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FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



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2024 L E N T E N S E R I E S

Beginning Wednesday, February 21
in Green Hall



MY NEIGHBOR'S FAITH

Join us for dinner, fellowship, and an interfaith journey
through Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, and more!

For Your CALENDAR

February 13

Shrove Tuesday Dinner

February 14

Ash Wednesday - Lent Begins

February 18

Parish Breakfast

Concert Series: Trout Quintet

February 21

Lenten Series Begins

March 17

Confirmation Sunday

March 23

Palm Cross Making

March 24

Palm Sunday

March 28

Maunder Thursday

March 29

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross

March 30

Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Vigil

March 31

Easter Sunday

Lenten programming for children will run concurrently with our adult programming. Children will focus on "shaping our experience of God's story" using the curriculum *Lent Full Circle* by Christine Hides.

Youth (9th grade and up) are encouraged to participate in the adult programming, "My Neighbor's Faith".

*2024 Lenten Series***2024 LENTEN SERIES****"MY NEIGHBOR'S FAITH"****Beginning Wednesday, February 21 in Green Hall****Dinner will be served at 5:30 PM.****Program runs from 6:00-7:00 PM****Signup
for
dinners
coming
soon.**

A signup will be available prior to the start of our Lenten program. Please be sure to let us know if you plan to attend so that our cooking teams can plan accordingly.

Wednesday, February 21 - Focus on **Judaism**, featuring guest speaker Rabbi Edward Boraz of the Springhill Avenue Temple in Mobile, Alabama.

Wednesday, February 28 - Focus on **Buddhism**, featuring guest speaker Dr. Eric Loomis of the University of South Alabama.

Wednesday, March 6 - Focus on **Islam**, featuring Dr. Wilson Maina, professor of history and world religions at University of West Florida.

Wednesday, March 13 - Focus on **Hinduism**, featuring Chandran Iyer, Maharaj of the Gulf Coast Hindu Society Temple in Mobile, Alabama.

Wednesday, March 20 - Focus on **Christian Spirituality**, featuring guest speaker Rev. Marshall Craver, Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast.

Parish News & Events

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Rose Garden
Spring Cleanup

**Saturday,
February 17
10:00 AM**

No experience necessary!
Please bring your own gloves, clippers, or whatever tools you prefer to work with.

St. James
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**Parish
BREAKFAST**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Following the 7:30 service
AND between the 8:30 & 10:30 services

Green Hall
\$3 per person
\$15 max per family
Reservations not necessary
Venmo now accepted!








Save the Date!

**ST. JAMES
WOMEN'S RETREAT**

**APRIL 19-20
CAMP BECKWITH**

**EMAIL AMANDA DOSHER FOR MORE INFORMATION
AMANDA@STJAMESFAIRHOPE.ORG**



Lent & Easter Events

Shrove Tuesday
CHICKEN & WAFFLES
FEBRUARY 13
5:30 PM IN GREEN HALL
YOUTH FUNDRAISING EVENT
DONATIONS ACCEPTED!



Ash Wednesday
S E R V I C E S
FEBRUARY 14
7:30 AM, 12:30 PM & 6:00 PM

Healing Service
THURSDAYS DURING LENT
Beginning Thursday, February 22
10:00 AM in the Chapel




Palm Cross
MAKING
Saturday
March 23
at 8:00 AM

Save the Date for Palm Cross Making!

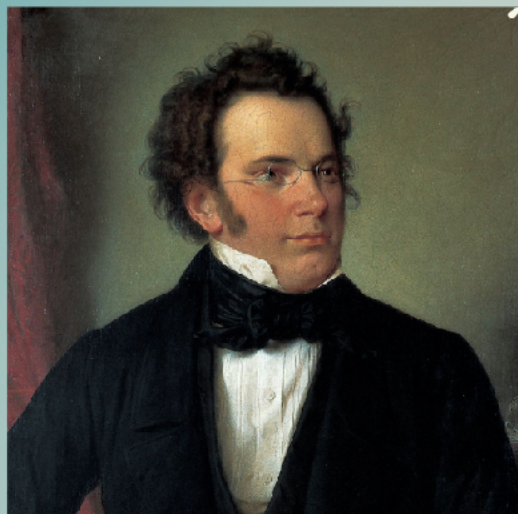
Join us for fellowship, food, and fun as we prepare Palm Crosses for our Palm Sunday services. No experience needed! Come and go as your schedule permits between 8:00 and 10:00 am.

