



March 9, 2022

From Fr. John

On Sunday, March 13th, at the 10:30 service, we will chant The Great Litany as a part of our service.

The original Greek meaning of "litany" was "prayer" or "supplication." But "litany" has come to mean a prayer in which the responses are fixed, short biddings or petitions such as "Hear our prayer" or "Lord, have mercy." Several of our Rite Two Prayers of the People forms are litanies.

English history says that the Litany was the first original-English liturgical rite (published in 1544). The authorship of the first Litany is attributed to The Most Rev. Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury. Some of the sources he drew on are said to have dated back over 1000 years. The 1549 First Book of Common Prayer said that the Litany was to be read or sung, kneeling, on Wednesdays and Fridays before the liturgy of the word.

The Litany has been contained in each successive Book of Common Prayer, 1662, 1789, throughout the 19th century revisions, 1928, and all the way to 1979, where it was named "The Great Litany," to differentiate it from other litanies in the book.

The Great Litany prays for literally everyone and everything, from Adam and Eve to the current president and Congress. Naturally, that takes a little while. But to partially offset the time, we will not have our normal confession or prayers of the people.

The Great Litany is a significant part of our worship history and tradition. It is our oldest original English language rite, it is all-encompassing, and it focuses our prayers for ourselves and for the world. It is also a great way to focus us on keeping a holy Lent.

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Wednesday Night Offering During Lent

TONIGHT, Wednesday, March 9th, St. James is once again providing Faith & Fellowship programming!

Dinner and Fellowship begin at 6:00 p.m.

[Tonight's Menu: Spinach Lasagne, vegetable, salad and dessert]

Meals are \$5 for adults and free for anyone 18 and younger.

The Youth meet at 6:30 p.m. for Christian Formation and Fellowship.

Adults meet in the Parlor at 6:45 p.m. for "**Revive**"! The difference between knowing about God and being in a relationship with God has been compared to the difference between reading a menu and eating the meal. The same can be said about our church work. A relationship with God, framed by Jesus' teachings, is the most transformative gift the church can give our long-serving, dedicated servants of Christ. Join us as we explore this gift of thanks for the dedicated service of people who have worked so hard for the church, yet feel like they do not know God as deeply as they desire. By accepting this opportunity, participants will grow in confidence as spiritual leaders who yearn to live a Jesus-shaped life.

Stations of the Cross

Consider adding the **Stations of the Cross** to your Lenten devotions and disciplines. The service takes place **every Friday** during Lent at **12:15 p.m.** in the Nave of the church. It only takes about 30 minutes and you will feel spiritually refreshed and have a deeper understanding of Christ's journey to The Cross.



WindSync Concert - Save the Date

Mark your calendar now for March 11 at 7:00 pm to enjoy the free and unique sounds of WindSync, a vibrant chamber ensemble performing wind quintet masterworks, adapting beloved music to their instrumentation, and championing new works by today's composers. The quintet eliminates the "fourth wall" between musicians and audience by often performing from memory, creating an intimate connection. This personal performance style, combined with the ensemble's three-pronged mission of artistry, education, and community-building, lends WindSync its reputation as "a group of virtuosos who are also wonderful people, too".

~ Alison Young, Classical MPR

Funeral Arrangements for Henry Blake

On Saturday, March 12, the arrangements for Henry Blake are as follows:

Visitation in the Parish Hall: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Funeral Service in the Nave: 12:00 p.m.

Interment at Mt. Olivet: 3:00 p.m.



Nursey Assistance Needed

St. James has been blessed with 3 very dedicated women who for years have taken care of our children in the nursery. However, there are times when our ladies are ill or have family obligations that require someone to take their place. Perhaps someone you know or even yourself would be interested in being a substitute. There are 3 requirements: a love of children, a background check, and taking the Safeguarding God's Children courses. Please contact Rita (318.445.9845) for further information.

Church Directory Available in Narthex, Chapel, and Parish Hall

Please let the office know if any changes have occurred in address, phone number, and/or email address.



Update on Charlotte Sterling

Our Sr. Warden, Charlotte Sterling, has returned home! She is still undergoing physical therapy but locally. Her email address is poohandpoet@suddenlink.net and she checks FaceBook regularly. Snail mail is appreciated, as well: 104 Mary Street, Pineville, LA 71360.

Opportunities to Serve

Are you looking for ways to serve at St. James? Have you ever considered becoming a Lector? They are the people who read from the Old Testament and Epistles during the service. How about becoming a Eucharistic Minister? They are the people who serve at the altar by administering the chalice (the Blood of Christ) during Communion. Or would you like to do those things in a one-on-one situation? Eucharistic Visitors take the elements of Communion, Body and Blood of Christ, from the altar to people who cannot come to church. They conduct short services in a manner prescribed by the Church, bringing a sacramental presence to those who would otherwise not receive it.



If any of those sound like ministries God might be calling you to, please let Fr. John know. He can talk with you about these ministries and explain what the requirements and training would be.

Worship



March 13th

The Second Sunday in Lent

In-person Worship @ 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Childcare is available at 10:00 AM!

[Click here for the readings.](#)

March 13th
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.](#)



Prayer

Parish Prayer List

Please keep these members of our community in your prayers:

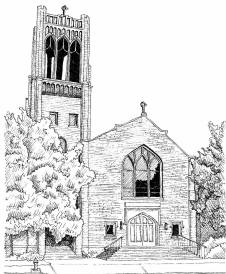
Easton Chase, Jack Bender, Anna Stapleton , Fran Barbato, Kevin Delaney, Gail, Jim Leggett, Charlotte Sterling, Tim and Alexis Heflin, Matthew Fontanille, Jaxson McElwee, Bonnie McCartney, Andrew, Shirley Christian, Susan Webster, Ty Cedars, Stacy, Kristie Fresh, Sawyer, John, Mattie Dean McNaughton, 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, Elda Schoolcraft, Jimmy Hurt, Charlotte Thrift, Mesta Bain, Margaret Broussard, Allie Bunyog, Dean M. Tyree, 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, and Mehre Hajighassem.

For those in the military:

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

For those celebrating birthdays in March (day):

Alexis Heflin (1), Melinda Mikell (1), Janet Ahrens (5), Elizabeth Drell (6), Randy Despino (8), Shepard Searcy (9), Randy Welch (13), Julie Despino (14), Bobby Levy (15), Barbara Moorehead (16), Alex Norton (22), Tom McBride (25), Don Kramer (27), Bryce Dixon (28), Betty Gaiennie (29).



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