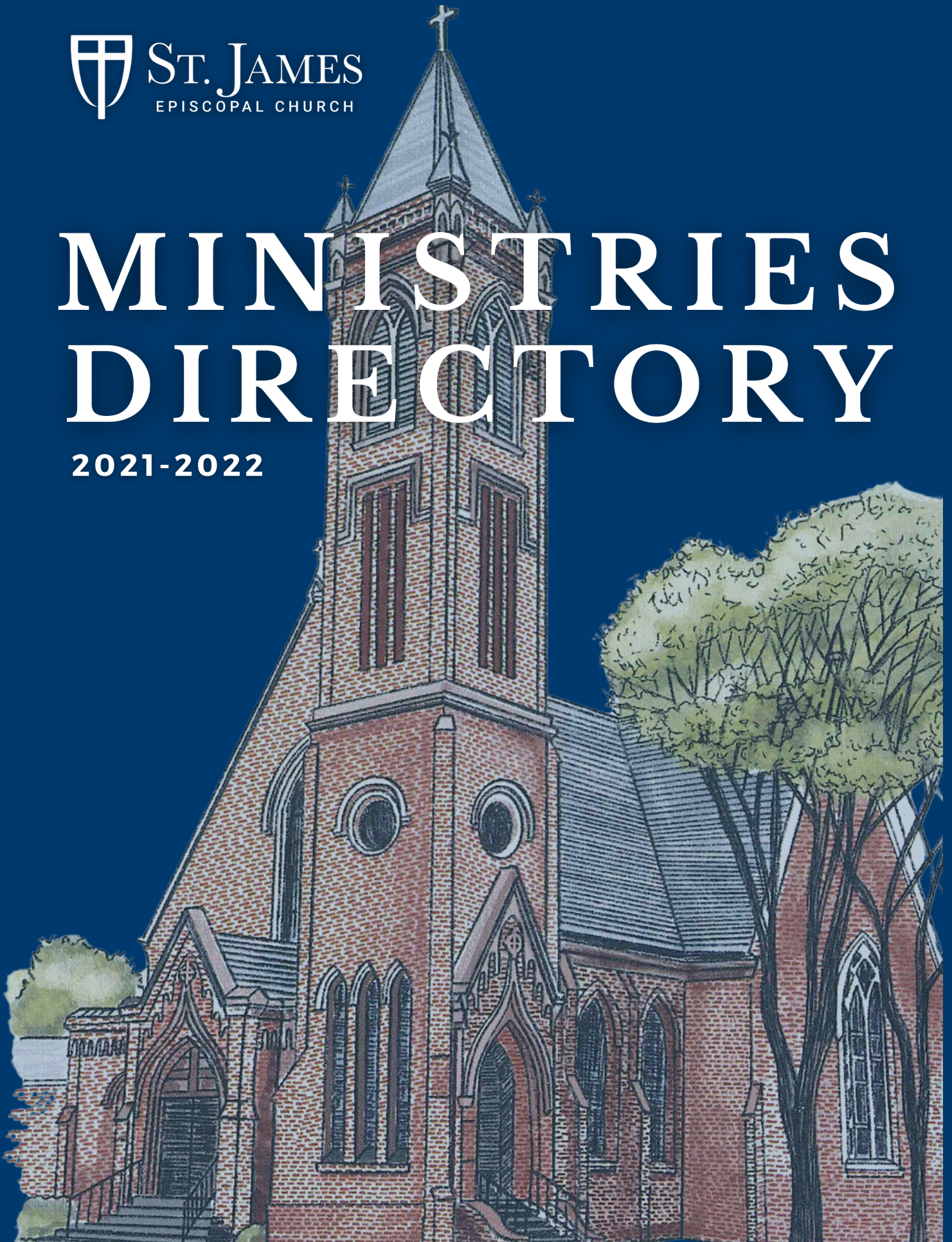




MINISTRIES DIRECTORY

2021-2022



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LETTER FROM THE RECTOR

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

In the pages of this ministry directory, you will find just some of the ways the people of St. James seek to make the kingdom of God known in Baton Rouge and beyond. In this time of pandemic, it is vital that we build up our beloved community in Christ while also doing our part to keep people safe. Therefore, it is imperative that we do what we can to meet people where they are and offer a variety of opportunities, as we are able. This directory is primarily focusing on educational, fellowship, pastoral care, and outreach ministries.

Whether it is through fellowship, pastoral care, education, outreach, or worship, St. James seeks to transform lives in the name of and for the sake of Christ. There are many ways you can get involved, even during a pandemic. Please also note that as circumstances evolve, our ministry leaders and staff are adapting and expanding our ministry opportunities. This directory is just one of the valuable tools we can use to help us grow as the body of Christ in faith. Also, any staff member will gladly help in any way that we can. Thank you for all the ways you help build up St. James in mission and ministry.

