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MARCH NEWSLETTER



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HOLY WEEK

Schedule

March 24

Palm Sunday

7:30, 8:30 & 10:30 AM

March 28

Maundy Thursday

6:00 PM in the Church

March 29

Good Friday Service at 12:00 PM in the church

Stations of the Cross at 6:00 PM

March 30

Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00 AM

Easter Vigil Service at 6:00 PM

March 31

Easter Sunday Services

7:30 in the Chapel - no music

8:30 & 10:30 in the Church with choir and brass

Parish News & Events

Upcoming Lenten Series Dates:

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.

Dinner begins at 5:30, speakers begin at 6:00. To RSVP, please email info@stjamesfairhope.org (or click [here](#)) or call the church office at 251-928-2912.

Parish BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

Between the 8:30 & 10:30 services

Green Hall

\$3 per person

\$15 max per family

Reservations not necessary



Venue now accepted!

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A non-profit project of

Gently Used Shoes (GUS)
Bob Douglass
bdouglass104@gmail.com

One World Running
www.oneworldrunning.org

COLLECTION ENDS MARCH 17

Gently used athletic shoes of all sizes, as well as women's sandals, boots, and dress shoes can be dropped off in the collection box located in Green Hall.

Confirmation

SUNDAY

MARCH 17 AT 8:30 & 10:30

Parish News & Events



Join the women of St. James for a weekend at beautiful Camp Beckwith! Enjoy a time of renewal, spirituality, and fellowship, in a peaceful and relaxing setting. Register online [HERE](https://www.stjamesfairhope.org/ministries/2024-womens-retreat) (<https://www.stjamesfairhope.org/ministries/2024-womens-retreat>) or return the registration form below.

RETREAT SCHEDULE

Friday, April 19 - Weekend begins at 4:00 PM with a hospitality hour, followed by dinner, program, prayer, and s'mores around the fire.

Saturday, April 20 - Morning prayer on the bay, program, activities involving arts/crafts, yoga, Bible study, leisure time to enjoy nature, walk the labyrinth, or visit with friends. Retreat will end on Saturday afternoon at 4:00 PM with a closing Eucharist.

COST

Single occupancy: **\$140** Double occupancy: **\$117** Commuter: **\$85**

Rates include all meals



WOMEN'S RETREAT REGISTRATION

*** PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION ***

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Circle **ONE**: Single Occupancy Double Occupancy Commuter

Dietary Restrictions: _____

Mobility Issues (walker, wheelchair, etc): _____

How would you like to pay?: Check Online Venmo

Checks may be mailed or dropped off at the church office.

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Venmo: @stjamesfairhope

To pay using the church's online payment portal, log in and choose Women's Retreat from the dropdown menu.

Parish News & Events

Annual Rose Garden Cleanup

Thank you to these hard working volunteers who took time out of their Saturday to spruce up our beautiful rose garden on February 17!



A note from the church office...

Are you new to the church? Have you recently moved (or moved a while back and forgot to tell us) Changed phone numbers? Ditched your landline? If you have any updates to your contact info, please let us know! We would love to update your information. Email info@stjamesfairhope.org with your updates or call the church office at 251-928-2912. *Thank you!*

Lent & Easter Events

Healing Service

THURSDAYS DURING LENT

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!

EASTER

FLOWER DEDICATIONS

Remember or honor a loved one with flowers on the altar at Easter. Please **print** your dedication neatly on the form below. Flower dedications received by Thursday, March 21 will be included in the bulletins at all Easter 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.

Music News & Events

Taize is a simple, meditative, candlelit service filled with songs, scripture, prayers, and silent reflection.

This service is held in the chapel and will last around 30 minutes.

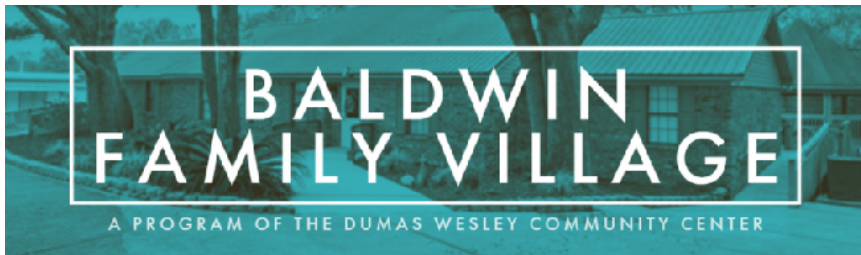
All are welcome!

A graphic for a Taize Service announcement. It features a dark background with many out-of-focus, warm-toned circular bokeh lights. A thin, wavy yellow line with small white dots runs horizontally across the middle. In the center, a light gray rectangular box with a thin black border contains the text. The word 'Taize' is written in a large, elegant, black cursive script. Below it, the word 'Service' is in a smaller, black, serif font. Further down, 'Sunday,' is in a black serif font, followed by 'March 17' in a larger black serif font. At the bottom of the box, '7:00 PM' and 'in the Chapel' are written in a black serif font.

Taize
Service
Sunday,
March 17
7:00 PM
in the Chapel

Outreach

Baldwin Family Village: Meal Sponsors Needed



What is Baldwin Family Village?