We will also need assistants to help pin on the crosses on the morning of our Palm Sunday services.

Call Jane Jackson at 251-635-2474, or Linda Jamieson at 251-923-7328 for information!

St. James *Concert Series*

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18
4:00 PM IN GREEN HALL**



Trout Quintet

BY FRANZ SCHUBERT

FEATURING:

SAMUEL BARBER'S CELLO SONATA,
MOVEMENT 1

ENRIQUE GRANADOS' MADRIGAL
ERNO DOHNANYL'S SERENADE FOR
STRING TRIO

FRANZ SCHUBERT'S PIANO QUINTET
IN A MAJOR, THE "TROUT" QUINTET

Performed by:

Enen Yu, violin

Hsiaopei Lee, viola

Guosheng Huang, cello

Taylor Hollyer, string bass

Robert Holm, piano

*Free Concert
Donations accepted*

Scan

to learn more about the
St. James Concert Series.



*Making a Difference through Outreach***Spotlight on:** *Family Promise*

Our Family Promise coordinators at St. James received this letter, which they are delighted to share with our parish. Your volunteer hours and contributions are making a difference in the lives of those in this program. Thank you!

Dear Nickie Olson,

I trust this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my sincere appreciation for the invaluable service your church provides through the shelter program for homeless families. Your commitment to supporting those in need is truly commendable, and I believe it is making a significant impact on the lives of the individuals and families you serve.

In a world where many face the harsh realities of homelessness, your church stands out as a beacon of hope and compassion. The shelter you offer not only provides a safe and warm place for individuals and families to stay but also extends a message of love and acceptance that is profoundly transformative.

I am particularly impressed by the dedication of your volunteers and staff members who, through their selfless contributions, play a crucial role in making the shelter program a success. Their empathy and commitment are truly inspiring, and it is evident that they are driven by a genuine desire to make a positive difference in the lives of others.

Thank you once again for your dedication to serving the community and for embodying the principles of compassion and love.

Katelyn Sexton

Shelter Case Manager

What is Family Promise?

The mission of Family Promise of Baldwin County is to provide temporary shelter, related services, and nurturing support to homeless families with children and to assist them with obtaining suitable and permanent housing. Family Promise utilizes area church facilities and their members to serve families with children in crisis. 90.2% of those enrolled in Family Promise leave the ranks of homelessness.

St. James parishioners serve this program by housing Family Promise participants at the church for a week every quarter. When St. James hosts, you can provide or serve meals, read, play games with the children, join others in staying overnight, or clean up after the week.

St. James will host Family Promise again in November 2024.

