

# SAINT JAMES' ANGLICAN CHURCH

Fresno, California

May 17, 2020

## *The Sixth Sunday of Easter*

**1:30 am Holy Eucharist Ancient Canon**



*Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory  
through our Lord Jesus Christ  
1 Corinthians 15:57*



# **St. James' Anglican Church**

Office: 559.222.3721 + E-mail: stjasanglican@gmail.com

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## **VISION**

We are seeking God's place for us in the world by abiding in Christ, following His teaching, discerning His will, and staying committed to godly fellowship and our Anglican heritage.

## **INFORMATION**

Website - [www.stjas.org](http://www.stjas.org)

St James' Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/stjas.org>

## **SCHEDULE**

### **SUNDAYS**

8:00 am Service with Holy Eucharist

Meeting at: Church Office, 1300 E. Shaw Ave., Suite 174

1:30 pm Family Service with Holy Eucharist

Meeting at: Campus Bible Church, 222 E. Fountain Way,  
Fresno, CA 93704

## **CHAPEL SCHEDULE**

Monday through Friday

8:00 am - Morning Prayer & Holy Eucharist

1300 East Shaw Ave., Suite 174

Fresno, CA. 93710

# The Holy Eucharist:

*Please stand after an opening Scripture is read.*

## The Word of God

**Prelude:** *When Morning Gilds the Skies, Joseph Barney, Setting by Jason Payne*  
*The Spacious Firmament on High, Franz Joseph Haydn*

**Processional: The Spacious Firmament on High Page # 24**

## The Acclamation

*The People standing, the Celebrant says this or a seasonal greeting.*

<i>The Celebrant</i>	Alleluia. Christ is risen.
<i>People</i>	The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.
<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And with your spirit.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us pray.

## The Collect for Purity

*The Celebrant prays (and the people may be invited to join).*

*Celebrant:* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## The Summary of the Law

*The Celebrant then reads the Summary of the Law*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord you God with all your heart and with all your

soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment  
And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as your self.  
On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

*Matthew 22:37-40*

***Kyrie: (Merbecke)***

*The Celebrant and people may sing or pray together once or three times.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

***Gloria (Hurd)***

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the  
glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

*The Celebrant says the Collect of the Day*

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things  
as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards  
you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain  
your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The Lessons** (*Holy Scripture is from the English Standard Version. The Psalm is from the Book of Common Prayer, 1979 Ed.*)

*Please be seated.*

*After each Reading, the Lector may say,  
People may respond,*

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

## **The First Lesson**

**Acts 17:16-34**

Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbler wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities" — because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new. So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he

himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, for

“In him we live and move and have our being’;

as even some of your own poets have said,

“For we are indeed his offspring.’

Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.” Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, “We will hear you again about this.” So Paul went out from their midst. But some men joined him and believed, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.

### **Psalm 148** *Laudate Dominum*

1 Praise the Lord. O praise the Lord of heaven; \*  
praise him in the heights.

2 Praise him, all you angels of his; \*  
praise him, all his host.

3 Praise him, sun and moon; \*

praise him, all you stars of light.

4 Praise him, all you highest heavens, \*

and you waters that are above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the Name of the Lord, \*

for he spoke the word, and they were made; he  
commanded, and they were created.

6 He has made them stand fast for ever and ever; \*

he has given them a law which shall not be broken.

7 Praise the Lord upon earth, \*

you sea monsters and all deeps;

8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, \*

wind and storm, fulfilling his word;

9 Mountains and all hills, \*

fruitful trees and all cedars;

10 Beasts and all cattle, \*

creeping things and birds of the air;

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, \*

princes and all rulers of the world;

12 Young men and maidens, \*

old men and children together.

13 Let them praise the Name of the Lord, \*

for his Name only is excellent, and his praise above heaven and earth.

