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INVITES YOU TO EXPLORE OUR LIFE AND MINISTRIES AT ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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December 5, 2008

We Look Forward to Seeing You Sunday!

- 7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
 - 8:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Chapel*
 - 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II*
 - 10:00 a.m. Christian Education for all ages*
 - 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II* with choir
 - 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II in the Chapel
- *Nursery available

Sunday Lectionary: Year B,
Revised Common Lectionary
Daily Office: Year ONE

The Lectionary — The Second Sunday of Advent: *First Lesson:* Isaiah 40:1-11; *The Psalm* 85:1-2, 8-13; *Second Lesson:* 2 Peter 3:8-15a; *The Gospel:* Mark 1:1-8.

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Americana Advent Camp

An Americana Advent Camp will take place on Saturday, December 13, from 8:30 until 4:30 p.m. Pre-K through fifth grade kids will take a look at what American saints have to say about Advent. The day will include arts and crafts, story times, games, and snacks. As needed, a nursery will be provided for infants and toddlers. Snacks and lunch will be provided. Older youth are welcome to be assistants.

To take advantage of this offering, parents are asked to participate in at least one hour of the adult Advent programming which is the same morning, from 8:30 'til noon. Registration is \$20 for the first child and \$10 for each additional child made payable to St. James. To attend, you *must* pre-register by December 4, either by signing up at church or emailing jmolonev@stjamesbr.org. Including in your email, please, the names and ages of the children attending.

Downtown Festival of Lights

Join your St. James family this Friday evening, December 5 at 5:00 p.m. in the Youth Suite for a light meal before heading to various holiday activities downtown. St. James will provide sandwich trays. Please bring drinks, cookies, or chips.

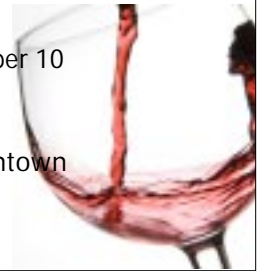
"Wine Down" with the Young Adults

Enjoy great wine, food and holiday cheer!

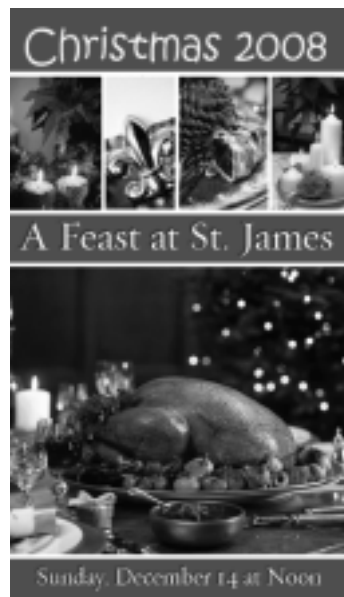
Wednesday, December 10

6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

The Wine Loft, downtown
304 Laurel Street
\$10 per person



Second Annual Christmas Dinner for Homeless next Sunday



Volunteers are needed as we prepare to host our Second Annual Christmas Dinner for the Homeless on Sunday, December 14. There are a variety of ways you, as a parishioner and supporter of this ministry, can be of assistance.

Collect travel-size toiletries

As part of our dinner for those less fortunate in our community, we are distributing backpacks with essential personal care items. We need hotel sized soap, shampoo, conditioner, and body lotion. We also could use warm socks, combs, warm caps, travel sized deodorant and mouthwash, toothbrushes and toothpaste. We will be gathering donations in bins marked "Christmas Dinner for the Homeless" in the church foyer.

Volunteers needed for the dinner

Anyone wishing to volunteer for this truly rewarding ministry, before or during; behind the scenes or out in front, should contact Jane Woods at 816-806-1376 or by email at janezwoods@hotmail.com.

The Food Bank is always in need. If every family in our parish would bring just *one* can of food every week, our cup (or pantry) would surely runneth over. Just *ONE* item, *EVERY* week. Volunteers needed first and third Wednesdays at 8:00 a.m. for distribution assistance.

St. James Staff

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Email addresses available on the church web site:

www.stjamesbr.org

St. James Vestry

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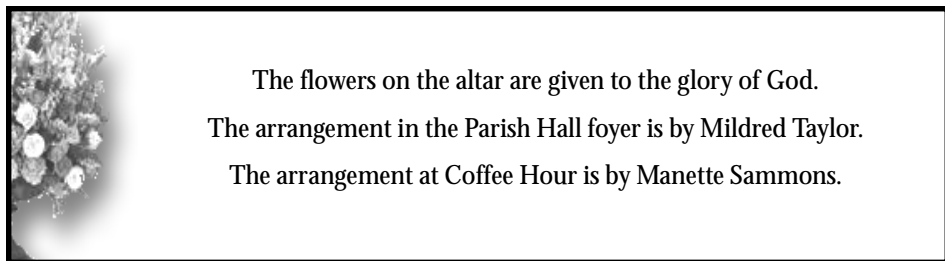
*The Diocese of Louisiana is one church, faithful
to Jesus Christ, united in mission,
reaching out to seekers.
We live in joyous witness to the power of grace
and divine compassion in our lives.*

Christian Education Notes

Nursery Care for children three months to four years old is available 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on the first floor of the Parish Hall from a wonderful team of professional caregivers. Pagers are also available for your comfort and convenience.



