



The Light

WELCOME to St. James!! Whether online or in person we are so happy you are sharing this journey with us. If you have ideas for what we might be doing, concern about the welfare of a member, needs for help with technology or want to ask for prayers, we encourage you to let us know at prayer@stjamesbirmingham.org

**This Sunday at St. James
Celebration of the Holy Eucharist
In-Person at 8:00 a.m.
and
In-Person and Live Streamed at 10:00 a.m.**

On [Facebook Live](#) at [facebook/ stjamesdowntown](https://facebook.com/stjamesdowntown) or
Via a live-stream on our [website](https://stjamesbirmingham.org) – stjamesbirmingham.org



Holy Eucharist
The Fifth Sunday in Lent
10:00 a.m. — March 17, 2024
Rite II

This Week at St. James

March 17 – 24

Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist In-Person
	9:05 a.m.	Adult Forum in the Lounge
	10:00 a.m.	Church School for Pre-K – 6th
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist In-Person and Livestreamed
	11:45 a.m.	Vestry Meeting
Mon.	7:50 p.m.	Compline – https://us02web.zoom.us/join/83578095965
Tue.	6:30 p.m.	Handbell Choir Practice
	7:50 p.m.	Compline – https://us02web.zoom.us/join/83578095965
Wed.	Noon	Bible Study – https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84940791816
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
	7:50 p.m.	Compline – https://us02web.zoom.us/join/83578095965
Thur.	5:30 p.m.	Lenten Soup Supper
	7:50 p.m.	Compline – https://us02web.zoom.us/join/83578095965
Fri.	7:50 p.m.	Compline – https://us02web.zoom.us/join/83578095965
Sat.	4:30 p.m.	Joan of Arcadia Discussion Group
Sun.	Palm Sunday	
	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist In-Person
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist In-Person and Livestreamed



Now to find **ALL** of the active sign-ups for all things St. James
just go to: <https://stjames.rocky.org/SJSUG>
On that page you'll find tabs for Hosting Coffee Hours, Sandwich Making,
Sponsoring Worship, and all youth activities and events. Bookmark the page to be
able to easily find it!



COMPLINE
Weeknights at 7:50 p.m. on Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89967846391>

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SUNDAY AT ST. JAMES

ADULT FORUM

Sundays at 9:05 a.m.

Lenten Study: The Baptismal Promises

Join us on March 17 when we discuss, Will you work for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being? These discussions offer an excellent opportunity during Lent to ask ourselves how we are living out our Baptismal promises. We look forward to seeing you in the Lounge.

EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS

If you would like to contribute to the Easter Memorial Flower Fund please fill out the purple form in Centennial Hall or online at <https://stjames.ocks/easter24>. The Altar Guild will also be in Centennial Hall to take your contributions after both services on March 17.

The deadline for submissions is Wednesday, March 20 in order for it to be mentioned in our Easter Service leaflet. Contributions in any amount, big or small, are welcome.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84940791816>

Each Wednesday we meet on zoom to discuss one or more of our lectionary readings for the coming week. Participants learn methods of Biblical Criticism in order to delve more deeply into possible meanings of scripture. We ask about the author, the historical context, the narrative context, and, most importantly what it might mean for how we think about God and the way we live our lives today. This year we are focusing on the lessons from the Hebrew Scriptures.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Thursdays through March 21 – Dinner at 5:30 p.m. Study from 6:15-7:00 p.m.

In their book, *The Last Week*, Biblical scholars John Dominic Crossan and Marcus Borg share the events and meanings of Jesus' last week, according to the gospel of Mark. As we make our own journey through Lent, we will follow Borg and Crossan through these final events in the life of Jesus. Each Thursday in Lent we will discuss another day, and what the events of that day might mean for us as followers. And preaching during Holy Week services this year will be based on what we learn from the book. Join us for fellowship and good food at 5:30 p.m. or simply join the study at 6:15 p.m.

