

April 20, 2022

From Fr. John

Alleluia! Christ has risen! The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia.

I give thanks every day, for the church community of St. James and for its dedicated members. That was never more true than during the just-passed Holy Week and Easter weekend services. In the span of eight days (Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday, inclusive) we conducted twelve – 12 – separate services. Two of which – Maundy Thursday and The Great Vigil of Easter – have more moving parts than you can imagine. I cannot sufficiently thank everyone who was a part of these services. And if I leave you out of this list, please do not hold it against me. It is entirely accidental.

Thank you: Deacon Michael, Will Harp, Dana Brunson, Roy Rosenthal, and Daniel Manuel, who were the constantly present core team. They, along Ms. Nona Yeager and her whole gang of altar guild members, who kept what needed keeping and changed what needed changing between every service. And there was a lot of that to do. Toward the end of Holy Week, Will said it best. When we all came back together in the sacristy for the next service, he said, “Here we are again. Lather, rinse, repeat.”

Thank you also to our incredibly dedicated choir, who along with their wonderful Director, Michael and Organist, Eileen, provided a beautiful variety of music with skill and dedication. They took last minute changes with grace and generosity. And they always sounded wonderful.

Thank you to the flower guild, whose arrangements, from Palms through lilies, were breathtaking, as was the gorgeous cross that the children flowered on Easter morning.

Thank you to the Vestry and Wardens for preparing a great Easter brunch on Easter Sunday. It was a delightful gathering with delicious food.

Thank you to our acolytes and their truly dedicated director, Holly Dixon. They showed up on time, suited up like the pros that they are, and handled everything that was asked of them smoothly and efficiently.

Thank you to our ushers, who also had some extra things tossed at them this week – not the least of which were the flowering of the cross and passing out wooden crosses (lovingly made and generously donated by Dave Curry) on Easter Day. Everything moved smoothly and that is no small thing to say.

Thank you to our Lectors, many of whom volunteered for multiple services and read things with which they were not familiar. They made it look effortless.

Thanks to YOU. All who showed up for the services. The mid-week, evening services were challenged by ill-timed thunderstorms. But all were glorious in their own ways. And it was wonderful to hear all the comments about how meaningful the services were to people. Everyone who participated did so to glory of God. But knowing that the services meant something to you, the congregation, is truly special.

Thanks be to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for this place and what it means in peoples’ lives.

Happy Easter,
Canon John+

Community Breakfast

Come meet some of our neighbors this Sunday as we enjoy our delicious and free Community Breakfast from 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.! If you wish to volunteer with meal prep and/or serving, plan to arrive at 7:30 a.m.

No coffee hour this Sunday.





The Vestry and People of
St. James Episcopal Church
invite your prayers and presence at

The Celebration of a New Ministry
and the Installation of
The Reverend Canon John Bedingfield
as the Seventeenth Rector of the Congregation

The Right Reverend Jacob W. Owensby, Ph.D., D.D.
4th Bishop of the
Episcopal Diocese in Western Louisiana
Celebrant and Preacher

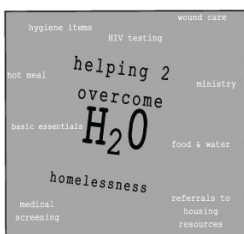
Thursday, April 28, 2022
6:00 PM

St. James Episcopal Church
1620 Murray Street
Alexandria, LA 71301
318.445.9845
Reception to follow in the Parish Hall

Clergy: Red Stole

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>.



Outreach Ministry of St. James

Want to help the Cenla homeless community? **We are in need of socks and non-perishable, non-heat-sensitive snack items** (trail mix, peanut butter crackers, granola bars, etc.) to be distributed on April 28 at the monthly H2O (Helping 2 Overcome Homelessness) in the parking lot of Emmanuel Baptist Church. This monthly homeless street outreach is sponsored by Volunteers of American and provides instant, on-site services, including basic food items, clothing, and more.

Bring your donations to church this Sunday and place them in the blue bin in the parish hall. Questions or want to help at the event? Contact Joy Owensby or Deacon Michael Parham. Thank you!

Positions Available

Camp Hardtner invites healthcare workers to be a part of our summer team! Living in the forest, our days are full of worship, games, and occasionally bumps, scrapes and bug bites. A typical healthcare staff day involves administering prescription and OTC medicine, communicating camper needs to fellow staff, and maintaining health logs- but every day is different. We have one full Summer opening and several single session positions available. Follow [this link](#) for a more detailed job description.



Worship



April 24th

The Second Sunday of Easter

In-person Worship at 10:30 AM

Childcare is available.

[Click here for the readings.](#)

April 24th
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:

Barnes Family, Polly Quillin Ussery, Andrea, Jeff and Anne, Lillian DeVille, Shannon Norman, 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 Hajjghassem.

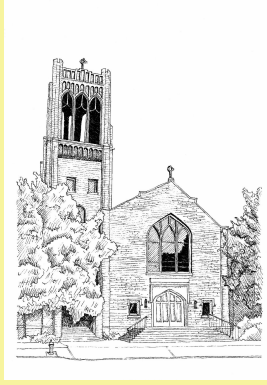
For those in the military:

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 Higginbotham (25),

Fred Alexius (29), Kathy Kingsley (30).



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