



St. James Episcopal Church

Messenger

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*Our mission is to preach the Gospel, worship God,
renew our hearts and minds, and serve others.*

Daily Morning Prayer Continues

Daily Morning Prayer has been so fulfilling for the dozen or so participating that we have decided to continue year round except during the summer.



Join Father Jim for
Morning Prayer

Monday - Friday
7:30am-8am
ZOOM ONLY

[Access Here](#)

Meeting ID: 218 094 8164

Passcode: 682287

A NOTE FROM Father Jim

This week I give you this reflection by
Br. James Koester

"The good news is that we don't need
to be perfect. We only need to be
found. We give thanks that the Good

Shepherd continues to search for us,
so that one day we will be found,
gathered into his arms, and brought
home." ~Br. James Koester



Thoughts from a Deacon



Thoughts From a Deacon 04.17.2024

I love to hear Mary Lauren sing, so I am going back in time, back to just after Christmas to the feast of Epiphany, and you heard her sing, "Now the Work of Christmas Begins" (a poem by Howard Thurman). *When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flocks, the work of Christmas begins:*

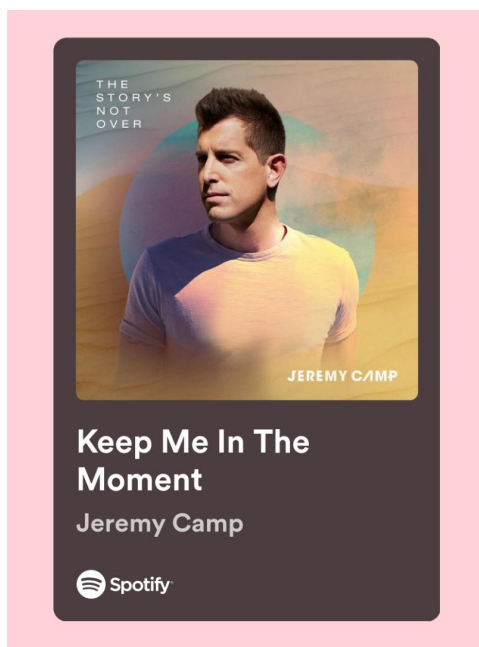
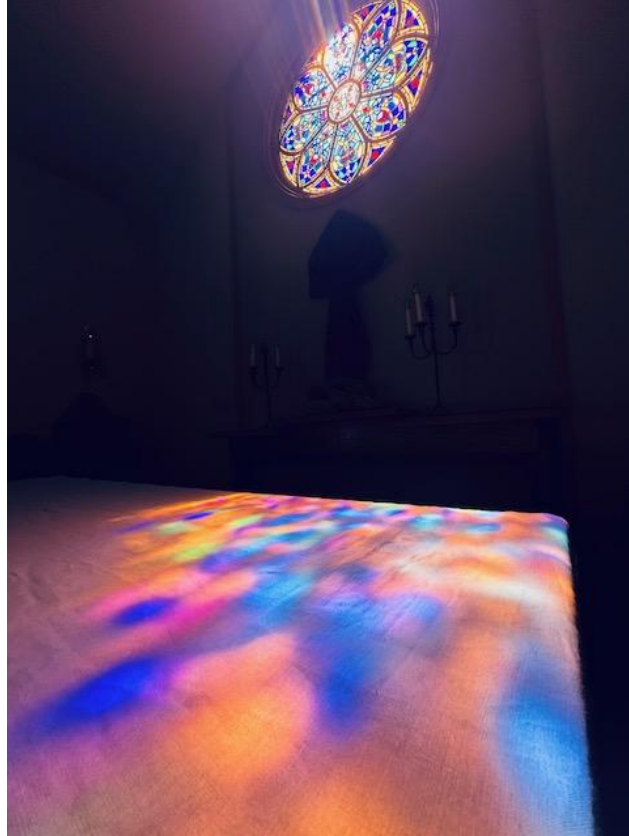
To find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among the people, to make music in the heart.

I have changed the words a bit to fit for Easter, but there will be no singing, only reading. From the thoughts in my head:

When they struggled to believe Jesus was gone, when the disciples' eyes did not recognize Jesus, when there was doubt, the work of Easter begins: To take care of the sick, to heal the broken, to invite others into fellowship, to feed the hungry, to eat with Jesus, to spread shalom, to be fishers of people, to love and serve one another, just as Jesus did. (Does it fit to the music? I'm sure not!)

This is what He asks of us. I believe we can do it. Easter is the day when the power that death holds over us was destroyed forever. God hugs us deep with love, right now. The power of God is stronger than anything!! So let's get to work.

A Reflection from your Parish Administrator



Every day I find something new that I love about my job, the church itself and how grateful I am for the things in my life lately.

Each Thursday I take a walk up to the sanctuary to prep for Sunday before I leave the office for the week. On nice days, I am greeted with the beautiful colors from the stained glass window. It distracts me, pulling me into the moment to smile and enjoy it's kaleidoscope effect. Each time, without fail, I stop long enough to take a picture to capture this moment.

