

Every Perfect Gift



Building Gratitude and Generosity Together

Dear Beloved in Christ,

First, I am thankful for our parish church and the opportunities this new season brings to us. God will make great things through St. James!

We see already the signs of renewal and I pray that the Holy Spirit will touch us more deeply and awaken us to God's call to serve others.

As we are all aware, the church from time to time is called to strengthen its ministries through a *season of stewardship*. **Stewardship** is a year-round celebration of giving to God our time, talent, and treasure.

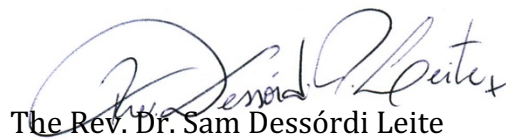
From the beginning of the church, discipleship happens because there is commitment with The Movement of Jesus. People served one another sharing their gifts. We are the church today because those before us were good stewards and offered what was necessary to make the Good News of Christ known in the world.

You can be part of the *Missio Dei*, the mission of God. Pledging is one way of supporting the work the church and its ministries. Pledge cards are available at the church and on our website (Stewardship page). If you want to learn more or volunteer with the Stewardship Committee, please let me know and I will connect you to a Stewardship team member.

I ask us all to prayerfully consider our blessings and return to God from what God has generously given to each of us. "All things come of thee O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee."

May God bless each and every one of you for the gifts you bring to ministry at St. James the Apostle Episcopal Church as we work for the furtherance of God's Kingdom here in our local community.

Thank you all for your warm welcome and support of me as your new Rector.



The Rev. Dr. Sam Dessórdi Leite

Rector

"...For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Matthew 6,21