

Saint James of Jerusalem



In the Gospel according to Matthew and in the Epistle to the Galatians, James is called the Lord's brother. Other writers, following Mark's tradition, believe him to have been a cousin of Jesus. Certain apocryphal writings speak of him as a son of Joseph's first wife. Whatever his relationship to Jesus, James was converted after the resurrection. Eventually, he became the Bishop of Jerusalem. The Church historian, Hegesippus, surnamed James "the Just." He was holy, abstained in what he consumed, did not cut his hair or oil his body, and was continually on his knees in prayer, interceding for his people. "As many as came to believe did so through James," wrote Hegesippus. James' success in

converting many to Christ greatly perturbed some factions in Jerusalem who urged him to "restrain the people," and set him on a pinnacle of the temple, bidding him to preach to the multitude and turn them away from Jesus. James refused and was thrown from the roof to the pavement and beaten to death.

Grant, O God, that following the example of your servant James the Just, brother of our Lord, your Church may give itself continually to prayer and to the reconciliation of all who are at variance and enmity; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

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SAVE THE DATES

Sep - May, CHRISTIAN BASICS: An Outline of the Faith (found in the Book of Common Prayer) offered by the Frensdorff School beginning Sep 13 at St. Peter's Church in Carson City. This class is open to anyone seeking educational formation into baptismal discipleship. The class will meet twice monthly on Sunday afternoons from 1:00 - 4:00 PM. The first semester (Sep - Dec) will follow the theme "A Community of Revelation." The second semester (Feb - May) will continue with the theme "A Community of Reconciliation." The class facilitator will be Chuck McCray. Please contact frensdorff.school@gmail.com for more information.

Oct 22, SPIRIT, SOUL AND BODY: USING MUSIC IN OUR PRAYER, 6:30-8:30 PM, presented by Fr. Cyprian Consiglio, Stillpoint Center for Spiritual Development. The cost is \$35. For information, or to register, call 702-243-4040.

Oct 22 - 25, DIOCESAN CONVENTION: I Love To Tell The Story; Keynote Speaker: Fr. Jake aka Fr. Terry Martin. Harvey's Resort & Casino, Lake Tahoe Area. For Reservations

YOUTH WEEKEND AT CAMP GALILEE DURING THE CONVENTION - Ages 7-18; all types of camping activities. Fee for the weekend is \$100. Please contact stuartcampbell66@gmail.com for information, or to register your children.

Oct. 29 - PREPARE/ENRICH UPDATE WORKSHOP presented by James Newman for those currently trained in this pre-marital and marital counseling tool who wish to acquire the new materials and undergo further training. 1:00 - 4:30 PM, Grace in the Desert. Cost \$75. Registrations are due by October 16. Make checks payable to "SBEC/RDF - Prepare." Mail to James Newman, Box 261012, Los Angeles, CA 90026, or contact James Newman at stbedesla@yahoo.com

Oct 30 - PREPARE/ENRICH INITIAL TRAINING WORKSHOP presented by James Newman for people who have not been trained to use the Prepare/Enrich materials. 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM, Grace in the Desert. Cost \$160. Payment and contact information is the same as the Oct 29 workshop listed above.

Nov 1, CHORAL EVENSONG WITH RECITAL: BEDE PARRY, ORGANIST, 5:30 PM, All Saint's, Las Vegas.

Nov 3-20, PREACHING 101 FOR CLERGY AND LAY PREACHERS, offered by The Frensdorff School of Christian Formation, 6:30 - 9:00 PM. Classes will be held for three consecutive weeks: Nov 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, 20. St. Christopher's, Boulder City. This course is open to everyone. It includes classes on Holy Scripture, Biblical Interpretation, Theology, Church History, the Book of Common Prayer and Hymnal, History of Preaching, and a Preaching Practicum. Clergy and Lay Professionals may receive continuing education credits. Register via email to frensdorff.school@gmail.com

Nov. 7, ANNUAL HARVEST BAZAAR, Sti. Christopher's, Boulder City, 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Holiday items and baked goods. Proceeds will go to Emergency Aid of Boulder City, the local food bank. For information call Patty Jacobson at 702-293-7454.

Nov 7, ANNUAL BAZAAR AND LUNCHEON, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM (Lunch served 11:00 am - 2:00 PM), Holy Trinity, Fallon.

