

June 15, 2022

From Fr. John

This Sunday we transition from the season following the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, into what the Church calls “Ordinary Time.” It is not the season of Pentecost. It is the season after Pentecost.

This season is called Ordinary Time, not because it is plain or unassuming, but rather because the weeks are numbered. “Ordinary” in this instance comes from the Latin *ordo* which is also the root for the word “order.” From now until we get to the season of Advent (which precedes Christmas), we will be in Ordinary Time. This season is also referred to as the “long, green, growing season.”

During Ordinary Time our church vestments are green, to represent this time of growth. As of Pentecost Sunday, we have made note of the empowerment of the Holy Spirit in our lives. That Spirit is now pushing us to “grow” in Christ and to “grow” the spread of the Gospel.

What the long growing season means for the people of St. James is dependent upon what the Holy Spirit is whispering to each of us. The readings for this Sunday reflect how God communicates with us, but also how much freedom we have been given, as followers of Jesus. The stories of Isaiah, St. Paul in Galatia, and Jesus with the Gerasene Demoniac, tell us that God is on the move. God never sits still. And now, through the amazing Holy Spirit, we have been empowered to get up and go with God, spreading the Gospel and doing God’s work in a broken and hurting world.

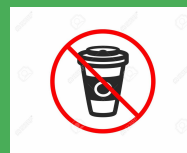
If you are starting to feel the pull of the Spirit but just don’t know what it is saying, come and see me. Let’s talk about where God might be calling you to go. Likewise, if you feel that God is calling St. James to something, come and see me. Let’s explore where this community might be headed.

God is on the move. Don’t get left behind.

Peace,
Fr. John+

No Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour for the summer will be the first Sunday of the month. Our hostesses deserve a break and a time to relax as we all do during the summer. A heartfelt “Thank You” to all who have provided refreshments for coffee hour!



The Church Office is closed Monday, June 20,
in observance of the Juneteenth Holiday.



Home Communion

During the course of the summer months, we at St. James gather as a faith community in the homes of parishioners for “table fellowship” – by breaking Bread during Holy Communion and then by breaking bread together for our dinner meal. Host families provide the entrée while guests provide salads, sides, desserts, and drinks. Plan to join us for our **June 30th (Thursday)** gathering at **6:00 p.m.** at the home of **Steve and Abbie DuBois [6701 Taylor Oaks in Alexandria]**. Bring a friend and enjoy the fellowship!

Helping Those in Need

Want to help the Cenla homeless community? We are in need of men's and women's ankle or crew socks, and Gatorade (red and blue are most popular flavors) to be distributed from 9-11 a.m. on June 23 at the monthly H2O (Helping 2 Overcome Homelessness) in the parking lot of Emmanuel Baptist Church. Members from all three Episcopal churches in the Alexandria-Pineville area are joining together with other community organizations to participate in this monthly street outreach sponsored by Volunteers of America. Bring your donations to church by Sunday, June 19, and place them in the blue bin in the **CHURCH NARTHEX**.



Questions or want to help at the event? Contact Joy Owensby or Deacon Michael Parham. Thank you on behalf of the Outreach Committee!

Summer Office Hours

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

9:00 AM - Noon > Friday



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ASIST

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](#).

Worship



Second Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday

In-person Worship at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Childcare is available for the 10:30 AM service.

[Click here for the readings.](#)

June 19th
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:

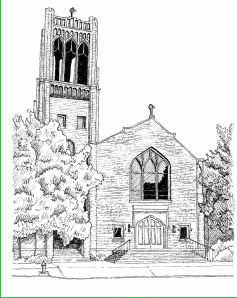
Michael Sterne, Jim Leggett, Cakie, Rita and Bill Clancey, Rachel and Ben, Walter McLellan, Polly Quillin Ussery, Andrea, Jeff and Anne, Lillian DeVille, Shannon Norman, Bill Jarvis, Wilma Filipi, Stephen, Natosha and Family, Jack Bender, Fran Barbato, Kevin Delaney, Gail, Charlotte Sterling, Tim and 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 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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