Our schedule for Lent will be:

Thursday, March 21 – Chapters 7 and 8: Holy Saturday and Easter

While you do not need to read the book to participate, it is very helpful. A limited number of books are available from Fr. Josh for \$10. You can also order them from Amazon. To sign up to bring soup or help set-up for the suppers, go to <https://stjames.ocks/soupsupper24>

JOAN OF ARCADIA DISCUSSION GROUP

Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. through March 23

Join Amanda Reister in the lounge at 4:30 p.m. on Saturdays during Lent to watch an episode of *Joan of Arcadia*, share a meal, and discuss this "show about questions" to explore our faith, deepen our understanding, and better connect to each other. Even though it's a show about a teenage girl and her family, this is intended as a casual and multigenerational gathering that we hope appeals to all ages.

For meal planning purposes, please let us know you plan to participate by signing up here: <https://stjames.ocks/JoanOfArcadia>. Pizza, snacks, and light refreshments are provided, but please feel free to bring anything else you'd like to enjoy while watching.

NEXT SUNDAY AT ST. JAMES

PALM SUNDAY

March 24

Holy Eucharist with Liturgy of the Palms and Passion at 8:00 a.m. in person and 10:00 a.m. in person and livestreamed. The 10:00 a.m. procession begins in Shain Park.

COMING UP AT ST. JAMES

HOLY WEEK

Beginning on Palm Sunday we will walk together with Jesus and the Disciples through the events of this central part of the Christian life. This year, we will be using the Gospel of Mark and, with the help of scholars Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan, will follow a coherent narrative that takes us through the week. We encourage you to join us for worship that will help unpack this sacred time and invite us more fully into the mystery of Christ's

final days, his passion and resurrection. The themes and schedule of each day of the week are outlined below.

Monday – Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. spoken Holy Eucharist in the chapel

Holy Monday – March 25 *Kicking out the moneychangers*

Holy Tuesday – March 26 *Clashes with the authorities*

Holy Wednesday – March 27 *Anointing and Betrayal*

Maundy Thursday – March 28 *Last Supper and Arrest*

Sign up at <https://stjames.rocks/maundythursday24>

Join us at 6:00 p.m. to hear the story of Jesus' last night with the disciples, break bread and share a wonderful agape meal together, and be reminded of the call to love one another. After the meal we will go to the church and strip the altar in reaction to the news of Jesus' arrest.

Good Friday – March 29 *Trial and Crucifixion*

Noon – The Good Friday liturgy includes beautiful music, moments of silence, and the opportunity to remember why the most horrific act in human history can also be called good.

3:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross for families.

7:00 p.m. – The Bible in one Hour – this zoom service takes us from Genesis to Revelation in one hour. Join us to gain perspective of the saving acts of God throughout history. Sign up to read at <https://stjames.rocks/onehour24>

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88141926060>

Easter Sunday – March 31 *Resurrection!*

Holy Eucharist at 8:00 a.m. in person and 10:00 a.m. in person and livestreamed. Our choir will sing at both services as we celebrate together the Sunday on which all other Sundays are based.

VOLUNTEER AT ST. JAMES

MAKE PB&J SANDWICHES for PONTIAC

Every Thursday we need a volunteer or a family to come into church and make peanut butter & jelly sandwiches. We donate these sandwiches to a Community Breakfast at All Saint's in Pontiac. This program has been feeding people in their neighborhood for 9 years, and St. James is proud to support them by providing sandwiches and granola bars. You can help by taking the time to make sandwiches (it takes an individual about 45 minutes to 1 hour). Sign up at <https://stjames.rocks/pbj>

HELP OUT DURING THE SERVICE

Eucharistic Ministers assist Fr. Josh and Deacon Patti during communion. Tech support ensures our service is viewed by those who cannot be with us in person for worship. The coming three months see a few of our regulars looking after their well-being in ways that will keep them at home for a bit. Questions about these ministries, ask Fr. Josh, Deacon Patti or Michele Wogaman.

