

July 27, 2022

From Fr. John

In many ways, it seems like summer just started. Now here we are with school starting very soon. A new school year beginning has always meant the start of a new program year at church as well. But as with virtually everything else, the COVID pandemic has changed that regular schedule over the last couple of years.

I am determined to get back into some Christian educational programs as we continue in 2022. Exactly what the schedule will be and what offerings there will be is not yet determined. Stay tuned. The pandemic knocked a lot of things off schedule and we are trying to restart what we can, as we can.

As I mentioned in June, we will soon start live-streaming our 10:30 service on Sundays. I am still looking for a few people who would be interested in learning the equipment and running the system during the services. It is not very complicated and should not take long to learn. But we will need people who will be reliably here when scheduled, ready to put our services out to those who want to view them. If you are interested, please call, text, or email me.

I give thanks every day for the wonderful community of people who make up St. James. You are a blessing in my life. I am here for you. If you need me, call me.

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



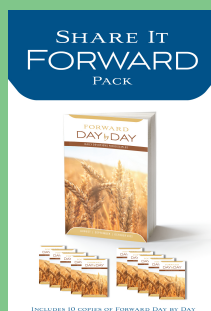
Community Breakfast

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.

Blessing of Backpacks

The new school year is upon us already! All children, youth and adults attending school this year are invited to bring their filled backpacks and tablets/laptops to the 10:30 a.m. service on **Sunday, August 7th**, for our annual Blessing of the Backpacks! **All school personnel who are so vital to the education and nurture of the students are invited, as well, for a special blessing!** Coffee hour in the Parish Hall follows the service. What a wonderful way to begin the new school year!



Day By Day Devotional Available

Forward Day by Day offers a brief daily devotion based on scripture readings taken from the *Revised Common Lectionary* and *Daily Office* in the *Book of Common Prayer*. It also includes a suggested action based on each day's meditation, along with a suggested focus for prayer. *Forward Day by Day* has been published since 1935, though the format has been updated over the decades.

As the Executive Director once said, "Too often, we keep the treasure of our faith to ourselves. Our fear of sharing prevents others from receiving a gift that might just change their lives. I bet you started reading *Forward Day by Day* because someone suggested it to you. So if time with scripture, reflection, and prayer is important for you, I hope you'll consider sharing that gift with a friend or neighbor." ~ Scott Gunn

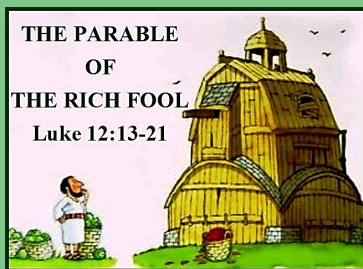
Disaster Supply Kits

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 [checklist attached](#). 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.



Worship



July 31st

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
In-person Worship at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
Childcare is available for the 10:30 AM service.

[Click here for the readings.](#)

July 31st
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:

Massi Jordan, 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, Dean M. Tyree, 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.

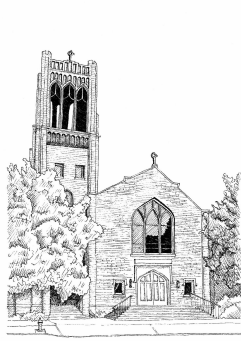
For those in the military:

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 August (day):

Walter McLellan (2), Susie Randow (3), Becky Warren (4), Sonny Trammell (7), Linda

Culpepper (8), Larry Menache (8), Fr. John Bedingfield (9), Suzanne Alexander (11), Catherine Davidson (12), Tish Fresh (12), David Lind (13), Claire Callis (14), Murel Trimble (14), Betty Ingrish (15), Scott Yeager (15), Gene Sterling (19), Paton Downs (21), Faye Flanagan (21), McKenzie Yeager (22), Jameson Milliner (23), Delores Brewer (24), Nancy Flourney (25), Allie Malone (27), Sara Davidson (28) and Susan Frey (28).



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