14 He shall exalt the horn of his people; all his faithful shall praise him, \* the children of Israel, the people who are near him. Praise the Lord.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.*

### **New Testament Lesson**

### **1 Peter 3:8-18**

Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. For

“Whoever desires to love life  
and see good days,

let him keep his tongue from evil

and his lips from speaking deceit;

let him turn away from evil and do good;

let him seek peace and pursue it.

For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,

and his ears are open to their prayer.

But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience,

so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit...

## **Gradual**

### **You Are the Vine**

You are the Vine, we are the branches,  
Keep us abiding in You.

You are the Vine, we are the branches,  
Keep us abiding in You.

Then we'll go in Your love,  
Then we'll go in Your name,  
That the world will surely know  
That You have power to heal and to save.

*1982 D. Daniels CCLI#957303*

*Deacon*    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John  
*People*    Glory to you, Lord Christ.

## **The Gospel**

### **John 15:1-11**

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is

that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

## **Sermon Anthony Velez**

### **The Nicene Creed**

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

**W**e 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.

**W**e 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.

## **The Prayers of the People**

*After each bidding there is a time for the Clergy and People to add their own prayers, silently or aloud. The Celebrant says*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer."

*The Deacon or appointed person says*

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God, let us pray to the Lord. *Aloud or Silent*

Reader            Lord, in your mercy.

People            Hear our prayer.

For Foley, our Archbishop; and Eric, our Bishop; and for all the clergy and people of our diocese and congregation, for blessings upon Campus Bible Church and Pastor Jim Cecy, for the Lord to lead us in unity to the place He has for us, let us pray to the Lord.

*Aloud or Silent*

Reader            Lord, in your mercy.

People            Hear our prayer.

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others, and for our missionaries and especially for Christina, Aimee, Stephen, Peter and Sylvia, and Brad and Sue, let us pray to the Lord. *Aloud or Silent*

Reader Lord, in your mercy.  
People Hear our prayer.

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith, let us pray to the Lord. *Aloud or Silent*

Reader Lord, in your mercy.  
People Hear our prayer.

For our nation, for those in authority, for all in public service, and for Donald, our President; Gavin, our Governor; and Lee, our mayor of Fresno and Drew, our mayor of Clovis, let us pray to the Lord.

*Aloud or Silent*

Reader Lord, in your mercy.  
People Hear our prayer.

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity [especially those on our Intercessory Prayer List,] let us pray to the Lord. *Aloud or Silent*

*Intercessory Prayer List:*

Rita Nitschke	Cancer	Judy Johnson	Cancer
Pr Arlynne Turnquist	Strength	Uma Chand	Cancer
Rebecca Mackey	Complex Migraine	Gladys Avakian	Healing
Suzy Gazlay	Strength & Healing	Daughters of the Holy Cross	
Rance Quercia	Strength, faith & peace	Lauren	Psychotic episodes
Kathy Willson	Strength & Healing	Dayna Mori	Peace
Ashlee Taylor	Diabetes /Healing	Jack Border	Surgical Healing
Kathy Willson	Strength & Healing	Hector & Noemi	Grace/Comfort

Please pray for new leaders for our youth/young adults.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy.  
*People* Hear our prayer.

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, [especially \_\_\_\_\_], in thanksgiving let us pray.

*Aloud or Silent*

Reader Lord in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer

I ask your thanksgivings for \_\_\_\_\_.

Reader Lord in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

*The Celebrant concludes with the following prayer*

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

## **The Confession and Absolution of Sin**

*The Deacon or other person appointed says the following*

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

*Silence*

*The Deacon and People kneel as able and pray*

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 Absolution**

*The Bishop or Priest stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **The Comfortable Words**

*The Celebrant may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him:

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.  
John 3:16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 Timothy 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2:1-2

### **The Peace**

Celebrant                      The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People                            And with your spirit.

