

January 5, 2022



God In Man Made Manifest

A blessed Epiphany to you. The Epiphany (January 6th) is the day in the Church year when we celebrate the arrival in Bethlehem of the Wise Men – the Magi – at the birthplace of Jesus. It is the day on which we commemorate the Epiphany (appearance or manifestation) of God Incarnate, to the Gentile visitors. Epiphany – both the day and the season – are about recognizing the miraculous appearance of the human God in our lives. God became human so that we could see the face of

God, and to show us that we are the children of the living God, with the promise of everlasting life graciously given us by our Father in heaven. I hope that this season is a time for your own epiphanies, particularly those that may serve to bring you closer to God.

Peace,
Canon John

VESTRY and DELEGATES

The Annual Meeting of St. James will be Sunday, January 23, 2022, immediately following the 10:30am service. The Annual Meeting is required under our Diocesan Canons (laws). The purpose of the Annual Meeting is to give the congregation information on the state of the parish; to introduce the annual budget, as set by the Vestry; to elect Vestry members and Wardens; and to elect delegates and alternates to Diocesan Convention.



The requirements for those who stand for election, either for Vestry or for Delegate to Convention are:

- The person must be a confirmed member the Church through the laying on of hands by a Bishop, or having been received into the Episcopal Church by a Bishop.
- The person must be at least sixteen years of age.
- The person must be a “member in good standing,” meaning that for the previous year the person has been faithful in corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented, and has been faithful in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God.

We need faithful people to serve on the Vestry and as Delegates. If you are interested in either of these ministries, or would just like more information about them, please contact Canon John in the church office (318.445.9845).



Baby, It's Cold Outside!

The new year is off to a chilly start, so come prepared to spend a cozy morning at the Youth Building making scarves and hats to donate to the Homeless Coalition. If you don't knit or crochet, you can buy the ends of bolts of fleece on discount at JoAnn crafts (and bring your own fabric scissors), and I'll show you how to cut cute fringed scarves. It's quick

and easy! When buying fleece, keep in mind that a symmetrical pattern is an easier line to cut. We will meet this Saturday, January 8, at 10:00 a.m. in the Youth Building.

Special Coffee Hour This Sunday Honoring Those Confirmed!

Join us for coffee & fellowship this Sunday morning following the 10:30 AM service. This is a great opportunity to meet our "new" family members and wish a Happy New Year to those whom you haven't seen since December!



If you would like to help either with refreshments or as a server for this ministry, call or text Melanie Torbett at 318-792-1953.



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

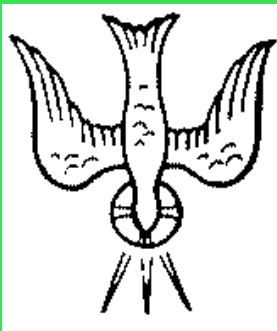
Save the Date!

St. James Concert Series Resumes!

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



Worship



January 9th
The Baptism of our Lord
and
Confirmation
In-person Worship @ 10:30 AM
Childcare is available!

[Click here for the readings.](#)

January 9th
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.](#)



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:

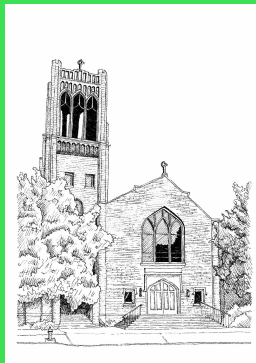
Henry Blake, Ellen Inman, Matthew Fontanille, Jaxsom McElwee, Bonnie McCartney, Andrew, Shirley Christian, Susan Webster, Dixie Leigh Platt, Ty Cedars, Stacy, Kristie Fresh, Mattie Dean McNaughton, Sawyer, John, Bernard Parker, James Sinclair, Johnnie Hart, Emily, Taylor Thompson, Todd Fuller, Jane Y. Harris, Chase Barnfield, Kip Hogue, Kyle, James Jay Watts, Janet & Carl Ahrens, Beth Virden, Glenn Guillory, Edna Schoolcraft, 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 Warren, Betty Anne Close, Bill Leibke, Sarah, Jackie Moody, Wayne and Barbara Moorehead, Pat Carter, Richard Norem, Kevin Hooter, Warren Paul, Cindy Smith, Jane Tyson, Gerard, Mehre Hajjghassem, and Wanda ad Starlic King.

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 January (day):

Dana Brunson (3), Joy Owensby (3), Lauren Vines (3), Patrick Owensby (4), Ruthlyn Jarvis (5), Charlotte Sterling (9), Sydney Hazel (10), Nona Yeager (13), Mary Belle Marshall (14), Joseph McCartney (17), Isabella Allen (20), Eva Andrus (22), Kendall From (25), Chris Hazel (25), Bailey Adams (27), Lacey Brown (27), Sandra Daigle (27), John Brewer (28), Kristina McBride (28), Lindsay Holton (30), Ann Robicheaux (30).



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