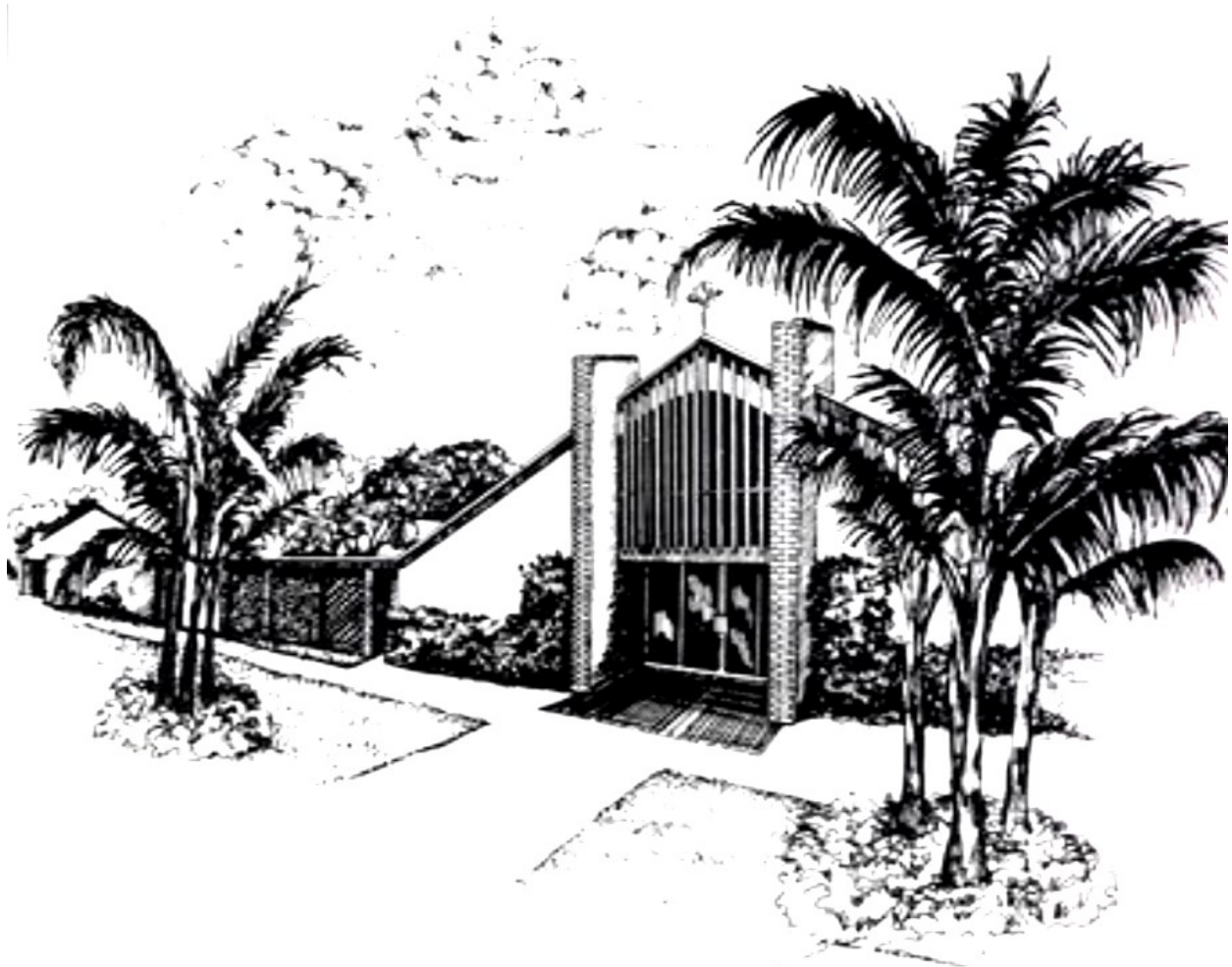




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## **FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

SUNDAY SERVICE 9:30AM

FEBRUARY 8TH, 2026

**HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II - 9:30 A.M.**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty* **Hymnal 362**

**The Word of God**

**OPENING SENTENCE AND PRAYER**

BCP 355

*Priest:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People:** And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**GLORIA** *(spoken)*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

*Priest:* Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life

which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE OLD TESTAMENT

## ISAIAH 58:1-12

*A Reading from the prophet Isaiah.*

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet!  
Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.  
Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways,  
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of  
their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.  
“Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”  
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers.  
Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist.  
Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.  
Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself?  
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?  
Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice,  
to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?  
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,  
and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?  
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
your vindicator shall go before you,  
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.  
Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say,  
Here I am.

