

August 9, 2023

From Fr. John

Sometimes the scripture readings for a day seem disconnected or distant. But sometimes, one or more of them will seem to be “ripped from the headlines,” as the old saying goes. For this Sunday, the latter statement is true. The Gospel reading is the story of Jesus walking across the water, in a storm, to reach the struggling disciples’ boat.

Don’t you just wish sometimes, that you could look up and see Jesus walking toward you? When there are “storms” everywhere: politics; weather; economics; family; work; don’t you long to see Jesus walking toward you – preferably with an easy answer in hand?

Well, there is Good News and bad news. The bad news is that Jesus may not come to you in a physical body, and he does not come to us with easy answers. But the Good News is that the Son of God, with the Father and the Spirit, is here, as close as your next breath.

When things get tough, when you feel like you’re not sure if you’ve got enough in the tank to make it to the finish line, call on God, through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Spirit. God WILL be there for you.

And if you have trouble feeling God’s presence – or if you just need someone to talk to – call me. I’m here to be with you, no matter how stormy it may get.

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, be with you always.

Fr. John+

Wednesday Evening Service

Every Wednesday evening a Holy Eucharist with Healing Service is offered in the chapel at 5:15 p.m.



Adult Christian Formation

Come and join us in the parlor at 9:15 on Sunday mornings as we continue our study of the story of Abraham from the Book of Genesis. Bring a cup of coffee, or your favorite beverage, and sit in. There is no preparation needed to join in the discussion.

You Are Invited Sunday

The Rose Society will feature our own Will Shepherd, entomologist for the US Forest Service, as their speaker this afternoon, Sunday, August 13, at 2:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Come hear all about “The Good, The Bad, and The Bugly”!





Centennial Stained Glass Window

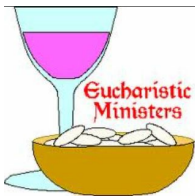
The centennial of our 4th St. James Church building will be celebrated in 2026. To honor that milestone in the history of the Parish, your Vestry is considering authorizing the creation and installation of a stained glass window in the space behind the baptismal font. To make a final decision to move forward, there will be a short informational meeting about the project in the Church immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Eucharist on August 20. Please join us to hear about the proposal.

Parents of Children & Youth

As the school year gets underway, St. James is considering programs for the fall and spring terms for Sunday mornings and/or Wednesday evenings.



With that in mind, we are reaching out to parents of those we know who are ages 5 – 10 to see if you are interested in St. James offering a program. If so, on which day(s) and what do you feel your children would be interested in learning. Prayerfully consider this request. Then send a reply to either Fr. John (frjohn@stjamesla.org) or Rita (rita@stjamesla.org) by Friday, August 18.



Lay Eucharistic Minister

If you are seeking a way to minister at St. James, perhaps being a Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM) is the answer. A LEM is a lay person who assists the priest in administering the elements of Holy Communion, the consecrated bread and wine.

Please contact Fr. John or the office if you are interested and want more information (FrJohn@stjamesla.org; 318.445.9845).

Coffee Hour Sign-Up

Coffee hour provides a great opportunity for fellowship on Sunday mornings following the 10:30 a.m. service. This is a time 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.



FUN Class Ideas for Wednesday Night Program

We would like to possibly offer more than one class on Wednesday nights this year. Some suggestions were made which are listed below, but leaders/teachers will be needed. So if you are interested in leading a class or have another one that you would like to lead not on this list, please contact Susan Frey (318.449.8501; skfrey828@yahoo.com) or the office (rita@stjamesla.com). If the need is there, child care will be available.

Suggestions: Yoga, Tai Chi, Flower Arranging, Painting (oil, water, or acrylic), Game Night (Cards and/or board), "Book Club," Cooking Class.

Community Gardens

The Vestry has approved the use of several green

spaces around the campus for community gardens. We are forming a team to plan the layout for the space and eventually submit a grant request to the diocese this fall. If you would like to join this planning team, please contact Josh Brown (joshua.d.brown2@gmail.com) or Courtney Smith (smithc128@gmail.com). Don't worry if you're not available now - we'll put out another call for volunteers when planting time comes!



WORSHIP



August 13th

The Eleventh 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.](#)

August 13, 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:

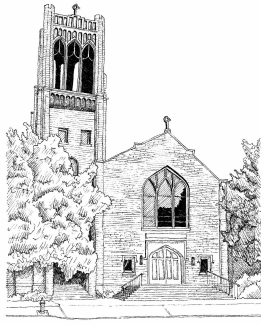
Linda Ittner, Gwen Jones, Fr. John Bedingfield, John Upton, Sophia Frey Bradford, Carolyn Sterne, Becky Maxwell, Brady Brown, Heather Craig, Dr. Wesley Davis, Steve Caballero, Anna Stapleton, Ann Vanderslice, Charles Robinson, Bobbie Chatelain, Larry, Eleanor, Carli McGinty, Fr. John, Lacy Shaw, Sam Bejach, Lawrence, Liz McSween, Beth Courtney, Holly Craig, Kip Hogue, Jim Bristol, Ellen Moore, Mother Meredith Ward, Pat Carter, Beth Hebert, Rita Clancey, Jimmy Hurt, Carol Rowe, Barbara Baldwin, Louise Carter, John Brewer, Fred Alexius, Paula Lieberman, Robbie G., Jonathan Rhea, Minnie Mikell, Massi Jordan, Pepe Rizzo, Bonnie McLellan, Michael Sterne, Jim Leggett, Cackie, Bernard Parker, Kristie Fresh, Andrea, Janet & Carl Ahrens, Jeff and Anne, Lillian DeVille, 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, Beverly Butler, Murel Trimble, Emily Warren, Bill Leibke, Wayne Moorehead, Donna House, Dayna Hill, Jane Tyson, and Mehre Hajighassem.

For those in the military:

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

For those celebrating birthdays in August (day):

Walter McLellan (2), Suzie Randow (3), Becky Warren (4), Sonny Trammell (7), Linda Culpepper (8), Larry Menache (8), Fr. John Bedingfield (9), Susan Alexander (11), Catherine Davidson (12), Tish Freshy (12), David Lind (13), Murel Trimble (14), Betty Ingrish (15), Scott Yeager (15), Gene Sterling (19), Paton Downs (21), Faye Flanagan (21), Jameson Milliner (23), Delores Brewer (24), Nancy Flournoy (25), Robert Edmonds (27), Sara Davidson (28), Susan Frey (28).



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