

March 30, 2022

### From Fr. John

In the Collect of the Day for this coming Sunday, we will ask God to:

Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; ....

Fr. Jim Theus will be the Celebrant for both 8:00 and 10:30 services on Sunday. Donna, Taylor, and I will be in Dallas this weekend, to attend the memorial service for my cousin, Danielle Gonzales. Dani is the first of our "age cohort" to enter the nearer presence of our Lord. And her death has caused me to think about the "swift and varied changes of the world."

In 2022 it seems that life is hurtling along a roller-coaster track at break-neck speed. Twenty-first Century life can seem totally out of control, much of the time. We have a pandemic that has lessened but shows no signs of wanting to end. We have wars and rumors of wars. We have dysfunction in our government and in our society. And we have great swaths of people in this country who seem to truly hate other great swaths of people, simply because they don't support the same political candidates. There seems to be no end in sight for any of these problems ... unless we truly rely upon God.

On Sunday, pray fervently that God will grant us grace to love what God commands and to desire what God promises. In other words, that we have the grace to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength; and to love our neighbors as ourselves. That is the only true way forward in the crazy times in which we live.

God's blessings to you all,  
Fr. John+

### 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.



### March Ministry Fund

March was an extremely busy month. Thanks to your generosity, St. James was able to assist 19 families with \$2879.09 towards utilities, rent, and gas. Unfortunately, as you yourself are aware, the need is greater due to higher utilities with so many on fixed incomes. There are 17 families on our waiting list with more calling daily. 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!

### Coffee Hour Sunday

Join us for coffee hour & fellowship this Sunday morning following the 10:30 AM service. This is always a great opportunity to visit and catch up on what is happening within our church family.

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.



### Make Palm Crosses

No previous experience needed!  
Training offered on the spot!

Saturday - April 9  
9:00 a.m. - Parish Hall

Maundy Thursday Vigil Returns

Jesus said, "could you not stay awake with me one hour?" Matthew 26:40 (NRSV)

The Maundy Thursday (Thursday in Holy Week) liturgy is a very powerful one. But perhaps the most moving part of the service comes at the end, when the altar area of the church is stripped of everything that makes it look grand, and perhaps all that makes it look "occupied." The end of the Maundy Thursday service reminds us of that place and time in which Jesus was arrested and taken away, leaving the Disciples alone.



The period of time between The Last Supper and sunrise on Good Friday is commemorated by a Gethsemane Watch, or Maundy Thursday Vigil. Beginning this Sunday there will be a signup sheet in the Narthex for those who would like to stay in the Chapel for one overnight hour on April 14/15. There will be an Alexandria Police Department officer on premises all night for security. There will be reading and prayer resources available for those who participate.



## Eggs Needed

St. James is having a hunt! An egg hunt! Actually 2 egg hunts! Easter Day at 9:30 a.m.! One for children ages 5 and under will be in the patio off the Parish Hall. The other one for ages 6 - 10 in the area around the Denley Patio.

**Donations of pre-wrapped candy are being accepted! Place in the blue crate in the Parish Hall.**

## Easter Flower Memorials

It is the custom of St. James at Easter to invite our parish family to make a contribution to the glory of God and in memory of, in honor of, or in thanksgiving for a loved one. This is not only an appropriate way to honor those we love, but these gifts allow for the festive decoration of the church. If this is your wish, please send your donation along with the names of those you wish to remember to the church office no later than **Tuesday, April 12th**. Offering envelopes are also in the church pew racks. (You may email the names to the office for clarity in spelling, as well: [info@stjamesla.org](mailto:info@stjamesla.org).)



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE HOLY WEEK

### PALM SUNDAY

**Blessing of the Palms followed by the Holy Eucharist**  
8:00 a.m. - Front of Chapel  
10:30 a.m. Patio off Parish Hall - Procession into Church

### TUESDAY

**7:00 p.m. Organ Meditations on Stations of the Cross - Church**

### WEDNESDAY

**6:30 p.m. Tenebrae - Church**

### MAUNDY THURSDAY

**6:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Washing of the Feet - Church**  
**7:30 p.m. - 7:30 a.m. Vigil - Chapel**

### GOOD FRIDAY:

**12:15 p.m. Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday - Church**  
**1:15 p.m. Meditation on Last Seven Words of Christ - Church**  
**2:15 p.m. Stations of the Cross - Church**

### SATURDAY: THE GREAT VIGIL of EASTER

**8:00 p.m. Kindling of the new fire, lighting of the Paschal Candle, followed by the first Festival Eucharist of Easter**

### EASTER DAY

**THE GREAT FESTIVAL of the RESURRECTION**  
**9:00 a.m. Easter Brunch - Parish Hall**  
**9:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt - Patio [Ages 5 and Younger]**  
**Easter Egg Hunt – Denley Patio [Ages 6 – 10]**  
**10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Flowering of the Cross - Church**

**Worship**



April 3rd  
 The Fifth 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.](#)

April 3rd  
 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:**

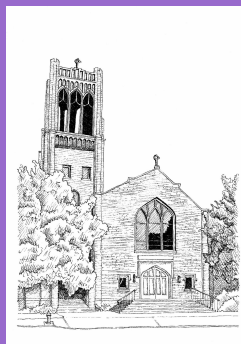
*Bill Jarvis, New Orleans and the Arabi neighborhood, Wilma Filipi, Stephen, Easton Chase, Natosha and Family, Jack Bender, Anna Stapleton, Fran Barbato, Kevin Delaney, Gail, Jim Leggett, Charlotte Sterling, Tim and Alexis Heflin, Matthew Fontanille, Jaxson McElwee, Bonnie McCartney, Andrew, Shirley 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 April (day):**

*Tucker McLure (1), Johnny Downs (2), Babson Fresh (5), Foster Walker (4), Bubba Flournoy (7), Riley Brown (8), Laura Johnson (9), Jeff Mathews (10), L. B. Matthews (12), Michael Jurgensen (16), Rita Klock (17), Clay Ray (21), Vivian Cabrera (22), Linda Hargrove (23), Julia Ann Twilley (23), Stephen Dubois (25), Jennifer Higgin botham (25), Fred Alexius (29), Kathy Kingsley (30).*



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