



St. James Parish

WITH ST. MARK'S MINISTRIES

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2025

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2027

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The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 1, 2026, 10:15 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE 2

Prelude (*please listen in silence, preparing for worship*)

◆Hymn *Tell out, my soul* Hymnal 437

The Word of God

◆Opening Acclamation BCP pg. 355

◆Collect for Purity BCP pg. 355

◆*Gloria* Hymnal (front section) S 280

◆Collect of the Day (*Contemporary, in unison*) see insert

First Reading Micah 6:1–8

Psalm 15 (*responsively, the People in **bold***) see insert

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:18–31

◆HYMN *What does the Lord require* (vv. 1–2) Hymnal 605

◆The Holy Gospel Matthew 5:1–12

◆HYMN *What does the Lord require* (vv. 3–4) Hymnal 605

The Sermon The Rev. George Roberts

The Nicene Creed BCP pg. 358

◆The Prayers of the People

Lord, You take what is often foolish in the eyes of the world and make it wisdom, beauty, and the path we are called to follow. Grant us the patience and grace, in Christ's Name, to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk with humility down the path of Jesus. We pray, responding, Lord, have mercy.

For the Church that She may be a witness to Your truth, work toward a more just and loving world, and embrace, always, the least of these Your children. We pray, **Lord, have mercy.**

For leaders the world over that they may be inspired by Your spirit of humility to pass laws and make wise decisions that promote justice and kindness in the world. We pray, **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are most affected by injustice; for the poor, the helpless, the hungry, and the homeless; for those who, in Your Name, do the work of helping in a world where selfishness so often reigns. We pray, **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have asked for our prayers, especially David Erickson, Barbara Campbell, Andrea Hunt, John Beer, Jer H., Bob C., Michael R., Sara, Don, Barrett, Emilia, Matt G., Tiffany O., John M., Brian, Avery, Cruz, Karen, Jane B.,

Jane, Robert Pizzanello, Geoffrey Newton, Jayla, Heather, Laurent, Tom, and for all others for whom we pray, silently or aloud [*pause here*] ... We pray, **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died, particularly when working for justice and Your righteousness, and for all others for whom we pray, silently or aloud [*pause here*] ... We pray, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Dear God of truth, You have given us grace to make our common supplication to You. We pray for our community of St. James Parish with St. Mark's Ministries, for the work You give us to do each day, and for that work we must still discern as we are shaped as disciples of Jesus in the year ahead. We pray in His name. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin and Absolution BCP pg. 360

The Peace BCP pg. 360

The Holy Communion

Offertory *Turn Back, O Man* Gustav Holst

◆DOXOLOGY (vs. 3) Hymnal 380

*The Great Thanksgiving – Prayer A BCP pg. 361

**Sanctus* Hymnal (front section) S 125

*The Lord's Prayer BCP pg. 364

*The Breaking of the Bread BCP pg. 364

Gluten-free hosts are available.

Communion Hymns: 560, 554, 442

◆Postcommunion Prayer BCP pg. 366

Announcements

A Birthday Prayer

Watch over us, O Lord, as our days increase; bless and guide us wherever we may be. Strengthen us when we stand; comfort us when discouraged or sorrowful; raise us up if we fall; and in our hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

◆HYMN *We sing the praise of him who died* Hymnal 471

The Dismissal BCP pg. 366

Postlude (*please remain seated to enjoy the Postlude or depart in silence*)

◆ You are invited to stand, as able. * You are invited to kneel, as able.
BCP refers to *The Book of Common Prayer*, found in the pew book rack.

Serving this week

Crucifer		Chloe Roberts
Altar Guild		Janet LaPierre-Green & Gina Pines
Chalicians	8:00 a.m.	Mimi Hostetter
	10:15 a.m.	Chandler Howard
Lectors	8:00 a.m.	Janet LaPierre-Green
	10:15 a.m.	Felicia DeDominicis
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Dave & Kim Faubert
	10:15 a.m.	Joyce Bettencourt & Evan Lapointe
Welcomer		Anna Whilby
Care Ministry / Altar Flower delivery		Dona Waugh

Today's altar flowers are given
in memory of my late wife, Kathryn M. Lyons.

~ V. Everett Lyons



We welcome all who are guests with us this week – we are so glad you are here!
Please fill out one of the small cards in the pew rack and hand it to an usher so we can get to know you better.

Music for the 10:15 am worship service is streamed with permission under
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On a Sunday each month we say a prayer for those having a birthday during that month. Another way for us to celebrate life together! If someone cannot be present because of illness, a family member may say their name, so that we may pray for them.