Nov 7, CULTIVATING COSMIC CONSCIOUSNESS - a look at the new story of the cosmos. 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Gail Collins-Ranadive, M.A., M. Div. will encourage participants to begin the process of moving from the "personal I" to the "cosmological eye." The cost is \$60 (\$30 for students and the unemployed). Stillpoint Center for Spiritual Development, 8072 W. Sahara Ave, Las Vegas. For information, or to register call 702-243-4040.

Nov 10, OUR MYTHIC MOMENT - an exploration of the world with a distinctive perspective that starts from the myths and poetry of classic antiquity and reaches the body, mind, and heart. 7:00 - 8:30 PM. The presenter is Gard Jameson, PhD. Stillpoint Center for Spiritual Development, 8072 W. Sahara Ave., Las Vegas.

For information, or to register call 702-243-4040. Free will donations will be accepted.

Nov 21, ADVENT QUIET DAY, 9:00 AM - Noon, Grace in the Desert. A light lunch will be provided. To RSVP contact RevMaryB@cox.net, or call 702-540-3012.

Nov 22, THE GRAND PRIZE, Raffle Drawing at St. Matthew's - Proceeds to benefit St. Matthew's Episcopal Church. 1st Prize - 4 tickets to Las Vegas's Lion King at Mandalay Bay; one-night stay at Mandalay Bay; and a \$200 gift certificate for dinner. One ticket; \$5; three tickets: \$12.00; five tickets: \$20.00. Please ask a Vestry Member for the tickets. Thank You for your support.

Dec 5, THE NAKED NOW: Learning To See Like the Mystics, presented by Fr. Richard Rohr, 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM, St. Joseph, Husband of Mary Church, 7260 W. Sahara Ave, Las Vegas. The Cost is \$50 (\$30 for students and the unemployed). For information, or to register call 702-243-4040.

Dec 18-19, DAWN, DAY AND DUSK: SETTING A MODERN CLOCK BY ANCIENT HOURS: AN INTRODUCTION TO THE CHRISTIAN PRACTICE OF CONTEMPLATION, A LAKE TAHOE RETREAT, an offering of the the Office of Young Adult Ministries of the Episcopal Church, USA; the Frensdorff School of Christian Formation; and St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Carson City. 5:00 PM Friday 12/18 - 6:00 PM Saturday 12/19. Registration deadline 12/04/2009. Cost \$40.00- all meals included. To register contact frensdorff.school@gmail.com

Dec 20, CEREMONY OF LESSONS AND CAROLS, 10:30 AM, All Saints', Las Vegas

Dec 24, CHRISTMAS MUSIC BY ALL SAINTS' CHOIR, 10:30 PM, All Saints', Las Vegas

Jan 10, EPIPHANY CHORAL EVENSONG WITH RECITAL: BEDE PARRY, ORGANIST, 5:30 PM, All Saints', Las Vegas

Feb 17, ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY WITH SPECIAL MUSIC BY ALL SAINTS' CHOIR, 7:00 PM, All Saints', Las Vegas

Mar 28, CONCERT BY ALL SAINTS' CHOIR, 5:30 PM, All Saints', Las Vegas

 Forward to a Friend

Praising God - Our True Vocation



I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall ever be in my mouth (Psalm 34:1)

"Some of us have seen our lives in terms of fulfilling our duties...Others of us have seen our lives in terms of fulfilling our desires...For most of us the reality lies somewhere between the two extremes of duty and desire. Today, I am reminding you that God's purpose for your life transcends whatever personal goals you might have adopted. God's promise for you, simply put, is *to praise and glorify God*, in everything you say and do.

When we live for the praise of God's glory, we experience life in its fullest sense...Don't settle for anything else. This is the very work of saints and angels! Let this be your highest calling as well as your greatest joy...Let it enrich your every moment and guide you into the fullness of that real and eternal life that God makes available to us through his Son."

Br. David Vryhoff, The Society of Saint John the Evangelist



Desert Angels Health Tip of the Week

Below is a list of tips to make your walking experience enjoyable, productive and safe.

1. Have a goal in mind

Want to loose weight; lower your blood pressure; or, just reduce stress?

2. Make a plan

Schedule a time to walk, plan your route; and decide how long you will walk. Stick to your plan.

