THE WINDOW

St. James' Episcopal Church | Fremont, CA

February 2022

The human condition: Sin

I know it isn't popular to speak of sin – well, at least not in reference to ourselves. I am comfortable speaking of the sin of others, of dictators, of prisoners, of oppressors. That sin is easy to detect and is easy to point out. Yet as I often speak of the quest for personal wholeness, leaving sin out of the picture would give us only a half-truth from which to start.

The Hebrew language has three words for sin: *chatah*, meaning to miss the mark or go astray; *avah*, translated as iniquity, meaning to intentionally act wrongly, and *pasha*, translated as transgression, meaning to rebel. *Avah* and *pasha* are often paired together, giving us the phrase inequities and transgressions, leaving *chatah* to stand separately.

Whether we act wrongly with intent or whether we miss the mark, sin is a reality in each person's life. Name it for yourself. A conversation gone wrong and not readdressed. A harsh word given at a time when love was called for. Apathy in the place of action. Not loving ourselves as God loves us and then not loving our neighbors either. There are a myriad of ways that we sit in our brokenness, and though these ways point us towards where there is unhealth, the true Sin is the absence of turning it over to God.

If I have learned anything, it is that my own brokenness remains intact and even grows unless I invite God to dwell in that brokenness. I will never be fully whole on my own, and I might not ever be fully whole until I pass from this world, but I for sure will never begin to taste the peace of healing until I offer to God my entirety – both my goodness and my not-so-goodness. God knows all of our being, and the intimacy that God desires is found not only in our joy at being alive, but also in the pain that life brings to us. Truly living life means letting God in to all aspects of it.

Ash Wednesday will meet us on March 2 and the Church will invite her members into a Holy Lent. Found in our prayer book are powerful words of challenge and belonging:

Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer.

BCP, pgs. 264-265

May this Holy Lent bring you opportunities to examine where God is most needed. And in that examination, may you find that God already dwells there, loving you towards healing and wholeness.

~Lori+

A Note From Rev. Bill

By February, the year is no longer "new," and most of the resolutions we made have blown away with the winter gusts. Even the name of the month, coming from the Latin word for "month of fever," has a dire sound to it, especially as the pandemic continues to rage around us. Our modern *cabin fever* reflects this sense of pent-up seasonal frustration—perhaps you are feeling it, too.

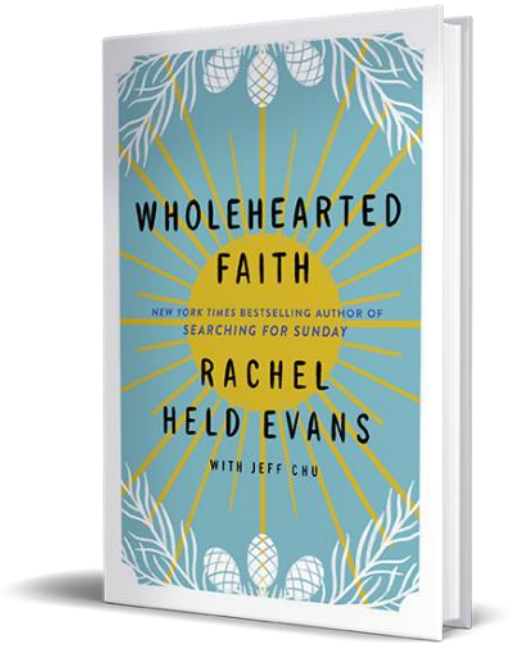
On the other hand, February can be a very peaceful and quiet time of the year. "To every time there is a season," and now can be the time for reflection and self-awareness. Without the frantic demands of the Christmas season or springtime's call to rouse ourselves to activities, these winter days can be our time of meditation—a chance for spiritual growth afforded by the quiet days indoors, with less to do and fewer pressures than other times of the year. February might actually be embraced as a sort of "retreat," in the spiritual sense of that term. In the quiet of this season, we can experience, not loneliness, but contentment which comes by belonging to a greater spiritual community.