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

### **The Offertory**

*The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with one of the provided sentences of Scripture.*

*The People stand while the offerings are presented.*

*If a doxology has not been sung, the following may be used.*

Announcements & Celebrations – See page 27

**Offertory Hymn:            God With Us**

Oh You've come to bring peace to be Love  
To be nearer to us

You've come to bring life to be Light  
To shine brighter in us

Oh Emmanuel God with us

*Our Deliverer You are Savior  
In Your presence we find our strength  
Over everything our Redemption  
God with us*

*You are God with us*

Oh You've come to be Hope to this world  
For Your honor and name  
And You've come to take sin to bear shame  
And to conquer the grave  
O Emmanuel God with us

You are here

You are holy

We are standing in Your (Glory) x4

Oh God with us  
You are God with us. x3

*Doxology*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Need Prayer?**

Prayer is available during Holy Communion time in the prayer area and after the service at the altar rail. Look for someone in a red Healing Prayer Team prayer vest to pray with you.

*Receiving Holy Communion*

*All baptized Christians are invited to come forward to receive Communion. If you choose not to receive, please indicate by crossing your arms and you will receive a blessing.*

**The Sursum Corda**

*The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says*

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

*The Celebrant continues*

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*The following or a Proper Preface is said*

*The Celebrant concludes*

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

**The Sanctus** (*Hurd*)

*Celebrant and People*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*Celebrant and People*

**The Prayer of Consecration**

*The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and here\* may break the bread; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing the wine to be consecrated*

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it,\* and gave it to his

disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

*(Celebrant and People)*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 forever. Amen.

*The Celebrant then says*

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

*Celebrant and People together pray*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in heaven, Holy is Your name;  
Your kingdom come, Your will be done  
On earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins. As we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, And deliver us from evil,

For the kingdom and the power

And the glory are Yours, now and forever,

Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen.

*Author unknown*

## **The Fraction**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung or said*

Celebrant                    [Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us  
People                        Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

*In Lent, Alleluia is omitted, and may be omitted at other times except during Easter season.*

## **The Prayer of Humble Access**

*Celebrant and People together may say*

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

## **Agnus Dei** (*Hurd*)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
grant us peace.

*The following or some other suitable anthem may be sung or said here*

## **The Ministration of Communion**

*Facing the People, the Celebrant may say the following invitation*

The gifts of God for the people of God. [Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.]

*or this*

*Celebrant*

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

*Celebrant and People*

Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.  
John 1:29, Revelation 19:9

*or this*

*Celebrant and People*

Lord I am not worthy that you should come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

*The Ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the People. The Bread and Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, The bread of heaven.  
The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

*During the ministration of Communion, hymns, psalms, or anthems may be sung.*

## **Communion Music**

### **My Spirit Yearns**

My Spirit yearns for you in the night, O God;  
I seek you, O Lord, with all my soul.  
My Spirit yearns for You in the night, O God,  
I seek You, O Lord, with all my soul.

*Taize #A 706332*

*The Celebrant may offer a sentence of Scripture at the conclusion of the Communion.*

## **The Post Communion Prayer**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People together*

Heavenly Father, 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 forever. Amen.

## **The Blessing**

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, gives this or a seasonal blessing*

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

*A hymn, psalm or anthem may be sung after the Blessing (or following the Dismissal).*

## **Dismissal: All Creatures of Our God and King      Page # 26**

*The Deacon, or the Priest, may dismiss the people with these words*

*Deacon*                      Alleluia, Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People*                      Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia

*or this*

*Deacon*                      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*                      Thanks be to God.

*From the Easter Vigil through the Day of Pentecost "Alleluia, alleluia" may be added to any of the dismissals.*

*The People respond*      Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

## **Postlude**      Vineyard Song *Liberated Wailing Wall*

## **Welcome! Visitors**

We are so pleased that you are here with us. Please fill out the “Communication Page” on the back cover and place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher, and then join us for coffee in the Solarium after the service.

### **An Anglican Catechism**

<http://www.anglicanchurch.net/?/main/catechis>

### **Question of the Week**

#### **What Grace does God give in the anointing of the sick?**

As God wills, the healing given through anointing may bring bodily recovery from illness, peace of mind or spirit, and strength to persevere in adversity, especially in preparation for death.

