

February 23, 2023

## From Fr. John

I will be out of the office this coming Monday through Friday (Feb. 27 — Mar. 3). I will be in on Wednesday evening for the restart of the Wednesday evening healing service and the dinner and screening of *The Chosen* that follow. But otherwise, I will not be in.

It's been a pretty busy February and it seems like a good time to take a few days of vacation. Of course, if you need me, I'm available. We are not leaving town, so call or text if something comes up.

I would like to thank everyone who made Ash Wednesday a truly holy day. It was a bit crazy having services start at 7:00am, repeat at 12:15pm, and then again at 5:15pm. But our dedicated Altar Guild, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, and of course the Verger and Deacon, made everything work. I am an incredibly lucky rector to be surrounded by so much talent and dedication.

As the old saying goes, "no good deed goes unpunished." So all those talented and dedicated people who made Ash Wednesday a success, along with our video ministry and acolytes, now get to do it all again on Friday night, with the Pre-Convention Eucharist for the Diocese of Western Louisiana. And then on Sunday, we get to add elements to the service as we recognize the First Sunday of Lent.

As I said, it's been a busy February. And I give thanks to God that St. James and its people are here — for each other and for the world.

Wishing you a holy and blessed Lent.  
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.



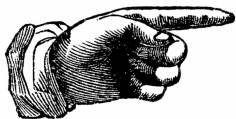
## No Adult Christian Formation This Sunday



## Lenten Opportunities

- **Stations of the Cross** - Every Friday at 12:15 p.m. in the church
- **Wednesday Evening Holy Eucharist** - 5:15 p.m. in the chapel

Please Notice This



## Pre-Convention Holy Eucharist

This Friday, February 24 - 5:00 p.m.  
St. James Episcopal Church

If you are planning on attending the Eucharist and the reception, please indicate your planned attendance as a guest by [clicking here](#). This will help them to have an more accurate number for the caterer.

## Diocesan Convention

Saturday, February 25 - Pineville Convention Center

## Two Ministries Need Volunteers

If you are seeking a way to serve at St. James, here are two opportunities:

- Usher - one Sunday a month - involves greeting people, taking up collection, assisting at communion
- Visitation Coordinator - sign up for one month during the year, with another person if you wish - whenever a funeral is held at St. James, we offer refreshments during the visitation - the coordinator(s) for that month are in charge of organizing the refreshments



Please let the office know if you are interested in either of these ministries or want to know more of what the ministry may entail [318-445-9845].

## Lent Resources Available Online



Lent will begin this year on February 22, and the Episcopal Church's website offers plenty of good resources for this period in our Church year. These include Lent curriculums, sermons, bulletin inserts, and more.

[Click here](#) to view the Lent Resources.

## Worship

February 26th  
First Sunday in Lent

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.](#)



February 26, 2023  
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 & reading.](#)

## Prayer

### Parish Prayer List

Please keep these members of our community in your prayers:

Lacy Shaw, Sam Bejach, Gary Maxwell, Liz McSween, Beth Courtney, Holly Craig, Kip

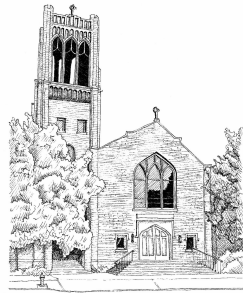
Hogue, Charles, Jim Bristol, Ellen Moore, Bill Owens, Mother Meredith Ward, Pat Carter, Betty Gaiennie, Jack Dewitt, Sr., Beth Hebert, Rita & Bill Clancey, Jimmy Hurt, Carol Rowe, Barbara Baldwin, Louise Carter, Donnie Hayes, John Brewer, Fred Alexius, Paula Lieberman, Bill and Beverly Jarvis, Robbie G., Jonathan Rhea, Laura Murchison, Minnie Mikell, Massi Jordan, Richard Norem, Pepe Rizzo, Bonnie McLellan, Michael Sterne, Jim Leggett, Cackie, Bernard Parker, 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, Johnnie Hart, Jane Y. Harris, Kyle, James Jay Watts, Beth Virden, Glenn Guillory, Elda Schoolcraft, Mesta Bain, Dean M. Tyree, Dietrich DeBoer, Beverly Butler, Murel Trimble, Emily Warren, Bill Leibke, Wayne Moorehead, Donna House, Dayna Hill, Kevin Hooter, Jane Tyson, Gerard, and Mehre Hajighassem.

**For those in the military:**

Kyle Jordan, Josh Duff, Samuel Hayes, Franklin Watson, Kyle Jordan, Gill Tatman-Tyree, Donal McCarthy, Michael Geiger, Erskine Cook, Jr., Patrick Downs, and Chris Babcock.

**For those celebrating birthdays in February (day):**

Carl Close (1), Sara Fuhrer (1), Morgan Brewer (4), Emerson Milliner(5), Bruce Jordan (6), Chad Norton (6), Pat Carter (10), Lawrence Searcy (12), Emma McCartney (15), Rita Clancey (19), Tommy Brasher (22), Justin Manuel (23), Brady Brown (24), Bernard Parker (25), Melanie Jurgensen (26).



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