Blessings,
Fr. Chris, Rector



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, September 12	<i>First Sunday of Program Year & Choir Sunday</i>
Sunday, October 3	<i>Episcopal School Sunday</i>
Saturday, October 16	<i>Parish Work Day</i>
Sunday, October 24	<i>Dedicatory Organ Recital</i>
Sunday, November 7	<i>Choral Evensong in observance of All Saints' Day</i>
Sunday, November 14	<i>Outreach Serve Sunday</i>
Sunday, November 28	<i>Advent Wreath-Making</i>
Sunday, December 5	<i>St. Nicholas Sunday</i>
Saturday, December 11	<i>Advent Quiet Day</i>
Saturday, December 12	<i>St. James Christmas Feast</i>
	<i>Downtown Churches Christmas Pilgrimage</i>
Saturday, December 18	<i>Parish Work Day</i>
Sunday, December 19	<i>Christmas Lessons & Carols</i>
Friday, December 24	<i>The Nativity of Our Lord: Christmas Eve</i>
Saturday, December 25	<i>Christmas Day</i>
Sunday, January 23	<i>Pancake Breakfast & Annual Meeting</i>
Sunday, February 20	<i>Outreach Serve Sunday</i>
Wednesday, March 2	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>
Friday, March 11	<i>Gumbo</i>
Sunday, March 27	<i>A Concert of Remembrance: Fauré Requiem</i>
Saturday, April 9	<i>Lenten Quiet Day</i>
	<i>Parish Work Day</i>
Sunday, April 10	<i>Palm Sunday</i>
Thursday, April 14	<i>Maundy Thursday & Altar of Repose</i>
Friday, April 15	<i>Good Friday & Stations of the Cross</i>
Saturday, April 16	<i>Easter Egg Hunt & Easter Vigil</i>
Sunday, April 17	<i>Easter Sunday</i>
Friday, April 29	<i>Crawfish Boil</i>
Sunday, May 15	<i>Hymn Festival with guest director Dr. Patrick Scott</i>
Sunday, May 22	<i>End of Program Year</i>

Please note: events are subject to change in the interest of the health and safety of our St. James family. Stay up to date on programs and events through our website, weekly emails, and social media pages.

MINISTRIES: WORSHIP

ACOLYTES

The ministry of acolytes is one of the most ancient of the church, dating back more than seventeen centuries. Acolytes play an important role in the service by leading the processions of the service by carrying symbols of our faith, such as crosses and torches. Acolytes also assist the clergy with preparing the altar for Holy Communion. Children and youth from third grade through high school are welcome to join this ministry. **Contact:** **Caroline Ross, carolineross@cox.net**



ALTAR GUILD

Altar Guild is a group of individuals who serve God by preparing and tending the place in which we worship. The Altar Guild works behind the scenes but is vital to each and every worship service. Members prepare the altar for Sunday and Wednesday services, holy days and other special services, such as funerals and weddings. The Altar Guild also has the privilege of caring for the sacraments of bread and wine, as well as for the sacred vessels and linens used during the communion services. **Contact:** **Jane Christensen, tqmsystems@aol.com**

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Eucharistic Ministers have the sacred responsibility of assisting in distribution of the holy elements during the Eucharist. **Contact:** **Fr. Chris Duncan, cduncan@stjamesbr.org**

SUNDAY GREETERS

Sundays | 10:15am

Welcoming our guests and making them feel at home is an important role for all of St. James Episcopal Church parishioners. Our Sunday Greeters are at the forefront of welcoming visitors. Sunday Greeters arrive at church at 10:15 to welcome visitors to our largest service, and they stay after to answer questions. **Contact:** **Mimi Riche', mriche@gmriche@cox.net**

LECTORS

Lectors read the appointed scripture lessons or prayers of the people during church services. Lectors are needed for all services on Sunday and for special services throughout the church year. **Contact:** **Shirley Young, shirleyyoung51@cox.net**

USHERS

Ushers have the important role of creating a friendly and welcoming atmosphere for all who attend services at St. James. Ushers greet, provide seating assistance, distribute service bulletins, collect the offering, and make sure the church is tidy after each service. **Contact:** **Gary Richards at grichards40@gmail.com**

USHERS FOR FUNERALS

Ushers for funerals provide a warm welcome and directions to guests at St. James during and burial/memorial services. This is a ministry that is both liturgical and pastoral in nature. **Contact:** **Mike Fontenot, mjfontenot4@gmail.com**



MINISTRIES: ADULT FORMATION

At St. James, we understand discipleship as a lifelong journey traveled in the context of a loving community. To that end, we are pleased to offer a variety of Adult Formation opportunities in both large- and small-group settings.

