

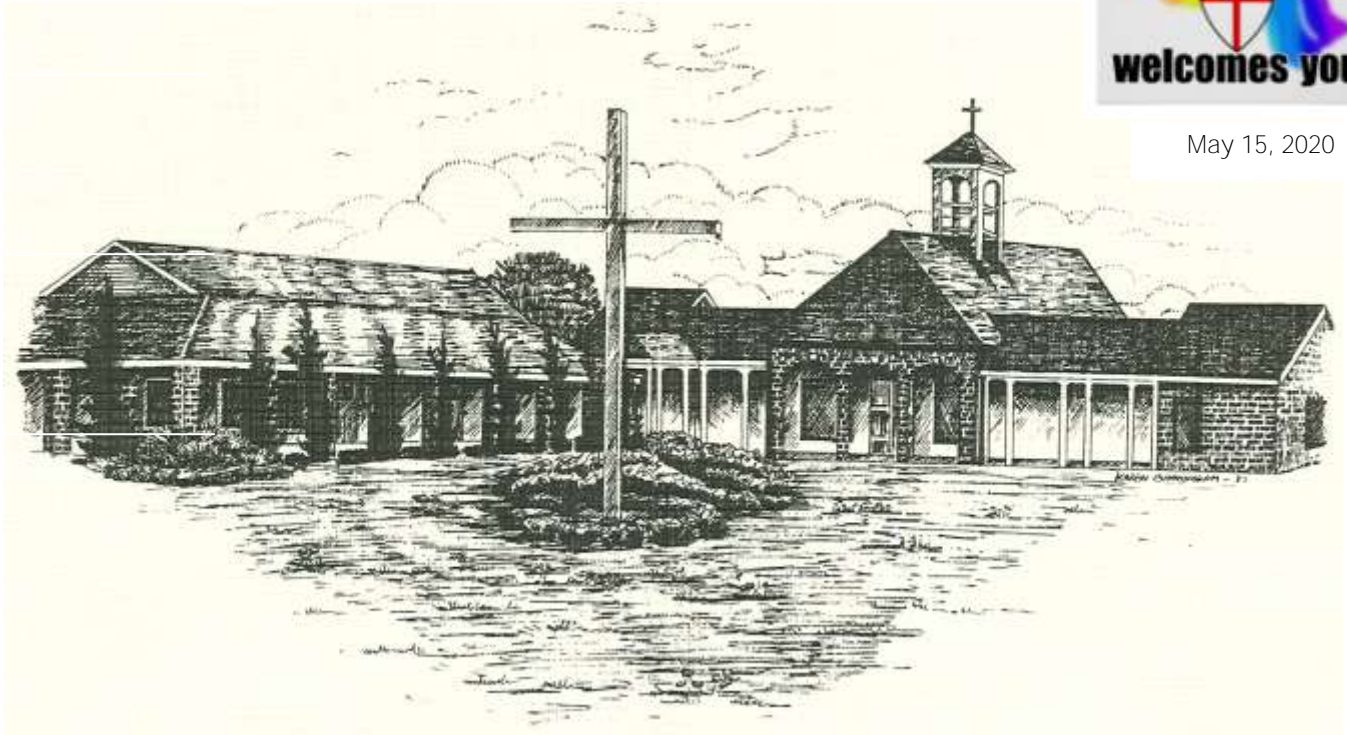
# The Spirit of St. James

The Newsletter from St. James Episcopal Church

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*A Message from our Priest*

We've been out of church for two months now and as we look ahead to a gradual reopening it is clear that we won't be flipping a switch and returning to our normal way of life together. There are still many unknowns and the practices that will be required of us to keep each other safe are still being worked out. But the diocese has begun to have those conversations and I hope we'll be able to develop those guidelines in the coming weeks.

In the meantime, the church continues to carry out its mission. The office continues to run (from home), the vestry continues to meet (via Zoom) and craft a vision for operating in this new context, outreach continues in its efforts, parishioners continue to reach out to one another, and we all continue in that most essential function of the Church: to pray. It is the one thing that the Church can offer to the world that no other organization can. Through your continued support and your continued prayers we will get through this, we will adapt as circumstances require, and we will gather up the praise and the thanksgivings of the world and offer them to God as only we can.