Join us online for worship this morning! Join us at 10:15 a.m. on Facebook Live (you do NOT need a Facebook account) – <https://bit.ly/StJamesLive>. **Join us on** Mondays for Morning Prayer at 9:30 am, also livestreamed on Facebook at the same link.



The re-scheduled 2025 St. James Parish Annual Meeting will be held TODAY at 11:45 am in the parish hall. Please sign-in as you arrive at the Meeting, if you are a parish member so that we might establish a quorum. We will vote on the budget, elect new Vestry members, and report on the overall state of things at St. James Parish. Thank you for all that you do to be Christ's light in and from this place.

Feast of the Presentation of our Lord: Candlemas.

TOMORROW, February 2nd, at 10 am, instead of Morning Prayer, we will commemorate Candlemas in the Chapel.

The service will include Holy Eucharist, along with the blessing of candles and the traditional blessing of throats (typically tied to February 3rd but often moved in the Anglican tradition to February 2nd). For more on the blessing of throats see <https://trinitycovington.org/news/blessing-of-the-throats-feb-4> but ignore the dates that they are using. Bring candles from home so that they might receive a blessing, too. Note: Light incense will be used at Holy Communion or the beginning of the service.



Bible Study: we continue our study for Epiphany using Fleming Rutledge's little book *Epiphany: Season of Glory*, as a text to engage the wider implications of our faith and life with Christ through the often-minimized season of Epiphany. The books are \$20, but please let Fr. George know if this is a challenge for you; there will be no issue. We meet via Zoom at 12:30 pm with Meeting ID: 815 4332 7235; Passcode: 982548.

Wednesday mid-day service: join us for Holy Eucharist with prayers for healing in the Chapel (behind the choir seating) at 11:30 am. Immediately following the service, you are invited to stay for lunch (bring your own lunch – brown bag or something to warm up) and time for conversation in the parish hall. All are welcome!



First Sunday Breakfast: Find delicious food and fellowship at

First Sunday Breakfasts cooked by a great crew of men of the parish: pancakes, sausage, bacon, eggs, juice and coffee as good as Mom made.

A gluten-free option will also be available. And, of course, much good conversation! So, because of today's Annual Meeting and potluck lunch, **join us next Sunday, February 8th from 9 am–9:45 am**, bring your family and neighbors, and share in the great food from our Men's Group.

Men's Breakfast On Saturday, February 14th at 7:30 am, all men of the parish are invited to join us for a time of conversation and good food at the Crazy Pancake, 17 Whiting Street, in Plainville. Come as you are. Everyone is responsible for his own breakfast but let Fr. George know if that is a challenge, as there is assistance available. Join in fellowship with Fr. George and a great breakfast!

The lectionary readings for Sunday, February 8th are:

Isaiah 58:1–9a; Psalm 112:1–9; 1 Corinthians 2:1–12; Matthew 5:13–20.

Women's Ministry

Monday, February 9th, beginning at 4:30 pm (come when you can) *Prudence Crandall Valentine Care Project* - our fellow parishioner Christina DeFranco has asked for our help filling 100 beautiful bags for women at Prudence Crandall for Valentines. She has done this project for 7 years; this year we can help in the project. We will meet in the Parish Hall and work to fill the bags and make them lovely. **Donations of “luxury” items are being accepted through week’s end for the Bags:** soaps, chocolates, make-up, lotions & haircare products, items for children, gift cards.

Pre-Lenten time of reflection & preparation: On **Saturday, February 14th, at 9:30 am** (until noon), we will host time of gentle reflection as we prepare for the season of Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday, the 18th. We will have some time for silence, prayer, and Kelvin Young will be back to lead us in a time of sound healing. Please join us and feel free to invite a friend or neighbor. A time to connect with Christ’s peace as we enter into the season of Lent.

Choli Cookoff! On **Tuesday, February 17th, Shrove Tuesday, at 6 pm**, we’ll hold our **Annual Chili Cookoff** as a fundraiser for our **2026 Dominican Republic Mission Trip in April**. Folks are encouraged to share their favorite chili recipe. A sign up will be up soon. To ensure variety and not too much repetition or too many chilis, there will be a space for your name and for you to say what type of chili you will be sharing. Folks will be able to sample the chilis first and then take full servings of their favorites! There is no charge to come and participate and taste the chilis, but this is a fundraiser!! Please bring \$1, \$5, \$10 bills as we will have some fun ways to pick the “best” chili and to raise funds for the DR mission trip. Freewill offerings will of course be accepted, too!! A short service, *Farewell to Alleluias*, will begin around 6:45 or 7 pm. Stay tuned for more information!