Sometimes, when all else is silent, we can even hear the voice of the Spirit: "Be still, and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10) As people of faith, we know that we are never truly alone or cut off from the Source of our being. In the silence which this unhurried month affords us, if we listen in our inner silence, we can hear the heartbeat of God. Take the time; quiet yourself within; actively listen for what the Spirit is saying to you.

When we seek these precious moments, we step away from loneliness and isolation to the transforming experience of being in the presence of God and God's love. This is what Paul proclaims when he says,
"*For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord*." (Romans 8: 38-39)

May your February be quiet, calm, and filled with the Presence of God's spirit!

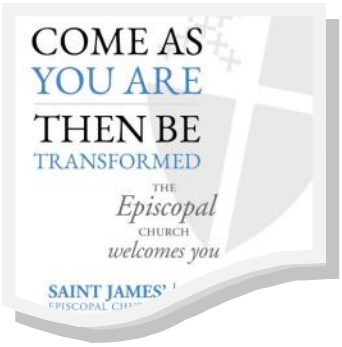
~Bill+



"I like to think of prayer—especially as modeled by the Psalms—as a way that God holds space for the things that weigh us down and trouble us as well and the things that bemuse us and confound us. Prayer is a sacred space in which God invited us just to be—to be imperfect, to be messy, to be a ball of conflicting emotions, to be all of who we are this side of heaven.... What point is there to being with God if we can only do so while partially masked?"

~Rachel Held Evans, Wholehearted Faith, p. 147

The Ways We Are Church Together



WORSHIP

Worship At Church
We offer two services on Sunday morning at 8am and 10:30am! Coffee and light snacks following each service. PROOF OF COVID VACCINATION REQUIRED.

Sunday Morning Service Live Stream
If you cannot attend church in person, you can join our 10:30am service live-streamed on Sundays at saintj.com. The service can be joined at any time on Sunday from 10:25am, or watched during the week on our YouTube channel.

Wednesday 10:00am Service
Celebrate the Liturgy of the Word with prayers and sermon discussion in real time on Zoom. Join us! Email Rev. Bill at bhale@saintj.com. Link can also be found under "Upcoming Events" on the right side of our website.

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

Lectio Divina—the Art of Reading
Sundays at 9:30 AM, Brian Cochran leads a sacred time of ***Lectio Divina*** in the Little Church. *Lectio Divina* is a way of engaging in scripture that draws us into deep contemplation and into deeper union with God. This is an ancient and wonderful practice to add to your Sunday. Let Brian know if you have questions, or stop in any Sunday for this experience.

FELLOWSHIP

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

Grief Support Group Tuesdays @ 2pm on Zoom
Rev. Bill Hale, former grief support person for Odyssey Hospice in Michigan, facilitates the group. Please contact Rev. Bill at bhale@saintj.com for more information. This group is open to all, not just for St. James' folks.

LEARNING

Focus On Faith Saturdays @ 10am. Do you have questions about the church, God, faith? Would you benefit from hearing about other's faith journey and experience? Are you looking for a place to drop-in to talk about spirituality? Join with others and Rev. Bill for this on-going gathering. Questions? Email Bill at bhale@saintj.com for details. Access the Zoom link here.

Bible Studies
Monday 11:00am Bible Study. Join with others to catch up and wrestle with some of the sacred texts of the Bible. We meet every Monday on zoom. Everyone is welcome. Email ingrid@saintj.com or find the zoom link on the home page of our website.

Wednesday afternoon @ 1:00pm. Bible Study at 1:00pm, also via Zoom. Ingrid will send out a link to a short video and discussion questions. Email ingrid@saintj.com to be added to this list as well.

Audio Sermons and Online Resources
Zoom links for all of our offerings can be found on our website, saintj.com. Look for the calendar of events on the right side of our home page. If something is not listed, email the leader and they will make sure you have what you need. Sunday's service and sermons are also online. Go to our website for online worship resources, or subscribe to our weekly sermon podcast on iTunes. You may also subscribe on Spotify and/or TuneIn. Like us on Facebook and Instagram!

