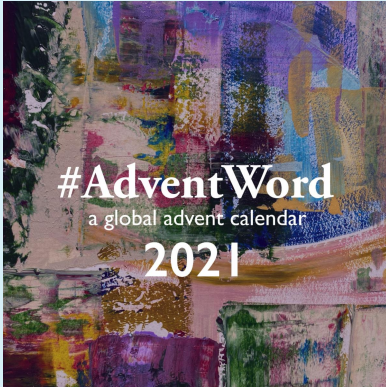




December 15, 2021



TODAY'S WORD: STIR

Often in scripture, “stirred up” people indicate conflict and dissent (ex. Acts 6:12 & Matt 15:11). But I always think of the stirred-up waters of Bethesda that were a place of healing and hope in the time of Jesus (John 5). What would it mean for our souls and spirits to be stirred up like the waters of our baptism, turning that which may be peaceful but stolid into a renewed energy and vigor? What in your own faith needs stirring during this time of preparation? How are you called to stir up the Church? ~ The Rev. Charles Graves Graves

Christmas Schedule

Friday, December 24

- 4:00 p.m. - Holy Eucharist with Pageant
- 6:30 p.m. - Holy Eucharist

[Nursery provided for both services.]

Saturday, December 25

- 10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 26

- 7:00 a.m. - Breakfast Preparation
- 8:00 a.m. - Community Breakfast
- 10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist [Nursery provided.]
- 5:00 p.m. - Evening Prayer online

Diocesan Delegate Opportunity

Interested in being a Diocesan Delegate?! Find out what really goes on behind the scenes by representing St. James at the Diocesan Convention being held on March 4 - 5, 2022. You must be 15 years or older, confirmed, and a member of St. James in good standing. The diocesan schedule follows:

In-person convention

- Friday night opening Eucharist at St. Timothy's, Alexandria [catered reception follows]
- Saturday business meeting at Pineville Convention Center at Country Inn and Suites

On-site childcare available Friday and Saturday

- For children through 12 years of age
- Clergy/Vendors/Guests indicate need for childcare during online registration





Don't Forget

END of the YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS and PLEDGES

If you wish to mail your pledge or any other contributions by the end of the year, they must be **December** dated and **received** by **Wednesday, December 29th**. If you wish to hand deliver them to the church office, they must be in before noon on **Thursday, December 30th**. **Any online pledges/contributions must be made before midnight, Tuesday, December 28th**.

Christmas Memorial Flowers

You are invited each Christmas to make a monetary contribution to the glory of God and in memory or honor of loved ones.

The memorial you make offers a way to not only honor those whom we love, but also decorate our church for this festive season.



Envelops are available in the pew racks or you may email your list to rita@stjamesla.org **no later than Monday, December 20th**.



Keeping the Faith, the St. James history book would be a wonderful Christmas gift! A project of the Memorial and Fine Arts Committee, the 100-page, hard cover book tells the story of St. James since its 1844 founding in downtown Alexandria. Color and black and white photos from different eras complement the narrative, along with personal anecdotes from past and present St. James members and short histories of such elements as the church's stained glass windows, Mt. Olivet, Camp Hardtner and others. A section in the back of the book also allows you to personalize your copy by adding your own photos and notes, memorializing events such as family weddings, baptisms and the like.

A perfect gift to yourself and for holiday giving, the book is \$30.00 and is available in the Church office. Shipping is available for an additional \$5.00 to cover the cost of the postage.

Advent Calendar & Prayer Resources for Families and Adults

There are Home Advent Service booklets available on tables in the Narthex and at Murray Street entrance for anyone wishing to take one home.



For others, we encourage you to click on the links below to check out resources made available by the national church:

[***Journeying the Way of Love Advent Calendar***](#) - a calendar of scripture readings, prayers or activities for each day in Advent.

[***#Advent Word***](#) - provides 28 daily meditations and images via a global, online calendar - and invites your personal reflections via social media. Join an international community of prayer this Advent!



Coffee Hour This Sunday!

Join us for coffee & fellowship this Sunday morning following the 10:30 AM service.

To volunteer for this ministry contact Melanie Torbett: [***meltorbett@gmail.com***](mailto:meltorbett@gmail.com)

Save the Date!
St. James Concert Series Resumes!

Rolston String Quartet
Friday, January 21st @ 7:00 PM



Worship



December 19th
Fourth Sunday of Advent
In-person Worship @ 10:30 AM
Childcare is available!

[Click here for the readings.](#)

December 19th
Evening Prayer
Online @ 5:00 PM

[Click on this link to join Evening Prayer.](#)

Meeting ID: 863 4898 4077
Passcode: 1620

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



Christian Formation

Adult Bible Study: Galatians
Wednesday, December 15th @ 6:30 PM via Zoom

[Click on this link to join the Galatians Bible Study.](#)

Meeting ID: 826 3182 5770
Passcode: 1620



Confirmation Class - with The Rev. Canon John Bedingfield

Wednesday Nights @ 6:30 PM in the Parlor

While these classes are geared toward those who are not confirmed or received, church members and guests alike are invited to drop in as they wish!



JEYC/EYC MEETING

TONIGHT at 6:00 p.m.

Youth Building

Belong

Sometimes it feels like we're in a wilderness! Amidst a pandemic, systematic oppression, school stress and friend dynamics, it can be hard to remember that God is our comfort and foundation.

Youth, friends, guardians, and youth leaders from across Louisiana are invited to join the Diocesan Youth Commission for a day of connecting with creation, community, and GOD IN THE WILDERNESS!



EVENT DETAILS

- This event is sponsored by the Diocese of Western Louisiana and will be free of charge for all participants, including entry fees into Indian Creek.
- **January 8th, 2022 from 9:45 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.** at Indian Creek Recreation Area south of Alexandria, LA.
- Youth in grades 6th-12th are invited AND their accompanying guardians, youth leaders, drivers, etc.

The days events include a 3 mile hike, small groups, games, and worship. Attendees should bring their own reusable water bottle, sack lunch, and snack.

Click here to register and learn more, or contact **Katie Chapman**, Missioner for Youth and Young Adult Ministry.

Prayer

Parish Prayer List

Please keep these members of our community in your prayers:

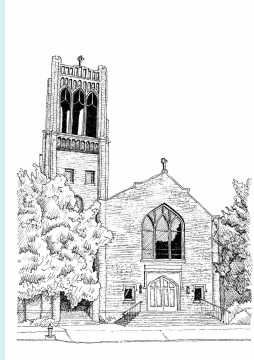
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For those in the military:

Samuel Hayes, Steven 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 December (day):

Sue Ellen Jackson (1), Graham Matthews (1), Heather Walker (1), Elizabeth Deshotel (5), Karen Smith (5), Barbara Whitfield (6), Holly Dixon (7), Jems White (7), Tommy Thompson (8), Becky Elliott (9), Lindsey Lemoine (9), Ava Walker (9), Kai Brown (12), George Matthews (20), Sylvia Middleton (21), Caroline Searcy (21), Jim Hair (22), Tonya Shepherd (22), Tom Denley (26), Thomas Downs (26), Bertie Smith (26), Georgina Adams (27), Carla Beth Carlisle (27), John Bufkin (28), Marie Durham (28), Luke McLemore (28), Fed Adams (29).



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