WEEKDAY PROGRAMS

RECTOR'S TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays | 8:15am

Each Tuesday morning, get a sneak-peak at the Sunday readings with Fr. Chris as he unpacks the context of each lesson and then facilitates a thoughtful discussion. This new ministry is open to all members of the congregation. **Contact: Fr. Chris, cduncan@stjamesbr.org**

SAINT MARY'S GROUP

second Tuesday of each month | 6:30pm

This intergenerational group of women gathers monthly to facilitate thought-provoking conversations and celebrate female fellowship. The group meets monthly at different members' homes for dinner, drinks and conversation. Short on time? A specific chapter or passage will be emailed to the group before each gathering as the main topic of discussion. **Contact: Jeanne Davis, jeannelyonsdavis@gmail.com**

Love is the Way by Bishop Michael Curry

September 14 Lana Venable

October 12 Jeanne Davis

November 9 Traci Thompson

A Rhythm of Prayer: A Collection of Meditations for Renewal by Sarah Bessey

January 11 Margaret Boudreaux

February 14 Caroline Ross

March 14 Kathryn Clifton

April 12 Bobbi Crouch

SENIOR MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays | 11am-noon

The Senior Men's Bible Study meets weekly in the Library located on the second floor of the Ministries Center. **Contact: Phillip Wright, carfiwrt@cox.net**

SAINT JOAN OF ARC GROUP

first Wednesday of each month | noon

After an 18-month hiatus due to COVID restrictions, Joan of Arc meetings will resume in October. St. Joan of Arc is a gathering for scholarship and fellowship. The meetings consist of a light lunch, fellowship, and a brief interactive presentation. Meetings will be held both in Coleman Hall and in members' homes. *Women's Voices in the Church* is the topic of discussion for 2021-2022. **Contact: Denise Allen, dmlallen@bellsouth.net**

October 6: Catered fellowship luncheon | Coleman Hall

November 3: led by Father Don | hosted by Helen Campbell

December 1: Catered Christmas luncheon | Coleman Hall

January 5: "Women in Ministry" led by Canon Shannon Duckworth | hosted by Becky Johnson

February 2: Hymns written by women led by Shannon Gallier | Coleman Hall/Church

March 2: noon service followed by light lunch in Coleman Hall

April 6: Mary Magdalene led by Marsha Wade | hosted by Mary Boutwell

May 4: Women of St. James Church | location TBA

QUIET DAYS

During the seasons of Advent and Lent, St. James will host quiet days. These will afford the opportunity to explore topical questions and themes in depth and will be led by leading spiritual thinkers and authors.

Advent Quiet Day | Saturday, Dec. 11

St. James is pleased to host The Rt. Rev. Jake Owensby, Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Western Louisiana. Bishop Owensby, sought-after teacher, preacher, and spiritual guide, will facilitate a day of reflection and retreat on themes and scriptures of Advent.

Lenten Quiet Day | Saturday, April 9

St. James is pleased to host Brother Todd van Alstyne, OP. A Friar in the Anglican Order of Preachers, Br. Todd regularly preaches and leads retreats around the region. He currently serves as Chaplain and Religion Teacher at St. Andrew's School in New Orleans. During his time with us, Br. Todd will facilitate a day of reflection on prayer.

MINISTRIES: ADULT FORMATION

SUNDAY PROGRAMS

ADULT FORUM

Sundays | 9:10-10:10am

The Sunday Adult Forum offers a large-group setting in which we explore questions, themes, and scriptures pertinent to a life of faith. Unless advertised otherwise, the Forum will meet in Bishops Hall. **Contact:** Fr. Drew, dharm@stjamesbr.org

One Parish, One Book

Sept 12, 19, 26, Oct 3, 10

Our parish-wide formation opportunity will be a weekly book study of Rowan Williams' *Being Disciples: Essentials of the Christian Life*. Topics to be considered will include hope, forgiveness, and faith in society. Electronic and hardcopy sign-ups will be circulated for those wishing to participate. Copies of the book will also be made available.

Exploring the Scriptures: The Gospel of John

Oct 17, 24, 31, Nov 7

This four-week series will delve into themes, questions, and passages in the Gospel of John. This series will feature guest presenter The Very Rev. Cynthia Kittredge, ThD, Dean, President, and Professor of New Testament at Seminary of the Southwest.

The Sacramental Imagination of C. S. Lewis

Dec 5, 12, 19

Dr. Ed Henderson, parishioner and Professor Emeritus of Philosophy at LSU, will lead us through selections of C.S. Lewis's fictional work *The Screwtape Letters*. Join us as we think together through the challenges of temptation and deception that are all too common to the Christian life.

A User's Guide to the Church Calendar

Jan 30, Feb 6, 13

Ever wonder what the different liturgical colors mean or why there are no weddings during Lent? Curious about the origin of the Advent wreath or what's so "ordinary" about Ordinary Time? Come to this three-week class in which we will explore the historical development, theology, and use of the Church calendar over the centuries.

Prayer Practices in the Christian Tradition

March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3

During the Lenten season, we'll explore different prayer practices in the Christian tradition. Each week we'll learn a bit about a particular way of praying and put it into practice. Practices included will be the Daily Office, Contemplative Prayer, Lectio Divina, Examen, and The Jesus Prayer.

