

April 6, 2022

From Fr. John

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This Sunday we enter Holy Week. Please check out the list (below) of at least a dozen opportunities to be here for worship. Everyone is always welcome at St. James. But next week in particular, we are called to come together to remember, and intentionally experience, the Passion and death on a cross of Jesus. As a collect from the Palm Sunday liturgy puts it:

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Christians across the globe will be similarly gathering over the coming week as they work to deepen their relationship with the Savior of the world. Please come and join us, as you are able, while we “walk in the way of the cross,” with Jesus.

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



### LAST Faith & Fellowship During Lent

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

**Tonight's Menu: Potluck!**

**Church will provide Fried Chicken, Jambalaya, and Rolls. You bring a side, dessert or salad that you wish to share.**

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"! 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 discuss prayer.

### 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.



### Make Palm Crosses This Saturday

No previous experience needed!  
Training offered on the spot!

THIS 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.





## Candy 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

**10:00 a.m. Proper Liturgy for Holy Saturday - Chancel**  
**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**

## CENLA InterFaith

A vibrant energy is growing in our community! A body of people is building an organization that crosses the lines of race, denomination, geography, and economics to address and solve the issues affecting our community in Central Louisiana. A city-wide assembly of congregations and citizen organizations are coming together on Tuesday, May 24th, at 6:30 p.m. at Emmanuel Baptist Church. If you are interested in learning more about this group of resourceful people or in joining us for the meeting on May 24th, you may speak with Fr. John, Josh Brown or Rita Klock, or go to <https://www.cenlainterfaith.org>.

## Worship

April 10th  
Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday



In-person Worship @ 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM  
Childcare is available at 10:00 AM!

[Click here for the readings.](#)

April 10th  
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:**

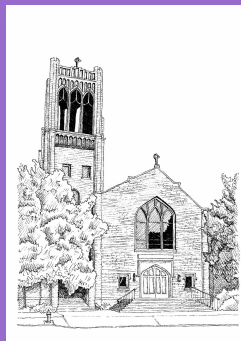
*Shannon Norman, Debbie Barnes, Bill Jarvis, Wilma Filipi, Stephen, Easton Chase, Natosha and Family, Jack Bender, Anna Stapleton, Fran Barbato, Kevin Delaney, Gail, Jim Leggett, Charlotte Sterling, Tim and Alexis Heflin, Matthew Fontanille, Jaxson McElwee, Bonnie McCartney, Andrew, Shirley Christian, 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 (5), 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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