

# St. James Parish Church

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TO BE A BEACON RADIATING GOD'S LOVE AMONG ALL PEOPLE



THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY - YEAR A

*The Baptism of Our Lord*

*January 11, 2026*

7:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Sermon

9:15 a.m. Sung Holy Eucharist and Sermon

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## **ORGAN PRELUDE**

*Organist: Dr. Philip Forde, ARCM, FRCO*

## **OPENING SENTENCES: EPIPHANY**

God chose to make known how great among the nations are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

*Colossians 1: 27*

## **HYMN FOR THE INTROIT: 271**

1. Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove,  
with light and comfort from above;  
be thou our guardian, thou our guide,  
o'er every thought and step preside.
2. The light of truth to us display,  
and make us know and choose thy way;  
plant holy fear in every heart,  
that we from God may ne'er depart.
3. Lead us to Christ, the living way,  
nor let us from his pastures stray;  
lead us to holiness, the road  
that we must take to dwell with God.
4. Lead us to heaven, that we may share  
fullness of joy for ever there;  
lead us to God, our final rest,  
to be with him for ever blest.

## **PRESIDENT:**

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (*Alleluia! Alleluia!*)

## **ALL:**

And blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever. Amen. (*Alleluia! Alleluia!*)

## THE PRAYER OF INTENT

**ALL:**

Blessed Lord and Father, we have assembled in your Name and in fellowship with one another. Enable us by your grace to offer the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; to proclaim and respond to your holy word. Teach us to pray for your world and your Church. Grant that we, confessing our sins, may worthily offer to you our souls and bodies as a living sacrifice and eat and drink of your spiritual food in this Holy Sacrament. *Amen.*

*The following may also be said:*

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

**ALL:** Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your Holy Name, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## THE KYRIES

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to His people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One;  
you alone are the Lord:  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**PRESIDENT:** Let us pray.

**THE COLLECT:**  
**THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**  
**(*THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD*)**

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

**THE FIRST READING - ISAIAH 42: 1 - 9**

*Our reading is one of four Servant Songs, poems about God's special agent who will fulfill his purpose*

***for the faithful community. Though innocent, he will suffer for his people. Christians see this as a prediction of the coming of Jesus.***

***A Reading from the Word of God, written in the Book of Isaiah, Chapter 42, beginning at the first verse.***

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;

I have put my spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

He will not cry or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;

a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

He will not grow faint or be crushed  
until he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord,  
who created the heavens and stretched them  
out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes  
from it,  
who gives breath to the people upon it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:

I am the Lord, I have called you in  
righteousness,  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;  
I have given you as a covenant to the people,  
a light to the nations,  
to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

I am the Lord, that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to idols.

See, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth,  
I tell you of them.

### **The Word of the Lord**

***The people: Thanks be to God.***

## **PSALM 29**

***The majesty of God is described in the likeness of a thunderstorm; the Lord is mighty over land and sea.***

1. Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, \*  
    aspire to the LORD glory and strength.
2. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; \*  
    worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

3. The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; \*  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
4. The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
5. The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; \*  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
6. He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
7. The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; \*  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
8. The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees  
writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.
9. And in the temple of the LORD \*  
all are crying, "Glory!"
10. The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.
11. The LORD shall give strength to his people; \*  
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of  
peace.

Glory to the Father, **and** to the Son: \*  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now: \*  
and shall be forever. **Amen.**

## **THE SECOND READING ACTS 10: 34-43**

***Peter is visiting Cornelius, an officer of the occupying Roman army and already a believer in God. Peter breaks Jewish law by visiting a Gentile.***

***A Reading from the Word of God, written in the Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 10 beginning at the thirty-fourth verse.***

Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

**The Word of the Lord**

***The people: Thanks be to God.***

## HYMN FOR THE GRADUAL: 102

1. "I come," the great Redeemer cries,  
"To do thy will, O Lord!"  
At Jordan's stream, behold!  
He seals the sure prophetic word.
2. "Thus it becomes us to fulfill  
all righteousness," he said.  
Then, faithful to the Lord's commands,  
through Jordan's flood was led.
3. Hark, a glad voice! The Father speaks  
from heaven's exalted height:  
"This is my Son, my well-beloved  
in whom I take delight."
4. The Saviour Jesus, well-beloved!  
His Name we will profess,  
like him desirous to fulfill  
God's will in righteousness.
5. No more we'll count ourselves our own  
but his in bonds of love.  
Oh, may such bonds for ever draw  
our souls to things above!.

