still impacted Asians and others Latinx peoples. The common thread through every story was a dehumanization of individuals and communities for the benefit of those with lighter-colored skin.

What happens when you make a decision to walk on sacred ground? You change. You cannot stay the same if you take this walk seriously, if you walk with reverence and a light foot. We learned so much. We learned that racism is like a cancer that can easily spread if not called out. We learned that the dehumanization of one person dehumanizes all of us. We learned that racism is a white issue, not a problem for people of color to solve. We learned that we all have blind spots and have fallen short of God's desire that we seek God's image in every person. We learned that we have a long way to go, and we learned that we have begun that walk.

In the following pages you will read the experiences of some who participated in this important dialogue. You will hear their insights and their learnings. Whether they wrote for the newsletter or not, each person who engaged in this eleven-week journey did so with an openness and willingness to stretch, making this course transformative. With a greater awareness of the insidiousness of racism and how it has seeped into every crevice of our society, it is my prayer and hope that change will happen - in our single lives and in our communities. May we all fight to dismantle the structures that have pushed down others and the systems that continue to keep all people from living their full lives as children of the Living and Life-Giving God.

~Lori+

Thoughts on "Sacred Ground"

A good number of St. James' parishioners have just completed eleven sessions of "Sacred Ground," a curriculum devised by the Episcopal Church nationally to address the questions of race, racism, and diversity in our time. My first response is to state how I appreciate the time, effort, and discipline shown by those who attended. Every single week, there were videos to watch, articles and chapters from books to read, and new material to assimilate. The issues raised were uncomfortable to anyone who could see himself or herself in the context of how unexamined attitudes from the White population had played out throughout American history—and even before there was such an entity as America.

For some of us, the history that unfolded in our materials was a far cry from the sanitized stories we had been raised with. Personally, almost all the information concerning Black chattel slavery and its impact on the American consciousness, the tale of sufferings which all Native peoples endured over the past four centuries, the details of how each new immigrant group (Chinese, Irish, Polish, and others) was met by resistance, discrimination, even violence at the hands of those who were already established in the US—none of this had ever been included in American history during my formal education. Because I have an avid love of history, I have learned how much of that narrative had been suppressed, and still these materials added much more information to what I had learned. Unless we know as much of the true history as we can, we cannot understand either ourselves or the situation other groups face today or why both current conflicts and injustice are rooted in this past. But knowing the truth about our collective past is absolutely necessary for us to begin to deal with our present. As Jesus said, "You shall know the truth, and the truth will make you free." (John 8:32)

As a White male, I now have a better sense of the privilege I enjoy—at the expense of others who, by the accidents of their birth, race, or origins, do not enjoy the same privilege. None of us can change the past, so we need not wallow in guilt about the history for which we are not responsible. However, once we face the very uncomfortable truths about how our society was created to advantage some at the expense of others, as Christians who commit ourselves to "strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being," we must act to transform the world accordingly.

I want to commend the Diocese of California for taking action to implement the national church's "Sacred Ground" program in our own parishes. I also want to commend both our rector Lori and our vestry for their part in making this program our own agenda. Finally, I truly want to thank those parish members who undertook this emotionally draining and uncomfortable work of facing these issues head on.

This was only the first step we need to take to raise consciousness and free our minds; we need also to apply our hearts to learn what God demands of us in response to the tasks before us. But without the courage to be open to the truth and willingness to commit ourselves to becoming agents of change on behalf of justice, this would have remained a great idea shelved on someone else's archives.

I am proud of the leadership from our diocese and our parish, and especially proud to be part of a community which is going to continue to carry this cross in hopes of finding new life in our discipleship.

