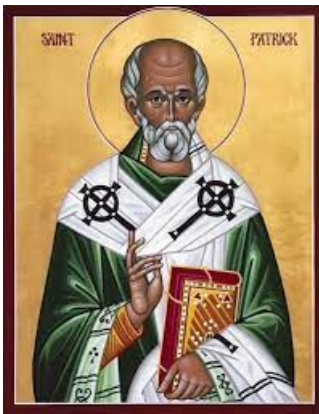




Weekly Announcements March 17, 2021

*May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again.
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

Traditional Gaelic Blessing



St. Patrick

Today is one of the most well-known "saint days" in the church year, when many Americans become Irish at least for the day, and celebrate by wearing shamrock gear, eating corned beef and cabbage, or drinking green beer. We all have some bit of green splash today - even if our family history is French or Lithuanian.

Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, was born into a Christian family in Britain around 390 and is remembered as a missionary to Irish clans and chieftains, notably erecting altars and churches over druid sites. He died in 461.

[Learn more about Patrick by clicking on this link](#)

There are many "stories" about Patrick, which include a letter he allegedly wrote to a British chieftain: *The Lorica* or *St. Patrick's Breastplate*. A hymn was written and set based on this letter, and it is a hymn still sung today at ordinations or installations of a new rector. [Click on this link to hear *St. Patrick's Breastplate*](#), which features the church Patrick founded in Armagh.

For a humorous, short video about Patrick, as told by a young Irish schoolgirl, click on this Academy Award-nominated narration: [Give Up Yer Aul Sins by Brown Bag Films.](#)

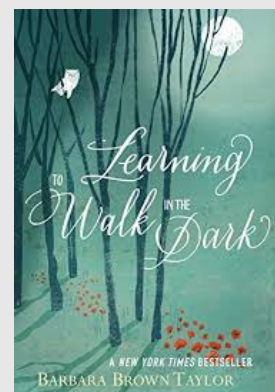
Happy St. Paddy's Day!

Lent - Online
Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM
March 17th & 24th
Learning to Walk in the Dark
Barbara Brown Taylor

Join Fr. Tim & your fellow parishioners via this ZOOM link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85218338648?pwd=VUF5Ny9kbGZUTW1WTZMYVZkZDhPZz09>

Or call:
1.312.626.6799
and enter
Meeting ID: 852 1833 8648
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Stations of the Cross

March 19th @ 12:15

A brief service
that will enable you to remember
the road Jesus walked before his death.

Did You Know?

Fr. Tim serves The Episcopal Church in Western Louisiana in two official ways beyond his ministry at St. James: as committee chair of The Beloved Community, and as President of the Standing Committee.

The Beloved Community



The Episcopal Church's *Becoming Beloved Community* vision – presented by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and our Church's key leaders in May 2017 – frames a path for Episcopalians to address both class and racial injustice and grow as a community of reconcilers, justice-makers, and healers. Because this is the work of spiritual formation, and not simply completing a training or implementing a set of programs, individuals and congregations are encouraged to embrace the journey ahead as a long-term commitment of conversation and getting to know one another through our life stories and background.

Currently, Fr. Tim is meeting weekly on Monday nights with diocesan committee members, including parishioners Daniel Chapman and Joy Owensby, for open conversations and stories about our backgrounds and how we see class and race. One hope of the committee is to use a similar discussion format around the diocese that encourages open, and non-accusatory, conversations about how we look at the world.

More to come!

Standing Committee

This committee, elected by diocesan convention, serves as Bishop Jake's council of advice. Half of its members are clerical, half lay. The Standing Committee is requested to give consent for all bishops elected in the Episcopal Church. It recommends persons for ordination. It gives the bishop advice and consent on the purchase, sale, or encumbrance of any property held by a congregation or the diocese. The Standing Committee also serves as the ecclesiastical authority in the absence of a bishop. (*Which we are not worried about!*)

March 21st
5th Sunday of Lent
In-person Eucharist
@ 10:30AM



Childcare is provided!

Readings for the Eucharist
can be found [by clicking here](#).

March 21st
5th Sunday of Lent



Online Evening Prayer @ 5:00 PM

The order of service & readings
can be found [by clicking here on our church website.](#)

Join us via this ZOOM link:

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Altar Flowers

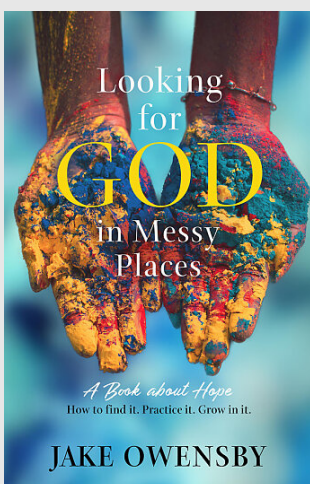
You can help make a beautiful space all the more spectacular
as we offer something for the worship of God.