## THE GOSPEL - MATTHEW 3:13-17

*John the Baptist has appeared, calling people to repentance, to turning back to God's ways, to the way of life to which Israel committed herself at Sinai. He has told of the nearness of God's kingdom, the time of complete fulfilment of God's promises to humans. A new era, in which God rules, is almost here!*

**Gospeler:** *The Lord be with you*  
**All:** *And also with you*

**Gospeler:** *A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.*  
**All:** *Glory to Christ Our Saviour.*

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

**This is the Gospel of Christ**

**The people:** *Praise to Christ our Lord.*

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## **THE NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is seen or unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
one in Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
He came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he was born of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered, died and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
    in fulfilment of the Scriptures;  
He ascended into heaven  
    and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge  
the living and the dead,  
    and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and  
glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic  
and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead.

and the life of the world to come. ***Amen.***

## **THE PRAYERS: INTERCESSION: FORM E**

### **LEADER:**

Let us pray for the fellowship of the Church of Christ, and for all God's creatures.

### **LEADER:**

With all who confess the name of Jesus, as Lord and Saviour, we offer our prayers and praises, in Spirit and in truth.

*Father in Heaven,*

**ALL: Hear our prayer.**

### **LEADER:**

With Jesus Christ, our Great High Priest, who ever lives to intercede for us, we uphold all ministers of God's Word and Sacraments, that they may fulfil their high calling in the Faith.

*Father in Heaven,*

**ALL: Hear our prayer.**

### **LEADER:**

We pray for the unfailing guidance of the Holy Spirit on those who are called to interpret and expound the will of the Lord to others.

*Father in Heaven,*

**ALL: Hear our prayer.**

### **LEADER:**

We pray for all organizations, within the fellowship of the Body of Christ, that their work may edify the

people of God, and bear faithful witness to the Gospel.

*Father in Heaven,*

**ALL:** Hear our prayer.

**LEADER:**

We pray for all persons who do not share our confession of faith, that with courage, truth and love we may work together with them, and promote the common good.

*Father in Heaven,*

**ALL:** Hear our prayer.

**LEADER:**

For the leaders of our country, and all who make decisions on our behalf, that they may be guided by the Spirit, to direct our affairs in righteousness and peace.

*Father in Heaven,*

**ALL:** Hear our prayer.

**LEADER:**

For our Judges, Magistrates and all who administer justice, that in all things they may seek to do your will, and to protect the rights and freedom of your people.

*Father in Heaven,*

**ALL:** Hear our prayer.

**LEADER:**

In our schools, and in all other places of learning, may true knowledge, sound wisdom, and godly discipline ever be found.

*Father in Heaven,*

**ALL: Hear our prayer.**

**LEADER:**

To the poor, the hungry, the unemployed, and all victims of persecution and discrimination of any kind, may God in Christ help us all to bring relief, justice and protection.

*Father in Heaven,*

**ALL: Hear our prayer.**

**LEADER:**

To all who suffer now from pain and disease, from human discomfort and misery, may God in Christ bring healing and joy, for the renewal of their faith.

*Father in Heaven,*

**ALL: Hear our prayer.**

**LEADER:**

That we may use aright the fullness of the earth, that our pursuits in science, and the advancement of our skills, may ever be in service of that true humanity, which is created in the image of God.

*Father in Heaven,*

**ALL: Hear our prayer.**

**LEADER:**

That we may never become the slaves of money, or of the lust for power, but may rather strive for victory through the power of love.

*Father in Heaven,*

**ALL: Hear our prayer.**

**LEADER:**

That with all who belong to the communion of saints, both living and departed, we may ever

rejoice in the blessed assurance of that hope, which has been won for us in Christ.

*Father in Heaven,*

**ALL:** Receive these our prayers in the name of your dear Son, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The President adds a concluding Collect.*

## **THE ACT OF PENITENCE**

**PRESIDENT:**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*(1 John 1: 8 - 9)*

Let us therefore confess our sins.

**ALL:** Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and one another, in thought, word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are sorry and repent of all our sins. For your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your Name. ***Amen.***

## **THE ABSOLUTION**

**PRESIDENT:**

Almighty God, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**ALL: Amen.**

## **THE GREETING OF PEACE**

**PRESIDENT:** We are the Body of Christ. By the one Spirit we were all baptized into one Body, and have all been made to drink of the one Spirit.

**ALL: Let us then pursue the things that make for peace and build up the common life.**

**PRESIDENT:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

*The President and people shall greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

### ***Song of Peace: : Let There Be Peace***

Let there be peace on earth,  
And let it begin with me.  
Let there be peace on earth  
The peace that was meant to be.  
With God as our Father  
Brothers all are we.  
Let me walk with my brother  
In perfect harmony.  
Let peace begin with me  
Let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take  
Let this be my solemn vow.  
To take each moment  
And live each moment

With peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth,  
And let it begin with me.

