



*Celebrating Blessings  
Giving Joyfully in Faith*

St. James by-the-Sea  
The Episcopal Church in La Jolla, California

## 2009 Estimate of Giving Form



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Seeing life as a string of blessings reminds us that “all things really do come of thee, O Lord.” Christians begin to see every breath, every dime, every friendship and every moment as gifts from God. These are given not as possessions to hoard but as a flowing stream of blessing. Living in this positive place gives us the enthusiasm to tell others about our faith and to share what we have.

From our Rector’s message, “Putting Everything Right”

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Please mark November 2 on your Calendar.

On this Sunday morning we bring our offerings to the Altar and have prayers of thanks and dedication. Please do what you can to mail or bring this form to church by that morning to be part of our special offering.

*Our Rector and Vestry thank God for your part in sharing the ministry of this church with us. May God bless our common gifts and efforts for abundant good work.*

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Please return this form in time for it to be included in our Dedication of Offerings on November 2

*I/We intend to give our gifts to St. James*

For Credit Card payments, list the card number here

- Weekly @ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ / week (x 52 = \_\_\_\_\_)
- Monthly @ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ / month (x 12 = \_\_\_\_\_)
- Quarterly @ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ / quarter (x 4 = \_\_\_\_\_)
- Once for the year on about \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / 2009
- Prepay \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 2009 postmarked by 12/31/08
- I/We cannot estimate the dollar amount, but plan to give \_\_\_\_\_ percent of what we receive.
- I/We cannot estimate giving at this time but will give as able to do.

Visa/MasterCard Exp. Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Sec. Code \_\_\_\_\_

Make Credit Card charges to this account

Weekly  Monthly  Quarterly  Once on \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/09

Please sign here to validate card charges.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

- I have included St. James in my will or have an estate plan to make an enduring gift to the church.  
 Please also enroll me in St. James Legacy Society.
- I would like to know more about including St. James in my will or estate planning. Please arrange to help me learn more about this.
- Please do not include my name in the published list of appreciation for those who have returned this form.

*I/We plan to make our gifts using:*

- Cash (*the Treasurer will send you gift envelopes*)
- Check ( Please send gift envelopes to my home)
- Credit Card (*see adjacent column*)
- Automatic Fund Transfer from checking or savings  
*Staff will call to help you make arrangements*
- Negotiable Securities (*see the first note below*)  
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*The Treasurer acknowledges all gifts received by St. James. Donations to St. James are tax deductible as allowed by law.*

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

*Did you know?*

- ◆ Making contributions with appreciated stock or other securities can significantly increase the tax-deductible offset of your gift. Giving a highly appreciated stock may enable you to give as much as 20% more value to St. James or other charities while costing you the same in after tax dollars as making a donation of money.
- ◆ Planned giving takes advantage of a number of tax benefits that help you, your heirs, and charitable organizations at the same time. It may be possible to provide significant gifts to an organization like our church without dramatically reducing the amount of the estate passed on to your children and grandchildren.
- ◆ The Episcopal Church asks all members to be sure that their congregation and/or the ministries of the Episcopal Church are included in our wills.
- ◆ Enduring gifts are one of the most important sources of funding for the church's ministry. It is becoming harder and harder to provide for the ministry of the church from the paychecks of average families. Bequests make the difference; this has been true for centuries and has never been more important for our future.