



August 16, 2023

From Fr. John

Boy, you talk about your “dog days of summer.” Did you know that we have just come out of the longest streak of 100+ degree days, in Alexandria history? It’s true. From July 25th through August 11th it was at least 100 degrees every day. And it was 105 or hotter, on multiple days during that streak. Eighteen days of extreme heat – it makes today’s 93 degrees feel almost chilly. Almost. This much hot weather just makes people tired and grumpy.

I was sitting in my air conditioned office (after coming to church from my air conditioned home, by way of my air conditioned car), and I was complaining about the heat. I’m sure you’ve all done the same. Then I started thinking about all those folks who live on the streets. And how hot they must be.

Imagine not having any place where you can sit down – much less lie down – that is cool to the touch. Instead, you hunt for places to rest where you don’t burn your skin when contact is made. Those place must be in the shade. And in the downtown area of Alexandria, shade is an elusive commodity.

Now imagine that it is 107 degrees, which it was on August 11th. The best that you, as a houseless person, can hope for is about 102 degrees in one of those moving shady spots. Everything you own is hot, including whatever you have been able to procure to drink. Imagine how tired and grumpy you would be then.

Jesus said, “Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing ...” (Matthew 25: 34-36a). And I was hot and you cooled me.

Please think about our sisters and brothers who live on the streets, during this heatwave. Help when and where you can. If you don’t know how, contact Deacon Michael or Joy Owensby and ask about the H²O program.

Peace be with you,
Fr. John+

Please Notice This



Centennial Stained Glass Window Meeting This Sunday

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.

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.

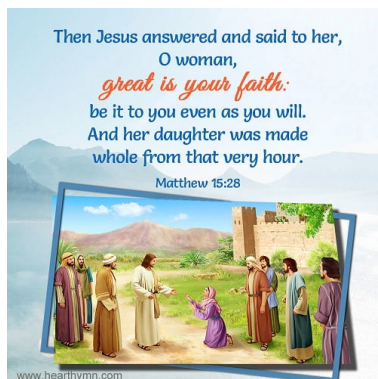
Parents of Youth

As the school year gets underway, St. James is considering programs for the fall and spring terms for the Youth ages 11 - 18.



With that in mind, we are reaching out to parents and youth to see if you are interested in St. James offering a program. Prayerfully consider this request. Then send a reply to either Fr. John (frjohn@stjamesla.org) or Rita (rita@stjamesla.org) by Friday, August 25.

WORSHIP



August 20th

The Twelfth 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 20, 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:

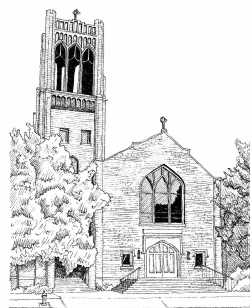
Pat Carter, John Upton, Rita Clancey, Jackie LaCour, Linda Ittner, Gwen Jones, Sophia Frey Bradford, Becky Maxwell, Brady Brown, Heather Craig, Dr. Wesley Davis, Steve Caballero, Anna Stapleton, Ann Vanderslice, Charles Robinson, Bobbie Chatelain, Larry, Eleanor, Carli McGinty, Fr. John, Lacy Shaw, Sam Bejach, Lawrence, Liz McSween, Beth Courtney, Holly Craig, Kip Hogue, Jim Bristol, Ellen Moore, Mother Meredith Ward, Beth Hebert, Jimmy Hurt, 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 DeVile, Wilma Filipi, Stephen, Natosha and Family, Fran Barbato, Kevin Delaney, Gail, Charlotte Sterling, Matthew Fontanille, Andrew, Shirley Christian, Susan Webster, Chase Barnfield, 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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