### **HYMN FOR THE OFFERTORY: 457**

1. O love, how deep! How broad! How high!  
it fills the heart with ecstasy,  
that God, the Son of God, should take  
our mortal form for mortals' sake.
2. He sent no angel to our race  
of higher or of lower place  
but wore the robe of human frame  
himself, and to this lost world came.
3. For us he was baptized, and bore  
his holy fast, and hungered sore;  
for us temptations sharp he knew;  
for us the tempter overthrew.
4. For us he prayed, for us he taught,  
for us his daily works he wrought,  
by words, and signs, and actions, thus  
still seeking not himself but us.
5. For us to wicked men betrayed,  
scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,  
he bore the shameful cross and death;  
for us at length gave up his breath.
6. For us he rose from death again,  
for us he went on high to reign,  
for us he sent his Spirit here  
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

7. To him whose boundless love has won salvation for us through his Son to God the Father, glory be both now and through eternity.

## **THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS**

### **PRESIDENT AND PEOPLE:**

Father, we offer you these gifts which you have given us: this bread, this wine, this money. With them we offer ourselves, our lives, and our work, to become through your Holy Spirit a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice. As this bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, so may we and all your people become channels of your love; through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **HYMN FOR THE BAPTISM: 632**

1. Awake, awake: fling off the night!  
For God has sent his glorious light;  
and we who live in Christ's new day  
must works of darkness put away.
2. Awake and rise, with love renewed,  
and with the Spirit's power endued.  
The light of life in us must glow,  
and fruits of truth and goodness show.
3. Let in the light; all sin expose  
to Christ, whose life no darkness knows.  
Before his cross for guidance kneel;  
his light will judge and, judging, heal.
4. Awake, and rise up from the dead,  
and Christ his light on you will shed.

Its power will wrong desires destroy,  
and your whole nature fill with joy.

5. Then sing for joy, and use each day;  
give thanks for everything alway.  
Lift up your hearts; with one accord  
praise God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**PRESIDENT:** The Lord be with you

**All:** And also with you

**PRESIDENT:** Lift up your hearts.

**All:** We lift them up to the Lord.

**PRESIDENT:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All:** It is right to give God thanks and praise.

**PRESIDENT:**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father almighty, everlasting God:

## **EPIPHANY**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Because in coming to dwell among us as man, He revealed the radiance of His glory, and brought us out of darkness into His own marvellous light.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**ALL:**

Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might;  
heaven and earth are full of your glory,  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is He who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest!

### **EUCARISTIC PRAYER - FORM C:**

#### **PRESIDENT:**

We give thanks to you, Lord our God,  
for the goodness and love you have made known  
to us in creation;  
in calling Israel to be your people;  
in your Word spoken through the prophets;  
and, above all, in the Word made flesh,  
Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent Him  
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.  
In Him, you have delivered us from evil,  
and made us worthy to stand before you.  
In Him, you have brought us out of error into truth,  
out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

For, on the night that He was betrayed  
He took bread,  
and when He had given thanks to you,  
He broke it and gave it to His disciples  
and said: "Take this, and eat it:

This is my Body which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me."

And after supper  
he took the cup of wine:  
and when he had given thanks,  
he gave it to them and said:  
"Drink this, all of you:  
This is my Blood of the New Covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me.

**PRESIDENT:**

**T**herefore, Father, according to His command:

**ALL:**    We remember His death;  
                  We proclaim His resurrection;  
                  We await His coming in glory.

**PRESIDENT:**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise  
and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all;  
presenting to you, from your creation,  
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,  
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts  
that they may be the sacrament  
of the Body of Christ  
and His Blood of the New Covenant.  
Unite us to your Son in His sacrifice

that we, made acceptable in Him,  
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,  
reconcile all things in Christ,  
and make them new,  
and bring us to that city of light  
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
the firstborn of all creation,  
the head of the Church,  
and the author of our salvation:

By whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours,  
Almighty Father, now and ever.

**ALL: Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**PRESIDENT:**

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

**ALL:**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name;  
your kingdom come;  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours now and forever.  
Amen.

## **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

**PRESIDENT:**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**ALL:** Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.

## **THE AGNUS DEI**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
grant us peace.

## **THE INVITATION**

**PRESIDENT:** The Gifts of God for the People of God.  
**ALL:** Our souls will feast and be satisfied, and we  
will sing glad songs of praise to Him.

