

# The Spirit of St. James

The Newsletter from St. James Episcopal Church

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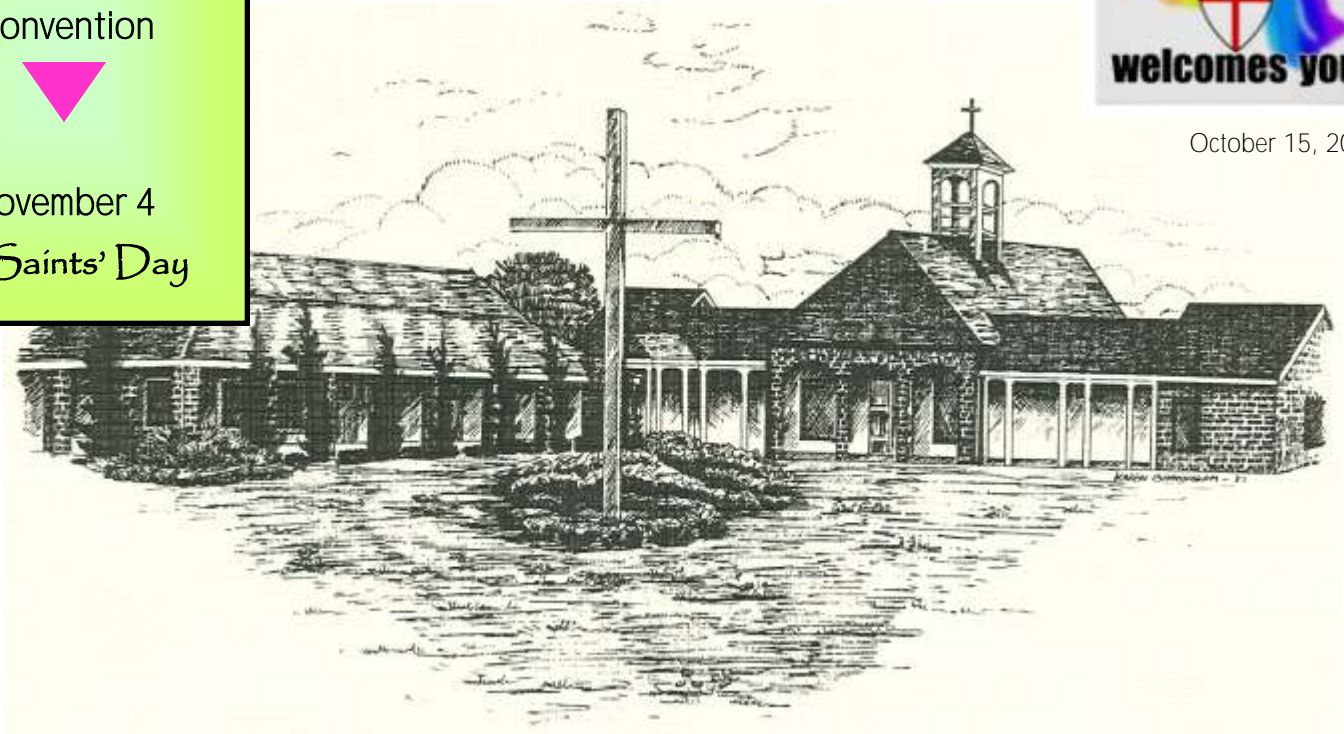


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# A MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN



A few notes from the Senior Warden...

Many of you are familiar with Father Benjamin Santana. He regularly attends services here at St. James, and has led congregations in Florida, Connecticut, and in Puerto Rico. Recently, he offered to help St. James in pastoral care and to conduct services, if the need ever arose. Well, I am happy to announce that the Diocese has given their blessing for him to lead Eucharistic services and help with pastoral care. I am sure that Father Santana will be a great benefit to the St. James community, and I am glad that he is here. ¡Bienvenido padre!

