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We Worship Every Sunday at 10:00 am
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Grace, mercy and peace to you in the name of Jesus – Amen!

During our Lenten midweek gatherings, we are addressing the basic questions: *How are you doing? – Physically, Emotionally, Financially, Academically and Spiritually.* The COVID-19 global pandemic has rocked our worlds and we are faced with the reality of rebuilding our lives, the Church's and our community at large – and it starts with each of us as individuals.

Despite the noises around us, the toll of the pandemic, the stress of balancing our finances in the midst of inflation, retooling and pivoting for a brighter tomorrow and engaging in spiritual warfare, we are being challenged to fix our eyes on Holy Week and the resurrection hope.

What this means for us is that, before we get to Easter, we journey faithfully through this season – this lengthening season. We ought to be committed to engaging the work of Jesus in this world...did someone say Food Ministry? We must also continue to explore what it means to be a child of God and a disciple of Jesus. It is during this season that Jesus bids us come into the wilderness with him, pick up our cross and follow and, of course, engage in some spiritual housecleaning.

Throughout this Lenten season are uncovering, discovering and rediscovering the Marks of Discipleship: Daily Prayer, Weekly Worship, Scripture Reading, Service to others, Spiritual Relationships and Giving – acts of charity. And it is only through such intentional engagement that we as a called-out

people of God can truly live out the mandate of being disciples of Jesus and good news.

According to Pastor Michael Foss (author of *Power Surge: Six Marks of Discipleship for a Changing Church*), “the marks of discipleship... all lead to participation in God's love for the world and service that leads to greater well-being for all, particularly for those in greatest need or at greatest risk.”

So, if it is your desire to this Easter “know Christ and the power of his resurrection,” then come on down, get involved in service to God and to humanity and let us together journey with Jesus towards Calvary and then celebrate after experiencing the empty tomb, for “He has been raised; he is not here.” Alleluia! Amen

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday
April 10—10 AM

Maundy Thursday
April 14—7 PM

Good Friday
April 15—7 PM

Easter Camp for Children
Saturday, April 16—10 AM

Easter Sunday Celebration
April 17—10 AM

Invite someone to worship with you !



As part of our mission as a called-out community of believers known as the church is to bring the gospel (the good news of Jesus) to those in need. St. James'-St. Matthew's has observed the need in our community for food, as such a Food Ministry is being established.

In collaboration with Stacy's Pantry in Elmhurst, we will launch this new ministry on Thursday, March 24. The plan is to provide this service monthly on the 4th Thursday of the month—the next one is scheduled for **April 28 from 5 PM to 6 PM.**

What this means is that there is a wonderful opportunity to enrich your lives of service to God and your neighbors. Please contact the Church office either by phone 718-845-8770 or email stjstm@aol.com and let us know if you have any resources, be it time, talents, and treasures to grow this new ministry.



We would like acknowledge everyone who has continued to contribute their offering towards the ministry of our Church. For those of you who are wondering how to make your contributions, you may:

1. In-person—place in Offering plate as part of your Worship!
2. Mail-in your Offering Envelopes to the Church—see an “Easter Offering” Envelope enclosed.
3. Drop off (please, Checks only) your Offering Envelopes in our mail slot on the side door or
4. Contribute via your PayPal Accounts - <https://www.paypal.me/StJamesStMatthews>



...Still Wanted !

We still need **Ushers, Lectors, and Assistant Ministers.**

Please contact Pastor Dabee or the Church Office to indicate your willingness to help make worship a welcoming and meaningful experience for everyone in attendance. Thanks in advance!

March 24 Food Ministry



Thank you Scott & Don



... and Eileen & Pastor -:-)



Save the Date

**95th Anniversary Celebrations:
Sunday, August 28th & October 30th**

REGULAR WORSHIP
SCHEDULE RESUMES

Sunday Worship: 10:00 am

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