We believe in God: The Nicene Creed in History and Practice

May 1, 8, 15, 22

Our Easter Adult Forum time will be dedicated to exploring a staple of our common worship: the Nicene Creed. Clergy-scholars from across the country will be our guides as we explore the history, content, and the Church's use of the Creed. Presenters will include J. Warren Smith (Duke Divinity), Frederick Bauerschmidt (Loyola University, MD), and Rebecca Lyman (Church Divinity School of the Pacific).

COFFEE & CONVERSATION LECTIONARY STUDY

Sundays | 9:10-10:10am

For those desiring a small-group formation, St. James is pleased to offer Coffee & Conversation, a discussion-based lectionary study. This group is lay-led and a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and reflection. Coffee & Conversation will meet at The Vintage, a downtown café located at 333 Laurel Street.



MINISTRIES: FAMILY & YOUTH

St. James is home to families of all shapes and sizes, with children of all ages. We strive to provide a dynamic and transformative spiritual experience for our youngest members and their families. Detailed below are the various opportunities available for family ministry formation and fellowship.

NURSERY

The St. James nursery is made available to children (infant–age 4) on Sundays, beginning thirty minutes prior to the main service until noon. For Holy Days and events, the nursery is also open to families who desire it. The nursery is professionally staffed with eight caregivers, all having completed national church safety certification and training.



CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Children's Chapel is an opportunity for children to experience regular worship practices at an age-appropriate level. During the main Sunday morning service, and following the Collect of the Day, children are invited to participate in chapel by gathering at the back of the church. They return in time for communion with their families. The service, designed for children third grade and under, includes prayers, a Gospel lesson, and activity.

FAMILY MINISTRY EVENTS

In addition to regular programming, St. James offers various fellowship opportunities for families and children. Recent examples include, Summer Family Fundays, Easter Egg Hunt, Back-to-School Bash with Blessing of the Backpacks, and the Feast of St. James celebration.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School programming is designed to spark a love for Bible-based learning for young members (PreK-5th grade). Using art, drama, music, digital media, bible trivia, games, videos, and science, students interact with scripture in two to four different ways. Youth are also invited to serve as class helpers. The Sunday School begins mid-September and runs through May.



MINISTRIES: FAMILY & YOUTH



YOUTH

Youth (6th–12th grade) are invited to participate in the Baton Rouge Episcopal Youth Community (BR EYC), a collaborative group of area-Episcopal churches. The BR EYC is a wonderful opportunity to get to know other youth in Episcopal congregations around the city in a fun, low-stress way. Included is a schedule of gatherings for this program year.

BR EYC 2021-2022 PROGRAM YEAR

FALL HAPPENING

September 10-12

This diocesan-wide event at the Solomon Retreat Center is open to high school youth.

AXE THROWING & DINNER

September 19

Meet at Civil Axe Throwing and then join for dinner at Curbside Burgers.

CAPTURE THE FLAG + COLOR RUN

October 17

St. Luke's hosts a large capture the flag event, but with powdered color dye.

SERVE SUNDAY

November 14

St. James will host and coordinate Serve Sunday, a dedicated day of service in the BR community. One site in the community will be for all deanery youth.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 19

Gather at St. James for a Christmas gift exchange, fake snow snowman building contest, and cookie making.

MINI EYC!!

We invite 3rd–5th Graders to participate in the following events:

October 17: Capture the Flag + Color Run

December 19: Annual Christmas Party

March 20: Top Golf

May 22: End of Year Party

SPRING HAPPENING

January 7-9

This diocesan-wide event at the Solomon Retreat Center is open to high school youth.

LOCK-IN @ ST. LUKE'S

January 15-16

Head over to St. Luke's for a lock-in filled with games, activities, and plenty of food.

OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

February 13

St. Luke's will host an outdoor movie, complete with popcorn and hot chocolate.

TOP GOLF

March 20

Meet at Top Golf to test out your swing.

NEW BEGINNINGS

March 25-27

This diocesan-wide event at the Solomon Retreat Center is open to middle school youth.

TUNICA HILLS HIKE

April 24

Join us for a trek around the beautiful Tunica Hills Wilderness.

END OF YEAR PARTY

May 22

Celebrate the close of an awesome year with some fun in the sun.

MINISTRIES: FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship at St. James centers on the sharing of our spiritual life, as we grow in faith and walk alongside one another throughout life's seasons. Below is a sampling of our Fellowship activities for the upcoming program year.

BAD GIRLS BOOK CLUB

third Monday of each month | 6pm

The St. James Bad Girls Book Club is a women's group that meets monthly to read and discuss timely books, enjoy an informal meal, and socialize. The group generally meets at La Madeleine on Jefferson Highway, unless otherwise noted in communications. **Contact:** **Joan Moore, joanvmore63@gmail.com**

September 20: *Olive Again* by Elizabeth Stout

October 18: *The Rose Code* by Kate Quinn

November 15: *The Island Sea Women* by Lisa Lee

December: No meeting

January 17, 2022: *One Two Three* by Laurie Frankel

ST. JAMES YOUNG ADULTS

every third Tuesday | 7pm

The young adults group seeks to create space for members and friends of St. James to gather in fellowship, worship, and learning. This is an opportunity to connect with your peers in new ways as we explore what it means to be a Christian and an Episcopalian in today's world. **Contact:** **Laura Sorey, lc.sorey@gmail.com**