Last week, we started our stewardship campaign. Our Treasurer, Julie Eason, came up with the great theme of, “WE ARE! ST. JAMES!”, attribute to the rallying cry of the Penn State football team, to highlight our dedication to this wonderful church, similar to the dedication that many have to their favorite college football teams. But in addition to our financial giving, I would like for us to also seek to step up your commitment to Christ and the Church in another area of discipleship, wherever you see the need at St. James, so you become a more devoted disciple of Christ, and St. James is better able to serve others in the community.

Finally, I will be a “pilgrim” at Cursillo 152 on October 19-21, 2018. Please pray for me, the staff, and the other pilgrims as we prepare for this opportunity to grow in faith and spirituality.

Blessings,  
*David Scott*



## Outreach News

Thank-you to those who are getting an early start on the 2019 Backpack Program. We have two and one half bins of school supplies already gathered and stored in the Parish Hall Outreach area! To date we have several binders, a couple of pencil pouches, many pair of scissors, pencils, glue, highlighters, pink erasers, and pencil-top erasers. By now many of us have a good idea of what are the basic items always on the supply list for students: 24-packs Crayola crayons, #2 lead pencils, wide-rule notebook paper, composition notebooks, etc. As you see them on clearance at phenomenally low prices, please go ahead and pick them up. They can be stored in the Outreach Bins located in the Parish Hall. Before we make up the tags for the Angel Tree next year we will inventory what has already been donated.

Please note that the Gift of Warmth boxes are located in the Parish Hall to collect warm blankets, coats, hats, gloves, scarves, etc. for delivery to Hope House and Providence House for distribution to those in need. Please donate new or gently used items before Thanksgiving.



## STEWARDSHIP DRIVE UPDATE

As of this printing St. James has received eleven commitment cards pledging \$72,090.00 toward the general fund in 2019. Money in the general fund goes toward Outreach, ministries, salaries, and everyday expenses such as utilities and supplies. Some parishioners choose to pledge a little extra each month, designating those additional funds be placed in the Building Fund which is used only building projects, maintenance, and upkeep of the buildings and grounds.

Last year we received 34 pledge cards totaling \$129,090.00.

The 2018 budget anticipated \$195,794.64 in expenses, so we have a little ways to go to be certain we can pay all the 2019 bills...Please get those commitment cards turned in before All Saints' Day on November 4 so the Budget Committee can have accurate numbers when they meet.



*© Dan Finkel*  
"When you e-mailed us that you wanted to donate your entire life savings, we thought you'd be older."

# THE GOOD STEWARDS

Thanks to Mike Endicott for adding to his long list of tasks. He has agreed to help Ron Maberry warm pizzas twice each week for the Green Oaks football players.

Special thanks to Debbie Fitzpatrick for her dedication to finding clergy to fill all the services through the end of the year. She has received confirmation from priests for every Wednesday and Sunday and for Christmas Eve (two services). Keep watching the monthly calendars and ministry lists published in the *Spirit of St. James* to find out which of the clergy members will be here which days...or better yet, join us at 8:30am or 11am on Sundays or 10am on Wednesdays for Eucharist.

Thanks to the many priests who are providing supply services. To date we have had the following clergy members officiate: Andrew Comeaux, Robert Dandridge, Mitzi George, and Rowena White. The Reverend Benjamin Santana has recently offered his services, too. We appreciate each of them for their willingness to serve St. James.

Thanks to everyone who supported Railey Carroway by making donations at breakfast on October 7—and thanks to Railey for being our breakfast chef. We wish the drama class at Caddo Magnet High School a safe, educational, and fun journey to Scotland.

These are some of the ways that St. James makes use of the time and talents of our parishioners as we strive to be good stewards toward each other and our community.

Thank-you to Tommy Mosley for many years of service as Treasurer to St. James. I am especially appreciative for the one-on-one training I received in order to take over the responsibility. I will do my best to follow the excellent example Tommy set and will look to him for guidance as needed in his new role as Treasurer Emeritus. Please take the opportunity to thank him when you see him at church!

—Julie Eason



A Special  
THANK YOU

# WE ARE ST. JAMES!!

Fall is my favorite time of the year. This season brings so many wonderful beginnings and so much hope in a new football season, a new school year, and for the first hint of cool crispness in the air. It also brings us to our annual Stewardship campaign.

