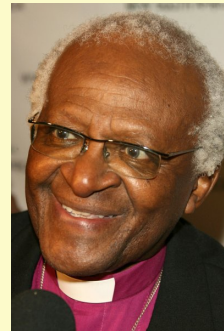




Weekly Announcements  
May 4, 2021

**Excerpt from *An Easter Conversation:  
Going to Heaven with Desmond Tutu***



'The wonderful thing about God's love is that maybe we are going to be surprised at the people we find in Heaven that we didn't expect, and possibly we'll be surprised at those we'd thought would be there and aren't. God has a particularly soft spot for sinners. Remember, Jesus says there is greater joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine needing no repentance. Ultimately it all hinges on one thing: our response to the divine invitation. There is hope for us all. God's standards are quite low. Think of the thief on the cross. He has led a dissolute life. He gets his come-uppance. But all he has to say is "Please remember me" and that small spark of repentance is enough to get him an assurance that he will be in Heaven.'

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'You are like so many, my friend. You have everything, but, inside, you feel there is something missing: deep down, somewhere, it's not quite okay. Do not worry, do not feel troubled, do not be perplexed. God loves you as you are – with your doubts, with your intellectual reservations, with your inability to make the leap of faith. God says, "I made you, actually, and I made you as you are because I love you. Don't try to titivate yourself. Just be you and know that I affirm you. You are precious. You matter enormously to me. You matter as if you were the only human being and, you know something," - he pauses for a moment and smiles a wonderful smile – "I create only masterpieces. I have no doubt at all about your worth. You don't have to do anything. Your worth for me is intrinsic. Please believe I love you. You are not going to find ultimate satisfaction in anything out there because I made you like me.

~ Gyles Brandreth

For complete article, click on [Conversation with Archbishop Tutu](#).



**NEIGHBOR  
TO NEIGHBOR**

*I was a stranger and you welcomed me - Matthew 25:35*

The Diocese of Western Louisiana invites you to consider a new way your congregation can support asylum seekers in your own, local context.

Neighbor to Neighbor is a network designed to connect asylum seekers with Episcopal congregations in local communities across the US. Led by Episcopal Migration Ministries, Neighbor to Neighbor seeks to provide a way for Episcopalians to accompany, assist and support asylum seekers who live close to them, and is committed to offering congregational groups training and support as their relationships with these newest neighbors develop and grow.

To learn more, please come to our Neighbor to Neighbor learning event on May 17, 5:30-7:00 p.m. Register to attend by clicking the link below:

Hi there,

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.

When: May 17, 2021 05:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAtf-yuqz4tE9bGWyag49pnfL1PfpdraGnf>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

If you have questions or need more information, please contact Joy Owensby ([joy@epiwla.org](mailto:joy@epiwla.org)) or Neighbor to Neighbor's Missioner, the Rev. Cristina Rathbone [crathbone@episcopalnetworks.org](mailto:crathbone@episcopalnetworks.org).

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[www.episcopalmigrationministries.org](http://www.episcopalmigrationministries.org)

## MINISTRY FUND

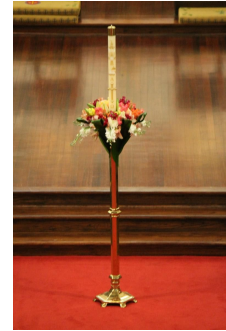
As a result of your generosity, St. James was able to assist 11 families for a total of \$1877.91 during the month of April. *Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. (Hebrew 13:16)*

### MAY 9th SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER

In-person Eucharist  
@ 10:30AM

**Childcare is provided!**

Readings for the Eucharist  
can be found [by clicking here](#).



### MAY 9th SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER

Online Evening Prayer  
@ 5:00 PM

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

Join us via this ZOOM link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86348984077?pwd=Zmg5RjVMVUt6Q3dhaU0zbUxMZ1p0Zz09>

Or call:  
1.312.626.6799  
and enter  
Meeting ID: 863 4898 4077  
Passcode: 1620

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

Last week to send the church office updated information, if any, regarding address, phone number(s), and email(s) for a new Church Directory. Also a current picture would be appreciated.

# GRADUATES IN THE FAMILY?!

Last week to send to the office any information about a family member who is graduating from high school or college. Include from where the person is graduating and any plans for the near future, such as travel, career, and/or further education.

## Parish Prayer List

**Please keep these members of our community in your prayers:**

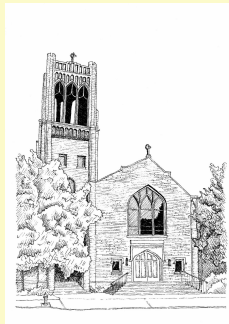
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**For those in the military:**

*Samuel Hayes, Steven Rougeau, Steven Brevelle, Franklin Watson, Kyle Jordan, Gill Tatman-Tyree, Donal McCarthy, Michael Geiger, Erskine Cook, Jr., Steven P. Lemoine, Patrick Downs, and Chris Babcock.*

**For those celebrating birthdays in May (day):**

*Bryan Meche (1), Minnie Mikell (4), Billy Hicks (6), Jim Theus (7), Lynton Hester (9), Caroline Drell (12), Gin Taylor (13), Dake Texada (13), Betsy Trammell (13), Toddy Hart (14), Sharon Kramer (15), Meredith Menache (18), Will Shepherd (19), Leslie Mikell (21), John Robert (21), Will Harp (22), Samuel Adames (23), Bill Clancet (23), Kyle Malone (24), Drew Texada (24), Daniel Chapman (25), Butch Knoepp (27), Robyn Brewer (28), Karen Cabrera (29), Catherine Drell (31).*



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