A sign-up board to donate Sunday altar flowers in memory of others,
or in thanksgiving for others, is in the Narthex for your convenience;
you can call (445.9845) or email Rita: rita@stjamesla.org.
The requested donation for a Sunday is \$75.00.

Envelopes for 'Easter flowers' memorials are in pew racks - or you can
contact Rita: rita@stjamesla.org.



Please note the deadline for Easter flowers is April 1st.



Looking for God in Messy Places

by Jake Owensby

Bishop Jake's latest book is due out in April, yet you can pre-order a
copy through your [preferred bookseller by clicking here](#) We plan to
have Bishop Jake with us later in the spring for a reading, Q & A, and
book-signing.

From his Introduction:

"For those whose struggles have been long and for those who are
growing weary from heavy burdens. For those facing an unforeseen
crisis or for those enduring a slow personal train wreck. For those
whose throats have grown raw from crying for justice and for those whose wounds have gone
unhealed. This is a book about hope, and I have written it especially for those who refuse to
yield to discouragement and despair."

Reviews:

**"This is beautiful and brilliant stuff, profound and plain, incredibly human, wise and
charming. I trusted and enjoyed every word."**

Anne Lamott

**"For any who feel frustrated and world-weary, and who want more than just
wishful thinking or superficial spirituality, this book is for you! In these pages, my
friend Jake Owensby poignantly shows how LOVE is what can truly give us hope to
carry on: real love, God's love for us, our love for each other, right here, right now
in all the struggles of this messy life. And God knows, we need this book NOW!"**

Michael Curry



2021 Summer Camp Schedule

Registration opens in March!

Primary Camp 1 Grades 4, 5, and 6*	June 15 - 20	\$475
Primary Camp 2 Grades 4, 5, and 6*	July 8 - 13	\$475
Jr. High Camp 1 Grades 6, 7, and 8*	June 22 - 28	\$575
Jr. High Camp 2 Grades 6, 7, and 8*	July 15 - 21	\$575
Mid. High Camp Grades 9, 10, and 11*	June 30 - July 6	\$575
Sr. High Camp Grades 11, 12*, and recent graduates	June 6 - 13	\$675

*Grade based on 2021-2022 school year



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318.765.3794



Summer Camp Registration Underway!

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for more information & to sign up!

Parish Prayer List

Please keep these members of our community in your prayers:

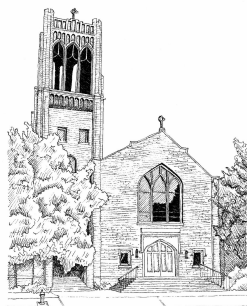
Joyce Marzullo, Bernard Parker, James Sinclair, Charlie Charrier, Janelle Hart, Alice Malone, Teddy Malone, Johnnie Hart, Jerry Neal, Emily, Taylor Thompson, Todd Fuller, Jane Y. Harris, Chase Barnfield, Jess Cook, Kip Hogue, Kyle, James Jay Watts, Janet Ahrens, Carl Ahrens, Beth Virden, Glenn Guillory, Edna Schoolcraft, Karen Donahue, Jimmy Hurt, Charlotte Thrift, Mesta Bain, Margaret Broussard, Allie Bunyog, Dean M. Tyree, Linda & John Bazer, Ron Kingston, Cecile Brunson, Felicia, Bill and Rita Clancey, Barry Mercer, Annie, Jackie Jeanne, Jaclyn Cutrone, Dietrich DeBoer, Beverly Butler, Bruce Gremillion, Murel Trimble, Charlie, Emily, Betty Anne Close, Janet Fuqua, Bill Leibke, Sarah, Jackie Moody, Sarah, Wayne and Barbara Moorehead, Pat Carter, Dr. Jack Jackson, Richard Norem, Kevin Hooter, Warren Paul, Timothy Futrell, Cindy Smith, Jane Tyson, Laura Waring, Gerard, and Mehre Hajighassem.

For those in the military:

Samuel Hayes, Steven Rougeau, Steven Brevelle, Franklin Watson, Kyle Jordan, Gill Tatman-Tyree, Donal McCarthy, Michael Geiger, Erskine Cook, Jr., Steven P. Lemoine, Patrick Downs, and Chris Babcock.

For those celebrating birthdays in March (day):

Alexis Heflin (01), Melinda Mikell (01), Janet Ahrens (05), Elizabeth Drell (06), Randall Despino (08), Lawrence Searcy (09), Diana Kryuchkova (10), Randy Welch (13), Julianna Despino (14), Bobby Levy (15), Barbara Moorhead (16), Alex Norton (22), Tom McBride (25), Don Kramer (27), Bryce Dixon (28), and Betty Gaiennie (29).



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