

Anchor Lines

St. James Episcopal Church • Fairhope, Alabama



November 3, 2021

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A Season to Gather

Dear St. James Family,

I pray you all are well as we enter into this holiday season! With Thanksgiving and the beginning of Advent just around the corner, this time of year always provides a good opportunity to take stock of the many blessings of our lives and to lift those up in thankful praise to God.

It has been a blessing to worship with so many of you in person, to see the choir process again, and to share

from the common cup. In particular I am most thankful for the amount of life that is beginning to pour back into our church home. Even as the days get shorter, the leaves continue to fall, and the chill of the winter season sets in, I must admit it feels as if there are little glimpses of spring and Easter as well!

During Consecration Sunday we celebrated the pinnacle of our stewardship conversations where we broke bread together at the altar and then continued to break bread together in Green Hall during our Celebration Luncheon. It was a joyful time together where we rekindled and renewed our dedication to the mission of our church and to God's mission in the world through us and to launch us into a new year of this mission together through our Time, Talents, and our many blessings.

As this new life begins to blossom again at St. James, I am excited for the many opportunities we have on the horizon and for those just beginning to bud. Formation opportunities for all ages are meeting again and we have started a new initiative in our Wednesday night programming. On Wednesdays we are gathering close around the altar for a casual Eucharistic service with music followed by a shared meal in Green Hall and then we break out into our different groups for formation.



Rev. Forbes Sirmon
Associate Priest

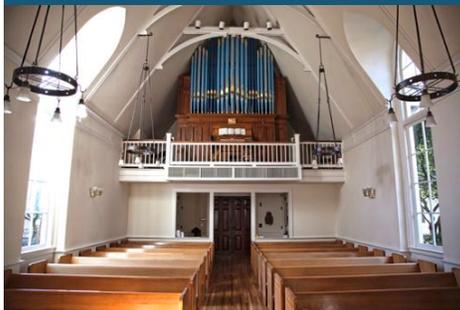
One of my favorite moments during that Eucharist service is when we get the chance to administer communion to each other; to receive the bread and the wine from the person next to us and then to turn around and offer it back to the next. What a wonderful image of how we are to live and be the church with one another!!!

With renewed opportunities to share our lives and blessings, and most importantly to serve, may this season be a continuation of our celebration! And so I leave you with this collect for Thanksgiving Day. May it be a prayerful guide in this season as we continue to walk together as the St. James family.

"Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen."
(BCP 246)

Forbes⁺

A CHANGE THIS SUNDAY



Beginning this Sunday,
November 7,
the 8 AM service moves
to the Chapel.

Christian Formation



Weekly Opportunities

Sundays - Lectionary Class - Between 9 & 11 AM Services in the Library
 Rite 13 - 12:15 - 1:15 (7th & 8th graders)

Monday Nights 6:30 PM - Women's Bible Study

Tuesday Nights 5:45 PM - Men's Bible Study

Wednesdays

9:00 AM - Adult Bible Study

12:30 PM - Centering Prayer*

5:30 PM - Evening Program Begins

WEDNESDAY EVENING PROGRAM

On the Menu

November 3:

Fried Chicken

Green Salad

Dessert

Tea & Lemonade



5:30 PM Meet in the Church for a casual worship service

6:15 PM Dinner served in Green Hall

Reservations are not necessary!

Nursery opens for children too young to attend formation

6:30 PM Split into age-appropriate groups for formation
(eat dinner during formation)

7:30 PM Evening ends

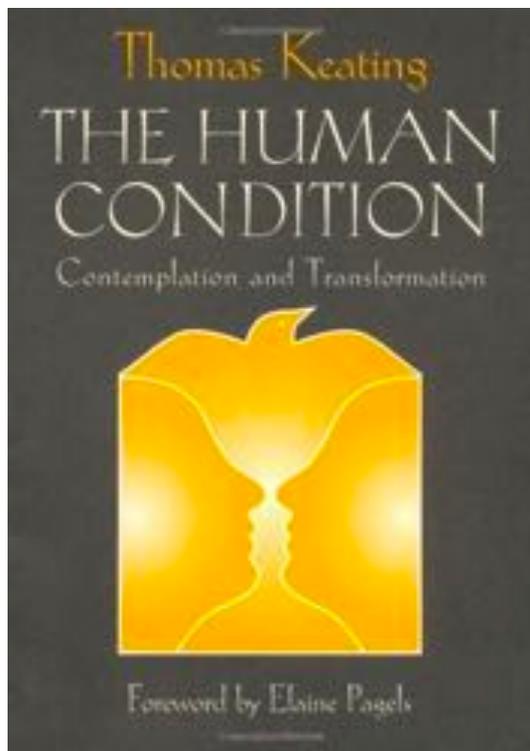
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Formation classes for adults are clergy-led. Children and youth will have various classes depending on the level of interest and number of volunteers. Curriculum includes Godly Play lessons, Communion Instruction, and more. Volunteers are needed to teach the children's lessons. A long-term commitment is NOT required. Contact Christian Formation Director, Ellen Huckabay, at 251-928-2912 or christianformation@stjamesfairhope.org if you would like to help or if you have questions.