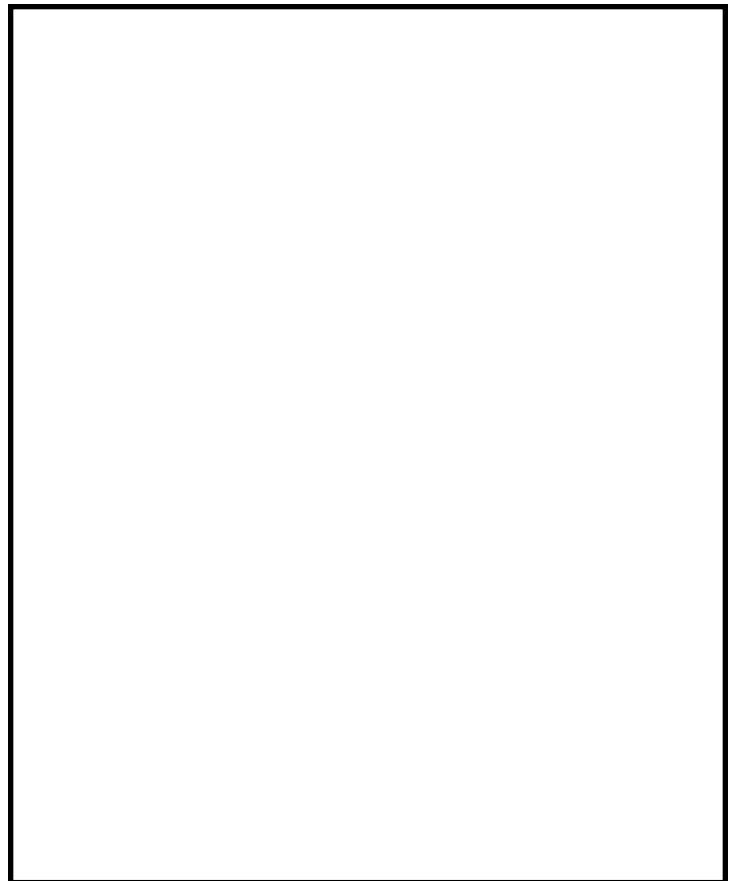
Stewardship encompasses more than just our money. It symbolizes giving our very lives to Christ. All parts of our lives – our time, our talents, and our tithes. Giving with joy in all aspects of our lives should be our goal. Not seeing the time we spend or the money we give as a sacrifice, but as a blessing that we are able to share a piece of what God has graced us with.

Prayerfully consider the commitments you will make to St. James this year – in all the aspects. Fill out the commitment card, sign up in the book in the Parish Hall to take on a new task, look **at all the wonderful things going on and join!** If you don't see something to be a part of, pray about starting something new!

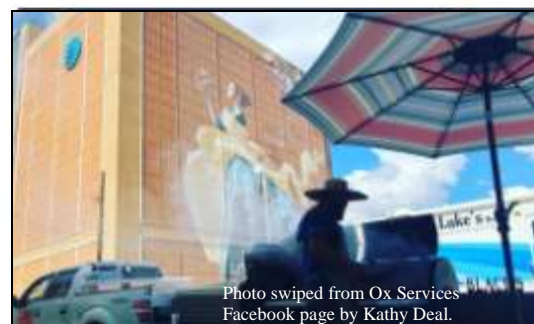
We are St. James – we are the hands and feet of Christ on this Earth – **let's get out there and make a difference!**

—*Julie Eason*

Stewardship Committee Chair



## THE MISSION CONTINUES...at Lovewell Center



St. Luke's Medical Bus was at Lovewell Center in downtown Shreveport, Tuesday, October 2, 2018. Blood pressure and blood glucose screenings were provided. Reading glasses were available to those who needed them, as well as shots for hepatitis A. Eight people took advantage of one or more of these free services.

Guili and Tomas grilled chicken leg quarters for the dinner that was to be served at 5:00 p.m. The chicken sure smelled and looked good.

