



Weekly Announcements
September 1, 2021

*When we kneel down, or settle in the quiet chair that serves as our personal place of prayer;
when we're walking along, or riding [in the train] to work; whenever we pray, this is what we are
coming to do: to pursue the mystery, to listen and respond to the voice we thought we just
heard,
to follow the light which beckons round the next corner,
to lay hold of the love of God which has somehow already laid hold of us.*

N.T. Wright
The Lord and His Prayer



Hurricane Ida Relief

Many of you would like to know how to respond to our neighbors in need, especially in the Diocese of Louisiana - which covers parishes east of the Mississippi River. Our diocese is now responding to evacuees here in CENLA. Our neighbors to the east will need things soon, but restoring the infrastructure in affected areas is the first step in more fully assisting their recovery. In the meantime, monetary donations are most helpful - either to the [Diocese of Louisiana](#) or the [Episcopal Relief & Development Fund](#).

*We will pass along further information and ways to assist
from our diocesan office as we receive news and direction.*

Still Time to Register for Tonight's Showing!

*Sharing Stories of Redemption from Men
on Arkansas' Death Row*

**September 1, 2021
6:30 PM**



St. James will host this 1 hour and 10 minutes film, followed by a live Q&A period with an inmate on Arkansas' death row. This presentation, shown via a Zoom webinar platform, is facilitated by Kathy McGregor, Project Director for [The Prison Story Project](#) - a ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Arkansas.

Registration is required by [clicking here](#).

Please note that the church office will be closed

Welcome New Staff!

Russell Williams - Sexton

Russell began his ministry at St. James last week, and some of you had the opportunity to meet him this past Sunday while dropping off your bottled water in the Parish Hall. Russell will be working part time, including Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings when we return for in-person coffee hour and Wednesday evening meals. Russell also works in the maintenance division at LSUA, where he is a crew supervisor. He looks forward to working with the staff and congregation in taking care of our physical church home.

Lisa Harp - Parish Administrator

Lisa is joining our office team as Parish Administrator, beginning her ministry with us on September 15th. Lisa is currently the front office manager at Nachman Elementary School, and previously served for 26 years as the Office Manager/Controller for Brittain & White Construction. She is no stranger to Alexandria/Pineville and to many of you, and she brings to us a wealth of accounting and bookkeeping experience, as well as invaluable contacts throughout CENLA. Her office hours are Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

We are fortunate to have both Russell and Lisa join us! Welcome!

Outreach

Ministry Fund

Thanks to your generosity we assisted **9** families or individuals in August with rent or utility assistance, and a bus ticket - all for a total of **\$1,418.24**. Please remember that the first Sunday "loose plate" collection (cash) is designated for the Ministry Fund, and we welcome donations by check as well - please make checks payable to St. James with **Ministry Fund** written in the check's Memo section.

Thank you!

St. James After-school Tutoring Program Resumes October 5th

This year, barring any delays due to the Delta variant, marks 21 years that members of our congregation have worked one on one with students from Rugg Elementary School. We were unable to meet last year due to COVID protocols. This year we welcome 10 third graders who need their reading level brought up to grade level. Our program is on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3:30 – 5:15 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering for one or both afternoons, please contact Rita Klock: rita@stjamesla.org.

City of Alexandria Seeks Volunteers for Literacy Program

Would you like to volunteer for a reading program but can't make the Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for our program with Rugg Elementary? This program may be for you! The program targets children in grades K through 3, and will include a reading intervention or set of activities that are decided upon by each participating school. In addition to the in-person work at schools,

the program will provide tips for parents and caregivers to use at home. Applicants will go through an interview process and must pass a fingerprint/background check conducted by the Rapides Parish School Board, and complete a volunteer application with the school at which they work with students. Once approved, the volunteers will attend an orientation session and then training for the student sessions.

Click here to learn more: www.cityofalexandrialala.com/community-services/literacy

Worship

September 5th
In-person Eucharist
@ 10:30AM

Bishop Jake Owensby will be preaching & presiding at Eucharist.
Childcare is provided!



[Click here for this Sunday's readings \(Track 1\)](#)



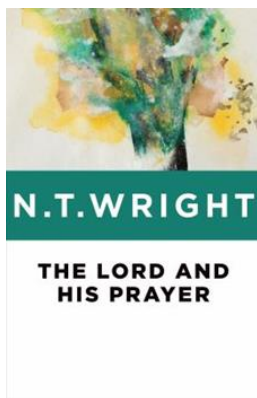
September 5th
Evening Prayer
Online @ 5:00 PM

Join us by clicking this Zoom link:
[Evening Prayer](#)

Meeting ID: 863 4898 4077
Passcode: 1620

[Click here for the order of service & readings.](#)

Formation



Next Wednesday!

Wednesday Nights in September
September 8th, 15th, 22nd, & 29th
@ 6:30 PM via Zoom

[Click here for Wednesday Nights Zoom link.](#)

Meeting ID: 88477726099
Passcode: 1620

The Lord and His Prayer
by N.T. Wright

Join Fr. Tim for conversations and a refreshing look at these well-known words we pray each Sunday during the Eucharist or at other significant moments in our lives.

Prayer

Parish Prayer List

Please keep these members of our community in your prayers:

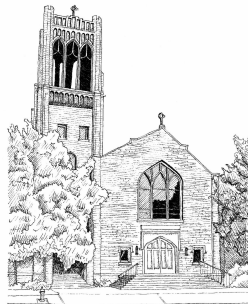
Mattie Dean McNaughton, Canon John Bedingfield, Sophia (Frey) Bradford, Kristie Fresh, Julie Niven, Randal Skinner, Sawyer, C. A. Zachary, John, Bernard Parker, James Sinclair, Johnnie Hart, Emily, Taylor Thompson, Todd Fuller, Jane Y. Harris, Chase Barnfield, Kip Hogue, Kyle, James Jay Watts, Janet & Carl Ahrens, Beth Virden, Glenn Guillory, Edna Schoolcraft, Karen Donahue, Jimmy Hurt, Charlotte Thrift, Mesta Bain, Margaret Broussard, Allie Bunyog, Dean M. Tyree, Linda & John Bazer, Ron Kingston, Cecile Brunson, Felicia, Rita Clancey, Barry Mercer, Annie, Jackie Jeanne, Jaclyn Cutrone, Dietrich DeBoer, Beverly Butler, Bruce Gremillion, Murel Trimble, Emily, Betty Anne Close, Bill Leibke, Sarah, Jackie Moody, Sarah, Wayne and Barbara Moorehead, Pat Carter, Dr. Jack Jackson, Richard Norem, Kevin Hooter, Warren Paul, Cindy Smith, Jane Tyson, Gerard, and Mehre Hajighassem.

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 September (day):

Suzie Butler (1), Stella Ellsworth (10), Michael Parham (12), Brad Drell (14), Eliza Theus (18), Rowan McConville Avery (19), Eric Jones (19), Serenity Moody (19), Taylor Thompson (19), Julia Welch (19), Anna Theus (21), James Theus (21), Spencer Brown (23), Pietry Cabrera (23), James Byrd (25), Michael Sterne (25), Bond Walker (25), Joan Brunson (28), Elaine Hicks (28), Meredith Owensby (28), Jonalyn Reynolds (28), Jim Leggett (30).



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