## **HYMN FOR THE COMMUNION: 624**

1. Thee we adore, O hidden Saviour, thee,  
who in thy Sacrament dost deign to be;  
both flesh and spirit at thy presence fail,  
yet here thy presence we devoutly hail.
2. O blest memorial of our dying Lord,  
who living bread to men doth here afford;  
O may our souls for ever feed on thee,  
and thou, O Christ, for ever precious be.
3. Fountain of goodness, Jesu, Lord and God,  
cleanse us, unclean, with thy most cleansing  
blood;  
Increase our faith and love, that we may know  
the hope and peace which from thy presence  
flow.
4. O Christ, Whom now beneath a veil we see,  
may what we thirst for soon our portion be,  
to gaze on thee unveiled, and see thy Face,  
the vision of thy glory and thy grace.

## **HYMN FOR THE BLESSING: 653**

1. In our work and in our play,  
Jesus, be thou ever near,  
guarding, guiding, all the day  
keeping in thy holy fear.
2. Thou didst toil, O royal Child,  
in the far-off Holy Land,  
blessing labour undefiled,  
pure and honest, of the hand.
3. Thou wilt bless our play-hour too,  
if we ask thy succor strong;

watch o'er all we say and do,  
hold us back from guilt and wrong.

4. O, how happy thus to spend  
work and play-time in his sight,  
till the rest which shall not end,  
till the day which knows not night!

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Eternal God and Heavenly Father,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you and all persons in you,  
with gladness and singleness of heart,  
through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### **THE BLESSING**

#### **EPIPHANY**

Christ the Son of God gladden your hearts with  
good news of His kingdom; and the blessing of  
God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy  
Spirit, be among you and remain with you  
always.

**ALL: Amen**

### **HYMN FOR THE RECESSION: 103**

1. O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!  
Bow down before Him, His glory proclaim;

With gold of obedience, and incense of  
lowliness,  
Kneel and adore Him: the Lord is His Name!

2. Low at His feet lay thy burden of carefulness,  
High on His heart He will bear it for thee,  
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy  
prayerfulness,  
Guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.
3. Fear not to enter His courts in the slenderness  
Of the poor wealth thou wouldest reckon as thine;  
truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,  
These are the offerings to lay on His shrine.
4. These, though we bring them in trembling and  
fearfulness,  
He will accept for the Name that is dear;  
Mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,  
Trust for our trembling and hope for our fear
5. O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!  
Bow down before Him, His glory proclaim;  
With gold of obedience, and incense of  
lowliness,  
Kneel and adore Him: the Lord is His Name!

## THE DISMISSAL

**PRESIDENT:** Go in peace and serve the Lord.  
**ALL:** In the name of Christ. Amen.

## ORGAN POSTLUDE

*Please feel free to depart during the postlude, mindful of those who remain to listen.*

## **Notices and Announcements**

- *The St. James' Church Family would like to extend a blessed welcome to all taking part in this act of worship today.*
- *We offer a very special welcome to all of our visitors., most especially those from overseas .*
- *We also pray that this service will be an inspiration to all.*
- *Please be informed that Stewardship Envelopes will be available by the end of January 2026.*
- *Harvest Garden tickets are now available and may be collected / purchased today.*

### ***Organ Recital at St. James Church***

- *Ian Sadler from Canada will be giving an organ recital at St. James on the 14th January at 7pm. Admission is \$20.*

### ***Harvest Garden Party 2026***

- *Please be reminded that the 36th Annual Harvest Garden Party takes place on Saturday, February 7, at 1:00 p.m. Admission is \$15.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children.*

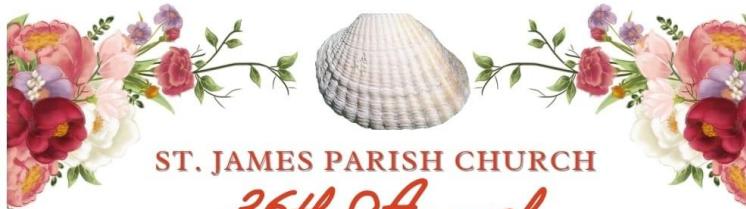
#### ***BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:***

*Our records indicate that the following members are celebrating their birthdays this week. Special greetings to them.*

<i>December 5</i>	<i>December 2</i>
<i>December 5</i>	<i>December 4</i>

## **STEWARSHIP**

*Christian stewardship is a life commitment to the worship of God and to the study of His will for us as this is revealed in the Holy Scriptures:*



**ST. JAMES PARISH CHURCH**

### **36th Annual** ***Harvest Garden Party***

Come see The Church decorated with flowers  
In the Garden Sidewalk Art, Craft, Food, Drinks, Tea  
Activities for Children  
Entertainment by The Barbados Police Service Band and  
others



**Saturday, February 7, 2026**

**1:00 pm - 6:00 pm on the Church grounds**

**ADMISSION: Adults \$15.00**

**Children under 12 - \$5 at the gate**

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