

April 19, 2023

From Fr. John

On Wednesday nights, after we have a lovely catered meal (for only \$5.00, believe it or not!) we have been gathering in the parlor to watch and discuss *The Chosen*. This series, crowd-funded and produced by Angel Studios, has been very well received, and has produced some great discussions.

One of the effects of watching *The Chosen* has been that people are envisioning in new ways, what Jesus and the disciples might have been like. The series has impacted me that way as well. I have started to shake the cobwebs off my long-held visions of who the circle of people around Jesus were. I've stopped seeing them as "stained glass window people," instead seeing their humanness.

What does it mean for us if the most revered Saints of the Church were people, just like you and me?

I could write far more than a few paragraphs on this subject. But let me just say that Jesus' circle of followers **were**, in fact, folks like us. And what that means is: we are good enough, just as we are, to serve God. It means that God calls us — warts and all — and finds ways to uncover, hone, and use our skills and abilities to God's glory. It means that no matter who we are, where we came from, what our lives have been like up to now, Jesus can lead us to new life, in him, and can use us in ways that we cannot yet imagine.

Jesus sees us exactly as we are ... and wants us anyway. Thanks be to God for that! Be open to whatever you may be called to do in Jesus' name. You have no idea where the call might lead, but following in the footsteps of Christ is a wonderful way to live.

Easter blessings,
Fr. John+

Tonight

Dinner: 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. in Parish Hall
[Chicken alfredo pasta, salad, dessert]
[\$5 for adults; FREE ages 18 & under]



JEYC/EYC: 6:30 p.m. in Youth Building
Adult Class: 6:30 p.m. in Parlor
Season 3 of *The Chosen*



Adult Christian Formation This Sunday

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.

Coffee Hour

Join us for coffee hour & fellowship this Sunday morning following the 10:30 AM service. This is a great opportunity to visit and catch up on what is happening within our church family. If you would like to help either with refreshments or as a server for this ministry, sign up in Parish Hall or call Susan Frey at 318-449-8501.





Chanticleer in Concert Tuesday, May 2, 2023 7:00pm

Closing the 2022-2023 season, the St. James Episcopal Church Concert Series presents the world renowned and Grammy award winning vocal ensemble, Chanticleer. The gentlemen of Chanticleer will sing a program entitled "Labyrinths" in which they describe "Labyrinths twist and turn."

Named for the "clear-singing" rooster in Geoffrey Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*, the twelve voice ensemble makes its only Louisiana tour stop on Tuesday, May 2, 2023. The concert begins at 7:00pm in the St. James Episcopal Church located at 1620 Murray Street and Bolton Avenue. Made possible by a generous grant from The McCormick-Smith Fund, Inc., the concert is free admission and all are welcome. There will be a reception honoring the singers immediately following the presentation in the Church parish hall.

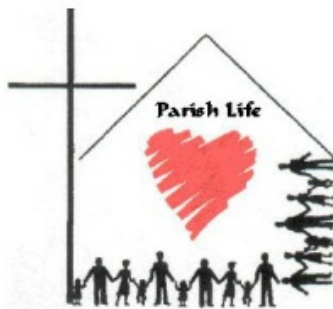
More May Happenings!

May 7 - Food Truck Sunday!

- Immediately following 10:30 service.
- Location 16th Street.
- Dutch Treat.
- In case of rain will eat in Parish Hall.
- Ideal event to invite friends to!

May 14 - Mother's Day Luncheon!

- Catered lunch following 10:30 service.
- Men of St. James will serve lunch and wait tables.
- Parishioners need only bring themselves....not "covered dish."
- Parish Hall.



You Are Needed



This past Fall, St. James began to livestream our weekly Sunday 10:30 Eucharist and other special services. This is a great way for St. James to reach people both near and far in the digital age. Today, we have two folks who operate the camera system on alternating weeks. We are looking for two (or more!) volunteers to add to the rotation, making it a monthly commitment for all involved. No prior experience needed! Training will be provided.

Time to Update Church Directory

Time for a new Church Directory! So much has happened in the year with so many new faces that we decided to update the directory. So please send the church office updated information, if any, regarding address, phone number(s), and email(s). Also a current picture would be appreciated.



A Graduate in the Family?!

If any family has a member graduating from high school or college, please let the office know. Include from where the person is graduating and any plans for the near future, such as travel, career, and/or further education.

The Very Rev. S. Ross Jones

A man who impacted many lives at St. James, the Very Rev. Ross Jones, died on Easter Day at home surrounded by his family. He spent over 50 years as a parish priest, 11 of which were here at St. James from 1981 - 1992 as our 12th rector. He is remembered with love and respect by all whom he served.

To read more about his legacy, [click here](#).





Camp Hardtner has enriched the lives of many people over the years. Making lifelong friends, learning about your faith, and unconditional love are all part of the camp experience. Now you can sign your children up for the 2023 Season.

Camp Hardtner provides summer camp sessions for different age ranges. Plus they are bringing back Camp Able this year, which is for adults 18 years or older with special needs. This is a great way for your children to spend their summer.

You can register by [clicking here](#).

Camp Hardtner is also seeking health care professionals to help them throughout the summer. You can join for a single session or the whole summer.

You can learn more about the position by [clicking here](#).

WORSHIP



April 23rd Third Sunday of Easter

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.](#)

April 23, 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:

Ella Goldich, Belle Chatelain, Larry, Eleanor, Carli McGinty, Fr. John, Lacy Shaw, Sam Bejach, Gary and Becky Maxwell, Lawrence, Liz McSween, Beth Courtney, Holly Craig, Kip Hogue, Charles, Jim Bristol, Ellen Moore, Mother Meredith Ward, Pat Carter, Beth Hebert, Rita 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, Wilma Filipi, Stephen, Natosha and Family, Fran Barbato, Kevin Delaney, Gail, Charlotte Sterling, Matthew Fontanille, Andrew, Shirley Christian, Susan Webster, 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, Jane Tyson, Gerard, and Mehre Hajighassem.

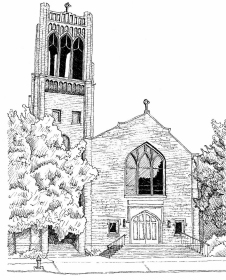
For those in the military:

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

For those celebrating birthdays in April (day):

Tucker McLure (1), Johnny Downs (2), Babson Fresh (5), Foster Walker (5), Bubba Flournoy (7), Laura Johnson (9), Jeff Matthews (10), L. B. Matthews (12), Michael

Jurgensen (16), Rita Klock (17), Clay Ray (21), Vivian Cabrera (22), Linda Hargrove (23), Stephen Dubois (25), Jennifer Higginbotham (25), Fred Alexius (29), Kathy Kingsley (30).



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