WINE, CHEESE, AND A QUESTION (A VIRTUAL GATHERING)

Wednesdays | 5pm

This virtual gathering began as a way to maintain and build community during the time of required social distancing in the Spring of 2020. The group, led by Fr. Don & Kathy White, gathers via Zoom each week. Father Don provides a thought-provoking reflection and questions for discussion. **Contact:** **Mary Boutwell, mboutwell@stjamesbr.org**



FOYER GROUPS

Foyer is a French word meaning "hearthside," implying the warmth of a close, small group of friends sharing a common love and concern for each other. At St. James, our Foyer Groups, are small groups of eight who gather together on a regular but informal basis for purely social reasons- to enjoy one another's company, to strengthen bonds of community, and to meet new church members. There is no agenda or plan, just casual fellowship and a refreshing meal. Groups are made up of singles, couples, young people, retired folks; in other words, a cross-section of the congregation. Foyer groups sign-up is in August/September. The groups meet four times over the Program Year, rotating homes. **Contact:** **Brent Caldwell caldwellbn@cox.net**



MINISTRIES: FELLOWSHIP

THE JAMES GANG

The James Gang is comprised of mostly retired individuals in our community who gather for luncheons, day trips, and other outings throughout the year, staying active, involved, and building new friendships. **Contact: John Cadwallader at jgcad@i-notification.net or 225.938.4441**

September 21: *Tour of LSU Water Campus*

Meet at the front doors of the LSU Water Campus, 1110 S. River Rd. at 10:30am. Lunch at Pastime Pizza to follow.

October 21: *Visit to Congregation B’Nai Israel, Rabbi Batsheve Appel*

Meet outside the Congregation B’nai, 3354 Kleinert Avenue at 11am. Lunch at Acme Oyster House to follow.

November 9: *Visit to Avery Island: Tabasco Factory/Jungle Gardens followed by a tour of the Joseph Jefferson/Rip Van Winkle House and Botanical Gardens on Jefferson Island*
Lunch at the Joseph Jefferson/Rip Van Winkle House café between tours. Information regarding transportation and tour costs will be provided as the date of the tours approaches.

For the Spring of 2021, plans are underway for the James Gang to tour Vermillionville in Lafayette and to visit the Islamic Center of Baton Rouge.



EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY GRADUATE GROUP

Education for Ministry graduates meet during the months of October-November and January-May. The purpose is to gather as graduates of the EfM program for a spiritual feeding. Each month someone volunteers to present a brief lesson followed by a hearty group discussion. Any format and topic will do. The most important thing is that we continue to use our theological reflection skills, our life-time experiences, our knowledge of the bible and tradition to hold a rich discussion about the chosen subject. **Contact: Nancy Jo Poirrer, npstudio@bellsouth.net**

October 14 Mary Boutwell

November 11 Frances Garland

January 13 Martha Yancey

February 10 Barbara Sims

March 10 TBD

April 14 Lolly Martin

May 12 Nancy Jo and Hillary Poirrer

GARDEN GUILD

October 16, December 18, April 9 | 9am

The gardens of St. James are a welcoming reminder of God’s creation and an invitation to others to get to know our parish. The Garden Guild’s mission is to maintain and enhance these spaces for the enjoyment of our parish and our city. Parishioners will meet periodically to work in the gardens. All are welcome to volunteer! In fact, this is a great opportunity for families. **Contact: Steve Boutwell, steve.boutwell@keanmiller.com**



MINISTRIES: FELLOWSHIP

SAINT JAMES ARTISTS GUILD

The St. James Artist Guild is for any practicing artist and member of St. James. Two parish exhibits are scheduled yearly – the Summer Show in July and Holiday Exhibition in November. Both are held in Coleman Hall.

Contact: Nancy Jo Poirrer,
npstudio@bellsouth.net



WEDDING GUILD

Marriage is a joyous celebration and is considered a Holy Sacrament in the Episcopal faith. The St. James Wedding Guild members help ensure weddings go as planned by providing assistance to the clergy, the wedding parties, and the families involved with weddings at St. James. **Contact:** Sue Larisey,
lariseysue@gmail.com

HOLY GRILLERS

The Holy Grillers is a group of men who enjoy grilling and fellowship for church events. **Contact:** John Cadwallader, jgcad@i-notification.com



GUMBO

Gumbo is St. James' premier opportunity for fellowship and involvement while we invite our downtown neighbors into our church home for a gumbo luncheon and dinner. Funds raised are dedicated to outreach and special projects of the church. Fifty volunteers are needed at each Gumbo event during Lent to bring our "pop-up" gumbo shop to life. Volunteers answer phones, take orders, serve, cashier, wash dishes, and greet visitors. **Contact:** Mary Boutwell,
mboutwell@stjamesbr.org