CHURCH SCHOOL OR NURSERY CARE

Godly Play is our new curriculum that puts our stories fully in the hands of our children as they ask their own questions and discover their own meaning. There are multiple roles available to support the classroom and each story is fully scripted for the storyteller.

Best practices dictate that we have two adults in the nursery when children are there—and we are now seeking volunteers to be 1/2 of those teams each week from 9:45 - 11:00 a.m. If you are interested or have any questions, talk to Fr. Josh.

HOST COFFEE HOUR

Coffee Hour after both of our services is a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow parishioners and guests. We are in need of volunteers to sign-up to host coffee hour in 2024. Coffee and tea are provided by the church and you only need to provide the treats. Please sign up on the sheet in Centennial Hall or at <https://stjames.ocks/coffee23>

HELP BREAKDOWN AFTER COFFEE HOUR

We need families, or individuals, to sign up to help breakdown the tables and chairs after the 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour. You don't have to do the job by yourselves, just coordinate a few others in the room to get Centennial Hall ready for our Preschoolers on Monday morning. This would be a different group than those that sponsor coffee hour. Please sign up on the sheet in Centennial Hall or at <https://stjames.ocks/coffee23>

LET'S GET TO CHURCH

Do you know someone who needs a ride to church? Or perhaps you are willing to drive someone to church on an occasional Sunday? Please contact Jane Barnes to volunteer as a driver and/or give her the name of someone who would appreciate a ride to church.

Jane_barnesdivabasket@live.com or 989-293-2262.

<h2>OUTREACH</h2>

MENTAL HEALTH HOTLINE NUMBER

For people experiencing a crisis, they can call or text 988 to immediately get help from a trained mental health professional.

STAFF & WARDEN CONTACT INFORMATION

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PRAYER LISTS

IMMEDIATE PRAYER LIST

Penny; Ronald; Anne; Calvin; Tom; Michael; Quenten; Bev; Jane Barnes; Margaret; Michael Curry; Anita; Mary; Rich; Daniel; Cynthia; Sue M.; Linda Baldwin; Patti Fraley; Bruce Macdonald; Julian; and all those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

SUSTAINING PRAYER LIST

Michelle; Richard; Noah; Maryanna; Natalie; Chuck & Mickie; Claire; Corinne; Evi; Pete; Mary; Marty; Sally; Don; Bill; Rachel; Dave; Sue; Mary Jo; Jean; Dave; Rob; Jacob; Bob.

IN MEMORIAM

WORSHIP SPONSORS

SANCTUARY LAMP, ALTAR FLOWERS, LIVESTREAMING

Sign up to sponsor our service by paying for flowers, the sanctuary candle or the livestream: <https://stjames.rocks/sponsor> Or, you can call the office.

The cost is: Altar Flowers: \$75 / Sanctuary Lamp \$50 / Livestreaming \$100
Or ALL THREE for \$200

WORSHIP LEADERS

	Sunday, March 17	Sunday, March 24
8:00 a.m. EM	Michele Wogaman	Vickie Hertenstein
8:00 a.m. Lector	Michele Wogaman	Diane A'Hearn
8:00 a.m. Ushers	Pam Righter, Michele Wogaman	John & Pam Grier
10:00 a.m. EMs	David Stout, Bruce Guenther	Fred Austin, Jon Wickens
10:00 a.m. Lectors	Barrett Newgeon, Timothy Hoover	Michelle Boice, Chuck Furchak (Allie Hoover, Timothy Hoover, Debra Lawson, Elaine Linstedt, Angie Righter)
10:00 a.m. Ushers	Barrett Newgeon, Nate Schmidt	Marianne Ganiard, Michele Wogaman
10:00 a.m. Tech	Elise Everett, John Everett	Tim Catchpole, Hank Everett
Altar Guild	Andrea Everett, Lauri Christianson, Lois Yeats	Sarah May, Marianne Ganiard, Marcia Murphy

Next Sunday's Readings: March 24

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; *Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 14:1—15:47