*~Kathy Deal*

## IT IS BETTER TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE

We are asking that St. James parishioners give the **Gift of Warmth** when we gather for our communal Thanksgiving Day celebration. Boxes will be set up in the Parish Hall throughout the months of October and November, so anyone who wishes to donate warm coats, hats, scarves, mittens, boots, and blankets may do so. You don't have to take part in the dinner to help another person stay warm during the cold months. Let's continue to support this ministry as faithfully as we have the last several winters!



give the gift of  
**warmth**

Any time you are unable to serve as scheduled, please find a replacement or advise the Vestry Person of the Day.

## DIRECTORY UPDATE

Please add the following new information to your directory:

Chelsea Maielli and Brody Fitzpatrick are now

Brody & Chelsea Fitzpatrick  
340 Fontaine Street  
Shreveport, LA 71105  
(318) 746-2008

## FIGHT LIKE AN EMILIE—TIGER COUNTRY STYLE

The ECW invites you to join them in raising money for the Fight Like an Emilie Foundation on Saturday, November 10. The beginning time is not yet set, but if it conflicts with the LSU/Arkansas game, we will have the TV on (mute, of course) to make sure the LSU fans don't miss out.

The "Spare Time Band" will provide the music. We are so grateful to Jerry Howard & his talented daughters for a most enjoyable evening. Especially for Kristi, who is fighting her own battle with the c-monster.

Tickets will be on sale soon, and any extra donations are always welcome. The Fight Like an Emilie Foundation was created to help combat childhood cancer. Let's show our support!

— *Tina Caporossi*  
ECW President

# St. James Episcopal Church

| Sun  | Mon  | Tue              |   |
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| <p><i>Remember, November 4</i></p> <p><b>Set Your Clocks Back!</b> </p>   |  |                  |   |
| <p><b>4</b></p> <p><i>The Rev'd Mitzi George</i><br/>           8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I<br/>           9:15 AM Parish Breakfast<br/>           11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY<br/>           Nick Parker</p>  | <p><b>5</b></p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY<br/>           Beth Grunes<br/>           Happy Anniversary<br/>           Curtis &amp; Denise Shelton</p> | <p><b>6</b></p>  | <p><b>7</b> 10 a</p> <p>The Rev</p>   |
| <p><b>11</b></p> <p><i>The Rev'd Mitzi George</i><br/>           8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I<br/>           9:15 AM Coffee<br/>           11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY<br/>           Kaye Crichlow<br/>           Jessica Montelepre</p>                     | <p><b>12</b></p> <p>←Chile/ Cornbread<br/>           Saints/ Bengals Game</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY<br/>           Susan Laws</p>                | <p><b>13</b></p> | <p><b>14</b> 10 a</p> <p>The Rev</p> <p>HAP<br/>           C</p>  |
| <p><b>18</b></p> <p><i>The Rev'd Robert Dandridge</i><br/>           8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I<br/>           9:15 AM Coffee<br/>           11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II<br/>           12:30 Vestry Meeting</p> <p>Happy Anniversary<br/>           Chad &amp; Jessica Brown</p> | <p><b>19</b></p>   | <p><b>20</b></p> | <p><b>21</b> 10 a</p> <p>The Rev</p> <p>HAP</p> <p>Happy<br/>           Mike &amp;<br/>           Brand</p> |
| <p><b>25</b></p> <p><i>The Rev'd Andrew Comeaux</i><br/>           8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I<br/>           9:15 AM Coffee<br/>           11:00AM Holy Eucharist Rite II</p>   | <p><b>26</b></p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY<br/>           Karl Stumpff<br/>           Anita Holloway</p>   | <p><b>27</b></p> | <p><b>28</b> 10 a</p> <p>The Rev</p>  |



