



NOTE: This Sunday – Palm Sunday, we will NOT meet in Shain Park at 10:00. The service will begin in the church.

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



Holy Eucharist
The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday
10:00 a.m. — March 24, 2023
Rite II

This Week at St. James

March 24 – 31

- Sun. Palm Sunday
 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist In-Person
 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist In-Person and Livestreamed Service will begin in the church and not in Shain Park as originally planned.
- Mon. 7:00 p.m. Holy Monday Eucharist in the chapel
 7:50 p.m. Compline – <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/83578095965>
- Tue. 7:00 p.m. Holy Tuesday Eucharist in the chapel
 7:50 p.m. Compline – <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/83578095965>
- Wed. 7:00 p.m. Holy Wednesday Eucharist in the chapel
 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice
 7:50 p.m. Compline – <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/83578095965>
- Thur. 2:30 p.m. Baldwin House Holy Eucharist
 6:00 p.m. Maundy-Thursdays service and meal
 7:50 p.m. Compline – <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/83578095965>
- Fri. Noon Good Friday Liturgy
 3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross for families
 7:00 p.m. The Bible in one Hour on Zoom (see link in article)
 7:50 p.m. Compline – <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/83578095965>
- Sun. Easter 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.rocks/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

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. Palm Sunday's huge emotional swing from the triumphal entry into Jerusalem, to Jesus' arrest, trial, and crucifixion makes it a unique and deeply meaningful day.

We will NOT meet in Shain Park at 10:00. The service will begin in the church.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

HOLY WEEK

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>

BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m. No meeting during Holy Week

<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, but will be reading stories from the Acts of the Apostles during the Easter season.

WORSHIP at the BALDWIN HOUSE

Thursday, March 28 at 2:30 p.m.

Join us at Baldwin House for our monthly Holy Eucharist worship service. Members of the church and residents of Baldwin House meet together to worship and socialize in their 5th floor chapel.

NEXT SUNDAY AT ST. JAMES

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, March 31

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.

COMING UP AT ST. JAMES

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Our church office is closed Monday, April 1 – Friday, April 5.

ST. JAMES/VERSITI BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, April 7 from 11:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. in Centennial Hall

The need for blood in our local hospitals is great these days. Versiti Blood Centers of Michigan, based blood we in Grand Rapids, works very hard to keep our local hospital's shelves filled by holding blood drives like ours throughout the year. Please consider signing up with a family member or friend for a specific time slot. The minimum age to donate is 16 years old with parental consent. Our commitment to help save lives through blood donation is absolutely crucial, as hospitals and patients rely on the blood we collect to keep our community healthy. Sign up at [Versiti Blood Center of Michigan - Donor Portal](#)

VESTRY MEET & GREET

Saturday, April 13 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Casual, light refreshments at Jon & Shar's house, 167 Hillboro Dr., Bloomfield Hills. Off Maple between Cranbrook & Lasher, Westchester Village.

Jon, Jane, Pam and Shar will be available for conversation with any member of the Church who would like to attend. A special time to share any ideas and concerns you might have.

<h2>VOLUNTEER AT ST. JAMES</h2>
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MAKE PB&J SANWICHES 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.rocks/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.rocks/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.

OUTREACH

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.

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PRAYER LISTS

IMMEDIATE PRAYER LIST

Penny; 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 24	Sunday, March 31
8:00 a.m. EM	Vickie Hertenstein	Jon Wickens
8:00 a.m. Lector	Diane A'Hearn (Pam Grier, Gillian Catchpole)	Barbara Spencer
8:00 a.m. Ushers	John & Pam Grier	Bill & Nancy Ward
10:00 a.m. EMs	Fred Austin, Jon Wickens	Nancy Schutte, David Stout
10:00 a.m. Lectors	Michelle Boice, Chuck Furchak (Allie Hoover, Timothy Hoover, Debra Lawson, Elaine Linstedt, Angie Righter)	Debra Lawson, Elaine Linstedt
10:00 a.m. Ushers	Marianne Ganiard, Mark Gable	Fred Austin, Barrett Newgeon
10:00 a.m. Tech	Tim Catchpole, Hank Everett	Elise Everett, John Everett
Altar Guild	Sarah May, Marianne Ganiard, Marcia Murphy	Sarah May, Marianne Ganiard, Marcia Murphy, Barbara Spencer

Next Sunday's Readings: March 31

Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Acts 10:34-43; Mark 16:1-8