[If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,  
if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.  
The LORD will guide you continually,  
and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong;  
and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.  
Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.]

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

- 1 Hallelujah!  
Happy are they who fear the Lord \*  
**and have great delight in his commandments!**
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; \*  
**the generation of the upright will be blessed.**
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, \*  
**and their righteousness will last for ever.**
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; \*  
**the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending \*  
**and to manage their affairs with justice.**
- 6 For they will never be shaken; \*  
**the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; \*  
**their heart is right;**  
**they put their trust in the Lord.**
- 8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, \*  
**until they see their desire upon their enemies.**
- 9 They have given freely to the poor, \*  
**and their righteousness stands fast for ever;**  
**they will hold up their head with honor.**
- [10 The wicked will see it and be angry;  
they will gnash their teeth and pine away; \*  
**the desires of the wicked will perish.]**

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \**  
*as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

THE EPISTLE

1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-16

*A Reading from Paul's letter to the Corinthians.*

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived,  
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God’s except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. [And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God’s Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else’s scrutiny.

“For who has known the mind of the Lord  
so as to instruct him?”

But we have the mind of Christ.]

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL HYMN**

*This Little Light of Mine* **Lift Every Voice & Sing II 221**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

**MATTHEW 5:13-20**

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.*

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**CHILDREN'S DIALOG**

**THE SERMON**

*Silence is kept.*

*Rev. David Potter*

**THE NICENE CREED**

BCP 358

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Intercessor:* Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

**People: That we all may be one.**

*Intercessor:* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

*Intercessor:* We pray for all bishops, priests and deacons; especially Sarah of Canterbury, our Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe, our Bishop Peter Eaton, and our priest Reverend David; In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the clergy and people of The Daughters of the King.

**People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

*Intercessor:* We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

*Intercessor:* Protect all innocent lives at risk across the Middle East, in Sudan, Nigeria, Israel and Palestine, Ukraine and Russia, and to all affected by gun violence;

**People: That a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow.**

*Intercessor:* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**People: That our works may find favor in your sight.**

*Intercessor:* For all who are ill, injured, or suffering from despair or anxiety, especially for those on our parish prayer list... and for those who offer skilled, tender care for them;

**People: That they may have strength for today and for tomorrow.**

*Intercessor:* For those struggling financially and find their future uncertain;

**People: That they may discover resources and support for the days, weeks, and months ahead.**

*Intercessor:* For those celebrating a birthday this week, especially... and those celebrating an anniversary this week, including... and for all those we name silently or aloud;

**People: That they may see the blessings of the past and the blessings you provide in the present.**

*Intercessor:* We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

## **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

*Priest:* Israel's jealous God, giver of love's law, in whom there is no blandness, no dullness of oppression; liberate us from all that numbs compassion to find in your commands light undimmed and flavor unrestrained; through Jesus Christ, fulfiller of the law. **Amen.**

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

BCP 359

*Priest:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**ALL: Most merciful God, We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly**

**sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Priest:* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**People: Amen.**

#### THE PEACE

BCP 360

*Priest:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

#### NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME OF VISITORS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

#### OFFERTORY HYMN

*Take my life, and let it be* **Hymnal 707**

#### DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

#### PRESENTATION OF ALMS & OBLATIONS

*Priest:* All things come of Thee, O Lord,

**People: And of Thine own have we given Thee.**

#### HOLY COMMUNION

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*Priest:* Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

*Priest:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Priest:* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,

Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

S 130

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with James and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours,  
Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP 364

*Priest:* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People:** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Priest:* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION HYMN

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence* **Hymnal 324**

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION SAID BY THOSE NOT PRESENT AT HOLY COMMUNION

*Priest:* In union, O Lord, with the faithful of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you. And since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all the love of our souls. Let nothing ever separate you from us. May we live in you, and may you live in us, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

*Priest:* Let us pray.

**ALL:** Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR COMMISSIONING**

*(if the licensed LEVs are bringing communion to shut-ins, the following is said)*

*Priest:* I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go, may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

**Congregation:** We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

**THE BLESSING**

*Priest:* May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

**People:** Amen.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**

*Crown him with many crowns (verses 1, 2, 5) Hymnal 494*

**DISMISSAL**

*Priest:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.



## **NOTICES**

Sisters and brothers in Christ,

We pray that you are well on this the fifth Sunday after the Epiphany.

***Join us for Fellowship Hour in Feaster Hall provided by the Cizek Family.  
We thank them for their kindness!***

**Thank you to our outgoing Vestry members for their dedication and service  
to God and St. James In-the-Hills:**

Claudette Crowder-Fowler, Yvonne Paicely, Paul Cizek, Clovia Rush-Barnett,  
and Nickisha Williams.

