



THE FIRST SUNDAY  
IN LENT  
SUNDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2024  
THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II  
10:15 A.M.

Prelude

THE WORD OF GOD

The Great Litany

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 148

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;  
*People* **His mercy endures for ever.**

The Collect of the Day

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading: Genesis 9:8–17

The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 7

*Commentary: God made two types of covenants with His people. One type was conditional, where God said "If you do 'A', then I will do 'B' ". The second type was unconditional, meaning God will do as He promised regardless of human response. The second type of covenant was made by God with Noah. This covenant is not only unconditional, it is universal and everlasting. The sign God appointed as a reminder of His promise was the rainbow. Because a rainbow tends to appear after the storm has passed, it is a symbol of peace.*

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

*People* The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
 my God, I put my / **trust in you**; \*  
 let me not be humiliated,  
 nor let my enemies triumph / **over me**.  
 Let none who look to you be put to / **shame**; \*  
 let the treacherous be disappointed in their / **schemes**.

**ANTIPHON**

Show me your ways, O / **Lord**, \*  
 and teach me your / **paths**.  
 Lead me in your truth and / **teach me**, \*  
 for you are the God of my salvation;  
 in you have I trusted all the day / **long**.

**ANTIPHON**

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and / **love**, \*  
 for they are from ever-/**lasting**.  
 Remember not the sins of my youth and my trans-/**gressions**; \*  
 remember me according to your love  
 and for the sake of your goodness, O / **Lord**.

**ANTIPHON**

Gracious and upright is the / **Lord**; \*  
 therefore he teaches sinners in his / **way**.  
 He guides the humble in doing / **right** \*  
 and teaches his way to the / **lowly**.

*Second half of chant:*

All the paths of the Lord are love and / **faithfulness** \*  
 to those who keep his covenant and his / **testimonies**

**ANTIPHON**

**The Epistle: 1 Peter 3:18–22**

*NRSV*, p. 1107

*Commentary: Peter's stated purpose in writing this short letter was to encourage his readers to stand firm in the face of persecution (see 1 Peter 5:5-11). Peter reminded his readers that Jesus Christ's sacrifice, once for all, was sufficient to atone for the sins of the world. There are various ideas regarding the identity of the 'spirits in prison'. They could be people who now await final judgment after disobeying God in Noah's day by rejecting the Lord's message, which came through Noah. Baptism symbolically saves Christians now as the water that floated the ark saved Noah and his family. The water of baptism does not cleanse from physical or spiritual defilement, but the sacrament is a public proclamation that the baptized person, through faith, has been united with Christ in His death and resurrection.*

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn 513**

“Like the murmur of the dove’s song”

*Bridegroom*

*During the Sequence Hymn, the children leave for Children’s Chapel*

**Antiphon** *(The antiphon is first sung by the Cantor, then repeated by all)*



Lead me in your truth and teach— me.

Psalm chant:



*People* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

*People* The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

The Reverend Gray Hodsdon

**The Nicene Creed**

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*Celebrant and People*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Confession of Sin and Absolution**

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*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Celebrant and People*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

**The Peace**

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*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

**Welcome and Announcements**

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## Offertory Anthem

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

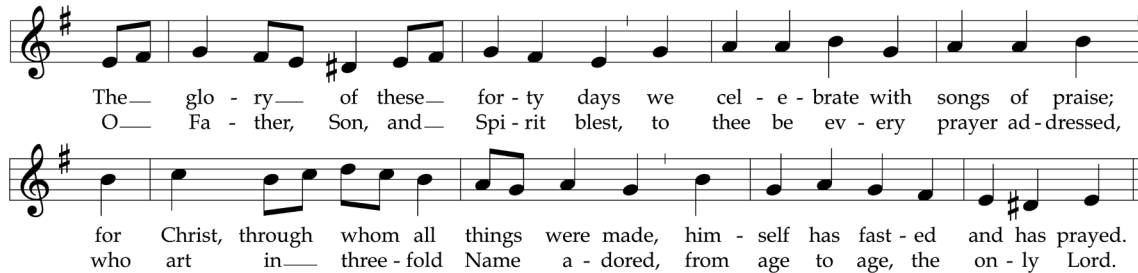
O Lord my God,  
Hear thou the prayer thy servant prayeth, Have thou respect unto his prayer.  
Hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, And when thou hearest Lord, forgive.