*More About Centering Prayer:

Centering Prayer is a method of meditation used by Christians placing a strong emphasis on interior silence. It is also an ancient form of meditation with roots in monastic traditions of St. Teresa of Avila and St. John of the Cross. We begin with a prayer, are silent for 20 minutes while returning our focus to God, and end with a prayer. This takes 20-25 minutes and we meet now at 12:30 on Wednesdays in the Chapel.

Thomas Keating. This is a very thin book which was also our introduction to contemplative prayer with Kenneth White-spinner when he began our practice at St. James.

We will add 10+ minutes of discussion or reading of our favorite passages right after the silence. Anyone is welcome to come regularly or drop in at that time. If you have questions, please contact Shannon Spinks at shannon@GatewaySourcing.com.

The group is going to begin reading *The Human Condition* by

Worship

Regular Sunday Worship Schedule

8 AM in the Chapel

9 AM & 11 AM in the Church

11 AM also available online
at stjamesfairhope.org, Facebook, & YouTube

Children's Chapel at 9 & 11 AM

Nursery is available at 9 & 11 AM in Wilson Hall

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REQUIEM
BY MAURICE DURUFLÉ (1902-1986)

Sunday, November 7
9:00 & 11:00 AM
worship services

Rockland Osgood, soloist Mary Katherine Kilgore, conductor
Jose Sunderland, cello Helen VanAbbema Rodgers, organ
Zach Webb, timpani The St. James Choir



Sung Compline
Sunday, November 21
7 PM

in-person & online
stjamesfairhope.org

Facebook icon, YouTube icon, and a circular icon with a cross and a person.



Thanksgiving Day

25 NOV 2021 | 10 AM
HOLY EUCHARIST
IN THE CHAPEL

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.
Colossians 2:6-7 NRSV



Advent Lessons
& Carols
December 5

Advent is a season of both quiet reflection and joyful expectation. This service is intended to be a time of spiritual preparation, as we watch and wait for the coming of the Kingdom of God. We read the scriptures of prophecy and sing the beautiful Advent hymns of our church to deepen our understanding of God's message of love and redemption with the hope that these words and this music propel you quietly toward the true joy of Christmas.

St. James Choir will be singing for both the 9 and 11 AM services on Sunday, December 5.

Special Events

Mark your calendar for
the Annual Parish Meeting
Sunday, January 9
More Details Coming Soon!

SENIOR CROSS SUNDAY
November 14 at the 11:00 Worship Service
 Senior acolytes, contact Father Forbes at forbes@stjamesfairhope.org
 if you plan to participate.

**Commission on Affirmative Aging
 Presents
 Adventurous Aging:
 How to Stay Young at Heart**

- Zumba**
with Barbie Francez
- Chair Yoga**
with Jan Craver
- Cardiovascular Health**
with Gerry Phillips, MD
- Healthy Sleep**
with Mike Ledet, MD
and more!
- Questions?**
Contact the Reverend Sara Phillips
251-709-7979

Nov. 13-2021
10 am - 2 pm
Lunch Included

Check-in will begin at 9:30 am

[Register online](#)

Event fee: \$15

4 CEU hours for Clergy, nurses, and healthcare workers

Location: Trinity Episcopal Church
 1900 Dauphin Street
 Mobile, AL 36606



The L e c t i o n a r y S c h e d u l e

Date	The First Lesson	The Psalm	The Epistle	The Gospel
Sunday, November 14 The 25th Sunday after Pentecost	Daniel 12:1-3	Psalm 16	Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25	Mark 13:1-8
Sunday, November 21 Christ the King	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14	Psalm 93	Revelation 1:4b-8	John 18:33-37
Sunday, November 28 The First Sunday of Advent	Jeremiah 33:14-16	Psalm 25:1-9	1 Thessalonians 3:9-13	Luke 21:25-36
Sunday, December 5 The Second Sunday of Advent, Lessons & Carols	Baruch 5:1-9 or Malachi 3:1-4	Canticle 4 or 16	Philippians 1:3-11	Luke 3:1-6
Sunday, December 12 The Third Sunday of Advent	Zephaniah 3:14-20	Canticle 9	Philippians 4:4-7	Luke 3:7-18