*In Christ,  
-Fr. James*



Our normal services and gatherings may be motified but we can still offer aid. If you or anyone you know is in need, Outreach may be able to help. For more information contact Kathy Watkins at [kathy-wat@att.net](mailto:kathy-wat@att.net) or (318) 564-6519.

June 1

1 Samuel 2:1-10  
Romans 12:9-16b/a>  
Luke 1:39-57  
Psalm 113

June 2

2 Peter 3:11-18  
Mark 12:13-17  
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

June 3

2 Timothy 1:1-12  
Mark 12:18-27  
Psalm 123

June 4

2 Timothy 2:8-15  
Mark 12:28-34  
Psalm 25:1-12

June 5

2 Timothy 3:10-17  
Mark 12:35-37  
Psalm 119:161-168

June 6

2 Timothy 4:1-8  
Mark 12:38-44  
Psalm 71:8-17

June 8

1 Kings 17:1-6  
Matthew 5:1-12

Psalm 121

June 9

1 Kings 17:7-16  
Matthew 5:13-16  
Psalm 4

June 10

1 Kings 18:20-39  
Matthew 5:17-19  
Psalm 16:1,6-11

June 11

Isaiah 42:5-12  
Acts 11:19-30;13:1-3  
Matthew 10:7-16  
Psalm 112

June 12

1 Kings 19:9-16  
Matthew 5:27-32  
Psalm 27:10-18

June 13

1 Kings 19:19-21  
Matthew 5:33-37  
Psalm 16:1-7

June 15

1 Kings 21:1-16  
Matthew 5:38-42  
Psalm 5:1-6

June 16

1 Kings 21:17-29  
Matthew 5:43-48  
Psalm 51:1-11

June 17

2 Kings 2:1,6-14  
Matthew 6:1-6,16-18  
Psalm 31:19-24

June 18

Sirach 48:1-14  
Matthew 6:7-15  
Psalm 97

June 19

2 Kings 11:1-4,9-20  
Matthew 6:19-23  
Psalm 132:11-19

June 20

2 Chronicles 24:17-25  
Matthew 6:24-34  
Psalm 89:19-33

June 22

2 Kings 17:5-8, 13-18  
Matthew 7:1-5  
Psalm 60

June 23

2 Kings 19:9-21, 31-36

Matthew 7:6,12-14  
Psalm 48

June 24

Isaiah 40:1-11  
Acts 13:14b-26  
Luke 1:57-80  
Psalm 85 or 85:7-13

June 25

2 Kings 24:8-17  
Matthew 7:21-29  
Psalm 79

June 26

2 Kings 25:1-12  
Matthew 8:1-4  
Psalm 137:1-6

June 27

Lamentations 2:2,10-14,18-19  
Matthew 8:5-17  
Psalm 74:1-8, 17-20

June 29

Ezekiel 34:11-16  
2 Timothy 4:1-8  
John 21:15-19  
Psalm 87

June 30

Amos 3:1-8,4:11-12  
Matthew 8:23-27

# Sunday Readings

May 15, 2020

## June 7

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Matthew 28:16-20

Psalm 8

or Canticle 13 (or Canticle 2)

## June 14

Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7)

Psalm 116:1, 10-17

Romans 5:1-8

Matthew 9:35-10:8(9-23)

## June 21

Genesis 21:8-21

Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

Romans 6:1b-11

Matthew 10:24-39

## June 28

Genesis 22:1-14

Psalm 13

Romans 6:12-23

Matthew 10:40-42

We are still accepting contributions– they can be brought to the church office, sent through the mail or sent via the internet. To send in your contribution or pledge go to <https://donorbox.org/plate-and-pledge-contributions>

Father James is leading morning prayer daily at **9:10 a.m.** via a live feed on the St. James Facebook page. Sunday morning prayer is at **10:00 a.m.** via a live feed on the St James Facebook page as well.

Reverend Boyte of the Church of the Holy Cross is leading evening prayer Monday through Friday at **6:00 p.m.** To take part in these services, go to their Facebook page.