~Bill+

Thoughts on “Sacred Ground”

The following thoughts and prayers are offered from some of the people who attended Sacred Ground:

I decided to take this class because--well, I am not a racist and what could I learn? However, the lessons learned during the last 11 sessions were eye opening and taught me that there is still much for me to do individually and then as a nation. We need to wake up to all the injustices in the world...If we decide to truly become a **Beloved Community**...we must learn the past and listen and open our hearts. This class was my first step.
~Sally Morgan

Taking this class, I see that there is so much I never learned about our country's slave history, the details of the treatment of indigenous peoples in America through the present day, and that there is so much I don't know about what people of color really experience today. I see the privileges I've been granted through no effort of my own. This course has opened a door for me to learn of the wide and deep history of racism, and it is allowing me to examine how I can be an effective ally for equality going forward.
~Meg Amouroux

Evangelical Lutheran Church
08/06/2015:
O God of unconditional love,
you who show no partiality in respect to people or nations,
we have heard your good news of great joy for all the people.
We hear that good news, and in hearing, believe.
We know that your sanctuary is a house of worship for all people,
with no regard for the color of our skin.
As we worship you, knit us into a people,
a seamless garment of many colors.
May we celebrate our unity, made whole in our diversity.
Forgive us for our inability to let our “old selves” die to the world.

We acknowledge that we participate in structures that are inherently racist,
and yet we so often do nothing to remedy it.
Show us we fail when we judge others according to the color of their flesh.

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops @2018:
God, who is rich in mercy, loves us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ.
By grace you have been saved.
In the name of +Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. Amen.

Wake Me Up Lord:
Wake me up Lord, so that the evil of racism finds no home within me.
Keep watch over my heart Lord,
and remove from me any barriers to your grace, that may oppress and offend my brothers and sisters.
Fill my spirit Lord, so that I may give services of justice and peace.
Clear my mind Lord, and use it for your glory.
And finally, remind us Lord that you said,
"blessed are the peacemakers.
for they shall be called the children of God."
Amen

Sometimes I forget how much privilege I have as a white person. Sometimes I forget how my people walked on the backs of other people. But now is the time to relearn my people's history so I will not repeat it. Now is the time to do better. Sacred Ground is a way to start the journey to better.

~Mary Frances Leopold

Thoughts on "Sacred Ground"

I feel that I really learned a lot about what people of color have had to endure over the past 500 years here in America. What was most shocking was that it isn't ancient history and what a **huge** role our government has played in it. I have always recognized that my life has been easier than most. I was born to wonderful parents, in what I have always thought of as the best country on earth and I'm white. I realize how much easier that has made my life. This program made me even more aware of the impact being white has had on my life and how much more difficult it is has been to be black or brown skinned in America. I hope that I can take some of what I have learned and make changes, even small ones, that will help level the playing fields for all people.
~Debbie Blodgett

I learned a lot from the Sacred Ground series. The class material and discussions provoked much anguish and soul searching, opening my eyes to dark corners of American history and explained and named many injustices.
~Sylvia Ma

I learned that Howard Thurman calls us to follow Jesus's program of nonviolent love by 1) trusting God our Father, not fearing those who can kill us; 2) speaking our truth to power; and 3) not giving in to the temptation to hate our enemies. Jesus, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Fannie Lou Hamer show us the way. (H. Thurman, *Jesus and the Disinherited*)
~Brian Cochran

I have a bachelor's degree in history, and have always considered myself fairly well-educated and aware of the racial history of the United States. Yet, I learned so much from these sessions. I learned about the history of relationships the first European immigrants had with the native peoples. I learned about how lynching in the late 19th and early 20th centuries wasn't restricted to black Americans, but was also used as a form of terrorism against Mexican and Latinix peoples. I learned about how federal and state laws after WWII actually worked to prevent people of color from moving into better neighborhoods, and how this robbed them of the house equity that so many white people have used to better their lives, send their children to college, and plan for retirement.

In high school, my English teacher said something I've never forgotten: "When you finish an essay, ask yourself, 'Therefore, so what?' What is your point?" Now that a large number of us have wrestled together with these issues, "So what?" What do we do now? I know that most of us are more aware of systemic racism in our lives and interactions with others, and less inclined to let it pass. I know that we thirst for justice, but often aren't sure what to say or do about it. We vote, we speak out, and I believe that we are called to create safe spaces, welcoming spaces, for all peoples. I look forward to continuing this conversation. It's not just the good thing, the "liberal" thing to do; we are called to this work by our God.