Upcoming Special Services

Friday, December 24

Christmas Eve Services

4 PM, 7 PM & 10 PM

all services in the Church

Saturday, December 25

Christmas Day

10 AM in the Church

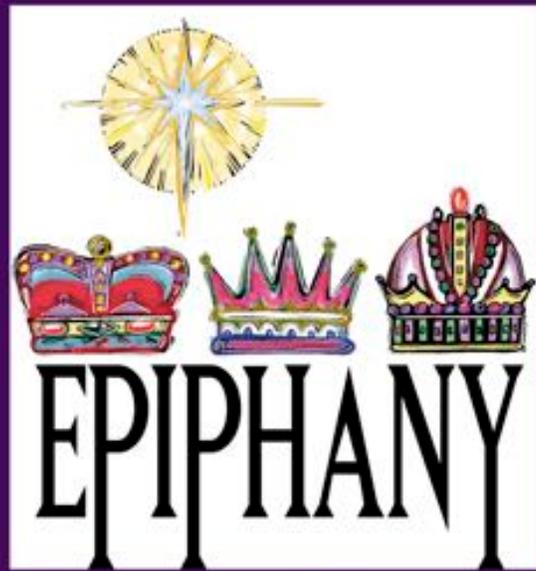
Sunday, December 26

No in-person services. We will have recorded services from Christmas Eve & Christmas Day on our website, Facebook page, and YouTube channel.

Sunday, January 2

10 AM in the Church

Carols with Celtic Harps



FEAST OF LIGHTS

**Sunday, January 9
5:00 pm**

All are invited to attend the Epiphany Feast of Lights Service. Enjoy the beautiful music of the choir, and the excitement of the children and youth as they tell "The Story" of the Epiphany.

Light supper following the service in Green Hall. Reservations are not necessary.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DEDICATION

Remember or honor a loved one with flowers on the altar at Christmas. Please **print** your dedication neatly on the form below. Flower dedications received by Monday, **December 13** will be included in the bulletins at all Christmas services. The cost is \$25.00 per dedication. Please use a separate form for each dedication. Additional forms are available in the Parish office and on our website at stjamesfairhope.org.

Completed order form and check payable to **St. James Flower Fund** may be mailed to the church, returned to the parish office, placed in the "Drop Box" or placed in the Sunday offering. *Please turn in your check and your form at the same time.*

***** PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION *****

Given by: _____

Email: _____ phone: _____

Circle **ONE**: In memory of In honor of In thanksgiving for
Name(s): _____

Please use a separate form for each additional dedication. Each form is \$25.00
Mailing address: St. James Episcopal Church, 860 North Section Street, Fairhope, AL 36532.

School News

October was fast and furious for the staff and students at St. James Episcopal School. We completed our first quarter of school and our staff were afforded the opportunity to have a professional development day focusing on *Empathy and Mindfulness in the Classroom*. Many of our school families enjoyed a fun afternoon at the “Trunk or Treat” hosted by St. James Episcopal Church. Our storybook pumpkin contest raised \$186.00 for the purchase of books to add to our school library. This year’s pumpkin contest winner was Miss Beth Knight’s PK- 4 class. They received an ice cream party to celebrate their pumpkin entitled “The Fall Festival.” Our students and staff came to school dressed for Halloween as we celebrated together with a “haunted scavenger hunt” throughout the school and church campus to culminate our October festivities.



Our Kindergarten students presented the saints at our All Saints’ Day Chapel on Monday, November 1.

St. James School will participate in a Food Drive to benefit Prodissee Pantry as our November outreach project. We will be

collecting items November 1st through the 19th. All parishioners and school families are encouraged to donate canned or boxed food items (no glass containers, please). Collection boxes are located in Green Hall and in the school building (Wilson Hall).

Our Zebedee-Do-Dah Fest will be here soon! Thank you to everyone who has purchased tickets to the event and purchased raffle tickets for the golf cart. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and we still have a few tickets available for \$40 each. Please contact the school office or visit our website at stjamesfairhope.school to purchase your tickets. All monies go directly to the school.

If you happen to be in downtown Fairhope for First Friday Art Walk, please drop by our table in front of M&M Bank on Nov. 5th.

Parents, parishioners, and community members are invited to join us on Veteran’s Day, Thursday, November 11th at 10:00 AM. Our school will be honoring our veterans with a special parade and program.