~ King Solomon's Prayer based on I Kings 8

## Presentation Hymn 143

"The glory of these forty days" *vv. 1 & 5*

*Erhalt uns, Herr*



The glo - ry of these for - ty days we cel - e - brate with songs of praise;  
O Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit blest, to thee be ev - ery prayer ad - dressed,  
for Christ, through whom all things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.  
who art in three - fold Name a - dored, from age to age, the on - ly Lord.

## The Great Thanksgiving — Eucharistic Prayer B

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

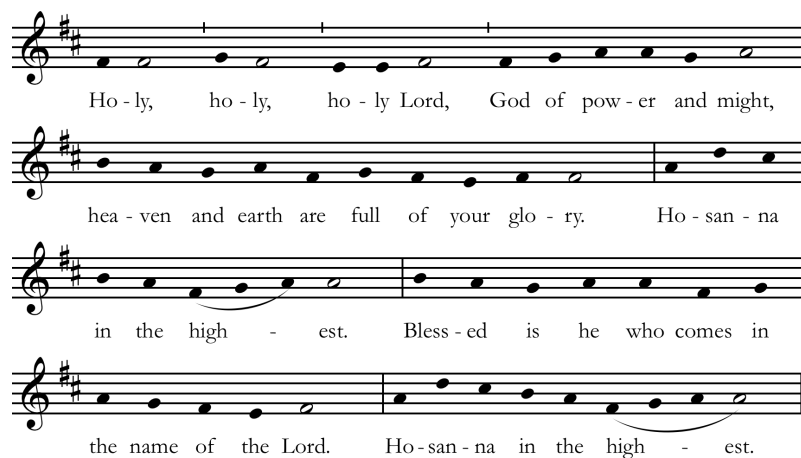
*Here, a proper preface is said, then the Celebrant continues...*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## Sanctus S-124

"Holy, holy, holy Lord"

David Hurd



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na  
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in  
the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues, saying in the midst of the prayer:*

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

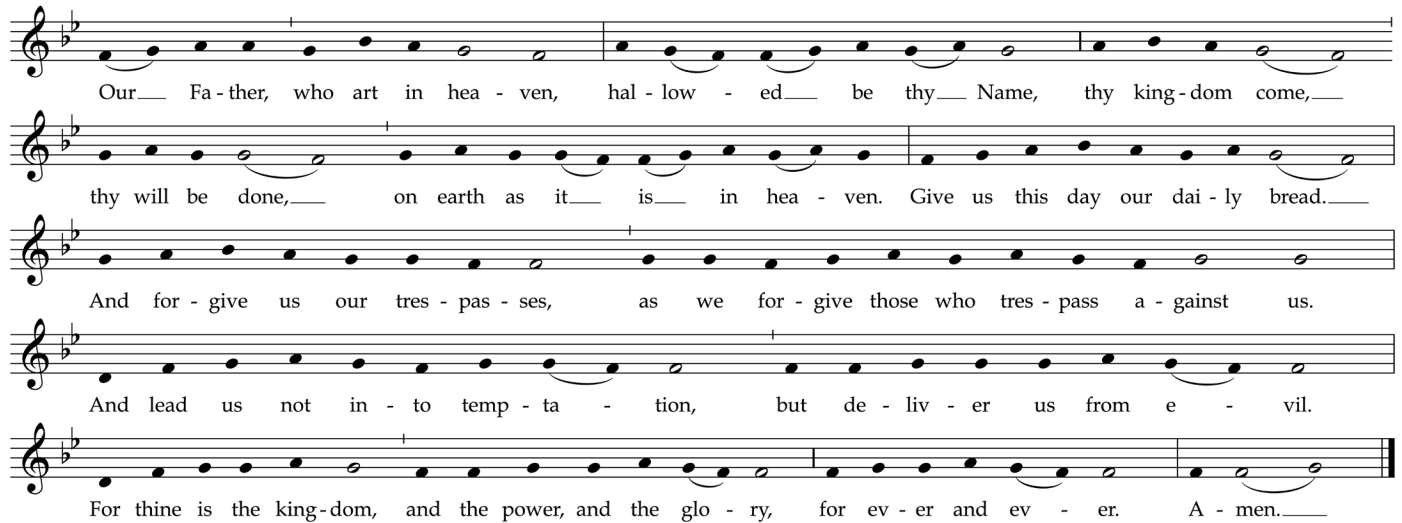
*The Celebrant continues, concluding with:*

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

### The Lord's Prayer

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Our Fa-ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses, as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power, and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