~Janet Fischer

"Is this not the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?" (Isaiah 5:6)

WORSHIP, FORMATION, FELLOWSHIP
The Ways We Are Church Together

WORSHIP

Sunday Morning Service Live Stream!
Join our service live-stream at 8:25am on Sunday at saintj.com, or join our Zoom "watch party" (see below). The service can be joined at any time on Sunday from 8:25am, or watched during the week.

Watch Parties at 8:30am and 11:00am
Watch the Sunday Morning service with others! Log into Zoom at 8:30am or 11:00am to watch with others, and then stick around for coffee hours. Email Jennifer at music@saintj.com for the Watch Party/Coffee Hour link.

Wednesday 10:00am Service
Celebrate the Liturgy of the Word with prayers and sermon discussion in real-time on Zoom. Join us! Email Rev. Lori at lori@saintj.com (odd Wednesdays) or Rev. Bill at bhale@saintj.com (even Wednesdays).

Wednesday 1:00pm Connecting with Others Bible Study
Watch a short video and have a rich conversation with other parishioners. Email Rev. Lori at lori@saintj.com if you'd like to join us.

Morning Prayer 8-8:30am. Monday-Friday
Join Rev. Bill for Morning Prayer via Zoom. Contact bhale@saintj.com for the link.

FELLOWSHIP

Coffee Hours at 9:00am and 11:30am
Our coffee hours follow our Watch Parties, and are a great way to check in and say hello to others. Email Jennifer Ravera at music@saintj.com to get the information.

Thursday 12:00pm Home Alone Group
For those who are living alone, meet us on Thursdays during lunchtime to say hello. Email Rev. Bill at bhale@saintj.com for information.

Thursday Night 7:00pm Social Hour
Grab a drink and link in to Zoom to socialize with others and see how everyone is doing. Email Jennifer Ravera at music@saintj.com for details.

Audio Sermons and Online Resources
While we have suspended in-person worship services, you can still experience Sunday's Morning Prayer and sermons. Go to our website for online worship resources, or search in iTunes for "Saint James' Fremont" and subscribe to our weekly sermon podcast. We are also building a library of links to curated resources there to enrich our life in community while apart. Go to: https://saintj.com/wp/worship/online-worship/.

Advent—The Practice of Prayer

During our Advent time of preparation we will gather to study and practice prayer and seek thereby to grow closer to God. Our sessions will begin **Tuesday, December 1st at 7:00 PM via Zoom** and continue for the next four weeks of Advent. We will use as our guide Margaret Guenther's *The Practice of Prayer* (New Church's Teaching Series, vol. 4, 1998). (*Editor's note: There are a number of inexpensive, used copies available on amazon.com.*). This is available in paperback or on Kindle. The book is recommended, but not required.