We will host an Open House for prospective students on Sunday, November 14 from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. I encourage you to share this with prospective families to come and see St. James.

Thank you for your continued support of our school.

Shelley E. Miller

Shelley Miller

Photos from the Haunted Scavenger Hunt



For more photos and information, follow us on Instagram and like our Facebook page!

 @stjfairhopeschool

 @stjameschoolFH

School News

ZEBEDEE DO-DAH FEST

Boil & Brews

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT | SILENT AUCTION | WINE PULL

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 7 2021	FAIRHOPE BREWING COMPANY 814 NICHOLS AVENUE FAIRHOPE, AL 38532	5:00 TO 8:00 PM
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TICKETS AVAILABLE VIA EVENTBRITE. FOLLOW THE QR CODE!

INCLUDES FOOD, ENTERTAINMENT, TWO BEERS AND A SOUVENIR PINT GLASS WITH ST. JAMES LOGO.



SCAN WITH YOUR PHONE'S CAMERA OR QR CODE APP



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EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

Purchase your raffle tickets for the golf cart at the school, outside Green Hall on Sunday mornings, or email stjschoolsponsor@gmail.com or on our website at stjamesfairhope.school.



ZEBEDEE DO-DAH FEST

Golf Cart

RAFFLE!



TICKETS
\$100



STAR CAPELLA 2+2
STREET-LEGAL GOLF CART

limited tickets will be sold!

DRAWING

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7 | 7:30PM


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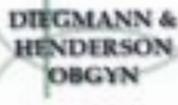


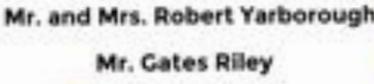








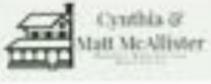






























From the Church Office

St. James Vestry 2022 Nominating Form

This information will be considered by the Nominating Committee in compiling a slate from which vestry members will be elected at the annual parish meeting.

Presenter _____

Phone # _____

The Presenter suggests the Nominating Committee consider for Vestry Nomination:

Name _____ Occupation _____

Address _____

Email _____

Approximate age _____ St. James Member _____ (#years) Spouse _____

Areas of Service/Ministry (past and present) _____

Requirements:

- Must be an active member in "good standing" of St. James
- Must be frequent and regular in worship attendance
- Must be committed to the spread of the Gospel
- Must support the work of St. James by an annual pledge to the operating budget, and work towards accepting the tithe as the goal of Christian giving and percentage giving as a tool for reaching that goal.
- Must be willing to attend vestry meetings and perform the work expected of a vestry member
- Must not be the spouse/partner of a currently employed school/church staff member
- Must not have served on the vestry in 2019, 2020 or 2021

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE PARISH OFFICE NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 1, 2021



2022 Altar Flower Dedications



Did you ever wonder how parishioners are able to dedicate the flowers on the altar on Sunday mornings? It's really quite simple. We have a notebook in Green Hall and inside it, there is a calendar for the year. You just pick an open spot and write your name and phone number by the date.

For the flowers in the church you have options... dedicate one arrangement for \$50 or both arrangements for \$100. For the chapel, both arrangements are \$50. There are slips of paper in the back where you can fill out how you would like your dedication to read. If you forget to fill it out, someone from the office will call and ask you when it gets closer to the date of your dedication.

Send in your payment at some point before the date of the dedication. Be sure to write: "Altar Flowers" and the date of the dedication on the memo line. That keeps Jim Ketchum happy. If you forget to send in the payment, someone will call and remind you of that too. If you prefer, you can go to our website and pay, under the "Give to St. James Tab/online giving." The flower guild takes care of making the beautiful arrangements. After the service, the flowers are made into smaller arrangements and taken to homebound parishioners or parishioners who are in the hospital.

Look for the 2022 notebooks for the new year—available in Green Hall beginning December 5.

From the Church Office

Next Parish Breakfast November 21

Leave the cooking and cleaning to us.
8:15 AM - 10:45 AM

Breakfast is served in Green Hall on the third Sunday of the month (unless otherwise advertised) from 8:15 AM until 10:45 AM. The cost is \$3.00 per person or \$10 per family. Reservations are not necessary. Pay when you get in line.

If you would like to volunteer to help with the Parish Breakfast, contact the ministry leader, Selah Dryer, at selahmdryer@hotmail.com.

Remember to put in your "can't serve dates" in Ministry Schedule Pro to avoid being scheduled when you are not available. The deadline for the December schedule is Wednesday, November 10 at 5:00 PM. If you have forgotten your password, or need help with Ministry Scheduler, call the office at 251-928-2912 and ask for Meghan or Jennifer.