Upcoming Events

Broken Treaties, An Oregon Experience
For thousands of years, more than 60 Native American tribes lived in Oregon's diverse environmental regions. At least 18 languages were spoken across hundreds of villages. This civilizational fabric became unraveled in just a few short decades upon contact with white settlers in the 19th century. In this "Oregon Experience" documentary, Native Oregonians reflect on what has been lost since and what's next for their tribes. **Tuesday, February 15th, 7pm, on zoom**

Prayer Service to Honor Native Americans
Wednesday, February 23rd, 7pm, on zoom

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper & Imposition of Ashes for Children Canceled

In order to remain safe, we are bypassing our Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and the Imposition of Ashes for Children (March 1). Thank you for your understanding.

~Lori+

NOTE DATE CHANGE McCutcheon Concert

John McCutcheon will be at St. James',
in person, for our concert on
Monday, June 13th, 2022, 7:30pm.

John McCutcheon has postponed his Left Coast Tour. His concert at St. James' will be on Monday, June 13, 2022, at 7:30pm. We will honor all tickets sold for the 2022 concert on June 13. The prize drawing will also be held on June 13. If you have already put your raffle tickets in the bags, they will be honored. We will continue to sell concert and raffle tickets in May. Thank you for your understanding. If you have any questions, please email events@saintj.com. See page 9 for info on his livestream concert in March!

Summer Day Camp

Returns to St. James' for our 10th summer: July 25-29, 2022. Mark your calendars.

LENT MADNESS APPROACHES!!!

The annual Lent Madness event is already in the works. The bracket has been chosen, and you can see it here. Lent Madness is a fun way to learn about saints of the church, and is prepared by the folks at Forward Movement. Who will win the Golden Halo?

(Ash Wednesday is March 2.)

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

Holy Week and Easter is the most significant part of the Christian year. It is the time where we remember Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, the agape love shown to his disciples at the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday, his walk up the hill of Golgotha to the place of crucifixion on Good Friday, the in-between time of emptiness on Holy Saturday, and finally, the glorious resurrection of God Alive during the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday.

The week is not a series of liturgies, but is rather one liturgical act from Palm Sunday through Easter. It is meant to be experienced as one whole event. So, mark your calendars now so that you can experience the fullness of this time, bringing you closer and closer to our Lord.

Palm Sunday, April 10:
We begin on the patio with the Blessing of the Palms, followed by our own triumphant procession into the church for Holy Communion and a reading of Jesus' Passion that mark his final days. 8:00 and 10:30 services.

Maundy Thursday, April 14:
If covid protocols allow, we will share a monastic meal in the parish hall at 6:30, followed by the Maundy Thursday ritual and Holy Communion in the Big Church. The evening will end with the ritualistic stripping of the altar, reminding us of the starkness of this time. If the meal is cancelled, meet in the Big Church at 7:00 for the liturgy and communion.

Good Friday, April 15:
From 12:00-2:00, gather in the Little Church for a solemn service of hymns, prayers, and reflection, using the traditional language of the Prayer Book. If you're interested in an evening service, visit our sister congregation, St. Anne's (http://stanneschurch.org/).

Easter Vigil, April 16:
Join us for the first lighting of the Easter fire and a traditional prayer book service at 8:00pm when we will hear the telling of our salvation stories and proclaim that Christ is Risen!

Easter Sunday, April 17:
Celebrate the Risen Lord at our principal Easter Service at 10:30 in the Big Church.

Vestry Voices: Growing Faith in a Changing World
by Bob Doherty

(With the help of Saint Francis)

The bible teaches us that faith is trusting and believing in God… committing to the teachings of a religion and acting with devotion upon its tenets.