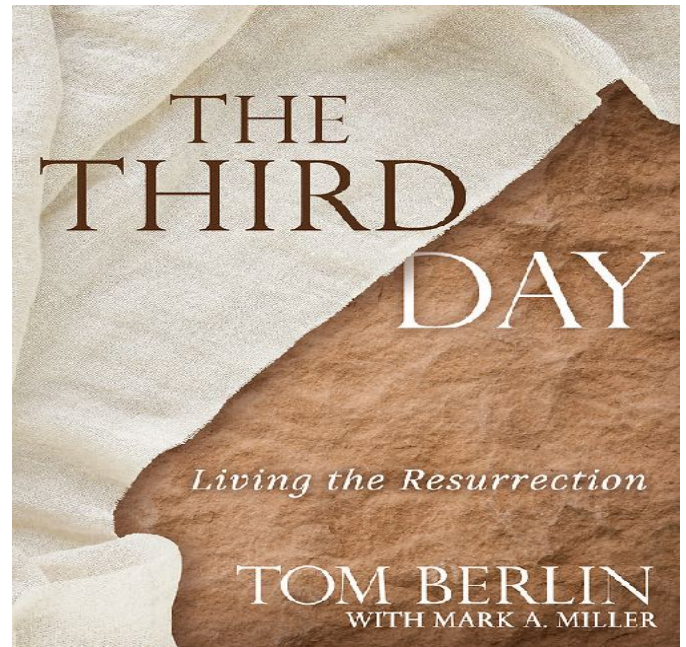
Adult Formation

The Monday Night Women's Bible Study will begin a 6-week Lenten study on February 19. This study takes place in the Vestry Room at 6:30 on Monday evenings. All women of the church are welcome. **Tom Berlin's *The Third Day: Living the Resurrection*** focuses not only on the final days in the life of Jesus, but also on the Resurrection. To quote the author:

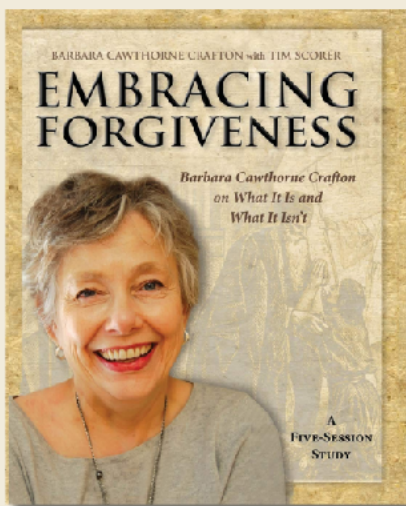
*In **The Third Day: Living the Resurrection**, the reader is connected to the experiences of several individuals around Jesus in his final days, focusing on new life and redemption rather than loss.*

Join Peter, Mary Magdalene, and Thomas as they feel the despair of losing Jesus and the surprise and joy that awaits them in the resurrection. This study traces events around these characters, along with Paul and the disciples at Emmaus, and how the resurrection transforms their lives.

The book may be purchased in various formats from Abingdon Press or Amazon. For more information, contact Michelle Orr at 251-490-6077 or molliethome77@yahoo.com.



Rector's Forum Lenten Study



Beginning
February 18
in the
Vestry Room

The Rector's Forum meets Sunday mornings during the formation hour (between the 8:30 & 10:30 services) in the Vestry Room.



Rev. Amanda Doshier will lead this Lenten study.



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

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Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday ~ CLOSED

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OUR CLERGY



Rev. De Freeman, *Rector*



Rev. Forbes Sirmon, *Associate Priest*



Rev. Amanda Doshier, *Associate Priest*

OUR VESTRY

Jeanie Smith, *Senior Warden*
Margaret Cadden, *Junior Warden*
Mary Mullins Redditt, *Clerk*
Bruce Stone, *Treasurer*

Class of 2024

Ben Coddling
Peter Gaillard
Laura Jones
Matthew Myrick

Class of 2025

Margaret Cadden
Tracy Corte
Jim Daniell
Dee Gambill

Class of 2026

Dan Campbell
Bill Dowdle
Jennifer Lambert
Misty Whitehead

Weekly Recurring Schedule

SUNDAYS:

7:30 AM Holy Eucharist in the Chapel
8:30 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church
10:30 AM* Holy Eucharist in the Church **also online*
Children's Chapel at 10:30 AM
Nursery available at both services

MONDAYS

9:30 - 10:30 AM Gentle Yoga, Green Hall
1:30 - 2:30 PM Chair Yoga, Green Hall
6:30 - Women's Bible Study

TUESDAYS

6:30 PM Adult Bible Study

WEDNESDAYS:

7:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Chapel
9:00 AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study
12:30 PM Centering Prayer
7:00 Adult Choir Practice

THURSDAYS:

10:00 AM Healing Service (during Lent)
5:45 PM Yoga, Green Hall
7:00 PM Chess, Green Hall