Christian Education choices for children three through fifth grade include the **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** meeting in three atria that are located on the second floor of the Parish Hall above the chapel and parlor; and, **Faith Builders** meet in the Day School's first grade and extended care classrooms, which are just through the parlor door leading to the cafeteria.



The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God.

The arrangement in the Parish Hall foyer is by Mildred Taylor.

The arrangement at Coffee Hour is by Manette Sammons.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers ...

For the dear departed: Margie Joan Warren Pee, mother of Deborah Matherne; Harold Ritter, father of the Rev. Ken Ritter

Prayers are asked for: Elizabeth Poole, Anne Howe, Meaghan Strain, Mary Fisher, Mary Ann, Jack and San West, Jay Shreiner, Keith Lanneau, Sally Wells, Louibelle Grantham, Ken Byrd, Joyce Rucker, Henry Werth, Michael Chittom, Louise Chittom, May Bruser, Sharon Hoffeld, Bill, Susan, Mary Callicott, Betty Romero, Scottie Thomas, Allison Ohmstede, Tom Raggio, Camille Raggio, Gabrielle, Anne Inge, Dan Hudson, Steve Cummings, Jane, Chip Middleton, Lillian Shipes

Our continuing prayers are offered for: O.B. Romero, Estelle Copes, Michael Matassarin, Marguerite Matassarin, Nicholas Yiannopoulos, Bessie Stockton, Bill, Thomas, John and Kathy Gummerzell, Brooke Hardin, Sue Tweedy, Laura and

Our Family provides house or child-sitting during funerals, or prepares food in times of family need. Contact Mimi Riché at mimi.riche@cancerservices.org.

Christmas Pageant Sign-up

Sign your children up for our annual Christmas Pageant, which takes place on Wednesday, December 24, at the 4:00 p.m. service. Singing rehearsals begin this Friday afternoon, December 5, and will also be held on December 12, from 3:45-4:30, as well as a dress rehearsal on Tuesday, December 23, from 9:00-10:30 a.m. Contact Alison Nikitopoulos anikitopoulos@stjamesbr.org, or 387-5141 right away!

Children's Bible Blessing

This Sunday, December 7, at the 9:00 a.m. service, we invite all children in first through sixth grades to receive bibles for use in their Sunday programs. Father Miller will bless the bibles, which will then remain in the children's classrooms until they "graduate" and move on into youth group activities.

Birthdays December 5-11

- 5 Veda Norfolk, Joy Bagur, Randy East, Bessie Stockton, Hunter Smithburg, William McCarthy
- 6 Peggy Austin, Linda Ohmstede, Randy Rice, Debra Sledge, Derek Mathews, Randall Peterson, Beth Carroll, Kayla Parker, Raegen Harbour
- 7 T'Lane Field, Heather Woolf, Cammie Heroman
- 8 Lillie Jantz, Eric Krutz, Matthew Vandal
- 9 Juan Barroso, Pat Spann, Laura Collet, Nanette Noland, Brent Rhodes, Stewart Abercrombie, Michelle Stillinger, Josh Bullock, Taylor Randall
- 10 Nina Fleshman, Jane Henslee, Nancy Hubbard, Ashley Lambert, Olivia Broderick, James Kurts
- 11 Merrell Irby, Tori Michelli

EYC Notes from Mother Laurie M. Brock

Please note the following dates for EYC events in Advent and Christmas:

Sunday, December 7 — 4:00-6:00 p.m. - EYC at Rural Life Christmas (LSU Rural Life Museum, off Essen). Like last year, Helen and Bill Campbell have generously offered that the EYC be their special guests. To get a guest pass for free admittance, you *must* contact Mother Laurie to get one before the event. Families and friends are welcome to join us for an evening of demonstrations, crafts, and a Christmas bonfire and visit from Père Noël. We'll meet at the entrance of the Rural Life Museum at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 14 — EYC is invited to help at the Christmas Dinner for the Home-

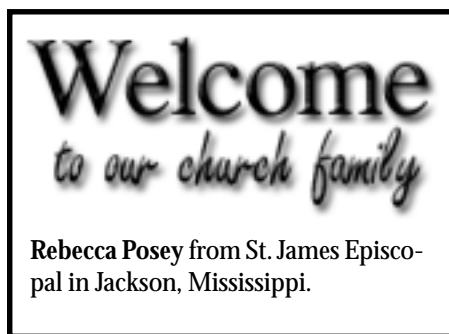
less (see cover story) **following the 11:00 o'clock service. No regular EYC that evening.**

Sunday, December 21 — We will be attending the Christmas Lessons and Carols service at 5:00 p.m.