My faith embraces the belief that God exists in all of us. I am convinced that there is a God that loves us and that his son was sent into this world to demonstrate God's all-encompassing love by dying for us. Jesus's great commitment is a command to me to cherish, hope and commit the best of myself each day to family, friends and others through daily positive action and example. (*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: **Prayer of St. Francis.***)

As a younger man, it was relatively easy for me to step up and act with confidence and caring to assist family, friends, and coworkers in their time of need. When our church congregation asked for participation on church and community concerns, I was there with brain and brawn. With God's help and faith in my church commandments, I was able to step outside my comfort zone many times to make a difference that improved the lives of others in community, at work, and with relatives-close and distant.

During this pandemic time, I have become acutely aware of my age, my physical body limitations, and even a slight diminished mental ability that comes with being almost 75. I believe that this pandemic has brought out a stronger thankful affirmation in my belief system that I am alive and still of value to church and community. Less brawn and more thoughtfulness toward others on my part is now my overall selected path in support of God's love and his commandment to love my neighbor. (*O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console: **Prayer of St. Francis.***)

At my age, I can certainly demonstrate "Jesus examples" that can make a difference in our busy evolving world. Whether it means simply listening to a child's issues with patience and understanding (i.e., Grandchildren, Vacation Bible School), attending to someone's concerns with attentiveness and real assistance (i.e., Sons In Retirement (SIRs) and church activities), hearing someone of a different political party's opinion without judgement and a negative response (i.e. neighbors, relatives and family), extending acts of service (i.e. serving on the Vestry, SJ Memorial Garden, Usher and Lectors Groups), and building confidence in others (as a Scout leader for 40 years), I will continue to strive to do so with consideration and care.

I believe that daily actions of kindness and caring are my "hand-picked" opportunities to growing my faith in this "doubting" changing world. (*For it is in giving that we receive*: ***Prayer of St. Francis.***)

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

St. James' Social Justice Task Force

Contact the SJTF at: socialjustice@saintj.com

The Social Justice Task Force thanks everyone who attended last fall's Dialogues on Race series. It was a profoundly educational look at how the Christian Church in America has supported and continues to support systematic racism through both action and inaction. One session was devoted to the subjugation of the Native American peoples and the subsequent efforts to remove Native American cultures and religions from the American landscape. Did you know that it was illegal to practice of Native American spirituality in the US until 1978? I was shocked to learn this.

So how was the Christian oppression of Indigenous Peoples justified? The Doctrines of Christian Discovery (DoCD) originated with 15th century Papal Bulls (written edicts) that were issued by the Vatican and implemented by monarchies, sanctioning the brutal conquest and colonization of non-Christians who were deemed "enemies of Christ" in Africa and the Americas. These Papal Bulls were written formalization of political and religious practices sanctioned by the Catholic Church as early as 8th century from the rule of Charlemagne, through the Crusades, the Inquisition, the war on witches, to the Reconquista of the Iberian Peninsula. Doctrine that said that Christians has a God-given right to take anything and everything from non-Christians including wealth, land and freedom.

The colonization of America relied primarily on the confiscation of land from Indigenous Peoples first by European governments (France, England, Spain) and later by US state or federal governments. This theft relied on the idea that Native Americans were not human, with less value and rights than slaves. And since they were not human, they had no rights to land (*terra nullius*). Even when land was purchased through treaties, these agreements were frequently skewed to benefit white land owners and were also frequently broken. The US Supreme Court codified the "Doctrine of Discovery" into the American legal system in 1823. And as recently as 2005, it was cited to deny the Oneida Indian Nation the right to revert purchased ancestral lands to tribal lands because it would disrupt the local predominately white community and reduce the tax base.

In May 2012, The Permanent Forum on Indigenous Peoples of the United Nations addressed the ongoing impact of the Discovery of Doctrine on indigenous peoples throughout the world. This fifteenth century Christian principle was denounced as the "shameful" root of all the discrimination and marginalization indigenous peoples faced today. The Permanent Forum noted that this doctrine supported the use of domination and "conquest" as legitimate means of land acquisition, and it encouraged despicable assumptions: that indigenous peoples were "savages", "barbarians", "inferior and uncivilized," among other constructs the colonizers used to subjugate, dominate and exploit the lands, territories and resources of native peoples.