The Dumas Wesley Community Center's transitional housing program, BFV's mission is to provide housing, individualized case management, life skills classes, employment opportunities and wrap-around services for **homeless women and children in Baldwin County.**

Meal sponsors ensure that an evening meal is provided for Baldwin Family Village residents. St. James provides a monthly meal, and we would love some additional volunteers. Your contribution can be an entree, snack, dessert, etc. A signup is emailed and you can select from many options and participate whenever you like. **This is not a monthly commitment for you.** Your contributions can be dropped off at St. James on the evening we provide the meal. Email info@stjamesfairhope.org to be added to the list.

Quote from a resident regarding what it means to them to have a home cooked meal:

"I just wanted to say thank you! The food last night turned my family's attitude into one of gratefulness and true joy! It was sooooo good! Most times, we have a tuna sandwich for dinner. Tonight's dinner was fresh, healthy and hit the spot. We felt spoiled rotten!" --- Baldwin Family Village resident

St. James will host Family Promise

MARCH 31 - APRIL 7

SIGNUP BOARD LOCATED IN GREEN HALL

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.

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. For questions, please contact Nickie Olson at nickie@homesbynickie.com or Margaret Cadden at mbcadden@gmail.com

Children & Youth News

EYC Ice Skating Trip

A fun time was had by all! Thank you to Natalie and Fr. Forbes for chaperoning this event and providing this awesome experience for our youth!



Upcoming Children & Youth Events:

March 6: 5:30-7 Children's Lenten Program

March 10: 11:45 Youth Confirmation Class

March 10: 5:30-6:30 Sr. High EYC

March 13: 5:30-7 Children's Lenten Program

March 17: Confirmation Sunday

March 17: 5:30-7:00 You Group

March 20: 5:30-7:00 Children's Lenten Program

March 24: 5:30-6:30 Sr. High EYC

March 24: VBS registration opens (VBS dates are June 24-27)

March 30: 10:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt

*From the Finance Office***THANK YOU!**

A big THANK YOU to all who pledged their financial support during our **"Pathways to Generosity"** campaign. The numbers show this campaign has been a success: 117 families or individuals increased their pledges, 85 brand new pledgers made a financial commitment, the total number of pledges increased by more than 60, and the total dollars pledged increased over \$100,000! Pledges are still coming in, and it is not too late to become part of this success story. An Estimate of Giving form can be completed on our website [here](https://www.stjamesfairhope.org/giving/pledge) (<https://www.stjamesfairhope.org/giving/pledge>) or hard copies can be found in the church office.

LOVE OFFERING

for

Rose Collins

Help us show our love for St. James longtime housekeeper, Rose Collins.

As many of you know, Rose Collins, St. James' housekeeper for over 30 years, lost her husband James in January. We are collecting a "love offering" for Rose to show our support during this difficult time. If you feel led to contribute, please make checks payable to St. James Episcopal Church and be sure to note "offering for Rose Collins". Donations may be mailed to the church, or brought to the church office. If you'd like to use the church's online payment portal (<https://www.stjamesfairhope.org/parents/acs-login>), look for "Love offering for Rose Collins" in the dropdown menu. You may also send donations via Venmo to @stjamesfairhope

Thank you for your support of Rose!

School News

Celebrations have been in the air at St. James Episcopal School! We were thrilled to have so many guests on campus as our St. James Krewe rolled in our annual Mardi Gras Parade. The box floats were amazing again this year! Thanks to everyone for coming out and joining us on this festive occasion. Special thanks to our St. James "Seasoned Saints" that helped us serve King Cake and pull our wagon floats. If you are interested in joining this ministry for our church school contact Winky Dowdle.

All of our students enjoyed celebrating Valentine's Day and observing Ash Wednesday. Father Forbes and Mother Amanda led a special Chapel and the students were afforded the opportunity to receive the imposition of ashes.

Our school children recently recognized the life of Dr. Seuss. Students have loved the whimsy and fun that goes along with the creativity of his stories. We also observed Black History Month and Famous Americans to culminate our February units. We look forward to having our Dads on campus for our Leaping Leprechauns Lunch on March 15th at 11:00.

Don't forget our Honey Baked Ham gift card fundraiser is going on through March 30th. These are great for Easter, vacation or just a night off from cooking. You can use the gift card to shop online or in-store at any location nationwide. 20% of all proceeds go directly to our school.

March Outreach project - St. James School will be collecting toilet paper and paper towels for Baldwin Family Village. Baldwin Family Village provides transitional housing for homeless women and children in Baldwin County. A collection box is located in the school hall.

Summer Camp Registration is going on now.

Children in PK3 (fully potty trained) through rising 2nd grade in Fall of 2024 are eligible for our 6-week camp. Space is limited. Summer camp details, as well as weekly summer camp themes may be found on our website: www.stjamesfairhope.school

Thanks again for your partnership and support of our parish school.

School Director,

Shelley Miller



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FOR 1ST GRADE
BEGINNING FALL 2024.**

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School News



Honey Baked Ham Gift Card Fundraiser

**20% OF ALL PROCEEDS
GO DIRECTLY TO OUR SCHOOL!**

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St. James
EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

Easter is coming, and Honey Baked Ham gift cards will make your Easter dinner a breeze! Buy one for yourself or give them as gifts for friends and family in need of a meal. To order your gift card, scan the QR code at left or click [here](#). Thank you for supporting our parish school!



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

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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

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:*

**March's breakfast will take place on the 10th.*

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

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