ASH WEDNESDAY We will have two **Ash Wednesday** services on **February 18th**: one **at noon** and one **at 7 pm**, both with **Holy Eucharist**. The 7 o'clock service will be livestreamed. If you cannot attend in-person worship, but would like to have ashes, you need only stop by the church 9 am–11 am or 2 pm–4 pm. If you wish to have ashes and cannot make it to church, call Fr. George to schedule a very short visit for the imposition of ashes.

Outreach Corner

Church by the Pond THIS SATURDAY February 7th: St. James will partner with Christ Church Cathedral's "Church Street Eats" program to host Church by the Pond in Bushnell Park in Hartford. Fr. George Roberts will offer a service, and then we will provide bagged lunches to the approximately 50-60 people who gather there. There is a poster in the narthex to sign up for the items needed for the bagged lunches. Additionally, we ask for volunteers to make the lunches at the church in the morning as well as people to go to the event in Bushnell Park to help and distribute the lunches. If you have any questions, call Kathy Bullard @ 860-673-6444.

Lenten series on Wednesdays of Lent – Matthew's Gospel: Healing, parables, & storytelling: Matthew's Gospel has a deep desire to show us that Jesus healed through exorcising demons, touching and blessing the sick and needy. Jesus' teaching through parable is a form of healing, too. Jesus ministers to us and grows us as His disciples by deepening our understanding of who He is and how He saves us. **Beginning on Wednesday, February 25th,** and going through the four succeeding Wednesdays (March 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th), all are invited to explore a portion of Jesus' witness in the Gospel of Matthew. With our intern, Lee Febos, Fr. George will lead any curious about Christ's power to heal and teach, beginning with an overview of Chapter 8 in the Gospel of Matthew, in which Jesus heals, teaches, and exorcizes demons. **We will begin each night with soup and salad at 5:30 pm, and then continue until around 7 pm** for conversation, questions, and perhaps a new perspective on Matthew.



Stations of the Cross. Join us on Fridays of Lent, beginning on Friday, February 20th, at 5:30 pm, for an exploration of the ancient form of prayer and worship known as The Stations of the Cross. The Stations were said in the medieval world when a pilgrim could not journey to Jerusalem to walk the way of Jesus, the Stations of the Cross. We will gather each Friday in Lent to pray a beautiful set of prayers combining "The Stations of the Cross" found in the St. Augustine Prayer Book and a beautiful poem written for our Stations by Dianne Antos. We use, as our focus of prayer, 14+ beautiful stations done in various art mediums by members of our own parish. If you have never experienced this time of beauty, repentance, prayer, and grace – or if you have come in the last two years we have held this time as sacred – join us and be blessed.

Hearing assist support upgrade: We have an upgrade to our sanctuary audio system which should clear up volume issues some have experienced on the livestream and in the worship space itself. Please let us know if those issues are unresolved for you at home. There is a discreetly placed Wi-Fi station that should help folks with hearing impairments. We have four devices which can be found on the table in the narthex (ask ushers for help, if needed). The process is simple and below; if you have an iPhone or Android, you can use your phone:

- + Get one of our hearing aid devices
- + Log into to *St. James Par* (our Wi-Fi network) with password *St.Jofc2010*
- + Go to the App Store and download *Wavecast* audio receiver (Williams).
- + Once you have the app, open it, and click on Search by channel or name
- + Adjust the volume on the hearing aid device (each device comes with simple instructions).

MISSION STATEMENT

*We welcome all to worship and nurture spiritual growth through faith, grace and reason.
We reach out to those in need as a caring community &
live Christ's teaching to love one another.*

COMMUNION IN THIS CHURCH

All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table in the Episcopal Church. If you are visiting, and have received Communion in your own parish, then please share in the sacrament with our parish. Gluten-free hosts are available. If you are not baptized, you are welcome to ask for a blessing.

GUESTS

A cordial welcome to St. James Parish. Please fill out a Welcome Card in the pew rack and place it in the collection box or hand it to an usher. We invite you to sign our guest book as you leave the church. Scan this QR code to access our website for more information about St. James Parish.

THE CHURCH IS ALWAYS OPEN FOR PRAYER & MEDITATION

The Parish Office is open Monday–Friday, 9 am–2 pm.
Sunday worship services are held at 8 am (Rite 1) and 10:15 am (Rite 2).

