



Weekly Announcements
October 14, 2020



What Word Do We Hear Most on Sundays?

The New Testament Greek verb εὐχαριστέω means "to give thanks" and we are chiefly describing our worship - be that Sunday morning Eucharist or Evening Prayer - as the way to give thanks to God for our life, for all we have, and above all in Jesus Christ, in whom God dwelled to reconcile the world.

We say thank you to God in these ways:

Gloria - "Glory to God in the highest...we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory..."

Readings - We end the reading of scripture with "thanks be to God."

Gospel Reading - Proclaiming both "Glory to you, Lord Christ" & "Praise to you, Lord Christ" is a way of saying thank you.

Prayers of the People - "We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life."

Holy Communion - also known as The Great Thanksgiving.

Eucharistic Prayer - "On the night he was handed over...our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it..."

Everything else in our common life as disciples flows from this thank you.

Post Communion Prayer - a prayer of thanksgiving for being accepted "...as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ..."

Dismissal - our last words are "Thanks be to God."

Evening Prayer: The General Thanksgiving prayer in which we offer God "humble thanks."

I give thanks to God for all of you, your various ministries at St. James and beyond, and for all you do to support this wonderful parish with your time, talent, and treasure.

Faithfully yours,

Tim Heflin+
Rector

Repurposing Church Space @ St. James

The vestry and Fr. Tim have engaged with Daniel Pryfogle, co-founder of Sympara and pictured at right, to facilitate a working group to assist the vestry and congregation to better define our mission as it relates to how we use unused and underutilized space on our church campus.

Daniel and this group will meet through the end of the year to discover the needs of our community, learn about other church/community models from around the country through interviews, discern what God might be calling us to in terms of mission - and then provide a report to the vestry about this discernment, leanings, unexpected ideas, and concerns.



Please note the purpose of the working group is not to decide independently of the vestry about what we will do with our property. The group will submit a report to the vestry at the end of this process, and then the vestry and Fr. Tim will report to the congregation what they have learned - and about next steps.

Committee members include Joan Brunson, Jim Quillin, Robert Ratcliff, Jim Weinzettle, Frances Yeager, and Joy Owensby.

Learn more about Daniel and Sympara's mission to "repurpose religious assets for the common good" [by clicking here on the Sympara website.](#)



One Simple Way We Use Church Space

We opened our doors on Tuesday of this week to a homeless woman who had just been released from jail, had no cell phone, and had been robbed of her PayPal debit card. She used one of our office telephones to arrange shelter for the coming days and to rectify her financial affairs with the stolen card. She found a safe place for a morning to regroup and have a cup of water.

This is not a new ministry, but something we have offered for years; as with all else, the pandemic has altered the traffic flow and number of people dropping by the office. It's good to have someone come by!

Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." (Matthew 25.37-40)

Did You Know?

You can pay your annual pledge, make one-time donations, set up recurring donations, or give a "virtual offering plate" donation (given that we are meeting virtually) [by clicking this link on our website](#). Call Roy Rosenthal @ 318.445.9845 if you need assistance or have questions about this option of online giving.

Thank you for your support!

Adult Education/Formation

Tonight!
Wednesday, October 14th
@ 6:30 PM

Where do we go from here?

The Church's mission began with disciples who experienced fear, uncertainty, and closed house doors.

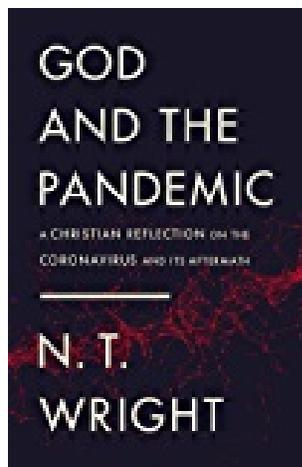
Sound familiar?

So, how do we, as Jesus' disciples, respond?

Join us via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87589775432>

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Join by telephone: 1-312-626-6799



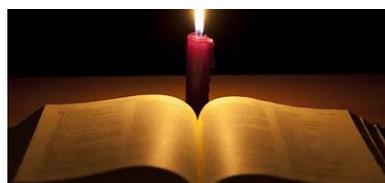
Sunday Eucharist
October 18th @ 10:30 AM

In-person in the Nave

The readings for the morning, Track 2 of the lectionary, can be found by [clicking here](#).

Online Evening Prayer
October 18th @ 5:00 PM

The order of service & readings can be found [by clicking here on our church website](#).



Led this week by Fr. Tim & Fred Alexius

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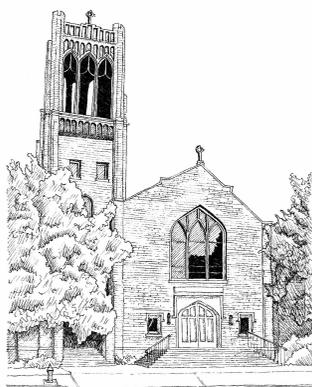
Parish Prayer List

Please keep these members of our community in your prayers:

Sara Fuhrer, Jane Y. Harris, Jude Daigle, Ricky Larsen, Chase Barnfield, Emily, Kip Hogue, Alice Gill, Kyle, Bernard Parker, James Jay Watts, Janet Ahrens, Carl Ahrens, Beth Virden, Glenn Guillory, Elda Schoolcraft, Karen Donahue, Jimmy Hurt, Charlotte Thrift, Margaret Broussard, Allie Bunyog, Karen Holt, Dean M. Tyree, Linda & John Bazer, Chad Dupree, Ron Kingston, Cecile Brunson, Felicia, Bill and Rita Clancey, Barry Mercer, Annie, Jackie Jeanne, Jaclyn Cutrone, Dietrich DeBoer, Beverly Butler, Bruce Gremillion, Murel Trimble, Charlie, Emily, Betty Anne Close, Mark Goldich, Jim Brackett, Janet Fuqua, Bill Leibke, Sarah, Jackie Moody, Don Parker, Micah Johnson, Henry Wells, Wayne and Barbara Moorehead, Sarah, Pat Carter, Amy Banks, Dr. Jack Jackson, Richard Norem, Kevin Hooter, Warren Paul, James Parham, Timothy Futrell, Cindy Smith, Jane Tyson, Laura Waring, Gerard, Hannah Pierce, John McLure, Rachel Gardner, Cathy Deshotel Guillory, Wes Fidler, Allie Thompson, Tanya and John Self, Heather Craig, C. J. Guillory, and Mehre Hajighassem.

For those in the military:

Steven Rougeau, Steven Brevelle, Franklin Watson, Kyle Jordan, Gill Tatman-Tyree, Donal McCarthy, Michael Geiger, Kenneth O. Musselwhite, Erskine Cook, Jr., Steven P. Lemoine, Jeffery Michael Musselwhite, Captain Patrick Downs, Chris Babcock, and Sequoia Green.



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