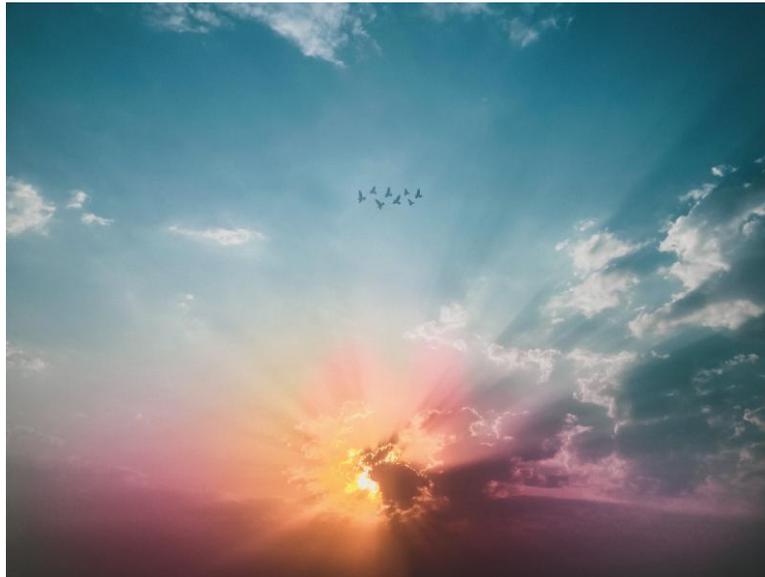




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Koinonia



"Christian fellowship or communion, with God or, more commonly, with fellow Christians."

A newsletter of life and ministries
at St. James Episcopal Church

Happy Father's Day to all Fathers and Father Figures!

We want to welcome Bishop Scott Hayashi as our celebrant this Sunday and the artist, Pilar Pobil, to the blessing of the painting she generously donated to St. James.

Vestry Corner



Last Sunday, the choir sang an arrangement of “All Are Welcome” which opens with “*Let us build a house where love can dwell...*” I thought it was a nice juxtaposition with the Rite of Baptism for three wonderful children and renewal of all our vows. Overlooking our Baptistry, we are fortunate to have a remarkable set of statues by Pilar Pobil. These are considered among her most notable major works and they probably deserve more attention than they receive.

The statues depict the story of our patron and namesake James the Greater, son of Zebedee and Salome and one of the first disciples to join Jesus. After being witness to the Crucifixion and Transfiguration, James traveled to what is now Spain where he established Christian communities. It is believed that in 40 A.D. James received a vision of the Virgin Mary who told him to build a sanctuary-house where God would be glorified. She gave him a pillar with an image of her and directed that it be placed in the structure. James followed this inspiration and constructed what may have been the first purpose-built Christian church in the world. A representative sculpture of Mary, seated on a pillar, is in the center of our statuary grouping.

The artist Pilar Pobil was born in Madrid and lived in the Spanish Mediterranean until moving to the U.S. in 1956. This coming Sunday, she will be present as Bishop Hayashi dedicates a painting by her that has been gifted to our church and will hang in the Baptistry area. This will follow the Bishop presiding at a festive Eucharist and Confirmation of several people into full participation in the church and our community.

*“Let us build a house where hands will reach, beyond the wood and stone
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they’ve known”*

Rector's Thoughts



St. James Youth and Adult Confirmation classes learned about sacraments being “outward and visible signs of inward and spiritual grace.” God is very present in all aspects of our lives and sacraments are times that we are particularly close to God.

This past Sunday, we shared Holy Eucharist, which Jesus instituted with the disciples, and three young members of our parish were baptized, just as Jesus was baptized in the River Jordan. These sacraments, which connect us closely with God, give us spiritual strength to sustain and bless us throughout other days of our lives, which goes on to sustain and bless others.

Eight members of our parish -- four youth and four adults -- have spent the past months preparing for confirmation this Sunday. (Seven will be confirmed since one had a previously scheduled family reunion and will be confirmed next year.) Confirmation, Reception into the Church, and Reaffirmation of Confirmation Vows, is when we make an intentional and mature commitment to our faith.

I have been very impressed by the depth of prayer, study, preparation, and service, that our parishioners committed to in preparation for Confirmation. I'm confident that they will be a vibrant part of the Holy Spirit's ongoing transformation within our faith community. Thank you, all, for your prayers and the ways you have supported our confirmands.