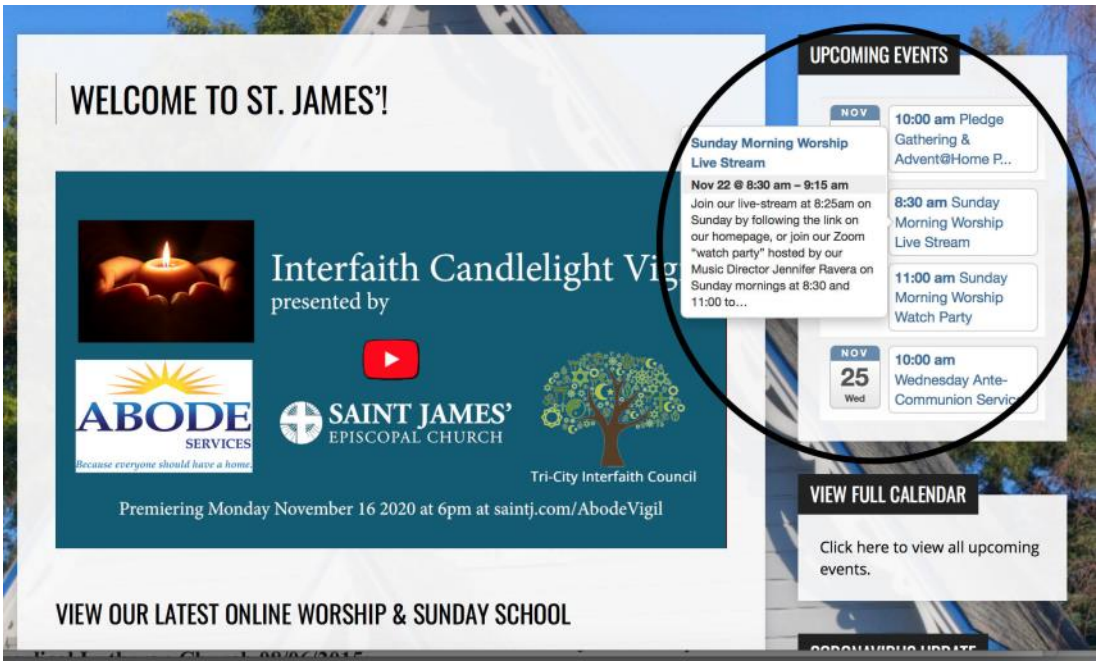
> The practice of prayer is the work of a lifetime, touching every aspect of our life, from the search for identity to the challenge of vocation; to the acceptance of death. It takes us through the heights, the depths, and the desert—to say nothing of the occasional swamp…How we practice our prayer makes a difference in who we are and what we become.

If you have any further questions, please contact Rev. Bill at bhale@saintj.com. We look forward to engaging with you, regardless of where you are in your personal spiritual journey. Come, let us journey together!

Zoom meeting info: Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87279978217?wd=M1NtS1FodTZ4WjBObUhpb3JFWURyUT09 Meeting ID: 872 7997 8217 Passcode: 343418

With church now being 95% virtual, we rely heavily on Zoom to connect with one another. The nature of Zoom requires each "host" to have their own Zoom link, which can get confusing if you are joining in the many opportunities available.

To ease the confusion, we've added the Zoom links to the home page calendar on our website. If you want to join in on a gathering but aren't sure of the link, simply go to saintj.com and check out the calendar on the side of the screen! Hopefully, this will make it easier for everyone to plug in and stay



Christmas Celebrations

at Saint James'

Church Greening
December 20

Deck the Halls! Stop by Church from 10:00-12:00 to help decorate our Sanctuary Christmas Tree. Make an ornament for our tree, use the materials in your Advent@Home bag, or bring one you already have.

Christmas Eve
December 24

Nativity Family Service
A child-oriented telling of the Nativity Story for the whole family, available on our website to view at your leisure.

Christmas Service with Holy Communion
A live-streamed service at **7:00 pm** to celebrate the birth of the Christ Child.
Join our watch parties at **7:00 pm** and **9:00 pm**.

Christmas Day with Holy Communion
December 25

It is the Lord's Day! Begin this sacred day with a virtual, live-streamed service at **10:00 am**.
Watch party at the same time.

Deanery Lessons & Carols
December 27

Listen to a traditional service of Lessons & Carols, presented by the Deanery Churches at **8:30 am**.

Reflections on Advent and Christmas

The prospect of a Christmas season that may not be merry is disheartening; it feels like a blow to our spirit. Our times of celebration are markers in our lives—rich in meaning, places where we can indulge in dreams and make memories with those whom we cherish. The pandemic which clouds them acts like a fog descending upon us; we feel lost and isolated, robbed of the comfort of familiar and beloved surroundings. My own response echoes the psalmist who wrote of Israel's captivity in Babylon. In utter desolation at his losses, he asked, "how shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?" (Ps 137:4, KJV) Perhaps many of us share that feeling—how can we truly celebrate when all the familiar surroundings are gone?