The Social Justice Task Force will be offering two events in February to honor Native Americans and to recognize the injustice and inequality that these communities continue to face in the world today.

Broken Treaties, An Oregon Experience
For thousands of years, more than 60 Native American tribes lived in Oregon's diverse environmental regions. At least 18 languages were spoken across hundreds of villages. This civilizational fabric became unraveled in just a few short decades upon contact with white settlers in the 19th century. In this "Oregon Experience" documentary, Native Oregonians reflect on what has been lost since and what's next for their tribes.
Tuesday, February 15th, 7pm, zoom

Prayer Service to Honor Native Americans
Wednesday, February 23rd, 7pm, zoom

References:
https://doctrineofdiscovery.org/what-is-the-doctrine-of-discovery/

https://www.ictinc.ca/blog/christopher-columbus-and-the-doctrine-of-discovery-5-things-to-know

~Mary Frances Leopold

John McCutcheon Livestream Concert!

John McCutcheon is offering us livestream concerts, and St. James' is participating via Mandolin on **Sunday, March 6th at 4 PM** (Pacific Time). You can find out more about the concerts and purchase tickets by going to https://saintj.com/mccutcheon. With tickets for these livestream concerts, you have unlimited on-demand replay for 48 hours after the concert. If you purchase tickets with the link from St. James', we will receive a portion of the ticket price and will donate part of the proceeds to ABODE Services to fight homelessness.

For the past 13 years **the Men's Group** has been having our weekend trip in late summer. With the dry weather and potential for fire, we need to move our trip up to the 4th weekend in June. Some advantages are: less competition to find a house that meets our standards, cooler weather, and fire risks are lower. We still want to head east to Calaveras and Stanislaus counties.

Last year we had only seven for the group. We target 13-15 guys to split in two homes. The activities include hiking, swimming, beer & wine tasting, golfing, and site seeing. You can learn about our trip by viewing my articles in the past newsletter for October.

If you are interested in attending, then email me: dgfeeney@comcast.net or call my cell, 510-506-2303. More updates will be given in March.

~Gregg Feeney

Children & Youth Ministries

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

Jan meets for a short time with the **Sunday School during our 10:30am service**. The children leave their families in church after the Gospel is proclaimed and meet for a story and conversation outside on the grass. We rejoin our families in church in time for the Eucharist. Any high schoolers interested in helping out occasionally at Sunday School should contact Jan: jan@saintj.com for more details and information on the short online training course. Our back catalogue of Sunday School book readings can be found HERE.

St. James' Youth Group for 6th – 12th graders meets the second Sunday of the month from 6-8pm. Contact jan@saintj.com for details of the next Episcopal Youth Fremont gathering. Episcopal Youth Fremont (EYF) welcomes all young people interested in gathering for fun, fellowship, and faith-based conversations.

Being as Green As We Can Be

Being Green has always been challenging, with changing rules and different rules in different communities. As aware as I am with the rules, I still find myself standing in front of the 3 bins at church and need to think; Where does this item go? The pandemic has exasperated the issue, causing us to use single use items and single serve foods with lots of packaging.

We all need to help in this effort. Here are a few ways we can:

Anyone organizing a church related event and needs paper products, please email hospitality@saintj.com and we will ensure adequate supplies are on hand. If you wish to have something other than our standard stock, be sure to **not** buy styrofoam, anything plastic or anything "compostable" which looks like plastic.

The hospitality team will be standardizing paper products and cutlery to provide consistency and simplicity.

All of us need to discard things in the correct receptacle. To list all items would be too much here, but these are common items we all see on Sunday mornings:

In the Green, Organic container:
Paper cups
Paper plates
Napkins
Food
Compostable cutlery - if we provide it, it's compostable.