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday at our 9am liturgy, when Bishop Scott presides, preaches, and confirms our parishioners.

Peace and blessings,

Fr. Christopher



June Games Night!

Special: our June Games Night will take place at our hosts, Deacon Robert & Rolene Shoop's, home.

Come enjoy friendship, a little competition, and yummy food. Contact the Shoops for more information.

Friday, June 14, 6pm

Pilar Pobil

I am a self-taught artist who has always worked alone. Although I knew from an early age that I was an artist, I was born in Spain at a time when women were not encouraged to pursue their ambitions. From what I heard of my father and the little I can remember, I believe he might have helped me. However, he was an admiral in the Spanish Navy and was killed in the Civil War, when I was a very young child. My mother was very conservative and I received a convent-school education. I married and came to the United States of America,



Photo credit: salt lake tribune

had three children, and at last, when I was already in my forties, I started to work seriously in my chosen field. It has been, and it is, a wonderful experience. I feel grateful for my strong dedication to the Arts. I am alone now. I am still growing and learning and hope this will continue throughout the rest of my life. I am still on a journey of discovery.

[Click here for a link to a longer interview article](#) done with Weber State University. You can also search online, there are so many wonderful articles about Ms. Pobil. [Click here to go to her website](#) or visit pilarpobil.com

We are so grateful for the gift of this beautiful painting, that tells the story of the statuary she made that is displayed in our church, by Ms. Pobil. She has been recognized around the world for her talent and was even named one of the 15 most influential Utah artists earlier this year. We are the lucky ones who get to enjoy some of her artworks right here in our parish home.



MUSICIANS OF ALL KINDS TO HELP WITH THE U2CHARIST!

Whether you are a huge U2 fan or don't have any idea who U2 is, we welcome you to our group! Singers, drummers, guitar players, or harmonica! Whatever your talent, all are welcome!

The U2charist will be held on **July 21st, at 10:00 am.**

Please contact Terry Palmer at 801-518-1404 or thpslc@comcast.net to learn more!

Year to date:

300 Volunteers have unloaded, stocked shelves, and distributed food.

956 clients have gotten food for **3558** people.

93,692 Pounds of food delivered to St. James for distribution!



St. James is an approved Utah Food Bank Partner

The Week Ahead at St. James

Sunday	June 16	9 am	Worship-Special Bishop's Visit & Confirmations
		10:30 am	Festive Coffee Hour
Tuesday	June 18	8 am	Men's Coffee-"Grumpies"-Common Room
		6:30 pm	Vestry Meeting-Office
Wednesday	June 19	9 am	Women's Coffee-Ft. Union Target Starbucks Cafe
Saturday	June 22	12 pm	Food Bank Delivery & Restocking
Sunday	June 23	8 & 10 am	Worship
		11:15 am	Coffee Hour
		12:30 pm	Food Bank Distribution



Annual Fall Camping Trip

Yuba Reservoir
Painted Rocks Campground

September 14 & 15
(Many will be staying from the 12-16)

Yuba State Park, Painted Rocks Camp
Ground, Loop A. (PR01 - PR22).

**[Click here to register
for your camp spot.](#)**

Around the Utah Diocese

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Camp Tuttle

2019 Summer Camp Tuttle Schedule:

- 3rd and 4th Grade Mini Camp (June 23 – 26)
- 5th and 6th Grade Camp (July 7 – 12)
- 7th and 8th Grade Camp (July 14 – 19)
- High School Adventure Camp (July 21 – 26)
- Family Camp (August 2 – 4)



New software links for registrations for Camp Tuttle and youth retreats:

[Enroll New Camper](#)
[Parent Dashboard Login](#)
[Request Information](#)

The first time you enroll for camp or youth events through CampSite software, you will need to create an account. Please click on "Enroll New Camper". This will allow you to create an account and then access the enrollment form right after. Once you create an account, you will use the "Parent Dashboard Login" link moving forward, and login to your account that you set up to access the enrollment form again or manage your accounts. If you have questions, please email camptuttle@episcopal-ut.org or call 801-322-4131.

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Please put "Newsletter" in the subject line so we will never miss an item.

Thank you!

We appreciate your contribution on the newsletter!

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