

## April 27, 2022

#### From Fr. John

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

Everywhere we look right now, there are plants blooming and new leaves on trees. The Easter season is upon us. And it is a time of growth and renewal in nature, and in the Church.

The resurrection of Jesus reminds us that there is nothing beyond the loving reach of God. Jesus died and was resurrected so Death no longer holds dominion over us. And as children of the resurrection, it is our job to bring the renewal, the healing, and the hope that resurrection represents to the world around us.

This season of new growth and new life is a wonderful time to reach out to those whom we may have "written off" in the past because something had come between us, something we could not at the time overcome. Take this chance to contact those whose relationship with you has been "buried." Bring the light, and new birth to offer a way out of the tomb. If it is up to you, reconnect. If it is not up to you, pray that someday it will be. It may not work. Some relationships are injured beyond repair — at least right now. But keep an open mind and heart. Nothing is beyond the loving reach of God.

Live into the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and bring life and light to every situation.

Happy Easter and God's blessings, Canon John+



## **April Ministry Fund**

During April, St. James was able to assist 8 families with \$1333 towards utilities, rent, and gas. Unfortunately, as you yourself are aware, the need remains great due to higher utilities with so many on fixed incomes. 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!



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.

4<sup>th</sup> 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

#### **Coffee Hour**

Join us for coffee hour & fellowship this Sunday morning following the 10:30 AM service. This is 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.



## **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 <u>this link</u> for a more detailed job description.

### **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 <a href="https://www.cenlainterfaith.org">https://www.cenlainterfaith.org</a>.

## Diocesan Ultreya & Cursillo Welcome Back

Make plans now for a day of fun, fellowship, music, contests, prizes, and reconnecting with fellow Cursillistas! On Saturday, October 29, the Secretariat of Western Louisiana is hosting all this and more at the Wesley Center in Woodworth from 10 am to 3-ish pm. Registration fee of \$30 covers continental breakfast, lunch, snacks, and all activities. More information at a later date.



## Worship



# May 1st The Third Sunday of Easter

In-person Worship at 10:30 AM Childcare is available.

Click here for the readings.

May 1st 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.



## Parish Prayer List

#### Please keep these members of our community in your prayers:

Walter McLellan, Polly Quillin Ussery, Andrea, Jeff and Anne, Lillian DeVille, Shannon Norman, Bill Jarvis, Wilma Filipi, Stephen, Natosha and Family, Jack Bender, Anna Stapleton, Fran Barbato, Kevin Delaney, Gail, Jim Leggett, Charlotte Sterling, Tim and Alexis Heflin, Matthew Fontanille, Andrew, Shirley Christian, Susan Webster, Ty Cedars, Stacy, Kristie Fresh, Sawyer, Mattie Dean McNaughton, Bernard Parker, James Sinclair, Johnnie Hart, Emily, Taylor Thompson, Todd Fuller, Jane Y. Harris, Chase Barnfield, Kip Hogue, Kyle, John, 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 May (day):

Minnie Mikell (4), Billy Hicks (6), Fr. Jim Theus (7), Lynton Hester (9), Anna Maynard (10), Caroline Theus (12), Gin Taylor McLure (13), Dake Texada (13), Betsy Trammel (13), Toddy Hart (14), Sharon Kramer (15), Will Shepherd (19), Leslie Mikell (21), Will Harp (22), Bill Clancey (23), Drew Texada (24), Amy Andrus (25), Daniel Chapman (25), Butch Knoepp (27), Robyn Brewer (28), Karen Cabrera (29), Catherine Drell (31).



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