**HAVE YOU MOVED OR DO YOU
HAVE A NEW PHONE NUMBER?**

Please let us know!

Call 251-928-2912 or email Leslie at info@stjamesfairhope.org

**Remember...
Daylight Savings
Time ends at 2
AM on Sunday,
November 7.
Time to FALL
BACK!**

Outreach

Christmas Outreach

The Outreach Committee will be offering assistance to Ecumenical Ministries, The Prison Ministry, The Shoulder and Wilmer Hall this year in efforts to provide Christmas gifts to those who would otherwise be forgotten. The program will provide gifts for both children and the elder population. If you

are interested in participating in the Christmas Giving Tree program and/or would like to assist us in delivering presents to children in the area please contact Mary Pilcher at 251-210-4557 or 251-232-7927.



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Prodisee Pantry's Turkey Trot

St. James sponsored Prodisee Pantry's Turkey Trot this year on Saturday, October 23.

Congratulations to St. James parishioner Gil Wright for placing 3rd in his age group!

From the Finance Office

October Figures

	October 2021	October 2021	YTD 2021	YTD 2021	YTD 2020
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Income	\$95,149	\$115,000	\$1,009,320	\$1,060,000	\$974,829
Expense	\$119,748	\$119,228	\$1,109,937	\$1,189,991	\$1,062,172

**Results are preliminary*

Christmas is exactly 7 weeks from Saturday



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WE ARE ALMOST HALF-WAY THERE!

Consecration Sunday Pledge Results

	2022	2021	2020
# of pledges after Consecration Sunday	100	112	156
\$ amount represented by those pledges on Consecration Sunday	\$490,088	\$516,808	\$680,646
Total # of pledges for the year	TBD	214	257
Total \$ amount of those pledges	TBD	\$953,204	\$1,052,528

Thank you to everyone who turned in a pledge card! Thank you to those who took a step-up toward tithing and to those who took a leap of faith and pledged for the first time. If you haven't turned in your pledge card, it is not too late. No amount is too small. Pledge cards can be found in the Narthex of the Church, Green Hall, the parish office, or on our website at stjamesfairhope.org under the "Give to St. James" Tab. [Click here to download a card or fill it out online.](#) A secure copy goes straight to our Director of Finance, Jim Ketchum.

All Hallows' Eve Trunk or Treat Festival

A great time was had by all at our annual All Hallows' Eve Trunk or Treat Festival. Thank you to everyone who came out and supported St. James Episcopal School and Church. We played games, trick-or-treated, visited with our friends, bounced in a playhouse, and ate lots of popcorn!

We would especially like to thank all the people who decorated a trunk, handed out candy, and helped us put on the event. We couldn't do what we do without our great volunteers!! Thank you for your kindness, generosity, and for showing your love for your neighbor.



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For more photos, news, and updates, be sure to like our [Facebook](#) page and scan the QR code to go to and follow our Instagram page.





We are a community anchored in Christ, seeking God, sharing His love and serving others.

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Weekly Recurring Schedule

SUNDAYS:

8:00, 9:00, & 11:00 AM
Holy Eucharist in the Church
11 AM also available online
10:15 AM Lectionary Class, Library
12:15-1:15 PM Rite 13

MONDAYS:

9:30 AM Gentle Yoga at Creative Outlet
3:30 PM Whitby Choir
6:30 PM Women's Bible Study

TUESDAYS:

5:45 PM Men's Bible Study

WEDNESDAYS:

7:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Chapel
9:00 AM Adult Bible Study, Vestry Room
12:30 PM Centering Prayer, Chapel
3:30 PM Canterbury Choir
5:30 PM Evening Program, Church
6:45 PM Adult Choir

THURSDAYS:

5:45 PM Yoga, Green Hall

FRIDAYS:

7:30 AM Yoga, Green Hall

3rd SUNDAY of the Month:

7:00 PM Compline in the church & online
or Taizé in the Chapel

The Vestry

Pel Henry, *Sr. Warden*

Roger Guilian, *Jr. Warden*

Bruce Stone, *Clerk*

Katie Smith, *Treasurer*

Class of 2021

Kris Bradley

Elizabeth Orr

Ed Shell

Class of 2022

Elizabeth Erwin

Shannon Pesnell

Jeanie Smith

Class of 2023

Lauren Arington

Bebe Goetter

Earl Jackson

Chris Nelson

The St. James Staff

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Associate for Music Ministries: Frank Stabler

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For staff email addresses or other contact information go to the About Us tab on our website at stjamesfairhope.org or [click here for St. James Staff](#).

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday ~ CLOSED

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