



All Saints' Sunday
November 2, 2025



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Welcome!

Wonderful to be worshipping with you today. If you're new to St. James, I invite you to take a moment to fill out one of the CONNECT cards in the pew. You can give it to an usher or simply place in the offering plate on your way out. If you do, I will be in touch to answer any questions you might have about St. James, and I would love to learn more about you, too.

Thank you for being here. Our celebration of God's work in the world today is made that much better by your presence.

Peace,



Please silence your mobile phone.



Child care for children up to 3 years old is available in the nursery across the breezeway in the Parish Hall building.



Assisted-hearing devices are available from the ushers.



We give thanks to Carter's Florist for generously providing our altar flowers each week. If you would like to make a donation to defray other worship expenses and commemorate a special day or someone, contact the Church Office or click GIVE on the church website.

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Holy Baptism

According to the Book of Common Prayer

+ said or sung by the congregation

Prelude

Be Still, My Soul, Robert J. Powell

The Word of God

As the bell is rung, please stand for the hymn in procession.

+Hymn In Procession - No. 287

For All the Saints

The Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

+And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

There is one Body and one Spirit;

+There is one hope in God's call to us;

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

+One God and Father of all.

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

+And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **+Amen.**

Please be seated.

The First Lesson

Daniel 7:1-3,15-18

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: "As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever—for ever and ever."

The Word of the Lord.

+Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 149

1 Hallelujah!

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

+2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker;

let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

3 Let them praise his Name in the dance;

let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

+4 For the Lord takes pleasure in his people

and adorns the poor with victory.

5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph;

let them be joyful on their beds.

+6 Let the praises of God be in their throat

and a two-edged sword in their hand;

7 To wreak vengeance on the nations

and punishment on the peoples;

+8 To bind their kings in chains

and their nobles with links of iron;

9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed;

this is glory for all his faithful people.

Hallelujah!

The Second Lesson

Ephesians 1:11-23

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

+Thanks be to God.

During the following hymn, children ages 4 and older are invited to Children's Chapel, returning at the peace.

+Sequence Hymn - No. 656

Blest Are the Pure in Heart

Verses 1 & 2 before the Gospel

♦Verse 3 & 4 after the Gospel

The Holy Gospel

Luke 6:20-31

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

+Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus looked up at his disciples and said:.

"Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

"Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets."

"But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

"Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

The Gospel of the Lord.

+Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Jerald W. Hyche

Please stand as you are able.

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Celebrant

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Adults and older children

Sponsor

I present *N.* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant

Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate

I do.

Infants

Parents and Godparents

I present *N.* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

The Celebrant addresses all baptismal candidates.

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer

I renounce them.

Celebrant

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer

I renounce them.

Celebrant

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer

I renounce them.

Celebrant

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer

I do.

Celebrant

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer

I do.

Celebrant

Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer

I do.

The Celebrant addresses the congregation.

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

+We will.

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Do you believe in God the Father?

+I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

+I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and

was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

+I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers ?

+I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

+I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

+I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

+I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

+I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

+Lord, hear our prayer.

Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

+Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

+Lord, hear our prayer.

Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

+Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

+Lord, hear our prayer.

Send them into the world in witness to your love.

+Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

+Lord, hear our prayer.

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **+Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Lord be with you.

+And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

+It is right to give him thanks and praise.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **+Amen.**

The Baptism

The candidates are baptized and anointed with oil.

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **+Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

+We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

+And also with you.

The Holy Communion

Music at the Offertory

Sing With the Saints in Glory

Please stand.

+The Doxology

The Eighth Tune

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.***

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

The Lord be with you.

+And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

+We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

+It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here the proper preface is said.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

+The Sanctus - No. S125

Richard Proulx

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.
The people may stand or kneel.**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of 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 Savior 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.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**+We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O 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 may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of 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 him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

+AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**+Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

+Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Invitation

All who seek God are welcome at Christ's table.

To receive the sacrament, either bread and wine or bread alone, come forward as directed by the ushers and stand or kneel at the rail.

To receive the bread: extend your open hands, palm up.

For a gluten-free wafer: hold one arm across your chest.

To receive the wine: when the chalice is offered, guide it to your lips and take a small sip, or you may intinct (i.e., dip the wafer into the chalice).

For a blessing only: cross both arms across your chest.

If you are unable to come forward, notify an usher and the sacrament will be brought to you.

+Hymn at Communion - No. 526

Let Saints on Earth in Concert Sing

Please stand or kneel.

The Post Communion Prayer

+Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

+Hymn in Procession — No. 625

Ye Holy Angels Bright

The Dismissal

+Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.



**Tell Out
My Soul**

2026 Pledge Campaign In-gathering

Today, our pledge campaign concludes
with the offering and blessing of our pledges.

If you have already pledged, please sign a pledge card and bring it forward.

If you haven't already, please submit your pledge today!

You also may **pledge online** at stjamesconroe.org.

Or **mail your pledge** to:

2026 Pledge

St. James Church, P.O. Box 559, Conroe, TX 77305-0559

Baptism reception

After worship in the parish hall

All are invited to a coffee hour reception
celebrating the newly baptized:

John Robert Powell, Kayelynn Renee Powell, and Olivia Mae Powell

Husband and children of Renee Powell

Rowan Charles Hinkle Schalm

Great-grandson of parishioner Connie Culver

Hosted by the St. James Garden Club and Altar Guild

He-Brews Fellowship

After worship at B-52 Brewery, 12470 Milroy Lane

Gather with families and friends to reflect on the Sunday readings while enjoying local craft brew (or house-made lemonade or root beer). Food trucks and other outdoor activities will be there — hope you will be, too!

next sunday, november 9

sunday
forum



Building bridges across borders

9:30 to 10:15 a.m., in the parish hall

Human rights advocate and activist Elena Casillas Hoffman will join us virtually to discuss the issue of immigration from her perspective as Communications Specialist for the Iowa Migrant Movement for Justice (MMJ). A nonprofit that provides legal assistance and other services to immigrants and refugees, MMJ is an affiliate of the Immigration Law & Justice Network.

Elena is the daughter of parishioners Marc and Cecelia Hoffman, was raised in both San Antonio and the Chicago area, and lives in Des Moines with her partner.

Grief workshop: Making it through the holidays

1-3 p.m., in the parish hall

This Bible-based program welcomes all who have experienced the loss of a spouse. This Bible-based program is focused on community, understanding, support and encouragement. Everything discussed or shared in the session will remain confidential. **To register, contact Fran Milburn (936) 419-3090.**

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