My favorite verse is:

"Where ever your treasure is, there your heart will be also." ~Matthew 6:21

Followed by that is a favorite song by Jeremy Camp, "Keep Me in the Moment".

Each day I attempt to be more consciously mindful of being in the moment and to store those moments up as my treasures...it's a continuous practice. I've often found that I especially have to be more mindful and practice this when teaching dance classes - if I find myself being literally two steps ahead, I will throw the whole dance off and everyone following along with me off. I guess life is like this, too. We should focus more on each individual step we take, being sure not to take any back or get too far ahead of ourselves. Otherwise, we miss what's right in front of us and lose the moment.

Another thing I am grateful for this week, is that my "furchild," Zeppelin, has had the chance to join me in the office this week, keeping me company. He has definitely loved every second of being here and getting to meet everyone that stops by the office. He will often nudge your hand if you stop petting him because he simply wants to be touched. As a once "throw away" dog, coming to me from an awful life full of fleas, matted hair with ribs showing, it definitely makes me happy that he has been shown so much love. As he ages, every

second we get to spend together is a blessing. Thank you for allowing him to be here!

I encourage all of you to take a moment to stop and enjoy these moments, showing them gratitude before they are gone. Enjoy life's treasures! It's the little things that eventually add up to make your life abundant.

~Sam



Our Little Roses

You're Invited

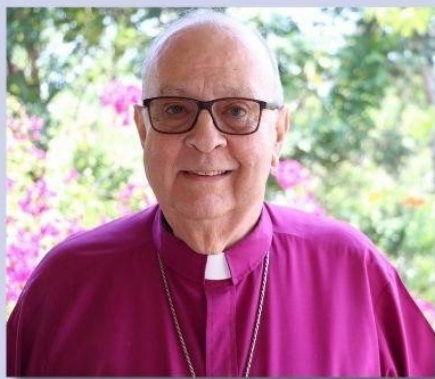
Sunday Service

St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Tampa, FL

 **Our Little Roses**
Foreign Mission Society
Transforming and empowering the girl child of Honduras



Join us on Sunday, April 21st, for the 10:00 a.m. services at St. Mary's Episcopal Church! It's a special occasion for Bishop Leo Frade and Diana Frade, the founder and president of Our Little Roses, to join us. Your presence will make this event truly memorable! Would you be able to make it in person? Please tune in to our Facebook Live to still be part of the festivities.



HONORED GUESTS



Bishop Leo Frade,

Retired Bishop of Honduras & S.E. Florida

Dr. Diana Dillenberger Frade,

Founder, Our Little Roses Ministries, San Pedro Sula Honduras

April 21, 10 am
4311 West San Miguel Street
Tampa, FL 33629

(813) 251-1660

St. James Episcopal Church

Bp. Leo and Dr. Diana Frade will be visiting St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Tampa on Sunday.

Bp. Frade will be presiding at the services on Sunday, April 21st, and our founder, Dr. Diana Frade, is happy to have the chance to update this community on all of the news from Our Little Roses Ministries in San Pedro Sula, Honduras.

Your support has allowed us to empower and transform the lives of our girls, who all came from situations of poverty and trauma.
-we are so excited to invite you to this event.

Sunday, April 21 st, 2024

Bishop Leo Frade and Diana Frade, founder of Our Little Roses, will be there. Your presence will make it memorable! Can't attend? Join us and click on Facebook Live below:

FACEBOOK LIVE

Please join us at
St. Mary's Episcopal Church
in Tampa on Sunday.

[Click here for directions.](#)

Stewardship at St. James



Your stewardship committee, led by chair Linda Sanders, began meeting early this year and has many plans for a successful campaign!

We have created a theme and a logo of Fishers of Men/The Heart of Giving. You may have already noticed in church that we have introduced several parish ministries; Garden Guild, Outreach and Worship Ministries. Additional parish ministries will be introduced throughout the coming months. We will have a Time and Talent Giving Tree this year and Shannon LeMoine will introduce this on April 21st at both services.

We have strong, active and engaged ministries here at St. James and we hope that you might join one or more of them! Or, even, suggest a new ministry!

On Sunday, April 7, *Worship Ministries* were highlighted. Ann Inman and Shelley Urban spoke during the 8am and 10:30am services.

Worship Ministries It takes a village to put together a worship service each Sunday at St. James. Twelve church ministries are part of most every Sunday service. Each contributes in an important way to make each worship service a worshipful experience. Polish and commitment to the tasks are crucial. It may seem seamless because each ministry becomes a part of the whole. It is extremely rewarding to play a key role in Sunday services.

Lectors, Intercessors, Altar Guild members, Eucharistic Ministers, Chalice Bearers, Ushers, Vestry Persons of the Day (VPODs), Choir members, Acolytes, Flower Guild members, Video Recorders, and the communion Bread Bakers.

Would you like to become part of one or more ministries that make up the Worship ministries? Let Father Jim know. Your experience of being an important part of worship at St. James will feel so good!