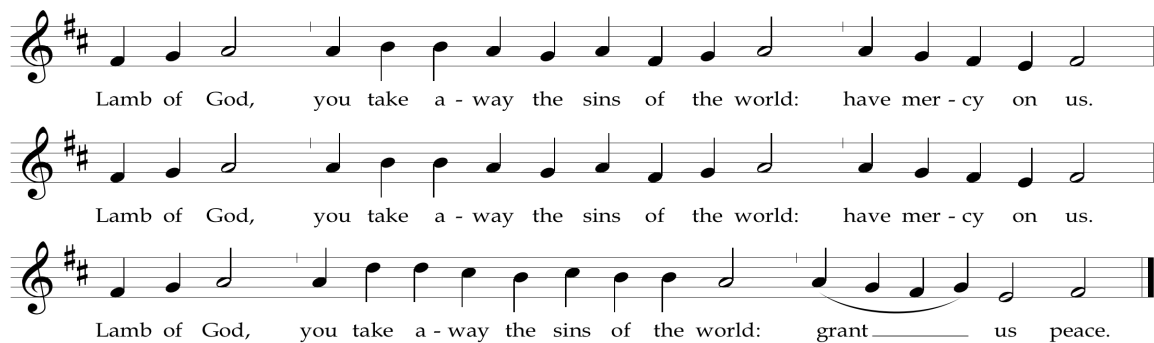
### The Breaking of the Bread

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*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

### Fraction Anthem: S-161 "Lamb of God"

Hurd



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

### The Communion of the People

*Gluten-free wafers are available at the main altar upon request.*

### Communion Hymns

Hymn 315	"Lord, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray"	<i>Song I</i>
Hymn 641	"Lord Jesus, think on me"	<i>Southwell</i>
Hymn 447	"The Christ who died but rose again"	<i>St. Magnus</i>

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**

**And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

**The Blessing**

*Celebrant* Bow down before the Lord.  
*The people kneel*

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn 559**

“Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us”

*Dulce carmen*

**The Dismissal**

Let us bless the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**



*Celebrant: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.  
Children’s Chapel: The Reverend Cheryl Brainard*

*Preacher: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon  
Organist & Choir Director: John Sullivan*

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
Joseph Ward Hooper, Louise Smallbones Hooper, Joseph Ward Hooper Jr.,  
and Margaret Hooper Turner, Terry Forrest Turner.*



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: UNITY BUILD OPPORTUNITIES

*Saturdays through March 16th*

The Habitat for Humanity Unity Build is underway with dates to serve in February, and March up online now! This build has plenty of opportunities to get involved.

- February 24th – Roof Sheathing
- March 2nd – Miscellaneous Framing
- March 9th – Vinyl Prep
- March 16th – Vinyl Siding

These dates also have opportunity for lunch donations! To learn more about how to get involved, please visit: [sjamesp.org/habitat24](http://sjamesp.org/habitat24)

**Anyone 16 years old or older is welcome to participate. There are opportunities for all skill levels and abilities - no construction talent is needed.**

## VBS 2024: REGISTRATION IS ON THE WAY

*August 5th - 8th | Registration Opens on March 4, 2024*

VBS returns August 5th-August 8th. Mark your calendars now and stay tuned for announcements about this year's theme! As we begin to dive into planning for another wonderful VBS, we're calling on our parish family to help us make it happen. There lots of ways to get involved! We have opportunities for all ages and abilities. Look for our email with registration and volunteer information on **March 4th**.

## SAVE THE DATE: LENTEN MINI-RETREAT

*Saturday, March 9, 2024 | 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. | Lippitt Room*

The season of Lent is a time for introspection and self-reflection. It is an invitation to consider the traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. You are invited to a morning of centering and prayer during a mini retreat on Saturday, March 9, from 9:00-11:30. Through Scripture, poetry and prayer, we will spend an unhurried morning together as we consider what the ancient practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving might mean for us on our faith journey, in our busy lives, in a world full of uncertainty and change. We will meet in the Lippitt Room. This mini retreat will be led by Linda Murchison. Childcare is available with advance registration online. Questions, please email Linda, [lindamurchison65@gmail.com](mailto:lindamurchison65@gmail.com).

## WOMEN'S SPIRITUAL HIKING RETREAT

*October 4-6, 2024 | Kanuga - Registration Deadline: April 1, 2024*

Women of Saint James, if you enjoy hikes in the mountains and would like to join a retreat focused on a healthy body and spirit, please consider the fall women's hiking retreat. We will hike 4-8 miles (short and long options) on Saturday and have shorter hikes on Friday afternoon and/or Sunday morning. There will be a short program each evening. Please email Hannah Brownlow ([hannahbrownlow@msn.com](mailto:hannahbrownlow@msn.com)) or Linda Murchison ([lindamurchison65@gmail.com](mailto:lindamurchison65@gmail.com)) if you have questions. Registration is online through the St. James website. Space is limited.

