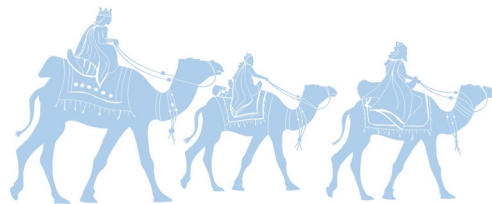
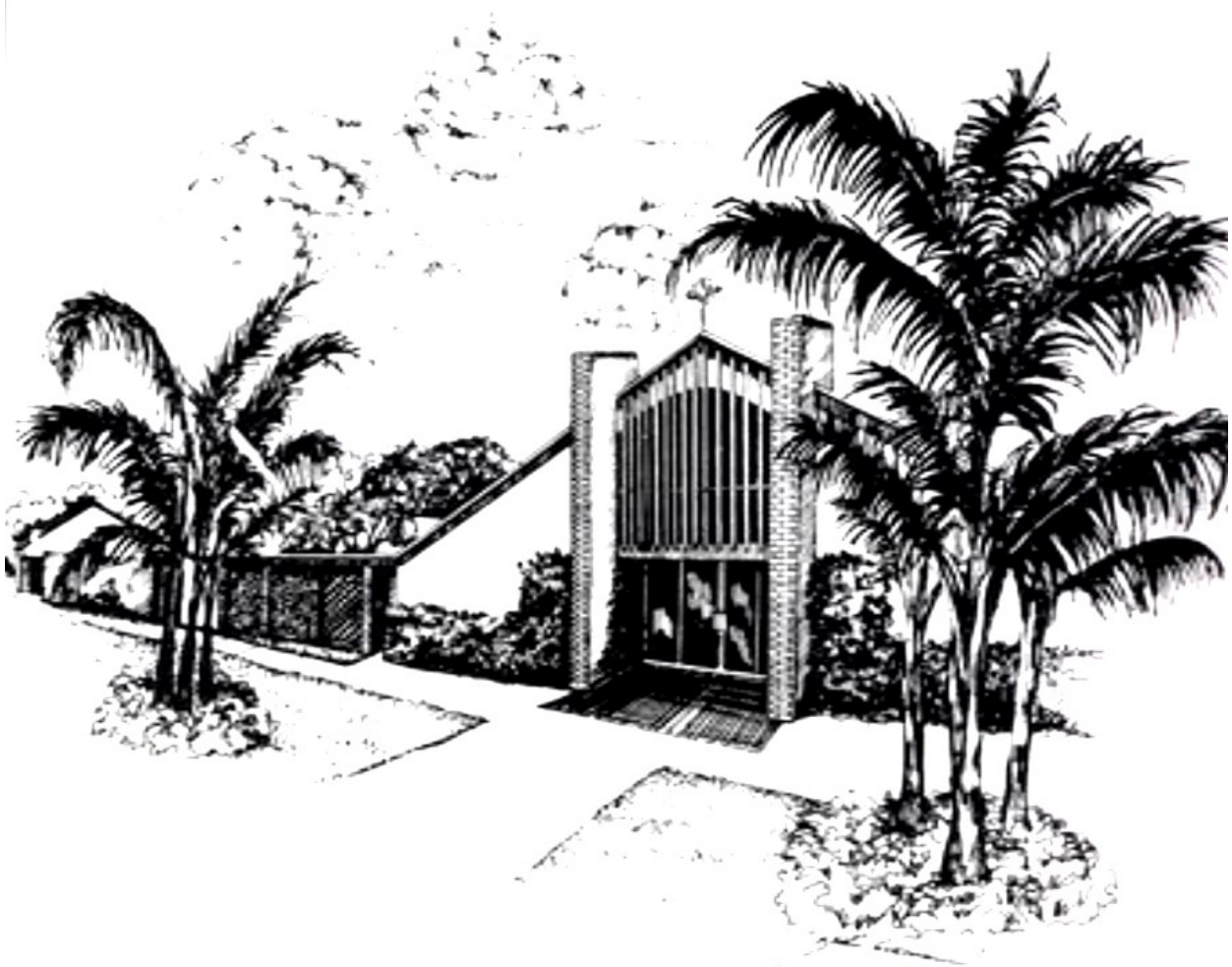




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## FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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SUNDAY SERVICE 9:30AM

FEBRUARY 1ST, 2026

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

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* **Lift Every Voice & Sing II 111**

**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.*

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE OLD TESTAMENT

## MICAH 6:1-8

*A Reading from the prophet Micah.*

Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,  
and you enduring foundations of the earth;  
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,  
and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,  
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;  
and I sent before you Moses,  
Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,  
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,  
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,  
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

“With what shall I come before the LORD,  
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,  
with calves a year old?

Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you

but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

- 1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*  
**who may abide upon your holy hill?**
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, \*  
**who speaks the truth from his heart.**
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue;  
he does no evil to his friend; \*  
**he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.**
- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, \*  
**but he honors those who fear the LORD.**
- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong \*  
**and does not take back his word.**
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, \*  
**nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.**
- 7 Whoever does these things \*  
**shall never be overthrown.**
- 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 1:18-31

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

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL****MATTHEW 5:1-12***The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.***Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

*The Gospel of the Lord.***Praise to you, Lord Christ.****CHILDREN’S DIALOG****THE SERMON***Rev. David Potter**Silence is kept.***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.**

*(continued...)*

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 The Church of England. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the clergy and people of Church of the Atonement, Lauderdale Lakes, and Holy Sacrament, Pembroke Pines.

**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:* Merciful God, shaming the strong through the weakness of love; turning upside down the wisdom of the world: may your blessing dwell with the poor and hungry, the grieving and abused; may your peaceful revolution be our joy and our reward through Jesus Christ, the power of God. **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

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.**

*(continued...)*

**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**

*In My Heart Lord* **Lift Every Voice & Sing II** 216

**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.

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

BCP 365

*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

*Soon and Very Soon* **Lift Every Voice & Sing II 14**

## 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 fourth Sunday after the Epiphany.

*Join us for Fellowship Hour in Feaster Hall provided by the Miller 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 last Sunday, 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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**The Church of England**

Our Diocesan Community:  
**Church of the Atonement, Lauderdale Lakes,  
Holy Sacrament, Pembroke Pines**

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.**



*We pray for the members of our parish family who are celebrating  
their birthday this week:*

**Samantha Cooke, Justin Evans, Issac C.**

**Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of John McClain who was commended to  
God and laid to rest yesterday.**



**GO TEAM USA!**

**We pray for all the Olympic athletes and staff, traveling to and participating  
in the global games in Milan and Cortina, Italy.**

## MEETINGS & EVENTS

**Sunday, February 1st**  
Fellowship Hour



**Thursdays on Zoom - 7:00 p.m.**  
Bible Study on Matthew

**Tuesday, February 10th**  
Vestry Meeting via Zoom - 7:00 p.m.

**Friday, February 14th**  
*Happy St. Valentine's Day!*



**Monday, February 16th**  
Presidents' Day - *Office Closed*

**Wednesday, February 18th**  
Ash Wednesday  
*Beginning of Lent*



**Saturday, February 21st**  
BUNCO Night in Feaster Hall - 4:00 p.m.





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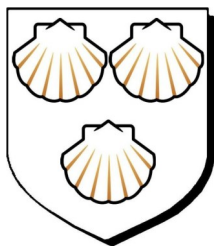
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**MISSION STATEMENT**

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  
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