In the Blue, Recycling container:
All rinsed, free of food and liquids, lids are OK.
Aluminum foil
Cans
Plastic bottles
Glass
Paper

In the Black or Grey Garbage container:
All plastic bags
Plastic wrap, candy wrappers, snack bags, juice boxes
Disposable cup lids
Masks and gloves
All styrofoam

A very comprehensive list is available here:
https://fremont.gov/3474/Recycling-Guide-Single-Family

~From the Hospitality Team

Vestry Meeting Highlights

Submitted by Jim McConnell, Jr. Warden

The January 13, 2022 meeting was called to order by Rev. Lori Walton

Guests: Bill Hale, Ingrid Jacobson

Opening Prayer was given by Mary Frances.

Updates & Approvals:

- Marilyn Rose will be assisting Ron Cook and Bruce Roberts with Accounts Payables
- John McCutcheon Live Stream Concert Tickets are on sales. A portion of tickets purchased through St. James' will go to Abode Services
- We have received a donation of $5,000.00 to go toward a scholarship for graduating seniors or existing college students. Lori and Jan will vet possible candidates.
- Jennifer Ravera and Jan Scrutton have suggested that, as part of our Social Justice mission, funds be collected during Lent to benefit the Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir. Negro Spirituals have been sung by many congregations without acknowledging the fact that writers were never compensated for their work. OIGC provides scholarship funds for young members of the Choir.
- December 16 Vestry Meeting Minutes Approved.
- December Financial Reports, Approved. The vestry voted to move the 2021 budget surplus to the building fund
- December Staff and Ministry Reports approved as submitted

Potential Vestry Members under Discussion. The vestry voted to extend Bob Bynum's term for one year, which would allow him to serve for a total of three years.
The 2022 Budget was approved with minor a correction.
Vestry Thank You Cards are being sent out.
Lori announced that our Senior Warden for 2022 is Jim McConnell.
Compline was led by Mary Frances.

Forward Day by Day

The February - March - April 2022 edition of Forward Day by Day is available for pick-up at the church (either in the back of the churches on Sundays or outside the office on Wednesdays and Thursdays). These devotionals provide a succinct opening into scripture and how our faith is woven into the fabric of daily life.

FORWARD DAY by DAY

Looking for a Zoom Link?

With so many zoom gatherings happening during the week, it can be difficult to keep track of all of the links. A reminder that all of our zoom links can be found on our website, www.saintj.com. Look for the calendar on the right side of the homepage. For every event, you will find the zoom link. This enables you quick access to our gatherings, and eliminates the need for you to track each event or to sift through your email to see if it was sent.

Financial Summary for December, 2021

Fund Balances	12/31/2020	12/31/2021
Operating Fund	$108,344.89	$85,027.82
Building Fund	$29,369.35	$66,310.47
Pledges Budgeted	$343,064.00	$355,290.00
Pledges Paid	$362,167.19	$359,424.45
Unpledged Contributions	$16,360.54	$19,499.53
Other Op Income*	$6,037.15	$4,270.38
YTD Total Operating Income**	**$384,564.88**	**$383,194.36**
YTD Total Operating Expenses	**$384,564.88**	**$352,847.46**
Income less Expenses	**$0.00**	**$30,346.90**

** 2020 Includes $54,895 from Paycheck Protection Program Loan

News For February

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, Robert

For Healthcare Workers and Chaplains

Evelyn, Jeff, Brian, Josephine, Mary, Polly, Alice, Bozena, Angela, Darcia, Mary, Tammy, Mana, Natalie, Dr. Johnathan, Megan, Gerald, Amber

For Teachers, Principals, School Staff

Jennifer, Monique, Toni, Jill, Sherea, Esther, Peter, Vivienne, Margaret, and those in our families and communities named in our hearts.

