

May 17, 2023

From Fr. John

It is vacation season. You can tell because tonight is the last Wednesday evening fellowship meal and Christian Formation offering. We will get back together in August, when school starts again.

There is an old joke that goes: How can you tell that Episcopalians are God's favorites? Because we're the only ones God trusts enough to give summers off. As the saying goes, "It's funny because it's true."

As you go on your vacation treks, remember a couple of things:

- Your sisters and brothers in Christ, here at St. James, will hold you in their prayers while you're gone. And will rejoice to see you on your return.
- If you need anything, I am available to you, by email (frjohn@stjamesla.org), text or phone (318-233-8519). Please keep my number handy, in the event that you need me.
- And things here continue to operate as usual, so please don't forget your pledges.

God's blessings to each and every one of you, in this season, and always.

Fr. John+



TONIGHT Last Faith & Fellowship Till Fall

Holy Eucharist & Healing Service: 5:15 p.m. in Chapel
Dinner: 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. in Parish Hall
Surprise Meal!

JEYC/EYC: 6:30 p.m. in Youth Building
Adult Class: 6:30 p.m. in Parlor
Come and Enjoy!

Adult Christian Formation Sunday, May 21

Please plan on joining us, at 9:15 a.m. in the Parlor as we conclude our study of the Gospel of Matthew.



NO Coffee Hour in May

Due to many activities in May, there will be no coffee hour following the 10:30 a.m. service.

You're Invited to Participate

Sacred Ground is a film- and readings-based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith. Small groups are invited to walk through chapters of America's history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity.

The 11-part series is built around a powerful online curriculum of documentary films and readings that focus on Indigenous, Black, Latino, and Asian/Pacific American histories as they intersect with European American histories.

Sacred Ground is part of *Becoming Beloved Community*, the Episcopal Church's long-term commitment to racial healing, reconciliation, and justice in our personal lives, our ministries, and our society. This series is open to all, and especially designed to help white people talk with other white people. Participants are invited to peel away the layers that have contributed to the challenges and divides of the present day – all while grounded in our call to faith, hope and love.

St. James will be forming a small group in the next few weeks to explore this program.

If you feel called to participate or would like more information, please contact Daniel Manuel or Deacon Michael Parham.

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Office Schedule Revision

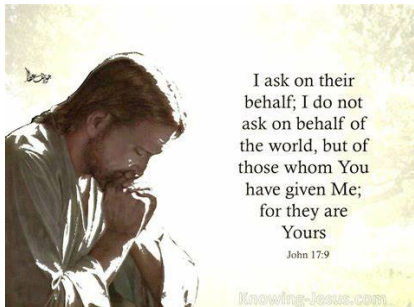
New flooring is being placed in the office and hall area May 22—26. Moving of furnishing to Parish Hall will occur on May 19 and again on May 30. Although we will not be in the office, we will be available by phone and email.



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Lisa is on vacation during this time.

WORSHIP



May 21st Seventh 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.](#)

May 21, 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:

Shannon Norman, Jimmy Perkins, Ann Vanderslice, 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, Minnie Mikell, Massi Jordan, Richard Norem, Pepe Rizzo, Bonnie

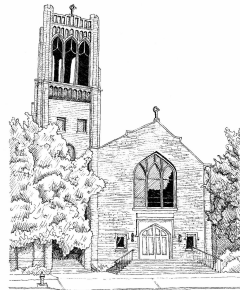
McLellan, Michael Sterne, Jim Leggett, Cackie, Bernard Parker, Kristie Fresh, Andrea, Janet & Carl Ahrens, Jeff and Anne, Lillian DeVille, Shannon Norman, Wilma Filipi, Stephen, Natosha and Family, Fran Barbato, Kevin Delaney, Gail, Charlotte Sterling, Matthew Fontanille, Andrew, Shirley Christian, Susan 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, and Mehre Hajjighassem.

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 May (day):

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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