MINISTRIES: MUSIC MINISTRY

The Music Ministry at St. James is a comprehensive program encompassing musicians of all skill levels and ages. We believe that music in worship is an outward expression of our faith in God. It is, therefore, our goal to produce the highest possible standard of music-making, music as a living sacrifice of time and talent to our Creator. Contact: Shannon Gallier, sgallier@stjamesbr.org

SUNDAY MUSIC

With a newly renovated nave and the arrival of our long-awaited new organ, music on Sunday mornings is again a feast of the senses. From the roaring of the organ to the angelic singing of the St. Cecilia Choir, Sunday's music engages the musical and non-musical alike in deep, transcendent worship. We encourage you to participate fully in the music at St. James. Sing hymns, those treasure troves of spiritual vocabulary and solace, with courage. Engage in active listening as the choir sings the psalm and anthems. Surround yourself with beautiful, timeless, holy music.



CHOIRS

St. James has two principal choirs.

St. James Choir

rehearsals Wednesdays | 7-8:45pm

The St. James Choir is made up of adult professionals, known as the "Schola," alongside adult volunteers. A new Choral Scholar program is now open to high school and undergraduate-aged singers, in which young musicians can receive a stipend for singing with the St. James Choir. The St. James Choir is open to anyone who can commit to the schedule, who can match pitch, and who has a basic understanding of how to read music.

St. Cecilia Choir

rehearsals Thursdays | 6-7:30pm

The St. Cecilia Choir is made up young singers, aged 11-18, who are trained in the curriculum of the Royal School of Church Music. In the St. Cecilia Choir, choristers learn the basics of musicianship, how to read music, vocal technique, and so much more.



MUSIC MINISTRY EVENTS

Choir Sunday *September 12 | 10:30am*

The combined St. James and St. Cecilia Choirs will officially kick off the 2021-2022 choral season with music fit for a feast day at the 10:30am service. Including Parry's immortal "I was glad," which has been sung at every English coronation since 1902. Organ voluntaries will be the rousing "Fanfare" of Percy Whitlock and the colorful "Epilogue" of Herbert Howells. Following the 10:30am service, the Choirs will host a special coffee hour in Coleman Hall to celebrate the beginning of the program year.

Dedicatory Organ Recital *October 24 | 5pm*

Join us for the first recital on St. James' new Goulding & Wood pipe organ. World-renowned concert organist Todd Wilson will perform a varied recital displaying the colors and versatility of Goulding & Wood's Opus 53. Mr. Wilson is head of the Organ Department at the Cleveland Institute of Music and Director of Music at Cleveland's Trinity Episcopal Cathedral. He is the winner of numerous national and international awards and prizes. The organ builders will also be in attendance. A reception will follow in Coleman Hall, where attendees are invited to greet the artist and organ builders.

Choral Evensong in observance of All Saints' Day *November 7 | 4:40pm, pre-service organ recital, Austin Clark, organist | 5pm, Choral Evensong*

Join us in celebrating the Feast of All Saints' Day with Choral Evensong, an evening service filled with scripture, prayers, and timeless music. The combined St. James and St. Cecilia Choirs will sing music of Gerald Near, Peter Moger, Herbert Howells, and the beloved anthem, "And I saw a new heaven," by Australian composer Edgar Bainton. A reception will follow the service in Coleman Hall.

Noontime Advent Organ Recitals

Wednesdays in Advent | noon

Noontime recitals performed by local organists, featuring music of the season

December 1

December 8

December 15

December 22

Downtown Christmas Pilgrimage

December 12

Join the wider community as we celebrate the season with a Downtown Christmas Music Pilgrimage. Walk between downtown churches for a brief program of seasonal music, reflecting each church's style and tradition. The combined choirs of St. James will offer music for Advent and Christmas in a preview of their December 19 service of Lessons and Carols.

5:30pm | Mt. Zion First Baptist Church

6pm | First United Methodist Church

6:30pm | First Presbyterian Church

7pm | St. Joseph Cathedral

7:30pm | St. James Episcopal Church

8pm | First Baptist Church

Christmas Lessons & Carols *December 19*

4:30pm, pre-service organ recital, Shannon

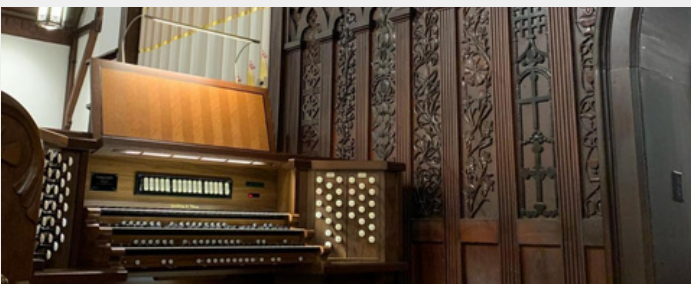
Gallier, organist | 5:00pm, Lessons & Carols

Join us for our annual service of Christmas Lessons & Carols, a service which tells the story of God's redeeming love, from creation through the present day, in timeless music for the season. Director of Music Shannon Gallier will perform a half-hour pre-service recital featuring seasonal organ music, and a champagne & shortbread reception will follow in Coleman Hall.

