

St. James

— **EPISCOPAL CHURCH** —

December 1, 2021



1 O come, O come, Immanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

2 O come, O Wisdom from on high,
who ordered all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show
and teach us in its ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

END of the YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS and PLEDGES

If you wish to mail your pledge or any other contributions by the end of the year, they must be **December** dated and **received** by **Wednesday, December 29th**. If you wish to hand deliver them to the church office, they must be in before noon on **Thursday, December 30th**. **Any online pledges/contributions must be made before midnight, Tuesday, December 28th**.



Don't Forget



The Giving Tree

We are pleased to announce that our holiday tradition of adopting families impacted by HIV continues. This year, our St. James family has adopted 20 families in need. A Christmas Wishes tree will be on display in the narthex starting Sunday, December 5, 2021. To participate in this wonderful opportunity, simply select one or more envelopes from the tree and then purchase gifts for that family. The envelope will contain a brief list of requested items. Gifts may be wrapped or CLASS will wrap for you. Please note that gifts should be dropped off at the CLASS office at

1785 Jackson Street, Alexandria, La. no later than December 17, 2021.

If you would like to participate but are unable to shop due to covid or other concerns, please consider adopting a family and having the Outreach Committee members shop on your behalf.

If you have questions or need assistance with shopping, please call Deacon Michael at 318-201-7989 or contact Rita in the church office.

November Ministry Fund

Thanks to your generosity St. James was able to work with 7 families in providing \$1,399.89 for utility assistance. Please remember that the first Sunday "loose plate" collection (cash) is designated for the Ministry Fund, and we welcome donations by check as well - please make checks payable to St. James with Ministry Fund written in the check's Memo section.

Thank you!

Christmas Memorial Flowers

You are invited each Christmas to make a monetary contribution to the glory of God and in memory or honor of loved ones.

The memorial you make offers a way to not only honor those whom we love, but also decorate our church for this festive season.



Envelops are available in the pew racks or you may email your list to rita@stjamesla.org **no later than Monday, December 20th**.



Keeping the Faith, the St. James history book would be a wonderful Christmas gift! A project of the Memorial and Fine Arts Committee, the 100-page, hard cover book tells the story of St. James since its 1844 founding in downtown Alexandria. Color and black and white photos from different eras complement the narrative, along with personal anecdotes from past and present St. James members and short histories of such elements as the church's stained glass windows, Mt. Olivet, Camp Hardtner and others. A section in the back of the book also allows you to personalize your copy by adding your own photos and notes, memorializing events such as family weddings, baptisms and the like.

A perfect gift to yourself and for holiday giving, the book is \$30.00 and is available in the Church office. Shipping is available for an additional \$5.00 to cover the cost of the postage.

Advent Calendar & Prayer Resources for Families and Adults

There are Home Advent Service booklets available on tables in the Narthex and at Murray Street entrance for anyone wishing to take one home.



For others, we encourage you to click on the links below to check out resources made available by the national church:

[***Journeying the Way of Love Advent Calendar***](#) - a calendar of scripture readings, prayers or activities for each day in Advent.

[**#Advent Word**](#) - provides 28 daily meditations and images via a global, online calendar - and invites your personal reflections via social media. Join an international community of prayer this Advent!



Coffee Hour This Sunday!

Join us for coffee & fellowship this Sunday morning following the 10:30 AM service.

To volunteer for this ministry contact Melanie Torbett: meltorbett@gmail.com

Save the Date!
St. James Concert Series Resumes!

Rolston String Quartet
Friday, January 21st @ 7:00 PM



Worship



December 5th
Second Sunday of Advent
In-person Worship @ 10:30 AM
Childcare is available!

[Click here for the readings \(Track 1\).](#)

December 5th
Evening Prayer
Online @ 5:00 PM

[Click on this link to join Evening Prayer.](#)

Meeting ID: 863 4898 4077
Passcode: 1620

[Click here for the order of service & readings.](#)



Belong

NEW DIOCESAN
YOUTH EVENT!
1 DAY OF HIKING, COMMUNITY,
& FAITH FORMATION

**JANUARY
8TH
2022**

For: Jr High & Sr High &
parents/youthleader/guardians/drivers
Where? Cenla! Cost? Free!

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

Prayer

Parish Prayer List

Please keep these members of our community in your prayers:

Jaxsom McElwee, Bonnie McCartney, Andrew, Ivy Bordwine, Shirley Christian, Susan Webster, Dixie Leigh Platt, Ty Cedars, Stacy, Mattie Dean McNaughton, Kristie Fresh, Sawyer, John, Bernard Parker, James Sinclair, Johnnie Hart, Emily, Taylor Thompson, Todd Fuller, Jane Y. Harris, Chase Barnfield, Kip Hogue, Kyle, James Jay Watts, Janet & Carl Ahrens, Beth Virden, Glenn Guillory, Edna Schoolcraft, Jimmy Hurt, Charlotte Thrift, Mesta Bain, Margaret Broussard, Allie Bunyog, Dean M. Tyree, Linda & John Bazer, Ron Kingston, Cecile Brunson, Felicia, Rita Clancey, Barry Mercer, Annie, Jackie Jeanne, Jaclyn Cutrone, Dietrich DeBoer, Beverly Butler, Bruce Gremillion, Murel Trimble, Emily Warren, Betty Anne Close, Bill Leibke, Sarah, Jackie Moody, Wayne and Barbara Moorehead, Pat Carter, Richard Norem, Kevin Hooter, Warren Paul, Cindy Smith, Jane Tyson, Gerard, and Mehre Hajjhassem.

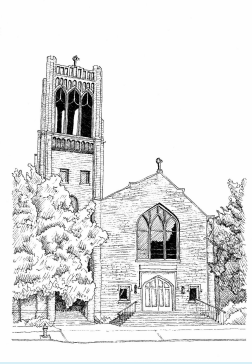
For those in the military:

Samuel Hayes, 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 December (day):

Sue Ellen Jackson (1), Graham Matthews (1), Heather Walker (1), Elizabeth Deshotel (5), Karen

Smith (5), Barbara Whitfield (6), Holly Dixon (7), Jems White (7), Tommy Thompson(8), Becky Elliott (9), Lindsey Lemoine (9), Ava Walker (9), Kai Brown (12),George Matthews (20), Sylvia Middleton (21), Caroline Searcy (21), Jim Hair (22), Tonya Shepherd (22), Tom Denley (26), Thomas Downs (26), Bertie Smith (26), Georgina Adams (27), Carla Beth Carlisle (27), John Bufkin (28), Marie Durham (28), Luke McLemore (28), Fed Adams (29).



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