Bishop Jake is using Facebook Live for daily meditations and Morning Prayer (see times below). To join the bishop search for [@bishopiakeowensby](#) in Facebook. If you like this page, you will receive a notification in Facebook that the bishop is streaming. Can't make it to the live version? No worries! You can always view the post later. Be sure to comment, like, and share so that others can join too. Look for Bishop Jake at these times:

Daily meditations Monday-Friday at 3:00 p.m CDT

Morning Prayer each Sunday at 10:00 a.m CDT

Are your little ones missing church? We're hosting Kid's Church via zoom every Wednesday! Kid's will get to learn about a Bible story, worship with other kids, and do a fun Bible activity! If you want your child to attend, email [chelseamaielli@gmail.com](mailto:chelseamaielli@gmail.com) with your children's names and ages. She will share the zoom meeting number and password! This is open to all kids, so please feel free to share with the kids in your life! We miss your kiddos and can't wait to see them again and praise God together.

## How to Send Your Contributions Using DonorBox



### *What is DonorBox?*

DonorBox is an online platform that allows individuals and non-profit organizations to receive donations over the internet.

### *How Do I Use DonorBox?*

Go to <https://donorbox.org/plate-and-pledge-contributions>

If you would like to donate one of the amounts provided (\$10, \$50, \$100), select your desired donation amount. If you would like to donate a different amount, enter it into blank space provided.

If your donation is for a specific purpose, such as Easter lilies or the building fund, check the box labeled “Write us a comment” and write in the purpose of your donation.

The last step on this page is to select the frequency of your donation. You can make this a one-time, weekly, monthly, or annual donation. When you have selected your donation frequency, click on the “Next” button.

On the next page, you must enter in your first and last name. If you would like to keep your donation anonymous, select the box labeled “Make donation anonymous”.

You are also required to provide your email address. Enter it in the blank labeled “Email”.

Once you have entered in your information, click on the “Next” button.

You will enter your payment information on the next page. **If you are using Google Chrome and have your card information saved to Google Pay**, you can pay by click the purple “Donate” button towards the top of the screen. You will be directed to a window to review your Google Pay information. Follow the prompts to complete your donation.

**If you are not able to use Google Pay**, enter in your payment information in the space provided. There is a processing fee that varies based on the amount being donated. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO PAY THIS FEE; to opt out uncheck the box labeled “Optionally add \$X to cover processing fee”. It should be blank. The total being donated will be listed in the green box. When you are done entering in your information click on the green box.

Once your payment has been completed you will be directed to a new window confirming the payment completion.

You will receive an email containing a receipt for the transaction.

If you do not receive an email receipt or would like a physical copy and are unable to print one, contact the office.



## Quarantine Exercise

Can you find the name of 16 books of the Bible hidden in the paragraph below?

I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible (merely by a fluke). It kept people looking so hard for the facts and for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the name of the books were not capitalized, but the truth finally struck home to numbers of readers. To others it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require judges to help them. I will quickly admit it usually takes a minister to find one of them, and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady says she brews a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete. Relax now.

There really are 16 names of books in this story!



Our new office assistant isn't the best at administrative work, but he's great at boosting morale when working in office or from home!





Where flowers bloom so does hope.

—Lady Bird Johnson



Flowers always make people better, happier and more helpful; they are sunshine, food and medicine to the soul.

—Luther Burbank



*Photos curtesy of Kathy Watkins and her green thumb*





# St. James Episcopal Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	
	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>  <b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</b> Norah Frances Ollendike Julie Glover Eason	<i>3</i>  <b>HAP</b> Stu
<i>7</i> 10:00 A.M Morning Prayer Vestry Meeting  <b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</b> Rob Chapman	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>  <b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</b> Alyssa Garner	<i>10</i>  <b>HAP</b> J T
<i>14</i> 10:00 A.M Morning Prayer	<i>15</i>  <b>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</b> Barry and Mary Taylor	<i>16</i>  <b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</b> Paul Jackson	<i>17</i>  <b>HAPPY</b> Kryst
<i>21</i> 10:00 A.M Morning Prayer	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>
<i>28</i> 10:00 A.M Morning Prayer	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>  <b>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</b> David and Charlotte Calhoun	