3. Be safe

Walk with a buddy. Avoid paths with uneven pavements/sidewalks. Observe all traffic laws. If you walk in the dark, wear light-colored or reflective clothing, vests, arm bands and/or hats. Whenever you share the road with traffic, walk facing oncoming traffic. Carry personal identification with you.

4. Wear proper clothing and shoes

Wear proper walking shoes. Dress in layers, and don't forget to use sunscreen, sunglasses and a hat.

5. Drink water

When you exercise, you need extra water to maintain normal body temperature and cool your muscles. Drink before, during, and after your walk (1-1.5 cups of water for a 20-minute walk).

6. Learn to walk properly

Yes, there is a proper technique!

7. Motivate yourself

Use a pedometer (measures your walking distance) to track your progress.

8. Find a buddy

Walking with a buddy is more fun and a great motivator.

ENJOY YOURSELF!

NEWS BRIEFS

Yes, we now have our own Facebook page!

[Episcopal Diocese of Nevada Facebook Page](#). Please visit our page, get acquainted with it, make comments, ask questions, visit Bishop Dan's blog, and more...

St. Timothy's, Henderson offers a Grief Support Group, both groups meet on the second and fourth Mondays and Thursdays of the month at the church. The groups are facilitated by hospice chaplains; meeting times are: Mondays at 10:00 AM and Thursdays at 6:30 PM. The groups offer support for those who have experienced any sort of loss. 43 W. Pacific Ave. in Henderson.

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Fallon offers a Bereavement Support "drop-in" group the 2nd Monday of every month from 6:00 - 7:00 PM at the vicarage.

Episcopal Recovery Ministries in Nevada is in formation and will have its first meeting at Diocesan Convention in October. If you would like to participate in this ministry, or have questions, please contact Kathie Knutson Meier at knutenote@cox.net (702-684-6444 or 253-250-9531), or have a look at the home page <http://www.episcopalrecoveryministries.org>

Diocesan Convention, Harvey's, South Lake Tahoe - Thursday, Oct. 22 - Sunday, Oct. 25, 2009.

Theme: I Love to Tell the Story. Keynote Speaker: Fr. Jake, aka Fr. Terry Martin. The entertainment for dinner on Saturday, Oct. 24 will be McAvoy Lane aka the Ghost of Mark Twain. More information about McAvoy is available at www.ghostoftwain.com. When you book your room online there is NO FEE. Online Booking

IF YOU HAVE A BANNER REPRESENTING YOUR PARISH, YOU ARE ASKED TO BRING IT TO CONVENTION FOR DISPLAY (WITH A STAND, IF POSSIBLE).

Resolution Committee Formed - The Resolution Committee for the Diocesan Convention 2009 has formed. The members are: Rev. Victoria Daniel Riley, Chair; Rev. Helen McPeak; Fred Lee; and Margaret Bouzek. All resolutions must be submitted to Rev. Riley not less than 90 days prior to the first day of the convention. Please submit resolutions via email to vriley@nevadajustice.org, or by U.S. mail to Rev. Victoria Daniel Riley, 2769 Wellington North, Carson City, NV 89703.

The Following Groups will meet during Convention on Saturday, Oct 24 from 1:30 - 3:30 PM:

Episcopal Recovery Ministries; Episcopal Church Women; Desert Angels Health Care Ministry; Parish Treasurers; Mission Support Team; Ministry Development Commission; Green Team: Environmental Ministries; Faith & Visual Arts Ministries; Standing Committee; Commission on Ministry; Ministry Development Commission; Evangelism Team; E=MC2 with Teresa Schroeder on Evangelism; Report from the Deputies on General Convention 2009; Training For Greeter Teams.

Bishop Dan encourages those interested in these ministries to attend even if they are not otherwise involved in Convention.

A new website for the companion diocese relationship between Nevada and Santiago

<http://www.philippines.diocesenv.org>

The Bishop Wes Frensdorff School of Christian Formation: A new Education Venture of the Episcopal Diocese of Nevada. The school's mission is *To bring together all Nevada Episcopalians for Christian formation, empowering each other to live deeply into our Baptismal Covenant in our relationships, service in daily life, and witness to the world.* To learn more go to the new Frensdorff School of Christian Formation website:

<http://frensdorffschool.webs.com/> You may contact them at: frensdorff.school@gmail.com

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