### **Help Needed!!!**

The nursery needs two more helpers and Sunday School needs one more teacher. If you are interested please contact Paula Velez (559-389-8042) or [kasadevelez@gmail.com](mailto:kasadevelez@gmail.com)

### **Children’s Sunday School**

Children’s Sunday School lessons and activities are available for children ages preschool to 5th grade during the church service. Children meet in the back of the church during the Gradual (song before the Gospel reading) and will walk to the classroom together. They will return during the exchanging of the peace so they can join their families during Communion. If you have questions, or are interested in helping with children’s ministry, please contact Paula Velez (559-389-8042 or [kasadevelez@gmail.com](mailto:kasadevelez@gmail.com)).

### **Nursery Service**

Nursery service is also available for infants and toddlers up to age 4.

### **Adult Forum**

When: Sundays, 11:00 am to 12:00 noon

Where: DeRaud's Home at 1161 W Celeste Ave., Fresno 93730  
Fr. Carlos will present a Book study on the *Soul of Shame*.

### **Daughters of the Holy Cross Prayer Box**

The Daughters of the Holy Cross have a prayer box for your prayer requests. The Daughters will pray for you daily for one month or longer upon your request. Cover yourself in prayer by these servants of God. The prayer box is located right inside the door as you enter the church.

### **Widows in Christ**

We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month  
Fellowship and Prayer Support

For more information contact Dana Taylor 559-437-0971

*If we walk in the light as HE is in the light, we have fellowship with one another.*

*1 John 7*

### **Requests for Assistance from St. Stephen's Fund**

To request assistance from the Companions of St. Stephen's Fund, please call the church office at (559) 222-3721 during business hours or call Jeanine Werner at (559) 875-2465.

### **ST. JAMES' CLERGY**

The Rt. Rev. Eric Menees, Bishop  
The Very Rev. Carlos L. Raines, Rector  
The Rev. Dr. Dale Matson, Priest  
The Rev. Anna Hearn, Deacon

### **ST. JAMES' STAFF**

Dr. Margaret Licon, Organist and Choir Director  
Carol Raines, Interim Music Facilitator  
Mary K. Leonard/Susan Sanders, Office Assistants

## VESTRY MEMBERS

Kevin Gunner	323-4481
Rachel Cowart	801-8408
Pat Sanders	348-3183
Barbara Brotsis	275-7587
Dave Russell	297-0480
Paula Velez	255-2310
Armando Ruiz	803-2249
Margaret Polacek	269-0743

## Ministry Assignment

Rector's Warden
New Vestry Member
New Vestry Member
Evangelism/Hospitality
Transition/Ushers/Greeters
Children/Youth/Young Adults
Prayer Ministries
Church Treasurer

## **St. James' Mission Statement**

We will fulfill our Mission by focusing on:

1. Teaching the whole counsel of God through liturgical worship and devotion to prayer and praise.
2. Offering gifts and talents expressed in relationships.
3. Small Groups.
4. Building a relationship with Jesus Christ and each other.
5. Making disciples for outreach to the valley and to the world.
6. Caring ministries and Communion for those unable to attend.
7. Reaching out to youth.

Nursery- (0-4) is available throughout the worship service, although parents are encouraged to pick up their children after the peace for communion.

### **Prayer**

- Prayer is available during Holy Communion in the prayer area and also after the service at the altar rail. Look for someone in the red Healing Prayer Team prayer vest to pray with you.
- Daughters of the Holy Cross prayer chain - Kathy Willson: 981-0513 or Valerie Norman-Shaul 299-9149.

## **This Week at a Glance**

### **Monday – Friday**

8:00 am - Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist

### **Tuesday**

7:00 pm – Vestry Meeting on Zoom

### **Thursday**

6:00 am - Prayer and Praise – Church Office Chapel

### **Sunday Services:**

1:30 pm – Website: [stjas.org](http://stjas.org)