**ECW Dinner & Dance**  
**Ticket sales and**  
**Donations for**

|  | <i>All Saints day</i><br><br><i>The Rev'd Mitzi George</i><br><i>November 4</i>                   | <i>The 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday</i><br><i>After Pentecost</i><br><i>The Rev'd Mitzi George</i><br><i>November 11</i> | <i>The</i><br><i>Aft</i><br><i>The Rev's</i><br><i>N</i>                                  |
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| <b>LECTIONARY</b>  | <i>Solomon 3:1- 9</i><br><i>Psalm 24</i><br><i>Revelation 21: 1- 6a</i><br><i>John 11: 32- 44</i> | <i>Ruth 3: 1- 5; 4: 13- 17</i><br><i>Psalm 127</i><br><i>Hebrews 9: 24- 28</i><br><i>Mark 12: 38- 44</i>           | <i>I Samuel</i><br><i>I Samuel</i><br><i>Hebrews</i><br><i>19- 25</i><br><i>Marks 13:</i> |
| <b>VESTRY PERSON</b>   | <b>MATT PARKER</b>  | <b>CURTIS SHELTON</b>  | <b>DEBBIE</b>   |
| <b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</b>   | <b>8:30</b> Janie Parker<br><b>11:00</b> Ron Maberry  | Lynnette van Heerden<br>Mason Garner   | Janie Park<br>Dam Benn  |
| <b>LAY READER</b>  | <b>11:00</b> Ken Murphy   | Julie Eason  | Ken Murp  |
| <b>LECTORS</b>   | <b>8:30</b> Pat Parker<br><b>11:00</b> Sissy Brown  | Chelsea Fitzpatrick<br>Kathleen Calhoun  | Pat Parker<br>Mason Ga  |
| <b>ACOLYTES</b>  | <b>8:30</b> Melanie Winkler<br><b>11:00</b> David Scott   | Kelly Parker<br>David Scott  | Melanie W<br>David Sco  |
| <b>ALTAR GUILD</b>   | Janie Parker<br>Linda Endicott<br>Chelsea Maielli   | Kelly Parker<br>Liz Montelepre   | Kelly Park<br>Liz Monte   |
| <b>USHERS</b>  | <b>8:30</b> Pat Parker<br><b>11:00</b> Mike Kendrick<br>Mary Taylor                               | Pat Parker<br>Mike Kendrick<br>Betty McDonald  | Pat Parker<br>Mike Kenc<br>Mary Tayl  |
| <b>Supply Priest for Wednesday Service</b>                                       | <i>The Rev'd Robert Dandridge</i><br><i>will Officiate on November 7,</i><br><i>14, 21, 28</i>    |  |   |

## GIVE THANKS AS A FAMILY...WITH YOUR ST. JAMES FAMILY

What do you prepare for Thanksgiving? Turkey? Ham? Sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, salad, stuffing, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie, cake, veggie tray, fresh rolls... Instead of doing it all this year, join the St. James community for a covered dish family-style feast. Sign up to bring your favorite and taste everyone else's favorites, too. Join us for Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday, November 22, at 12:30 pm in the Parish Hall.

Due to generous donations by parishioners the turkeys are already provided. (Special thanks to Matt Parker for cooking them for us). Please bring a dish to share—dressing, bread, gravy, vegetable, salad, or dessert—you decide. Make your reservations by signing up on the sheet in the Parish Hall. If you have any questions, please call Tina Caporossi (318) 683-4002. Your presence will make Thanksgiving a true celebration of all the many things we at St. James have for which to be thankful.



October 15, 2018

The following All Saints devotion is taken from the *Forward Day By Day* issue which begins November 1, 2018.

At times I have pictured the saints like superheroes. They may not have invisible jets or capes like Wonder Woman or Superman, but for me, Saints are incredible and exotic. Occasionally I see glimpses of truth, like on a cold, wet, January day in 2014, when I gathered with several hundred people to honor the martyrdom of a saint.

Following prayers, the crowd venerated the relics of a saint. I saw a speck of bone encased in gold and a pair of gloves worn by the martyr on the day he died. Both seemed small and vulnerable—very much human, very much like me. I reached into my coat pocket to touch my own gloves.