# June 2020

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	4	5	6
HAPPY BIRTHDAY Art Waguespack			
	11	12	13
HAPPY BIRTHDAY Jerry Howard Lina Caporossi			
	18	19	20
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY Al and Julie Eason	HAPPY BIRTHDAY Bill Thrash Wain Thompson		HAPPY BIRTHDAY Hunter Thompson
	25	26	27
		HAPPY BIRTHDAY Lonnie Howard HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Bert and Andrea Babington	



Hats off to all of our graduating seniors, and especially to **Amber Shaye Garner!**

Amber is a cradle St. James Episcopalian, and under different circumstances her church family would gather together to celebrate her success and bright future. Unfortunately, for now we must settle for sending virtual hugs and applauding via Facebook likes, phone calls and similar means.

In spite of the circumstances surrounding it, her graduation is still a cause for celebration. While his religious beliefs did not align with those held at St. James, Kurt Vonnegut had many compelling thoughts to offer concerning education, graduations and life in general- **“By becoming reasonable and informed persons, you have made this a more rational world than it was before you got here. I give you my word of honor that you graduates are near the very top of the best news I ever heard. By working so hard at becoming wise and reasonable and well-informed, you have made our little planet, our precious little moist, blue-green ball, a saner place than it was before you got here.”** Continuing with this sentiment we would like to say how proud are of all she has accomplished and all she will accomplish in helping to make our little corner of the universe a better place. **To quote another prolific author, I, and Amber’s church family wish her the best and bid to her to go and “make interesting mistakes, make amazing mistakes, make glorious and fantastic mistakes. Break rules. Leave the world more interesting for you being here. Make good art.”**

**Congratulations to Amber and the class of 2020!**



Amber is a proud 2020 graduate of North DeSoto High School. She plans to attend McNeese State University in the fall to double major in Theatre and Secondary Education.