[Contact Linda Sanders](#)

Saturday, May 18, 2024

Scheduled Tour Times: 9:00AM - 4PM

"Into the Crayon Box"



HOME, ART,
AND
GARDEN TOUR

John Templeton & John Siegel

(Located on Lillian Smith Property)

TICKETS

ADULTS \$ 25

STUDENTS \$ 15

(AGES 12+)



BUY NOW

Tour Length 1 ½ hours

Transportation provided – meet at St. James Episcopal Church
30 minutes before scheduled time.



A fundraiser sponsored by the Rabun County Friends of the Library

Mark Your Calendar . . .



Victory Home

Greenhouse Plant Sale

320 Victory Home Lane
Tallulah Falls, GA

May 8 – 11, 2024

Wed – Sat



A great selection of plants for your garden & home landscaping!

Perennials – Annuals – Shrubs – Trees - Natives



Cash, Checks, & Credit Cards Accepted

Master Gardeners on site to help answer your gardening questions.

Sponsored by Headwaters Master Gardeners & Victory Home

Proceeds benefit Victory Home, Headwaters Master Gardeners, & Greenhouse.



HEADWATERS MASTER GARDENERS' MISSION/PURPOSE - Georgia Master Gardener Extension Volunteers (GMGEV) bring the latest horticultural information and practices from the world of research to our community's landscapes and gardens. Headwaters Master Gardeners is a nonprofit volunteer organization whose membership is composed of master gardeners from Habersham, Rabun and White Counties. We are trained in horticulture and related areas, and work under the direction of the UGA Extension service. Our mission is to educate others through horticultural programs and projects that benefit the community.

Fellowship



COFFEE HOUR

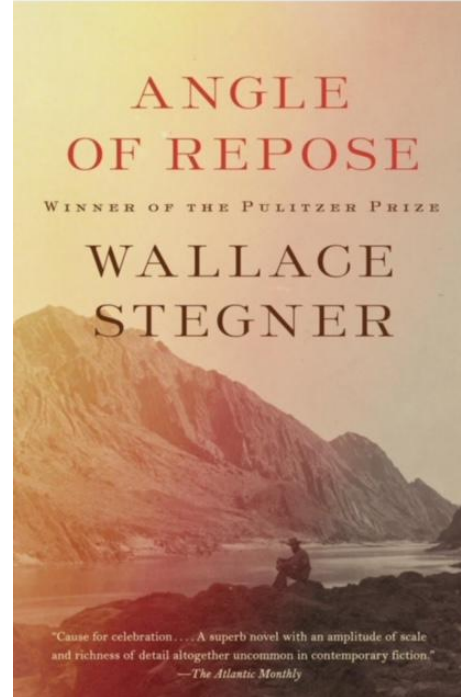
Hosted in the Parish Hall after the
10:30 service each Sunday!

St. James Book Club

This month we are reading "Angels of Repose" by Wallace Stegner.

Everyone is invited to join us on Thursday, May 16th, 11:00am in the Parish Hall. Contact Becky Callahan

[HERE](#)



LINE DANCING

with Sam in the Parish Hall

Saturdays 10am-11am

\$5. per drop in

Retirees Lunch

The Retirees will begin meeting at noon **EVERY 3RD TUESDAY** of each month in 2024 and will meet at Ishy's Restaurant in Clayton April 16t, 2024. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Questions? Contact Roland Clemmons [here](#).



Brown Bag Sunday

Brown Bag Sunday the 4th Sunday of each month.

Help Sharing and Caring with their most needed items:

- Sugar
- Oil
- Flour
- Corn Meal
- Eggs
- Salt
- Pepper



- Margarine

Victory Home Greenhouse



Need to get rid of plastic flower pots? Victory Home Greenhouse will recycle pots for you. They can use any size, but especially 1, 2, and 3 gallon pots. Please leave them in a plastic bag at the picnic table area or contact Kathy Booker [HERE](#), and they will be delivered to the greenhouse.

April Celebrations

Birthdays:

- 4- Katherine Grice
- 7- Bob Clayton
- 8- Nannette Curran
- 9- Bonnie Klinect
- 15- David Tatum
- 16- Chery McKay
- 17- Sandy Hunter
- 24- Mike Shahan
- 26- Lynda White

Anniversaries:

- 13- Terry Wright & Steve Bull
- 15- Traci & Kevin Cagle
- 20- Lynda & Alan White
- 27- Maggie & Bob Hatcher



Follow Us on Facebook and Instagram

The St. James social media team is keeping our Facebook and Instagram channels updated with current information about St. James events, fun features about our parishioners and their good works, and inspirational thoughts and themes.

Shelley Urban and Nanette O'Hara are sharing social media duties, with an able assist from Ginny Heckel. Dustin Emhart also will be pitching in.

Find us on Facebook at [St. James Episcopal, Clayton, GA](#)

Follow us on Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/saintjamesclayton/>

Content suggestions are welcome. We also need photos from any St. James activities current or past, or just photos of our beautiful church and gardens that you're willing to share. You can reach us by phone, text or email as follows:

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Ginny:

Cell Phone (706) 490-2867

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Click the icon to **like us** on Facebook or **follow us** on Instagram.



Timeline for the Weekly Messenger:

Articles or other content received by NOON on Wednesdays will be in the next Messenger. Please contact the **church office** if you have any questions.

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