

The BELLS of St. JAMES

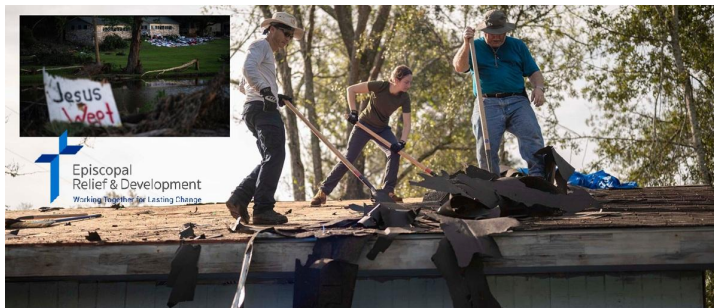
*news, inspiration,
and opportunities
for ministry*

Message from Mother Mariclaire **Help for West Texas**

We have all watched with broken hearts as the recovery efforts in West Texas have continued over the past two weeks.

Episcopal Relief and Development is on the ground in the Diocese of West Texas helping residents with immediate needs in the wake of this disaster, as well as providing spiritual care to those who lost family members.

I encourage you to support ERD as you are able to assist them in their flood recovery efforts.



We will continue to collect funds for ERD during worship this Sunday, July 20th. You can write a check to St. James with "Texas Flood Relief" in the memo line and place it in the alms basin at the offertory.

You can also make a donation online at Episcopal Relief & Development. [Link here](#)

Thursday

July 17, 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 19, Saturday

Budget Planning Forum
for leaders of groups
room 127
9:30a-12:30p

July 20, Sunday

regular services
+
Holy Eucharist
at Sterling Estates
3p
*All invited. Help
appreciated 30 min. early.*

July 21, Monday

Reach Out Mental Health
provides lunch and
entertainment for adults
with special needs
11a

*Volunteers needed 1-2
hours early*

+
Vestry
7p

July 23, Wednesday

Adult Choir rehearsal
resumes to prepare the
anthem for St. James Day
7:30

July 24-26 Thu-Sat

Flower Guild fills the

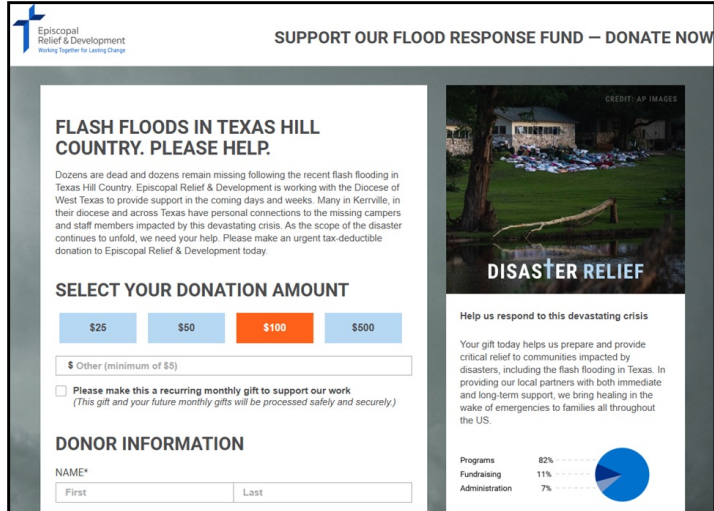


Photo: a screenshot of ERD's giving page.

Thank you for your generosity, and please continue to pray for all of the people whose loved ones are confirmed dead or still missing, as well as everyone who lost homes and businesses to the flood waters.

In Christ,
Mo. Mariclair+

church with flowers for
St. James Sunday
details in
"Announcements" below

July 27, Sunday

St. James Day

Rite I spoken

8a

+

breakfast

8:45

+

Lectionary Bible Study

room 206

9:30

+

Liturgy from the 1789

prayer book

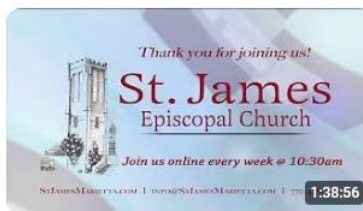
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Pot Luck Parish Picnic

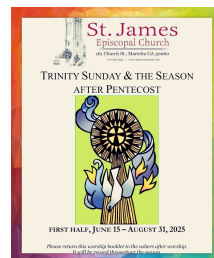
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Livestream HQ - Links & Booklets for Worship at Home



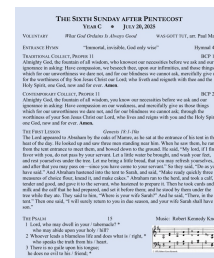
10:30 Service On Line
Click on "live" to see a service
live or archived.