The Nativity of Our Lord: Christmas Eve

December 24 | 5 & 8pm

Our observance of Christmas Eve will feature the choirs of St. James, as well as orchestra, as the choirs offer Mozart's "Missa Brevis in C" in the celebration of the first Eucharist of Christmas.



MINISTRIES: MUSIC MINISTRY



Lenten Compline Series

Sundays in Lent | 7pm

Each Sunday in Lent, a different choral ensemble from St. James, as well as one guest ensemble, will offer sung Compline to end the day. Compline, with roots in the monastic tradition, is a beautiful, quiet service with meditative music and chant. Each service of Compline will be preceded by a 20-minute musical meditation at 6:40pm, performed by local musicians.

A Concert of Remembrance: Fauré Requiem

April 3 | 5pm

Join us in commemorating the lives of those lost in the COVID-19 pandemic in a memorial concert featuring Gabriel Fauré's sublime "Requiem in D minor," featuring the Choirs of St. James and orchestra with proceeds going to local charities. Other works in the concert will include Samuel Barber's "Adagio for Strings" and haunting Fauré's "Pavane."

Hymn Festival *May 15 | 5pm*

Join the combined choirs of St. James and special guest Conductor and Organist, Dr. Patrick Scott in a festival of hymns and scripture, celebrating the rich tradition of hymnody in the Episcopal and Anglican traditions. A gala reception will follow the event. Dr. Patrick Scott, a student of the renowned church musician Gerre Hancock, has been the winner of numerous improvisation competitions and is in demand as a choral clinician and organ recitalist. He serves as Director of Music and Organist at Grace and St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Memphis, Tennessee.



MINISTRIES: PASTORAL CARE

The Pastoral Care Ministries at St. James seek to create and maintain meaningful connections by extending the expression of Christian love and fellowship to all parishioners and visitors. The various Pastoral Care Ministries accomplish this by offering emotional, social, and spiritual support through phone calls, cards, visitation, meals, and more.

FLOWERS FROM THE ALTAR

This group of volunteers brings friendship and flowers to parishioners who are homebound by freshening the altar flowers to create new arrangements and delivering these to their home. **Contact: Barrie Griffin, lnblee@aol.com**



SAINT MARTHA'S GUILD

St. Martha's Guild members serve as hostesses for visitations held in the church parlor before or after funerals. The volunteer members prepare the parlor to receive guests, assist with receiving floral gifts, keep track of the gift cards, and help with the refreshments. **Contact: Mary Boutwell, mboutwell@stjamesbr.org**

FRIENDS FEEDING FRIENDS

Friends Feeding Friends at St. James was cooked up from a desire to help members of our church family who are recovering from an illness, bringing home a new baby, recovering from surgery, or laboring under other special circumstances. Our volunteers prepare or pick up a pre-made meal and deliver as a gift from their personal resources and time to those in need. **Contact: Kathryn Clifton, kat.b.clifton@gmail.com**

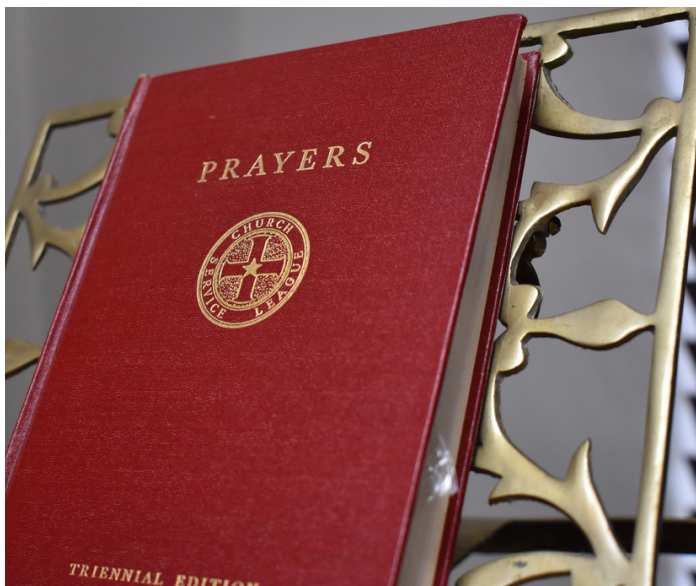


MINISTRIES: PASTORAL CARE

PRAYER MINISTRY

St. James is a community of prayer. We gather as a community on Sundays, during the week, and our Day School gathers twice a week. For those willing to commit themselves to praying for those on our prayer list, the prayer list will be sent to you during the week. We simply ask that you pray for each person on the list. You might commit to doing this one day a week, or to praying daily. The purpose is to offer up those on the list, in your home or some quiet place, so that the individuals on the list will have the prayer support of many people.

