

St. James' Episcopal Church

Bringing People to Christ and Helping Them to be Christ-like

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The Feast Day of Saint Luke the Evangelist

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Announcements

OUT OF SAFETY PRECAUTIONS DUE TO THE COVID19 PANDEMIC, ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH, HOUSTON WILL NOT HAVE IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

SUNDAY SERVICES WILL BE BROADCAST VIA FACEBOOK VIDEO (using your computers, cell phones, and other electronic devices).

TUNE IN SUNDAYS AT 10:00 A.M.

**IN THE INTEREST OF PUBLIC HEALTH
DUE TO CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC,**

**St. James'
Episcopal Church
campus is closed
until further
notice.**

The office is closed.

**No meetings, activities, events, or
worship services will be held on the
campus until further notice.**

**This includes Bloom Academy and
Southmore Kiddie Kollege.**

Welcome to Saint James' Virtual Worship Service!

Greeter's Message

Faith — “For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love.” --2 Peter 1:5-7

What is faith? Faith is believing without seeing. When we say our creed, "We believe in the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost" it is through our faith we believe not our sight. But there is more to be done. We must add goodness to our faith. Our daily walk in life should include God and we should do our utmost goodness in our life. After goodness, we must include knowledge. We must understand the word of God by reading and studying scripture (*the Bible*). We then practice self-control (*patience*) followed by our ability to endure (*persevere*). We all will have troubles in life, but with God's help we will keep on going. Endurance must be followed by our devotion to God. We then we add brotherly-kindness, a tender affection towards all our fellow Christians. This leads us to love one another in Christ. We are all God's children. We walk by faith, not by sight. God bless.

The Order of Worship

BCP – The Book of Common Prayer

		BCP
The Opening Hymn and Procession	<i>All My Hope</i>	
The Salutation		355
The Collect for Purity		355
The <i>Gloria in Excelsis</i>		356
The Collect of the Day		
The Lessons		
The First Reading:	Sirach 38:1-4, 6-10, 12-14	
The Hymn	<i>God of Grace</i>	
The Psalm:	Psalm 147	
The Second Reading:	2 Timothy 4:5-13	
The Sequence Hymn	<i>Sweet, Sweet Spirit</i>	
The Holy Gospel	Luke 4:14-21	
The Artistic Response	<i>Give Me a Clean Heart</i>	St. James' Jazz Ensemble
The Message		Gloria M. Rose, PhD
The Nicene Creed		358
The Prayers of the People Form III		387
Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; <i>That we all may be one.</i>		

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
Silence - The People may add their own petitions.

Priest: We celebrate and bless the October wedding anniversaries of ...
*Efrem and Rhonda Sewell, Sean and Christine Haley, Kenneth and Miriam Barrett,
James and Eddie Page*

We bless all who celebrate a birthday this week...

Concluding collect... Amen.

The Peace and Announcements

The Offertory

(Visit <https://app.securegive.com/stjameshouston> to give an offering online. Checks may be mailed to the church.)

St. James' Mission Song

The Blessing and Dismissal

Closing Hymn

You Are My God

***Join us in the "Virtual Parish Hall" immediately after this service.
The ZOOM invitation link is on the St. James' Facebook page.***

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Prayer List

We pray for all God's people throughout the world. This week we lift up in special prayer:

Cline Armstrong	Erica Arnold	Garnet Archer
Eleanor Abdulah	Sue Gardner	Sharla Rogers

Congrats to the Bingham Family – birth of son

Continued Covering Prayers:

Graciela Brown	Johnnie Green	Eddie White	Geraldine White
Sam Julian	Earl Shepherd	Carolyn McCardell	Robbin Barrow
Roscette Holmes	Ryan Edwards	Oliver Brown	Toni Bright
Lynwood Randolph	Judith Randolph	YeVonne Sawyers	Sheila Deslandes
Rock Owens	Sherry Schauer	Mattie Lunnon	Sherry Moseley-Reid
Randall Gardner	Adella Gautier	Caliph Johnson	Ester DuPont
Connie Moore	Ella James	Roland Gardner	Davey Lee
The Rev. Harold Lewis	Fifia Jenkins	Claire Spedale	Lamont Waddell
The Rev. Aston Brown	Launey Roberts	Nelson Jenkins	Kathleen Davis
Philip A. Masquelette	Sandy Havens	the Rev. Helen Havens	Helen Obot
Bishop Nathan Baxter	Brien Eley	Ben 'Rusty' Greene and family	

Homebound:

Norma Phillips	William Middleton	Natalie McCardell
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We pray for our college students who are here and away; also for those serving in the Armed Forces, especially Bradley Harrison and Zachary McGee; and others who have asked for prayers of the Church.



Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



We honor God and we serve each other and the community through our core values of worship, spiritual growth, outreach, inclusiveness, and children and youth ministries.

PARISH STAFF

The Reverend Victor J. Thomas, *Rector*
C. Vincent Fuller, *Organist/Choirmaster*
Samuel Dinkins, III, *Jazz Ensemble Director*
Karen Wesley, *Parish Secretary/New Members Coordinator*
Kathy Culmer, *Director of Religious Education*
Herbert Johnson, *Sexton*

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Through 2020
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Lora Williams

Through 2021
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Gurney Pearsall
Gloria Rose
Sandra Rouce

Through 2022
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Debra Watson

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Nicholas Kinch, *Acolyte Master*

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS: CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
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Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

(Psalm 62:8)