

October 26, 2022

From Fr. John

This Sunday (October 30th) we will have the second and third baptisms since my arrival. There is very little in ministry that thrills me more than a baptism – unless it is two baptisms. In Matthew, chapter 28, there is a post-resurrection appearance, in which Jesus shows himself to the disciples and gives them what is known as The Great Commission. He says that God has given him all authority in heaven and on earth. Then he tells them, “**19Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ...**” There is some disagreement in the Christian Church, with how this passage has been read by some conquering nations. But laying that aside for the moment, there are few things that our Lord told us to do that are any clearer than this.

As a priest of the Church, carrying out the baptizing part of the Great Commission is something for which I was set apart. I truly enjoy the liturgy of baptism as well as the physical act of baptizing. I also take seriously what our liturgy tells us about what it means to be baptized. During the blessing of the water, I will say, “We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it **we are buried with Christ in his death**. By it **we share in his resurrection**. Through it **we are reborn by the Holy Spirit**.”

Baptism is one of those times in which God allows us to glimpse a miracle in our midst. The waters of baptism bring new life to the baptized! After the candidates are baptized and sealed with oil by the Holy Spirit, they are marked as Christ’s own – forever. That is truly a miracle!

Join us this Sunday at 8:00am, when we will recite the Baptismal Covenant in place of the Nicene Creed, thereby showing our unity with those who, at 10:30am, will gather to celebrate the baptisms. Or if you can, join us at 10:30am and be physically present for a miracle. And now, even if you have to be away, you can join us as the service is live-streamed. Just go to www.stjamesla.org and click on the link for the service.

God’s continuing blessings be with you all.

Fr. John+



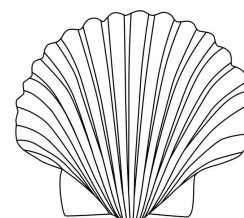
Pumpkin Carving Party Tonight

The EYC of St. James will be hosting a Pumpkin Carving Party Wednesday Evening, October 26, following dinner.

Everyone is invited. Young and Young at Heart.
Bring your already scooped out pumpkin and a smile.
We will provide patterns, carving tools, and refreshments.
Plan to meet in the EYC Building at 6:30 PM

Welcome the Newly Baptized!

This Sunday, October 30, at the 10:30 AM service, we will celebrate the baptisms of Donnie Hayes, husband of Angela Hayes, and their granddaughter, Clementine Jane Devin. Join us for this wonderful event of welcoming new members into God's family. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.





Sunday Adult Christian Formation

Join us Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the Parlor as we continue our study of the Gospel of Matthew, using a video that is the word-for-word Gospel, but with actors bringing the action to life. There is discussion of what we see and hear each week. No preparation needed.

HALLOWEEN at ST. JAMES

5 - 8 PM

Church Steps
Costumes Optional



We will gather on October 31st for Trick or Treating on the church steps.

Please join us from 5pm-8pm and wear a costume if you like.

We will greet children and pass out candy and have a really great time.

If you are unable to join us, **please consider donating bags of individually wrapped candies** to be distributed to the ghosts and goblins that visit us that night.

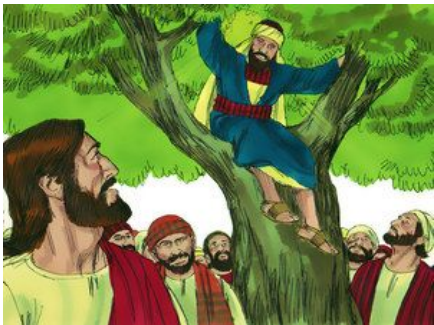


Christmas Eve at St. James

Following two years of pandemic-mandated schedule adjustments, we find ourselves again at something closer to "normal" as we plan Christmas Eve services this year. Christmas Eve falls on a Saturday this year and the Worship Committee and Rector request your input on what service offerings best meet the needs of our congregation. To that end, we invite you to participate in a very brief (two question) online survey about your Christmas Eve plans this year. Everyone is encouraged to participate, even if your plans mean you will be away from St. James. The survey will be open through Monday, October 31st.

[Click here to take survey.](#)

Worship



October 30th

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

[Click on this link to join the 10:30 AM service.](#)

[Click here for the service bulletin.](#)

October 30th
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:

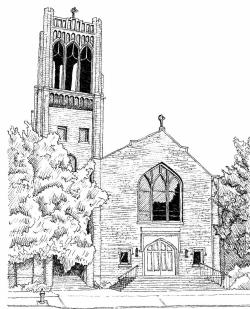
Mother Meredith Ward, Betty Gaiennie, Jack Dewitt, Sr., Beth Hebert, Rita & Bill Clancey, Jimmy Hurt, Carol Rowe, Barbara Baldwin, Louise Carter, Donnie Hayes, John Brewer, Fred Alexius, Paula Lieberman, Bill and Beverly Jarvis, Grace Gennuso, Ralph Gill, Robbie G., Jonathan Rhea, Peggy Humbles, Laura Murchison, Darriel & Charles, Minnie Mikell, Massi Jordan, Richard Norem, Pepe Rizzo, Bonnie McLellan, Michael Sterne, Jim Leggett, Cackie, Bernard Parker, Rachel and Ben, Kristie Fresh, Andrea, Janet & Carl Ahrens, Jeff and Anne, Lillian DeVille, Shannon Norman, Bill Jarvis, Wilma Filipi, Stephen, Natosha and Family, Fran Barbato, Kevin Delaney, Gail, Charlotte Sterling, Matthew Fontanille, Andrew, Shirley Christian, Susan Webster, Stacy and Richard, Chase Barnfield, Taylor Thompson, Mattie Dean McNaughton, Johnnie Hart, Jane Y. Harris, Kip Hogue, Kyle, James Jay Watts, Beth Virden, Glenn Guillory, Elda Schoolcraft, Mesta Bain, Dean M. Tyree, Jackie Jeanne, Dietrich DeBoer, Beverly Butler, Murel Trimble, Emily Warren, Bill Leibke, Sarah, Wayne Moorehead, Pat Carter, Kevin Hooter, Jane Tyson, Gerard, and Mehre Hajjhassem.

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 November (day):

Frank Ingrish (3), Jack McLemore (3), Molly McLemore (3), Dee Drell (4), Ronnie Johnson (4), Massi Jordan (4), Ray Bloch (7), Michelle McCall (7), Harry Randow (8), Gary Delahoussaye (10), Avery Holton (10), Liz Ratcliff (10), Ogden Middleton (13), Chuck Fowler (14), Marti Hair (14), Kelly Texada (14), Susie Drell (15), Bonnie McLellan (15), Denis Whitfill (15), Mark Weinzettle (16), Steve Eudy (20), Susan Menache (20), Amy Searcy (21), Julia Callis (22), Bobbie Hess (22), Margaret Deshotel (23), Karen Hazel (24), Brian Adams (25), Paige Quillin (25).



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