In that tender and tactile moment, I realized how very human are the saints of the Church and how their human-

ity gives us a fuller image of God's plan. As I left the church, I couldn't help but sing a song of the saints of God. God help me to be one, too.

*Wisdom 3:1 But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them.*

Please join us for Eucharist when we celebrate **All Saints' Day on November 4 at 8:30am and 11am.**

## All Saints' Day Remembrances

If you wish to specify someone to be listed in the Sunday bulletin on All Saints' Day, please write the names below and submit them by placing this in the offering plate or delivering it to the parish office.

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Submitted by \_\_\_\_\_

*Please include your name in case there are any questions regarding spelling.*



Devotional books are located on the Narthex table. We stock *Forward Day By Day* and *Our Daily Bread*. You are welcome to take a copy—and if you wish to help defray the cost to the parish, you may leave a dollar or so in the red box. Payment is not required.

# LOYALTY SUNDAY

On Loyalty Sunday, September 30, St. James thanked Rhonda Robertson for forty years of service in the nursery. Her loyalty to St. James was represented by the many people who gifted her with flowers during the announcements—many of whom she cared for when they were quite young. St. James appreciates the loyalty of parishioners like Ra-Ra (as the children call her). And Rhonda invites St. James to provide her with more children for whom she may provide care each Sunday morning.



After the service parishioners retired to the Parish Hall for a potluck feast. Loyalty Sunday marks the day that the Stewardship Committee begins reminding us that we are each necessary to the continuance of the parish. We are all encouraged to complete commitment cards, pledging to help fund the work and ministries of the church. We are also asked to pledge our time and talents toward providing supplies and services to the parish, such as picking up trash on the grounds, keeping the coffee and tea stocked in the kitchen, and changing light bulbs as needed. The book to sign up for those and many other tasks is in the Parish Hall.

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The  
**Episcopal**  
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welcomes you



# THANK YOU, ST. JAMES

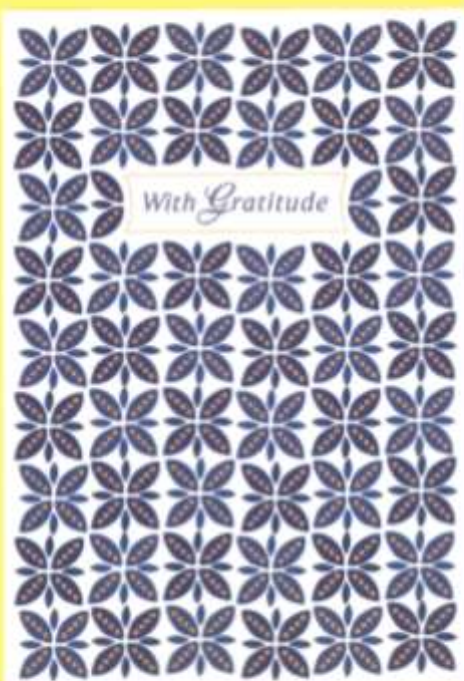
The Fitzpatrick Family, including the newly married Brody and Chelsea Fitzpatrick, would like to thank everyone at St. James for their support, love and generosity. You have been by our side since Brody was 10 years old and having you share in this special day means the world to all of us.



Photos courtesy Debbie Fitzpatrick



St. James Family



Words cannot truly express all the emotions I felt on Loyalty Sunday. For days, I was still wondering if it was a dream. It felt so undeserved, to be "recognized" for doing something I LOVE! My past, present, and future (hint, hint) nursery babies have such a special place in my heart! Matt and Debbie were right! I do not like to be the center of

Thank you so very much,  
Joy RaRa  
(aka Rhonda - to adults)  
attention - there are so many others much more deserving of this... but THANK YOU so very much for your love through the best and worst times of my life. Rhonda

# THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH WELCOMES YOU

There are several things I “like best” about the Episcopal Church. Prominent on that list is the fact we don’t require that all members swallow the pie whole. We allow individuals to think and reason and come up with their own conclusions regarding many aspects of the Church. We don’t kick people out if they aren’t perfect or if they don’t agree with the majority. The thing on the very top of my list is the fact the Episcopal Church welcomes all people.