Such feelings are understandable, and they stem from a natural response to being overwhelmed by our new and threatening situation. We can step beyond these feelings, however, if we dig into our spiritual resources to remind ourselves of the reason why these holidays exist at all. Whatever historical circumstances led the Church to designate a holiday near the winter solstice, Christmas is on our calendars as a reminder to celebrate that the Lord Jesus Christ entered into human life as a baby, vulnerable, weak, and poor. Whatever fortunes we are subject to—political, physical, social, psychological— the human Jesus was subject to as well, as is clear from the traditions surrounding his birth.

We need our entire season of Advent to remind ourselves of what God is doing by sending Jesus into our midst as one of us. The gap between the Divine and ourselves can seem beyond bridging, yet the Lord chose the path to reach us by sharing our humanity, by which means we may respond by walking the path of life with him.

Frankly, I am glad that our consumerist culture has left us Advent untouched. As the marketplace eagerly entices us to purchase our Christmas gifts from them, Christians can choose instead to wrestle with the great act of giving which God continually offers to us in Jesus, himself the gift and giver of nothing less than eternal life. Amid the rising threats of sickness and death in this pandemic, we can continue to celebrate life, for celebrating the birth of Jesus the Christ is one way to receive the gift of life.

As we move to combat the spread of disease, our opportunities to gather face to face may be limited this year, but our love for one another does not fade because of time and distance. If we remember this, we realize that we are not in such "a strange land" after all. As we approach Christmas, I encourage us all to renew our spiritual resources by prayer, quiet reflection, and worship by other means which keep alive within us the realization of how great God's love for us truly is.

~Bill+

Embolden: to give (someone) the courage or confidence to do something or to behave in a certain way.

In January, 2020, the Vestry met for our Annual Retreat. We discussed how to move forward for the year by choosing a topic...and we came up with Being Bold and Embolden our faith in Christ. Vestry members would then pick a month for writing the Window article and I chose December because, well, I would have all year to write my story. Little did any one know that by March a pandemic, COVID-19, face masks, shelter in place and shutdowns would take over our lives and we would be tested in many ways to embolden our faith and to have courage to find a way to be a part of our Church...from a distance.

This was a huge test for many of us less well studied in the art of Technology but our technical team devised ways to keep our community together and moving forward. Our technical team (you know who you are!) really stepped up....and Zoom came into our lives---spurts, fails and freezing at the beginning and but for many of us a real desire to just throw up our hands and say "what, we have to go online? I will never be able to go back to St. James' Church?" I can happily say that I am now an official Boomer Zoomer!

And here is where many of us truly believe that Christ stepped in and planned for us to get onto Zoom. Although our outreach is technically supported and we only see each other in "2-D," we would each be called to Be Bold and go on...to share our love of Christ.

How did we become Bold? How would we have the courage to go online and share our community with Christ. Well, with the help of our technical team within a few weeks we had: Reverend Lori's Bible Class, and soon Reverend Bill's Morning Prayer, Zoom class on Racism, Jennifer's Watch Parties, social and coffee hours, Jan's Sunday School Class, Bill's Home Alone meetings, live stream Sunday services and since March we have had Vestry meetings on Zoom. We recently took a big step to have an outdoor prayer service on November 2nd as we prayed for our Nation. Little steps moving forward.

A bit of history...I felt like I became bold when I was asked to be a part of Vestry. When Kimberly asked me in 2018 to join I did not hesitate. I was given a great opportunity to be more courageous and bold. I have enjoyed my three years on Vestry and look forward to many more years as a member of our wonderful Church as we continue that move to Embolden our faith.

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Vestry Highlights

Submitted by Monique Manjarrez, Jr. Warden

The Vestry met on November 19th via online conferencing. During oral communications, Lori gave an update on the Diocese's guidance for "in person" worship. At this time, the Diocese is not allowing for in person worship. Mary Francis suggested that we create a memorial section on the website to remember those who have passed away, since we can't hold any in-person memorial services right now.

We approved the October Vestry minutes, the October financial reports, and accepted the October staff and ministry reports. Sally and Sylvia gave an update on the Ingathering event scheduled for Saturday, November 21st. Final details were discussed. Lori shared an update about the Boy Scouts of America bankruptcy. As a precaution, we have filed an authorization to file a proof of claim. This would be in place to protect the assets of Saint James' should we be brought into a lawsuit.