3rd SUNDAY of the Month:

Following the 7:30 service, and between the 8:30 and 10:30 services - Parish Breakfast

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.](#)

ANCHOR LINES DEADLINE: THE NEXT ANCHOR LINES WILL BE PUBLISHED **MARCH 6, 2024**. PLEASE EMAIL INFORMATION TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE NEXT ISSUE TO [COMMUNICATIONS@STJAMESFAIRHOPE.ORG](mailto:communications@stjamesfairhope.org), NO LATER THAN 5:00 PM ON THE THURSDAY PRIOR TO THE PUBLISHED DATE.

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Children & Youth News



Click the image above to register or click [here!](#)

E Y C
 JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH WELCOME

Ice Skating

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18
 MEET AT THE CHURCH AT 5:00 PM
 BRING \$15 TO SKATE
 RSVP TO NATALIE BY FEBRUARY 8 SO SHE CAN PURCHASE TICKETS

Upcoming Events

- February 11:** Youth Confirmation class will NOT meet.
- February 13:** Shrove Tuesday Chicken and Waffle Youth Fundraiser
- February 18:** 11:45-12:45 Youth Confirmation Class
- February 18:** 5:00 PM Jr. and Sr. High EYC Ice Skating in Pensacola *RSVP by February 8*
- February 21:** 5:30-7:00 PM Children's Lenten Program
- February 23:** Diocesan Lock-in at St. Paul's, 9-12 grades. Contact Natalie for more information.
- February 25:** 11:45-12:45 Youth Confirmation Class
- February 25:** 5:30-7:00 PM You Group
- February 28:** 5:30-7:00 PM Children's Lenten Program

Shrove Tuesday Chicken & Waffles Volunteers!

Calling all youth! Please let Natalie know if you're able to help with our Shrove Tuesday dinner, which is a youth fundraising event on February 13. Contact Natalie at stjameseyc@stjamesfairhope.org

School News

Dear Parish families,

We enjoyed a fast and furious January, cold weather and all! Our students have been gaining so much knowledge through their weekly units learning about transportation, seasons, favorite authors and finishing January with our solar system. Our Kindergarten and PK4 classes just celebrated the 100th day of school!

Our February community outreach project (in partnership with the church) will be collecting gently used athletic shoes. "Gently Used Shoes", a charitable caring ministry created by St. James parishioner Bob Douglass, will be collecting used athletic shoes for distribution in Mobile and Baldwin County to those in need. Men's, women's and children's walking, running, tennis, soccer and basketball shoes are all welcomed. Just drop them in the donation boxes.

Our Honey Baked Ham fundraiser is here! 20% of all gift cards purchased go back to the school. These are great for Easter or Spring Break. Visit this [link](#) to order and please share with friends and family!

We are delighted to announce our school is partnering with Fairhope Youth Baseball and we will have our first T-Ball team. We hope you can come out and support our St. James' team.

The school will be closed for Mardi Gras Break on February 12 and 13. We will resume classes on February 14th (Ash Wednesday). All students will attend Ash Wednesday chapel service.

We are currently enrolling for the 2024-2025 school year. Help us spread the word! Invite your friends to call and set up a tour and learn more about our wonderful school. Offering grades 30 months through first grade. Our Admissions Director, Anne McEniry, can be reached at (251) 928-2912. Visit www.stjamesfairhope.school to learn more.

Summer Camp is right around the corner. Come join us for another fun-filled Summer Camp program at St. James. We will offer six weeks of camp starting June 10 through July 19. Early registration for St. James School families will open February 5th and open registration for the public will begin March 4th. Camp will be offered to students entering PK3 (fully potty trained) through second grade.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy February. As always thank you for your continued support of our parish school.

School Director,

Shelley Miller



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Invite your friends to take a tour and learn more.

Honey Baked Ham Gift Card Fundraiser

20% OF ALL PROCEEDS GO DIRECTLY TO OUR SCHOOL!

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