# LENT AT ST. JAMES

## LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

*Begins Wednesday, February 21 | 11:00 AM | Stephen Ministry Room or Zoom*

Bring your Bible and join us as we examine Jesus' encounters and conversations with 5 very different people and the effect the encounters had on their lives. Each of these people has something to teach us as once again we make our Lenten journey. Every session is stand-alone and handouts will be available.

## WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT

### CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE

*Wednesdays | 5:30 - 6:15 p.m. | Children's Chapel*

Rehearsals will be on Wednesdays in the late afternoon. This year we'll offer a faith formation opportunity alongside the choir practice. **The children's choir will sing on Palm Sunday.**

## WILL YOU? LENTEN STUDY ON OUR BAPTISMAL PROMISES

*Wednesdays | 5:30-6:15 p.m. | Lippitt Room*

Adults and youth are invited to join us for a combined time of study during this Lenten season. Our clergy will lead this offering.

## LENTEN DINNERS

*Feb. 21 - Mar. 20 | 6:15-7:00 p.m. | Great Hall*

We invite you all to save your Wednesday nights for dinner and fellowship. A donation of \$10 per person/ \$25 per family is requested to help support this wonderful family ministry. RSVP Online.

## LIVING WELL DURING LENT

*Available for download online.*

The season of Lent is here. We invite you to join us in engaging with the season. Copies of the Living Well in Lent devotional are limited in supply. If you'd like, you are also welcome to join us with the digital version. Use the QR Code to be taken to the page on the Forward Motion website.



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## THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

### MON.- FRI., FEBRUARY 19-23

- MORNING PRAYER  
8:00-8:30 AM | Zoom

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

#### **PRESIDENTS DAY - SJP OFFICE & SJDS CLOSED**

- LIVING WELL IN MIDST OF GRIEF  
5:00 PM | Graham Parlor or Zoom

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY  
9:00-11:30 a.m. - Registration Required
- MEN ON A MISSION: SERVE AT GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER  
4:30-7:00 PM | Good Shepherd Center

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

- YOUTH BIBLE STUDY  
7:00 AM | 16th St. Starbucks
- CREATIVE CONNECTIONS  
9:00-11:00 AM | Stephen Ministry Room
- LENTEN BIBLE STUDY:  
ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS  
11:00 AM | Stephen Ministry Room or Zoom

### WEDNESDAY, CONTINUED

- HOLY EUCHARIST  
12:10 PM | St. James Parish
- CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSAL  
5:30 PM | Children's Chapel
- WILL YOU? LENTEN STUDY OF OUR BAPTISMAL PROMISES  
5:30 PM | Lippitt Room
- LENTEN DINNER  
6:15 - 7:00 PM | Great Hall

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

- MEN ON A MISSION: SERVE AT SGT. ASHLEY CENTER  
4:30-7:00 PM | Sgt. Ashley Center
- PRAYING SHAPES BELIEVING  
5:30 p.m. | Lippitt Room
- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY  
6:30 - 8:00 PM | Registration Required
- CHOIR REHEARSAL  
7:00 PM | Choir Room

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

- HABITAT FOR HUMANITY UNITY BUILD #2 OPPORTUNITIES  
All Day | Register Online

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

- HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE I  
8:00 AM | St. James Parish
- FAMILY BREAKFAST  
8:30 - 9:10 AM | Great Hall
- PARISH SHOP OPENS  
8:45 - 10:30 AM | Parish Shop
- FAITH FORMATION HOUR  
9:10 - 10:00 AM | St. James Parish
- CHOIR REHEARSAL  
9:15 - 10:05 AM | Choir Room
- HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II  
10:15 AM | St. James Parish & Livestream
- IGNITE! YOUTH GATHERING  
5:00 - 6:30 PM | Perry Hall

EDITORIAL DEADLINES: The deadline for the February 26<sup>th</sup> Weekly Digital Grapevine is Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The deadline for the March Grapevine Magazine is February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Email [communications@stjamesp.org](mailto:communications@stjamesp.org).

*To all who are weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort;  
to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Saviour;  
to all who are idle and look for service; to all who are strangers  
and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;  
and to whosoever will come—this church opens wide her doors.*

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