

Common Q&A for First Time Guests at St. James

How do I find St. James?	Put – 201 Lee Street, Leesburg, FL – in your GPS.
Where do I park and then find my way at St. James?	Locate and open the file 'St James Campus and Directions.' There you will find locations for all the buildings, where to park, where to walk, and where to enter the sanctuary. And the all-important "where are the restrooms" question is answered.
How do people dress for church at St. James?	Dress to your own comfort level. You will find us in very casual to more formal attire.
Are children welcome at St. James?	HEAVENS YES, we love having kids around. Many of us attend St. James because our own children and grandchildren are not local and we get to spoil other children.
Is there a separate concurrent children's service and will our children join us at some point during the service?	Yes and yes! Elementary age students are welcome to spend part of the 2nd service in the St. Nicholas Youth Building for activities and a lesson based on one of the scripture readings for the day. Older youth are welcome to stay and participate as helpers. Drop off begins at 10:00 am for free play and fellowship. Learning time begins at 10:15 and lasts for about 30 minutes. We join the main service during announcements to celebrate the eucharist all together each week. Students will sit with their families, so be sure to save a seat!

Is there a children's nursery available?	Not currently due to lack of need. We have a facility if the need grows in the future.
Will there be someone to help me during my first visit?	If you opened the 'St James Campus and Directions" file, you would see that we want you to enter the front door your first Sunday as our guest. You will find ushers, and one or more greeters at our welcome table at the front entrance. The greeters will do their best to make you feel at home.
Do I need to wear a name tag?	St. James strives to be a name tag wearing parish. We ask that you at least fill out one on your first visit to help folks recognize you as our guest that Sunday.
What Rites of the Episcopal Church are celebrated at St. James?	We celebrate Rite I at the 8:00 services, and generally Rite II at the 10:15 services. During Lent, the 10:15 service follows Rite I. The Thursday services follow Rite II with a special healing liturgy.
Will there be music during the services?	The 8:00 services have hymns with organ/piano but no choir. The 10:15 services have our adult choir every Sunday September through May and volunteers doing anthems during the summer months. Our children's choirs perform at least once a month at the 10:15 services on the same seasonal schedule. The Thursday services often include music.
Does St. James socialize after the church services?	Coffee and snacks are available after both Sunday services and the Thursday service. Many parishioners hang around to socialize. That would be an enjoyable time for you to get to know us.

Does St. James have Sunday School for adults and children?	We have an intergenerational Sunday school class most Sundays that starts at about 9:15. Check our monthly calendar on this website.
Does St. James livestream their services in case I cannot make it or if I want to check out the service before attending?	We livestream the 10:15 service each Sunday. You can find past recorded services and a link to our next service on our website.
Are there many ministries available at St. James for people to get involved with?	Yes, we have many. Locate our Ministry Catalog here on our website. Contacts are provided for each if you are interested in learning more.
What activities does St. James provide for children?	St. James has several fun and enriching activities for young people throughout the year! There are weekly opportunities for Christian Education and Youth Choir rehearsals on Sundays and Wednesdays during the school year. We also hold regular open house gatherings that include food, games, puzzles, prizes, and just good times together on most school holidays during the year. To name a few youth events held during the year include: Youth Sundays (children and youth lead worship), Vacation Bible School, Shrove Tuesday Talent Show, Leesburg Bikefest Parking Fundraiser, Leesburg Christmas Parade, English Country Dancing (several a year), Youth Glow Egg Hunt, Family Egg Hunt, and more!
Do you have a question for us? Click here to send us an email and someone will get back to you with an answer.	