When I was a teenager I attended a very fundamentalist church that had a different view of welcoming all. They welcomed all who were pretty much like them. They went so far as to disinvite individuals whom they felt did not live up to their standards. For example, they took away leadership roles from divorced individuals who remarried, pointing to the Bible verse that indicates an elder of the church should be “a man of one wife.” And, using that same verse they still don’t allow women to lead anything other than the choir or a children’s Sunday School class. When I discovered the Episcopal Church I found it refreshing to be introduced to a body of Christ that expends effort telling people why they are good enough to come to a worship service, rather than listing all the reasons why they are not.

I still find it amazing that anyone feels they are superior enough to deny another individual or a group of people access to God. It seems to me that if we are truly concerned about what we view as deficiencies in the other person, all the more reason to invite them into our church! If the Church isn’t a place for sinners, we’ll have some mighty empty buildings around the country.

We don’t have a hierarchy of sins, with a list of those that are too heinous for forgiveness. And we don’t believe we have the ability to look into the hearts of our fellow worshipers to discern worthiness. We don’t necessarily know who is troubled or who is contemplating making a phenomenally bad decision. What we do know is that if a person needs assistance, we are willing to do our best to help out. One thing we know for certain is that none of us is perfect, yet we are each accepted, flaws and all.

We extend that same welcome to any and all who enter the church, because the Episcopal Church welcomes you and me and everyone else. The Episcopal Church is not an exclusive club, but an inclusive body of Christ.

Now isn’t that wonderful? The Episcopal Church welcomes you!!!

—Jnanne Zepeda

## ANNOUNCEMENTS SUBMISSION DEADLINE

If you would like an announcement placed in the Sunday bulletin, please submit it by 10:00 am on the previous Wednesday. The office is open Monday-Thursday from 8:30 am until 2:00 pm. Announcements that are in printed form may be mailed, sent through e-mail to [stjames\\_sport@att.net](mailto:stjames_sport@att.net), or dropped at the parish office.

Newsletter deadline: November 1st

## SPREAD THE WORD

Would you like to brag on your family’s achievements, share family milestones with friends, or invite the parish to an upcoming event? You can do so easily by submitting articles to the parish office for publication in the Spirit. There is always room for news of a baptism, wedding, or school achievement. Photographs and stories can be sent via e-mail to [stjames\\_sport@att.net](mailto:stjames_sport@att.net) or dropped off at the parish office. And if you are shy about doing the writing, just telephone the information to 686-1261 and the writing will take care of itself.

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

*Our Schedule of Services:*

*Sunday—Holy Eucharist, Rite 1 8:30am*

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

*Sunday School, 9:45am*

*Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 with music 11:00am*

*Wednesday—Holy Eucharist Rite 2, 10am*



**ST. FRANCIS DAY**  
BLESSING OF ANIMALS

SAINT MARY OF THE PINES CATHOLIC CHURCH  
1050 Bert Kouns Industrial Loop, Shreveport, LA 71118

**LOW COST PET VACCINATION CLINIC**  
**Sunday, October 14, 2018**

2:00 p.m. till 5:00 p.m.

SAINT MARY OF THE PINES PARKING LOT

Dog Vaccines: DHP and PV- \$15  
Bordetella/Coughgard- \$15  
Rabies- \$15  
Heartworm Tests- \$25

Cat Vaccines: FVRCP- \$15  
Leukemia- \$20  
Rabies- \$15

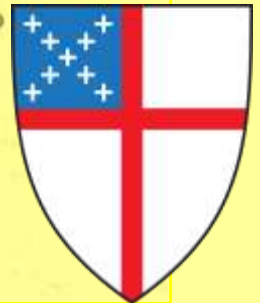
Dog/Cat Nail Trims: \$10

Cash & Checks only please

Veterinary Services provided by: Dr. Brad Everson



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Bring your pets to be blessed on the Feast of Saint Francis!

If you have any questions, please call:  
Mary Anne Moore- 687-4799 or 286-5394

**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.