

July 20, 2022

From Fr. John

I am back in the office today. It is the first time that I have been here since testing COVID positive, the day after Independence Day. When I walked in this morning it seemed appropriate to reintroduce myself to Rita and Lisa. It's been a rough couple of weeks at my house. I'm happy to report that everyone is getting back to normal, or at least whatever the new normal may be. We thank you all for your prayers and support while I've been out.

I'm happy that I will be back for Sunday (the 24th), when we will celebrate the Feast of our Patron, St. James, sometimes referred to as St. James the Great (or Greater) to differentiate him from the "lesser" figures in the New Testament with the same name. James the son of Zebedee and his brother John were among the twelve disciples of Jesus. They, together with Peter, were privileged to behold the Transfiguration, to witness the healing of Peter's mother-in-law, and the raising of the daughter of Jairus, and to be called aside to watch and pray with Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane on the night before his death.

About 42 CE, shortly before Passover, James was beheaded by order of King Herod Agrippa I, grandson of Herod the Great (who tried to kill the infant Jesus), nephew of Herod Antipas (who killed John the Baptist and examined Jesus on Good Friday). James was the first of the Twelve to suffer martyrdom, and the only one of the Twelve whose death is recorded in the New Testament.*

This congregation is blessed to have a patron saint who provides the sort of example that St. James does. He was bold, faithful, and willing to give all he had in fulfillment of the mission given to him by Jesus. Let us pray that in this generation we may follow his example and boldly live out the Gospel of Jesus Christ every day.

God's blessings on you all, Fr. John+

* Thanks to James Kiefer for the hagiographic information on St. James.



BICYCLE NEEDED

Received a request from a resident at Hope House for a bicycle; used one will be fine. She just began a job. Even though Hope House is on the bus line, she is trying to be frugal and save money. If anyone wishes to donate a bicycle, please contact the church office (445-9845).

DISASTER SUPPLY KITS

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) predicts an above-average Atlantic hurricane season in 2022. Historically, the most devastating hurricanes to hit Louisiana occurred in the months of



August, September, and October. That being said, you may want to make sure your emergency kit is stocked with the items on the <u>checklist attached</u>. Most of the items are inexpensive and easy to find, and any one of them could save your life. Once you take a look at the basic items, consider what unique needs your family might have, such as supplies for pets, or seniors.

After an emergency, you may need to survive on your own for several days. Being prepared means having your own food, water and other supplies to last for at least 72 hours. A disaster supplies kit is a collection of basic items your household may need in the event of an emergency.



ITEMS STILL NEEDED FOR JULY 28th H2O

(Helping 2 Overcome Homelessness)

St. James continues to participate in this ongoing street outreach sponsored by Volunteers of America. This month we are looking for items to help people cope with the extreme heat we are experiencing:

- Gatorade
- Medicated body powder (e.g., Gold Bond or a similar generic brand)
- Deodorant
- Socks, underwear
- Non-perishable snacks
- Any other items to mitigate summer heat

Bring your donations to church by Sunday, July 24, and place them in the blue bin in the narthex (church). Questions or want to help at the event? Contact Joy Owensby or Deacon Michael Parham. Thank you!

VBS
July 27, 28, 29
6:00 - 8:00 PM
St. Timothy's Episcopal Church
2627 Horseshoe Drive
318-487-0875
Registration Deadline July 22, 2022





July 24th

Feast of St. James the Apostle (observed) In-person Worship at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Childcare is available for the 10:30 AM service.

Click here for the readings.

July24th 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:

Bedingfield Family, Trevor From, Pepe Rizzo, Alice Gill, Bonnie McLellan, Devon Miller, Eileen DeBoer, Michael Sterne, Jim Leggett, Cackie, Rita and Bill Clancey, Bernard Parker, Rachel and Ben, Kristie Fresh, Janet & Carl Ahren, 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, Matthew Fontanille, Andrew, Shirley Christian, Susan Webster, Stacy, Chase Barnfield, Mattie Dean McNaughton, Johnnie Hart, Taylor Thompson, Jane Y. Harris, Kip Hogue, Kyle, James Jay Watts, Beth Virden, Glenn Guillory, Elda Schoolcraft, Jimmy Hurt, Mesta Bain, Allie Bunyog, Dean M. Tyree, Ron Kingston, Annie, Jackie Jeanne, Dietrich DeBoer, Beverly Butler, Murel Trimble, Emily Warren, Bill Leibke, Sarah, Jackie Moody, Wayne Moorehead, Pat Carter, Richard Norem, Kevin Hooter, 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 July (day):

Carol Fowler (3), Brooksy Semple (3), Dave Curry (4), Judy Curry (7), Josh Brown (10), Bill Henderson (10), Ulla Knoepp (12), Danny Eudy (14), Caroline Theus (14), Jamie Lemoine (18), Marcus Brown (22), William Maynard (23), Leslie Theus (27), Martha Walker (21).



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