

April 26, 2023

## From Fr. John

I've been sitting here, looking at a blank page on my screen for a couple of hours now. Some days are like that. I understand all too well what professional writers talk about when they mention "writer's block."

After getting up and getting yet another cup of coffee, Rita (who is patiently waiting for me to write something so that she can get the announcements out) showed me a quote from Mother Teresa. It was a good quote. It was an inspiring quote. But it didn't do a lot to break through my block. Or did it?

In the sixth chapter of John's Gospel, right after Jesus feeds the five thousand with only five loaves and two fish; he tells a different group of people that he (Jesus) is the bread of life and if they eat of that bread they will never be hungry. So in one moment he's filling people's bellies and in the next he's telling them to eat spiritual food so that they'll never be hungry again. What's up with that?

Jesus, son of the Creator of all that is; Co-creator of the universe, is here for us ALL. He was there to provide for all the needs that people brought to him. He healed those who were sick. He brought sight to the blind and hearing to the deaf. He cleansed the spirits of those who were troubled. And yes, he brought food and drink to those who needed it — both physically and spiritually — in order to provide for what they needed in the moment. So on the one hand, Jesus fed those who were hungry, and on the other hand, he offered spiritual food and drink to those who hungered for that.

Are you hungry? Or thirsty? Come. Be with us. We gather around the table(s) together and eat and drink to feed our bodies. And we gather together around one table to be fed the bread of life and to drink the blood of Christ. Jesus — the amazing son of God — will be present at both meals. He knows our needs. He provides for them. Thanks be to God.

Easter blessings,  
Fr. John+



## Tonight

Holy Eucharist & Healing Service: 5:15 p.m. in Chapel  
Dinner: 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. in Parish Hall  
[Chili cornbread bake, 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*

## 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 Adult Class nor coffee hour this Sunday.



## 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.

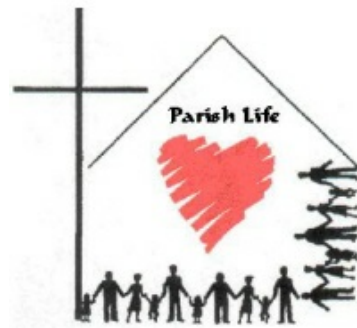
### More May Happenings!

#### May 7 - Food Truck Sunday!

- Immediately following 10:30 service.
- Location 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Last Call 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.





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.

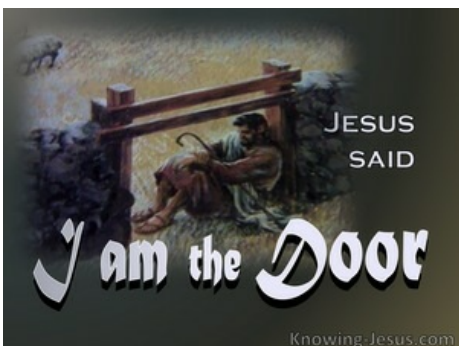
Camp Hardtner provides summer camp sessions for different age ranges. Plus they are bringing back Camp Able this year, which is for adults 18 years or older with special needs. This is a great way for your children to spend their summer.

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 30th Fourth 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 30, 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:**

*Charles Robinson, 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.*

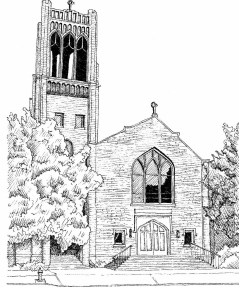
**For those in the military:**

*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/May (day):**

*Fred Alexius (29), Kathy Kingsley (30).*

*Minnie Mikell (4), Billie Hicks (6), Fr. Jim Theus (7), Lynton Hester (9), Anna Maynard (10), Caroline Drell (12), Gin Taylor McLure (13), Betsy Trammell (13), Sharon Kramer (15), Will Shepherd (19), Leslie Mikel (21), Will Harp (22), Samuel Adams (23), Bill Clancey (23), Drew Texada (24), Brannon Andrus (25), Daniel Chapman (27), Butch Knoepp (27), Karen Cabrera (29), Catherine Drell (31).*



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