[Link
to livestream
on YouTube](#)



**Worship Booklet
for the Season**
contains prayers, service
music, and responses that we
will use until late August

[Download
Worship Booklet](#)



The Service Bulletin,
updated weekly, contains
lessons, hymn numbers, and
announcements: items that
change each Sunday.

[Download the
Service Bulletin](#)

NEW! IMPROVED SOUND! Mother Mariclair thanks our A-V Tech Team Matt Roberts and Kevin Kamperman: "I've been getting good comments from folks on the new earpiece making it easier to hear/understand me, I appreciate your work getting that!"

They also reported some of the latest Livestream stats: 2 new subscribers, 456 total views, 9,278 minutes watched.



Missing photos in *The Bells*? Missing the blue shaded "Pulse of the Parish" at the end of your issue? You can tell your email service to show blocked or dropped content. Need help? Email communications@stjamesmarietta.com



Picnic

ST. JAMES DAY

Sunday, July 21st

Following the 10:30 Service
Parish Hall

It's a Potluck

BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH &
ENJOY GREAT COMPANY!

Take St. James to the Ballpark, Take St. James to the Crowd

Everyone is invited to join us at Truist Park August 10th at 1:30 p.m. to see the Braves face the Miami Marlins. All parishioners are welcome. Guardians, please accompany your children.

We will be sitting in the General Admission section which *does have shade!* Cost is \$20 per person. Please RSVP by August 3rd. Use the QR code below or open [this link](#)



Children & Youth News

Below are some of the photos of the Youth trip to the White Water park on Wednesday July 16. Mother Mariclair took the first one before departure. Riley took a selfie with the group, and captured Sam in mid-air with the whole group at the water wheel.





Acolytes for 10:30 Sunday: Joni White is crucifer; we would like two torch bearers!

Teens are invited to **Camp Mikell** for Work Camp **July 21 - 27**. Despite the name, it's lots of fun and it's meaningful! It's for teens from rising 10th Graders to those just graduated. For information, [click here](#).

Contact Us

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Keep up with the Diocesan Youth Council at <http://eycdioatl.org/>

Episcopal News and Opportunities

Receiving: A reflection on the parable of the Good Samaritan *Luke 10:25-37*
by The Rev. Tricia Templeton, St. Dunstan's Atlanta

Who do you identify with in the story of the Good Samaritan? Most of us aspire to be the good guy. But what if we are the one lying in the ditch? Years ago I was robbed in Malaysia. My friends pooled their money, but didn't have enough for me to continue the trip. They had just enough to get me back to Thailand, where we were Peace Corps volunteers, and a hotel for a night. My hotel was seedy, but because I was white I got away with hanging out at the pool at the expensive nice hotel. There I met a Thai woman, whose Australian "boyfriend" worked nearby. She was a prostitute. When she heard my story she insisted they take me to dinner. The next morning she appeared at my hotel with breakfast, a packed lunch for my bus ride that day, and extra money in case of an emergency. Samaritans were reviled by Jews in Jesus' day. Prostitutes are looked down on today. Who was my neighbor? The one who showed mercy.

Every Wednesday Evening: Opportunity for Prayer and Fellowship

St. James offers evening prayer on Wednesdays at 6:30. Though the service rarely draws more than 20 people, it often draws a visitor, as it did last night.



We like Solomon Seal, Anise, Acuba, Pee Gees or very white Lime Light Hydrangeas

- **July 25, Friday** - We arrange flowers, 9a - 12p. *No experience necessary.*
- **July 26, Saturday** - Another workday *if needed*, 9a - noon.

REMINDERS

Sunday Bible Study 9:30-10:15, room 206

Tom Cook leads a collegial group in previewing the day's Gospel reading. Even if it's your first time there, you'll be on the same page with everyone else. Tom writes, "Your input is joyfully received, and you can ask any query, and the group will enjoin in trying to shed light upon your inquiry."

Budget Forum: learn how to plan for your St. James ministry.

