

June 1, 2022

From Fr. John

This Sunday is the Day of Pentecost, or what the Anglican Church calls *Whitsunday*. Pentecost is known as the “birthday of the Church.” Jesus told the Apostles that after he left them, he would send the Holy Spirit to empower them. Pentecost is the day that we celebrate that promise kept. The reading from the Acts of the Apostles that we will hear on Sunday says,

"[S]uddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among (the Apostles), and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability."

Pentecost was the day on which the Apostles were empowered to take the Gospel of Jesus Christ into the world. They began the Church through their preaching, teaching, and celebrations of the Lord's Supper, as they had been taught.

We are the descendants of those first Apostles. We have all been empowered by the Holy Spirit, just as they were. Oh ... you don't remember having “divided tongues as of fire” rest on your head? Well, maybe you didn't experience precisely that. But at your baptism, you did receive that same Spirit. If it was an Episcopal Church baptism, the priest or bishop who baptized you, made the sign of the cross on your forehead with chrism (holy oil), while saying, “you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.” That was your gift of the Spirit. And with that gift came power – and responsibility.

We are all children of the One God, filled with God's Holy Spirit, and led by Jesus Christ to do God's work in the world. After Sunday's single 10:30 service, I hope that you will come to the parish hall to have refreshments and to talk with people about the ministries in which they are involved. There are many ministry opportunities available at St. James, as well as outside its walls. I pray that each of you will search out and find the one or ones that speak to your own need to serve the one who created you by using the power you have been given.

If you have any questions about a ministry, or if you have an idea for a new ministry; call, text, or email me and let's talk it over.

God's overflowing blessings be upon you.
Fr. John+

Church's Birthday Celebration

Celebrate the Birthday of the Church in the Parish Hall following the service!

[ONLY ONE SERVICE at 10:30 a.m.]

Enjoy some cake as you walk around viewing the Ministry Fair and visiting with friends.



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May Ministry Fund

During May, St. James was able to assist 16 families with \$2914.57 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 this is the first Sunday and that "loose plate" collection (cash) is designated for the Ministry Fund. 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!

Summer Office Hours

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM > Monday - Thursday
9:00 AM - Noon > Friday



Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST)

A two-day interactive workshop in suicide first aid, ASIST teaches participants to recognize when someone may have thoughts of suicide and work with them to create a plan that will support their immediate safety. Although ASIST is widely used by healthcare providers, participants don't need any formal training to attend the workshop—anyone 16 or older can learn and use the ASIST model. To learn more about the training [click here](#). A free two-day workshop will be offered in Rapides Parish July 14-15, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. For more information and to register [click here](#).

Impacting America!

They're Coming Back! June 13 - 15! Be here to greet this adventuresome, dynamic crew as they bike their way across the southern USA building affordable housing for those in need! Since 2006 St. James has provided a lay-over for these young men and women, housing and feeding them. This year they will actually participate on a build in Cenla through the CLHC.



So, if you are interested in meeting these energetic youth and learning about their exploits thus far, come help with dinner on either Monday, 13th, or Tuesday, 14th! Contact Rita Klock at either 445-9845 or 613-2290. The group will be staying in the gym before they leave for Natchitoches early on the 15th.

Worship



June 5th

The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday

In-person Worship at **10:30 AM ONLY**
Childcare is available for the 10:30 AM service.

[Click here for the readings.](#)

June 5th
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:

Michael Sterne, Jim Leggett, Elaine and Billy Hicks, Rita Clancey, Rachel and Ben, Gail Wilking,

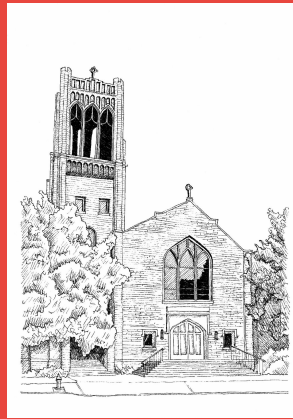
Walter McLellan, Polly Quillin Ussery, Andrea, Jeff and Anne, Lillian DeVille, Shannon Norman, Bill Jarvis, Wilma Filipi, Stephen, Natosha and Family, Jack Bender, Fran Barbato, Kevin Delaney, Gail, Charlotte Sterling, Tim and Alexis Heflin, Matthew Fontanille, Andrew, Shirley Christian, Susan Webster, 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, 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:

Josh Duff, 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):

Theresa Louvierre Levy (1), Angela Hayes (7), Tiger Higginbotham (7), Donna Bedingfield (9), Susan Provosty (10), Rob Ratcliff (10), Gay Hester (11), Jane Searcy (11), Katie Chapman (13), Charlene Gates (15), Alice Gill (15), Elizabeth Milliner (16), Sara Marshall (20), Carstens McConville (21), Sally Monk (21), Tom Yeager (21), Babs Leggett (22), Travis McCartney (22), David Shepherd (22), Graves Theus (22), John Brewer (23), Bennett Fresh (23), Susannah Theus (23), Henry Clancey (26), Richard Norem (28), Lindsey Torbett (28), Amy Norton (29), Lincoln Holton (30).



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