For Those Who Need Comfort and Strength

Frankie, Nina, Vince, Amy, Joe, Margo, Maxey Family, Margaret, Suzy and family, Letty, Tom, Alice, Kent, David, Katie, Suzie

For Those Who Need Guidance and Direction

Rob, Fátima

For Those Who Need Healing

Ron, Julie, Gail, Craig, Linda, Diane, Barry, Jim, Bud, Jim, Karen, Ron & Sherie, David, Megan, Sandra, Beth, Pat, Melvin, Gail, Frankie, Nathan, Michele, Clara, William

For Those Who Have Passed Away

Amy, Rilynn, Paul, Melissa, Adrienne, Marjie

And for All of us impacted by the current pandemic

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

02/01	Crystal Jones
	Isaiah Nance
02/03	Mike Scrutton
02/04	Bruce Roberts
02/07	Paxton Zarovy
	Linda Zetterholm-Nelsen
02/08	Linda Gentner
02/11	Darcia Feeney
02/14	Barbara Duncan
02/18	Margaret Broun
02/20	Rebecca Dunn
02/24	Julia Evans-Bodenrader
02/25	Maresa Decena
02/26	Lauren Doherty
	Charles Peeler
	Francis Singh
	Scott Whitaker III
02/27	Christopher Ma
02/28	Amy Davis
	Luke Scheuffele

02/15	Bob & Lauren Doherty
02/24	Vivienne & Charles Paratore

Always @ St. James'

Proof of Vaccination Required For Those Attending Indoor Services and Gatherings

A reminder that proof of vaccination is required for all eligible participants. This does not apply to children under 12 and those with a documented medical exemption. You can show your proof and grab a wristband to wear to church on subsequent Sundays. Therefore, no need to show your proof again!

Calendar

Access the church calendar for February here.

Blessing Bags for Distribution

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

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 during office hours, Wednesdays & Thursdays between 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM in the office hallway.

Chair Exercise Class on Zoom

Please join Sylvia Ma for a weekly Zoom class on chair exercises on Breathing/Qi Gong and Tai Chi/ Hsing I movements. No experience is necessary. Sessions held **Tuesday mornings** from **10:00 to 11:00 AM**. Please spread the word. All are welcome. If you are interested, email Sylvia at srwarden@saintj.com and she will send you the link. The link will also be found on the calendar at St James' website https://saintj.com.

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

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

SAINT JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CALLED TO SERVE, IN NEW & LOVING WAYS

Thornton Avenue at Cabrillo Terrace
MAIL TO: PO Box 457
Fremont, CA 94537-0457

http://saintj.com
Tel: (510) 797-1492

Office Hours
Wednesdays & Thursdays
10 AM to 1 PM

WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday Services:
In-Person at 8 AM and 10:30 AM
Live-streamed at 10:30 AM, recording available to view thereafter.

Wednesday Service: 10 AM on Zoom

Morning Prayer: 8-8:30 AM
Monday-Friday via Zoom. Contact bhale@saintj.com for the link.

STAFF

The Rev. Lori Walton, Rector lori@saintj.com
(On Sabbatical through May, 2022)
The Rev. Dr. Bill Hale, Assisting Priest
bhale@saintj.com
Jan Scrutton, Children and Youth Minister
jan@saintj.com
Ron Cook, Office Administrator admin@saintj.com
Jennifer Ravera, Music Director music@saintj.com
Bruce Roberts, Treasurer treasurer@saintj.com

VESTRY

Senior Warden .... srwarden@saintj.com
Jim McConnell

Junior Warden ..... jrwarden@saintj.com

Meg Amouroux
Bob Bynum
Nancy Castaneda
Janet Fischer
Samir Kalitta
Mary Francis Leopold
Peter Maina
Greg Miller
Beverly Mosier
Vivienne Paratore

Vestry Clerk: *Elizabeth Hart*

Other Important Coordinators

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors:
George Siegmann
Eucharistic Visitors: The Rev. Lori Walton
Altar Guild: Katie Cunningham
Ushers: Burtin Hart
Facilities: facilities@saintj.com

Convention Delegates

Email our delegates at: stjdeanery@saintj.com
Greg Miller | Elaine Vallecillo-Miller
Jim McConnell | Ken Trant | Scott Whitaker

Alternate to Convention

Sally Morgan

The Window Staff

Janet Fischer | Laura Winter
Article submission: newsletter@saintj.com