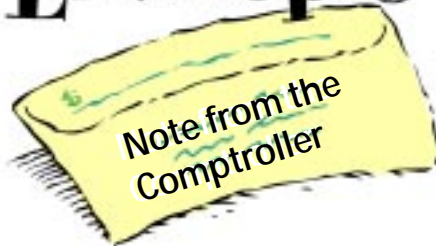
Sunday, December 28 — No EYC – *Merry Christmas!*

Sunday, January 4 — No EYC – *Happy New Year!*

Friday, January 16-Sunday, January 18 — A Diocesan Youth Event for those in grades six through twelve, *Our Dream of God*, at the Solomon Episcopal Conference Center in Robert. Cost is \$86 per person. Scholarships are available. To register, email Mother Laurie. Make checks payable to St. James.



Offering Envelopes



The 2009 offering envelopes will *not* have numbers on them. St. James has purchased technology enhancement to aid in the speed and accuracy of posting donations which eliminates the need for envelope numbers.

Offering envelopes will still be available and placed in various locations around the church for you to pick up at your convenience and need. The new envelopes will be available Sunday, November 30.

Please write your name on the envelope when making a cash donation. This will enable us to properly maintain your contribution record.

A SERVICE OF CHRISTMAS LESSONS & CAROLS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2008
5:00 P.M.

Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by this Holy Child; and let us make this church glad with our carols of praise.

Christmas Flowers

We are now compiling the Christmas poinsettia listing. If you would like to place poinsettias as a memorial or thank offering during the Christmas season, please complete this form and place it in the offering plate, or drop it by the church office on or before Wednesday, December 17. The usual donation is \$35.

Donor _____

Exact wording of listing (please print): _____



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We proclaim Christ crucified and risen, and invite you to join with us in ministry together in his name.

Ministries and Worship

Friday, December 5, 2008

- 8:15 a.m. Day School Eucharist
- Noon *We Care* Bags Project
- 3:45 p.m. Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
- 5:00 p.m. Gather in Youth Suite to enjoy Festival of Lights**

Saturday, December 6, 2008

- 8:00 a.m. Garden Guild Work Day

Sunday, December 7, 2008 - *The Second Sunday of Advent*

- 7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- 8:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service (Chapel)*
- 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II*
- 10:00 a.m. Christian Education for all ages*
- 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- 4:00 p.m. EYC meets at the Rural Life Museum
- 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II* (Chapel)
- 5:00 p.m. Mastersingers Rehearsal

Monday, December 8, 2008

- 8:15 a.m. Day School Chapel
- 11:30 a.m. Yoga Class
- Noon Finance Committee
- 5:30 p.m. Vestry

Tuesday, December 9, 2008

- Noon Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

Wednesday, December 10, 2008

- 7:00 a.m. Bible Study Group
- 9:00 a.m. Linda Nelson Spiritual Direction
- 3:30 p.m. MeTime with Father John Miller
- 6:00 p.m. Young Adult Wine Tasting at the Wine Loft
- 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 11, 2008

- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Healing Service
- Noon EFM
- Noon EFM Graduates Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. EFM

** Indicates Child Care Provided*

Lay Ministry - Sunday, December 7, 2008

- 7:30 a.m. Mary Jarnagin, John Bilisoly
- 8:45 a.m. Mimi Riché
- Ushers** 9:00 a.m. Bob Israel, Chad Phillips, Pat Culbertson, Daryl Ellis
- 11:00 p.m. Huntington Odom, Fred Frey, Charles Coates Jr., Tommy Frazer

- Acolytes** 9:00 a.m. Robby Outland, Kate Oliver, Mary Oliver
- 11:00 a.m. Ethan Wax, Bailey Wax, Peyton Peele

- Lay Eucharistic Ministers** 7:30 a.m. Tony Carter
- 8:45 a.m. Mimi Riché, Ed Henderson
- 9:00 a.m. David Walker
- 11:00 a.m. Hays Town III
- 5:00 p.m. Lynnette Frazer

- Verger** 9:00 a.m. David Warrington
- 11:00 a.m. Joan McCaskill

- Lectors** 7:30 a.m. Mary Thomas
- 8:45 a.m. Tricia Henderson, Ed Henderson (P), John Pine
- 9:00 a.m. Betty Romero, Ferrill Ann Coates
- 11:00 a.m. Nancy Penn, Sarah Sheely

- Intercessor** 7:30 a.m. Tony Carter
- 8:45 a.m. Mimi Riché
- 9:00 a.m. Ashley Casey
- 11:00 a.m. Lou Ellis

- Welcome Committee** 9:00 a.m. Betty & O.B. Romero, Linda & Bob Bowsher
- 11:00 a.m. Herndon Spillman

- Altar Guild** 7:30 a.m. Dodie Edmonds, Mildred Taylor
- 8:45 a.m. BB Stirling
- 9:00 a.m. Linda Bowsher, Margaret Culbertson
- 11:00 a.m. Pauline Barrow, Laura Collet, Gay Middleton, Nancy Penn
- 5:00 p.m. Betty Phillips