

# THE SHELL

Saint James the Greater Episcopal Church

Making Christ Known Since 1712

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## Save the Date

07/04/2019

4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebrations

07/07/2019

Sunday Service – 8:30am

07/11/2019

Vestry Meeting – 7:00pm

07/14/2019

Sunday Service – 8:30am

07/21/2019

Sunday Service – 8:30am

07/28/2019

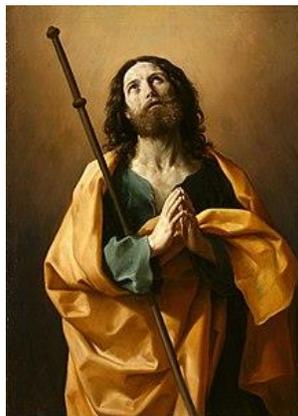
Sunday Service – 8:30am

07/31/19

S.O.M.E. Dinner - 6:00pm to 7:00pm

*(Volunteers Needed)*

## St. James the Greater



**Feast Day July 25<sup>th</sup>**

Very little is known about St. James the Greater's early life. We know that he was born in Bethsaida, Galilee around the year 3 B.C. and that he was the son of Zebedee and Salome and brother of St. John the disciple and evangelist.

The title "the Greater" was added to St. James' name to help distinguish him from the Apostle James "the Less," who is believed to have been shorter than James "the Greater."

Saint James the Greater was one of Jesus' first disciples. James was fishing with his father and John the Apostle when Jesus came to the shores of the Sea of Galilee and called for the fishermen, who were unable to catch any fish that day, to dip their nets in the water once again.

When the fishermen followed Jesus' instructions, they found their nets full, and after emptying the fish on board, the boats nearly sank from their weight.

Later, James was one of only three called by Jesus to witness his Transfiguration, and when he and his brother wanted to call fire upon a Samaritan town, both were rebuked by Jesus.

Following Christ's Ascension, James spread the Gospel across Israel and the Roman Empire. He also traveled and spread the Word in Spain.

James returned to Jerusalem around the year 44 A.D. where he was martyred for his faith by King Herod, who had him decapitated. Saint James the Greater is traditionally believed to be the first of the Apostles to be martyred.

As he was not allowed to be buried following his martyrdom, his remains were taken to Compostela, Spain, by some of his followers, who buried him there.



07/09 Horace Schmidt

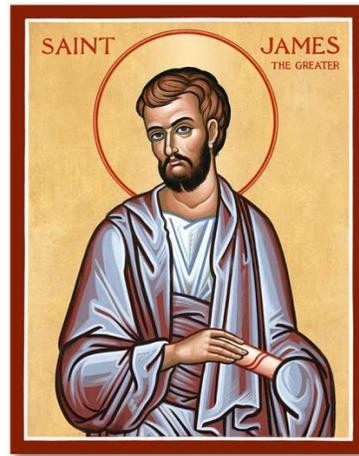
07/21 Sandy Amenta

07/26 Pam Bergey



07/02 Ruth and Jose  
Zaragoza

07/13 Ron and Doris  
Fleetwood



### PRAYER TO ST. JAMES THE GREATER

O glorious Apostle,  
St. James, who by reason of thy fervent and generous heart  
was chosen by Jesus to be a witness of His glory on Mount Tabor,  
and of His agony in Gethsemane;  
thou, whose very name is a symbol of warfare and victory:  
obtain for us strength and consolation in the unending warfare of this life,  
that, having constantly and generously followed Jesus,  
we may be victors in the strife and deserve to receive the victor's crown in heaven.  
Amen.

*Now You Know* — July is the seventh month of the year (between June and August) in the Julian and Gregorian Calendars and the fourth of seven months to have a length of 31 days. It was named by the Roman Senate in honor of the Roman general Julius Caesar, it being the month of his birth. Prior to that, it was called Quintilis, being the fifth month of the 10-month calendar.  
– Now you Know!

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## Thank You!!



In honor of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday, we would like to say thank you to all who are serving or have served our country. Without your selfless sacrifice we would not be able to enjoy all of the freedoms that we hold so dear. May God bless all of you and the United States of America!

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## July's Announcements

**Dinner for Neighbors in Need** – June's S.O.M.E. dinner for our hungry neighbors drew 67 guests and 13 volunteers. Dinner for that evening consisted of salad, pork roast, green beans, mashed potatoes and desserts. A BIG thank you to all who contribute their time, talents and treasure to this important ministry. Remember our Lord said "what so ever you do for the least of my brothers and sisters, you have done for me."

**Thank You!!** We would like to say thank you to the Rev. Julia McKeon from the Diocese of California for serving as our Priest on Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Rev. McKeon serves part time at two small mission churches in California. She is also the on-call chaplain at Stanford Medical Center in Palo Alto.

**Collecting Box Tops** Rose Capitano works at a school for students who are on the autism spectrum. To help provide educational material, the school collects box tops. If you do not already collect them for family, friends, or others, it would be greatly appreciated if you would collect them for her school. Collection sheets and a list of participating products can be found on the table at the back of the church along with a collection box. Thank you for your help!

**A Thank You for our Good Friday Offering** From the National Church Office: "Thank you for your support of the Good Friday Offering. Your prayers, combined with your generosity, provide the spiritual and tangible power of the Jesus Movement to support essential ministries throughout the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East." From the Rt. Rev. Michael Lewis, writing of the work of the Ras Morbat Clinic in Aden, Yemen: "The work of the clinic and of the church, together with a ministry of compassionate outreach to refugees and now those affected by intense military and civil strife, continues. Although we are still in this very difficult period... We are always immensely grateful for the help that is provided by GFO funds."

**Pastoral Need?** Please contact the parish office with yours or others' pastoral care needs, such as being placed on the prayer list, requesting home Communion, reporting a death, alerting us to a hospital stay and so on. We sincerely regret finding out after the fact that someone was sick or in the hospital.

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