Sr. Warden Bill Eubanks writes: It's time for our 2026 Budget process to begin for the resources of the St. James' Parish so that our various programs and activities can best achieve their plans, goals, and missions each year. To accomplish this, we must involve the people who make those programs and activities function and run. Therefore, the Rector, Wardens, and the Treasurer will hold the 2026 Budget Forum for the leaders and assistants of all these programs and activities in room 205 on **Saturday, July 19, 2025, from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM**.

Prayer list. To receive the weekly prayer list, email Cari Edwards selvine@hotmail.com Leave prayer requests in the offering plate or at the desk by the parish office. You can phone in prayer requests 770-428-5841 Mondays through Thursdays, 9-12:30.



Parking passes for St. James. Cornerstone Parking doesn't charge us fees at the Polk Street lot during scheduled church events. Outside of scheduled times, we each need a parking tag to hang in our autos.

To receive a parking tag, contact Lucia Bird luciabird@gmail.com or 770.402.0024 with your name, make and model of your vehicle, the license plate number, and the vehicle's **COLOR** (this is a late addition to the notice). If your vehicle has changed since you got your hang tag, you will need a replacement, so give Lucia the information on the old hang tag, too.

Your pledge helps the Vestry plan for the year . [Pledge here.](#)

Contact Us

*Program staff available via email Sunday - Thursday;
office staff, Monday - Thursday, 9am-1pm*

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Pulse of the Parish

from Scott Smoot, Communications Director

Empathy is a super-power. So writes a critic in his rave for the new Superman movie. The man of steel was part of my life long before Jesus was, so I've already seen the movie twice. I really got into it (see photo).



"Empathy is a super-power" fits right in with **Mother Mariclair's** sermon about the **Good Samaritan**. The parable makes you feel like, if you saw someone in dire need, you'd know how to help. Like the Samaritan, the guy in the red cape flies out of his way during the movie to rescue a motorist, a little girl, and even a squirrel.

We all have some chances to exercise this super-power in the next few days. Some residents of **Sterling Estates** can't always get out to our church, so **Mother Mariclair, Dr. Bryan Black**, and members of our **Lay Eucharistic Ministers** go to them Sunday at 3p.

On Monday, several dozen adults with special needs will be guests of our ministry **Reach Out Mental Health** for lunch and BINGO at 11a. For both occasions, volunteers who arrive 30 minutes early can be very helpful.



Above: Volunteers for Reach Out Mental Health, working in the kitchen and being friendly hosts for guests with special needs, on the third Monday of every month.

By the way, **Mary Nimsgern** and **D.G. Reisinger** have each taken flowers to residents of another home after church in the past couple of months, including **my own mother**. It's their super-power to make her day!

Know any good news items about goings-on in the parish? *Share them with me at the [communications](#) desk.*



Message from Mother Mariclaire
Something pretty miraculous

Four priests, a Senior Warden, and a Minister of Music walk into a...

It sounds like the beginning of a joke, but this last week the Church came together through all of these individuals to make something pretty miraculous happen. Through a series of fortuitous coincidences, St. James now has braille editions of the 1982 Hymnal and 1979 Book of Common Prayer.

Some time ago the Rev. Dr. Mary Grace Dupree, former member of St. James, interviewed our own Jay Williams for a diocesan committee on accessibility and hospitality. In that conversation, he mentioned that he would like to have a braille edition of the 1979 Book of Common Prayer and 1982 Hymnal.

Mother Mary Grace remembered this when a colleague, the Rev. Greg Tallant of Holy Trinity in Decatur, shared that he had discovered just such a thing while cleaning out the choir room at his parish. The three of us connected to figure out a handover, and then the Rev. Sarah Fisher, rector of St. Catherine's and resident of Decatur, graciously offered to deliver the set before our monthly Cobb County Clericus meeting this last Tuesday.

As you can see in the photos below, this edition is voluminous. Luckily Senior Warden Bill Eubanks and Minister of Music Dr. Bryan Black were on hand to help transport all of the boxes and volumes upstairs to the music wing, where it now resides for Jay's use.

In Christ,
Mo. Mariclaire+

Thursday

July 10, 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 13, Sunday

Rite I spoken

8a

+ breakfast

8:45

+ lectionary Bible Study

room 206

9:30

+ Rite II with organ & choir

10:30

July 16, Wednesday

Youth trip to Six Flags'

White Water

10:45a - 4:30p

details below

under the heading

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3p

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appreciated 30 min. early.

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