We brainstormed names of possible people to invite to run for Vestry. Seeing that the Annual Meeting is approaching soon, we briefly discussed how we might hold the meeting virtually and the logistics for tracking attendance and voting. Lori shared her upcoming vacation schedule with the Vestry, and we changed the date for the next Vestry meeting to December 21.

The meeting adjourned with Compline led by Janet Fischer.

Financial Summary October 2020			
Fund Balances	**10/31/2019**		**10/31/2020**
Operating Fund	45,140.00		103,853.77
Building Fund	61,503.82		22,155.31
Pledges Budgeted	279,500.83		285,886.66
Pledges Paid	255,348.42		295,433.27
Unpledged Contributions	13,476.10		14,725.82
Other Op Income*	15,960.16		60,837.17
Total Operating Income**	**284,784.68**		**370,996.26**
Total Operating Expenses	**289,236.20**		**316,722.71**
Income less Expenses	**(4,451.52)**		**54,273.55**
** 2020 Includes $54,895 from Paycheck Protection Program Loan			

MEET A MINISTRY:
St. James' Memorial Garden

The St. James' Memorial Garden (MG) was designed in the mid 1990's by Ed Abram (St. James' parishioner) and completed and consecrated in 1999. Unexpectedly, Ed Abram was also the first person interred into the garden in (July)1999.

The garden is managed by a garden committee comprised of St. James' parishioners. They supervise the care, maintenance, and preservation of the garden (located next to the "Little Church"). The MG Committee also prepares sites for the committal of ashes into the garden (majority of current interment sites (39) can be found on the right side and center of the garden). The MG Committee also tends to the care of memorial gravestones located on the left side of garden that honor the lives and memories of loved ones resting elsewhere at other cemetery sites.

With the help of our chartered Cub Scout Pack 162, the garden is decorated with small American flags on holidays honoring our Veterans and country (Memorial Day, July 4th, and Veterans Day). The MG Committee normally hosts a Memorial Day coffee hour(s) event and provides material relating to the history and layout of the garden, committee membership and expected costs for both the garden and "Little Church" columbarium (all columbarium niches have now been purchased).

Those eligible for interment into the garden include church members and members of their families. The cost for a garden plot is currently $1,000. A portion of the plot cost is applied towards the purchase and engraving of a garden gravestone or memorial stone. The remaining funds are deposited into the Ed Abram Memorial Garden/Columbarium fund and used as needed for management purposes. If you are interested in more information relating to the Memorial Garden, or plot/ memorial purchase in the garden, please contact Ruth Poole, 510-471-7695, or email ruth.poole@sbcglobal.net.

When you have time, take a moment to visit our peaceful garden. It is a serene resting place for deceased members of our community. It is also a garden where one can come to sit, meditate, and pray.

Ruth Poole, Chairperson

Carbonara For Two
Recipe from Jim Cunningham

Italy, home to the Roman Empire, was the center of western civilization in the ancient world. Italy made use of the new fruits and vegetables brought from around the world by tradesmen and explorers and taught the rest of us how to cook. Well, most of us. Combining quality ingredients with thoughtful technique makes this simple dish a delight and very Italian.

Ingredients:

½ - package of spaghetti noodles (have fun; be selective)
½ - cup pancetta, guanciale or bacon chopped into 1/2" pieces
2 - egg yolks
3 - T. grated Parmesan cheese
salt and pepper to taste

Directions:

1. Boil noodles in salted water (about 1 ½ T. salt in the pot)
2. Fry the pancetta in a large skillet. Spoon off all but about 3 T. of the grease.
3. Scramble the yolks in a medium size bowl with the grated parmesan, salt and pepper. Set aside
4. Remove the noodles from the water with tongs and add to the pancetta in the skillet.
5. Stir into the pancetta on low heat. Turn the heat off then add the egg yolk mixture and gently whisk together. The yolks will form an emulsion with the pasta and cook the egg yolks without scrambling. Add a little pasta water if needed.
6. Serve with topping of extra grated parmesan.