**Blessings to our 2026 Vestry who will be installed Sunday, February 15th:**

Tashamee Williams, Barbara Becker, Lorna Smith, Elisha Clarke IV,  
Gladys Wood, Liz Miller, and Bob Whitehead.

Thank you to Clovia Rush-Barnett, our new head of the Fellowship Committee!

## **ANNUAL PARISH REPORT**

Those who were unable to attend the Annual Parish Meeting, and would like an extra copy of the report, please contact the Church Office.



### **BIBLE STUDY: MATTHEW**

Join us for Bible Study of the Gospel according to Matthew,  
Thursdays at 7pm via Zoom. Find the Zoom link in your Constant  
Contact email or contact Amanda in the St. James Office.

## **2026 CONTRIBUTIONS**

New parishioners who wish to receive personal offering envelopes for the year 2026, please contact the Office and we will designate a numbered envelope box to record a future offering statement. Also, please remember to return your pledge card in the offering plate, to the Office, or by mail. This helps the Vestry create a responsible budget. Contribution statements for 2025 are available now, please see our Treasurer Bob Whitehead for pickup.

## **BUNCO IS BACK**

Saturday, February 21st we will start the game promptly at 4pm in Feaster Hall. Doors will open at 3:30pm. Adults to play are \$5 and children ages 5-10 are \$3.

The St. James chapter of the **Daughters of the King** is being renewed. Members are women who desire a closer walk with the Lord. We are Christian women, both lay and ordained, who are strengthened through the discipline of a Rule of Life, and supported through the companionship of our sisters. We are all at different stages of our Christian journey – some have just begun and some have been on this path for a long time. But no matter where we are on our sacred journeys, our primary goal is the same – to know Jesus Christ and to make Him known to others. For more information, see Betty Cay Stanford or visit [www.doknational.org](http://www.doknational.org).





## COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS

Those who have signed up to volunteer as host for coffee hours, please contact the Office for any inquiries on supplies and procedures, and to collect the keys if needed. For any Sundays not chosen by volunteers, simply the coffee station only will be provided by the Church. Please check out the sign-up sheet on the blue bulletin board located outside the Parish Office for upcoming dates. 2026 dates are available now.

## DAILY DEVOTIONALS

Forward Movement's Day-by-Day devotionals for FEB-MAR-APR are available in the Sanctuary and from the Church Office during the week. Please take a copy to share with friends or loved ones.

## FLOWER CHART

A flower chart for 2026 has been posted in the Little Angels' Room for those who wish to provide the altar flowers for a particular Sunday Worship Service. Altar flowers may be dedicated to loved ones and for special dates. Please contact the Office for florist recommendations.



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**Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui**

Our Diocesan Community:  
**The Daughters of the King**

Those in our Parish:

**Jan Pushkar, Loretta Steward, Paul Crosta, Sarah Allen, Karron Bacchus, Sonia Fiederick, Riley Rupert-Richendollar, Alan Demascus, Julia Smith, Cheryl-Ann Edwards, Brantley Williams, Andrea Holmes, Douglas Saunders, Frank Bautista, Pat Miller, Pat Whipple, Rolando Mantilla, Gwen Evans, Phil Smith, Richard Sutherland, Rick Sanford, Arthur Bilotti, Linda Koontz, David King.**



*The altar flowers for today are provided by  
Diane Kinishi in thanksgiving for the life  
and love of Gene Seyffer.*

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

## MEETINGS & EVENTS

**Sunday, February 8th**

Fellowship Hour



**Tuesday, February 10th**

Vestry Meeting via Zoom - 7:00 p.m.



**Thursdays on Zoom - 7:00 p.m.**

Bible Study on Matthew

**Saturday, February 14th**

*Happy St. Valentine's Day!*



**Sunday, February 15th**

Vestry Installation



**Monday, February 16th**

Presidents' Day - *Office Closed*

**Tuesday, February 17th**

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

**Wednesday, February 18th**

Ash Wednesday

*Beginning of Lent*



**Saturday, February 21st**

BUNCO Night in Feaster Hall - 4:00 p.m.





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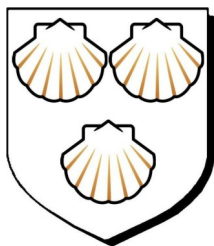
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**MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of St. James in-the-Hills Episcopal Church is to spread the Gospel  
of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit and to invite all of God's  
diverse community into a personal relationship with our Lord.



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