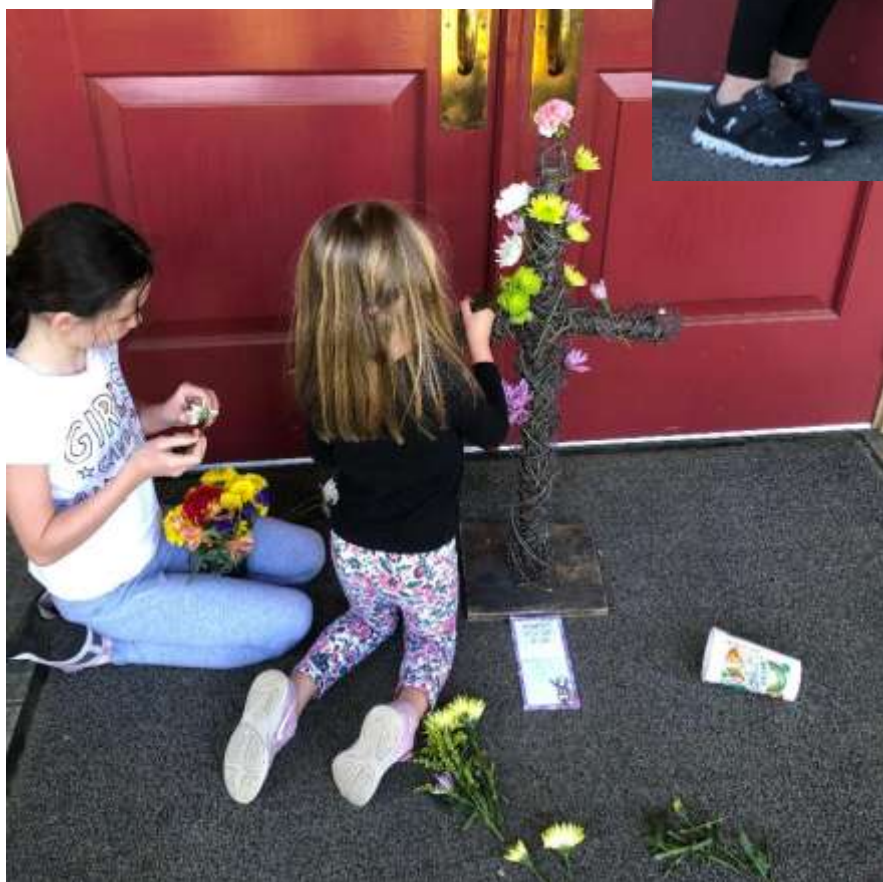




# Flowering of the Cross 2020



Mabry and Madelyn Johnson







Emersyn and Benton Ocmand

The flowering of the cross represents the transition from Good Friday to Easter, from meditation on Jesus's death to joyful celebration of his resurrection. The ceremony transforms a barren cross, a reminder of Jesus's death, into an Easter symbol. Covered with fresh, living flowers, the cross serves not only as an emblem of Jesus's resurrection but also of the continuing presence of Christ among today's Christians.

While we were not able to gather as originally planned for this year's flowering of the cross, Holly Johnson devised a plan for this annual traditions to take place. This year's flowering of the cross happened as members were able to come by the church and add their personal touches.

Eleanor Fitzpatrick



Social distancing may be the new (temporary) normal, but we can still gather together in fellowship!

On Sunday, May 17th, a small group convened at Karen McDonald's to enjoy a few hours of Bible study and fellowship. This study centered around the "Going Beyond" simulcast led by Priscilla Shirer.





With the Governor's Phase 1 announcement, churches may begin opening with some very specific limitations and reopening St. James was the main topic of discussion and planning at the vestry meeting on 5/17/20. The good news is, Sunday worship service inside our church building will begin on Pentecost, Sunday, 5/31/20. Services will have a very different look and feel as we comply with the limitations of Phase 1. An outline of our process follow:

*We will have one service at 10:00 a.m.*

*You need to make a reservation for you and your family members ahead of time to allow us to keep the 25% occupancy requirement of Phase 1 (email or contact Cortni in the office to make your reservation)*

*You must bring and wear a mask during the service*

*Seating is spaced to ensure social distancing requirements, so you may not be able to sit in your normal pew*

*Ushers will escort each person or family group to their seats*

*The prayer books and hymnals will be removed from the church*

*Individual printed service bulletins will be distributed and you are encouraged to bring this bulletin back each week for your use*

*For this phase, we will not be having communion*

*We will have music, but no singing*

*We will not pass the Peace by direct contact*

*The main front doors to the church will be left opened for entry to the church without touching the door handles*

*The double doors and side doors into the sanctuary will remain open during the service*

*There will be no coffee hour and the parish hall will remain closed*

*The sanctuary will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected between weekly services*

If you are in a high risk category, please continue to join us virtually during phase 1. Live stream or a prerecorded video will still be available online.

If you are not feeling well, running a fever, exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms, or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, please DO NOT attend in person services.

This is a lot to take in and I know seems very restrictive. Remember, our primary objective is to continue worship while keeping everyone safe. The members of St. James are strong willed and determined in the best sense! We have weathered worse and we will weather this as well.

*Sincerely,  
Debbie Fitzpatrick*

*Our Mission Statement: A COMMUNITY CALLED BY GOD TO WORSHIP,  
LOVE, AND SERVE.*

*Our Schedule of Services:*

*Sunday—Holy Eucharist, Rite I 8:30am*

*followed by Coffee Hour and donuts in the Parish Hall*

*Sunday School, 9:45am*

*Holy Eucharist, Rite II with music 11:00am*



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For resources like scripture based coloring sheets, activity sheets for older and younger children and Bible lesson based puzzles, go to <https://www.childrensbulletins.com/covid19-childrens-activities-for-churches>.

**Pray As You Go** is a daily prayer session, designed to go with you wherever you go, to help you pray whenever you find time, but particularly whilst travelling. They provide a new prayer session everyday Monday-Friday and one per weekend. If you would like to use Pray as You Go as a tool to grow in your relationship with God, go to <https://pray-as-you-go.org/> or follow them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Prayasyougo/>.

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**Vision Statement of St. James Episcopal Church:** We see St. James as a spirit-led congregation that is a beacon of God's love shining in the community, welcoming all by reaching out through worship, service, mission, and programming to bring peace and healing to all of God's children. We strive to serve our members by nourishing our faith, giving support in times of need, and becoming a congregation from which community-based outreach programs have their genesis.