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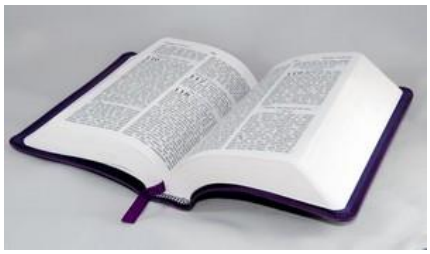
Children and Youth

Check current events at:
https://saintj.com/wp/ministries/childrens-programs/
or email Jan Scrutton, jan@saintj.com

Bible Studies

Monday morning Bible Study continues via zoom meetings, 11:00-12:00 each Monday. Our guide is *Our Journey With Luke: The 50 Day Bible Challenge,* by The Rev. Marek Zabriskie. Contact Rev. Lori by emailing lori@saintj.com to get the link to the Zoom meeting**.**

We have a **Wednesday afternoon** Bible Study at 1:00pm, also via Zoom. Lori will send out a link to a short video and discussion questions. Email Lori to be added to this list as well.



The next issue of ***The Window*** is in **January**. We welcome your **comments, essays, poems, photos, book reviews, newsworthy items, and any group activity information**.

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

Blessing Bags for Distribution

In this time of need, let us remember those who have no shelter. Our Blessing Bags are available for you to give away. Each bag contains toiletries, food, socks, and a mask. We're using reusable cloth bags that can also serve as a backpack.

If you would like to contribute to the cost of the bags or the contents, please give a donation to the Rector's Discretionary Fund. Please note we are not taking donations other than monetary donations. This allows us to purchase what we need and to be consistent with what we are offering. Blessing Bags are available for you to pick up most Wednesdays between 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM on the patio. Make sure you wear your mask and practice social distancing when picking up and distributing the bags.

News For December

St. James' Prayer List

Most Holy God we pray :

For Those in the Military:

Jarrod, Megan, Erica, Theresa, Mark, Tim, Louis, Caitlin, Emily, Robin, Adam, Dave, Shawn, Ethan, Paul, Matthew, Johnny, Johnathan, Darren

For Essential Workers:

Evelyn, Jeff, Brian, Samir, Mary Frances, Josephine, Mary, Polly, Alice, Bozena, Angela, Darcia, Melissa, Mary, Tammy, Heidi, Mana, Tessa, Alex

For Those Expecting Children:

Megan and Josh

For Those Who Need Comfort and Strength:

George, Jim and Ralph, the McKim Family

For Those Who Need Guidance and Direction:

For Those Who Need Healing:

Ron, Julie, Gail, Craig, Linda, Diane, Barry, Bill, Penny, Judy, Carolyn, Maggie, Joe, Sally, Ramesh, Amy, Katie, Terri, Nancy, Ignacio, Lou, Steve, Amanda, Jim, Lisa, Kenny

For Those Who Have Passed Away:

Matthew, Pat, Ron, Mary, Bob, Eloisa, Virginia

And for all of us impacted by the current pandemic.

To add someone to the "Special Prayers" list, please call / email the Church Office. After six weeks, names are removed from the list. Please renew your request as needed. Thank you.

12/01	Sue Lambert
	Cassandra Locher
12/02	John Kimber
12/04	Rose Hoffman
	Alex Locher
12/05	Rebecca Herrera
12/06	Paul Svenson
12/11	Mary Frances Leopold
12/15	Melissa Mallory
12/17	Malorie Guzior
12/18	John Butterfield
	Elaine Vallecillo-Miller
12/19	Donald Razzolini
12/20	Sylvia Ma
12/21	Jill Buono
	Frank Hoffman
12/22	Karen Koonze
	Bud Spalding Jr.
12/25	Elijah Nance
12/31	Denise Nguyen
	Philippa Spencer

12/19 Penny & Ken Trant
12/31 Jim & Katie Cunningham

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