Contact: Monica Dugas,
mdugas@stjamesbr.org



EUCCHARISTIC VISITOR MINISTRY

The Eucharistic Visitor Ministry is a ministry of trained visitors who bring communion to members of the St. James community who are homebound and cannot attend Sunday worship service. **Contact:** Mary Boutwell,
mboutwell@stjamesbr.org

HOSPITAL VISITS

The clergy of St. James are committed to pastoral care and make hospital visits on a rotating schedule. Because of patient privacy policies, it is important to notify the church if you, a loved one, or another member of the congregation is hospitalized and would like a pastoral call or to receive communion. **Contact:** Monica Dugas, mdugas@stjamesbr.org

GRIEF RECOVERY WORKSHOP

begins September 14 | 5:30pm

St. James is happy to partner once again with the Grief Recovery Center of Baton Rouge to offer an eight-session Grief Recovery Workshop. Grief can be triggered by many different types of loss, such as death, illness, isolation, job situation, etc. All of this has been further compounded by COVID-19. The group will be led by Esther Sachse, LCSW-BACS, CT, LSW-C.

The workshop is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, September 14 and will meet for eight consecutive weeks in the parlor of Coleman Hall. In the interest of maintaining proper group dynamics, space will be limited to 12 individuals. **Contact:** Mary Boutwell,
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MINISTRIES: OUTREACH

St. James's Outreach Ministries flow out of our common worship life together. As a parish community, we are committed to the pursuit of justice and peace for the sake of our community and the larger city of Baton Rouge. To that end, St. James is also pleased to partner with local organizations to support individuals experiencing a variety of need.

ST. JAMES FOOD PANTRY & DRIVE-THRU DISTRIBUTION

third Saturday of each month | 7:30-10:30am

St. James' Food Pantry has served as a distribution point of the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank since the 1980s. Non-perishable food items are distributed each month. In conjunction with local and national health protocols, a drive-thru distribution model was adapted. Those in need of food without a vehicle may also receive via walk-up service. Volunteers assist in welcoming and registering recipients, as well as filling and preparing bags for distribution. **Contact: Doug LeBleu, dlebleutr@gmail.com**

September 18, 2021
October 16, 2021
November 20, 2021
December 18, 2021

January 22, 2022
(changed in light of the Louisiana Marathon)
February 19, 2022
March 19, 2022
April 23, 2022 (changed in light of Easter)
May 21, 2022



WE CARE BAGS

We Care bags are simple snack bags handed out to our downtown neighbors who are hungry. Regular sign-ups are circulated, and volunteers assist in filling 125 bags per week. Bags are currently delivered to the Christian Outreach Center (1427 Main Street) for safe distribution. **Contact: Allyson and Tommy Cunningham, allysoncunningham46@gmail.com**



HEARTY BREAKFASTS

every fifth Sunday | 8am

Every fifth Sunday, a Hearty Breakfast is served in Bishops Hall to those who are hungry. Food is provided through St. James' cafeteria service. Volunteers assist in greeting and serving guests. **Contact: Nancy Jo Poirrier, npstudio@bellsouth.net**

October 31, 2021
January 30, 2022
May 29, 2022

MINISTRIES: OUTREACH

ANGEL TREE

St. James Episcopal Church shares the joy of Christmas by partnering with the Salvation Army and Volunteers of America. The Salvation Army and the Volunteers of America provide lists of those in need. Parishioners are invited to “adopt” a child by selecting their ornament, and donating Christmas gifts using the detailed information about them from their ornament. Angel trees, complete with ornaments and instructions, go up in early November, with gifts due the first part of December. **Contact: Betsy Harper, bharper@stjameseds.org**



SERVE SUNDAYS

November 14 & February 20

In addition to these regular ministries, St. James' Outreach Committee is pleased to announce the addition of “Serve Sundays” to the 2021–2022 program year. Serve Sundays are dedicated to providing parishioners of all ages opportunities to participate in impactful service projects, both here at St. James and throughout the community. A list of projects will be published in advance of the dates for parishioners to sign up.

ST. JAMES CHRISTMAS FEAST

December 12

The St. James Christmas Feast takes place each year in early-mid December, offering our neighbors in need a delicious meal and a gift bag, which includes basic health and cold-weather items. The Christmas Feast takes place in Bishops Hall, and volunteers assist in greeting guests, serving food, and packing gift bags. **Contact: Nancy Jo Poirrier, npstudio@bellsouth.net and Margaret Blades, mblades@cox.net**

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL

St. James Episcopal Day School was founded as a kindergarten by Mrs. Doris deBessonnet in 1948. The school was given official status as a ministry of St. James Church in 1951. Today, St. James Episcopal Day School, a ministry of St. James Episcopal Church, is committed to developing each child's unique gifts by providing a strong foundation combining academic excellence and spiritual formation within a warm, loving, Christian community. The school welcomes students two-years-old through fifth grade. As a back-to-back National Blue Ribbon School, St. James focuses on the whole child, giving them an exceptional education that blends the best of traditional education with 21st-century technology and methodology. **For more information visit www.stjameseds.org, call 225-344-0805, or email info@stjameseds.org.**





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