Fr. Jim grew up in San Marino, California in the Los Angeles Basin. From 1969-1973, he attended the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Washington. During his Junior Year he was an exchange student to Holland. He had an opportunity to visit East Berlin while the wall was still in place. In 1975, Fr. Jim felt called to the Episcopal priesthood but was told there was a surplus of priests in the American church. Determined to serve the Lord as a priest, he applied and was accepted at the Vancouver school of Theology on the University of British Columbia campus. In 1976 he met the Bishop of the Diocese of Yukon who needed a summer intern in Dawson City, Yukon. Fr. Jim preached his first sermons and met Native North Americans for the first time. In 1977, Fr. Jim was asked to serve as an intern in the very remote Native community of Telegraph Creek in Northern British Columbia. As the rectory did not have electricity, Fr. Jim learned how to use a chain saw, light a gas lantern and light a coal oil lantern. After graduation in 1979 from VST, Fr. Jim returned to Telegraph Creek as pastor and was ordained to the priesthood at Christ Church Cathedral in Whitehorse, Yukon Territory. From 1983-1991, Fr. Jim served as pastor in the Cree Community of Wabasca, Alberta along with two other Native communities.

In1990 Fr. Jim married Mary MacInnis and subsequently divorced in 2010.

From 1991-1993 Fr Jim served at St. Thomas, Wainwright, Alberta. From 1993-1994 he served as vicar of the South East Region of the Navajo Area Mission that spans three corners of Arizona, New Mexico and Utah. In 1994, Fr. Jim and his wife returned to Canada to serve in the five point parish of Canso, Nova Scotia. In 1996, Fr. Jim and Mary went to China and adopted their daughter, Katie, 4 months old. Their son, Daniel, was conceived six months later. From 1999-2000, Fr. Jim served in the four point Parish of Liscomb-Port Bickerton also in Nova Scotia. In 2000, in answer to an interest in Jungian psychology he moved to Switzerland to study at the C.G. Jung Institute-Zurich. In August 2001, the family moved to Basingstoke, England. In 2002, he was accepted as vicar of the Red Lake Missions to Ojibwe people in the Diocese of Minnesota. In 2005, the family moved to Camden-Wyoming, Delaware where he was priest-in-charge at St. Paul’s Church, Camden. In January 2007, the family moved to Waterbury, CT where Fr. Jim studied psychoanalysis at Westchester Institute. In 2008 Fr. Jim became Priest-in-Charge at Christ Church in Bethlehem. In 2009 Fr. Jim took on the added responsibility of St. Peter’s, Oxford. After his divorce in 2010, Fr. Jim remained a devoted father and met all his responsibilities. In 2014 Fr. Jim began working at Home Depot in Danbury and still works there today. In 2016 Fr. Jim was P-I-C at St. Andrew’s, Marbledale. From 2017-2022 Fr. Jim has done Supply work throughout Connecticut. On February 1, 2022 Fr. Jim was called to serve as Priest in Charge at St. James, Higganum. WELCOME!