



August 30, 2023

From Fr. John

Labor Day Weekend is upon us. That means the unofficial end of Summer. Although we have a bit a reprieve from the excruciating heat (if you can call 93 degrees a “reprieve”), something tells me that Louisiana still has a good bit of Summer left. But Labor Day is more than a seasonal marker.

According to the Department of Labor’s website, “Labor Day is an annual celebration of the social and economic achievements of American workers. The holiday is rooted in the late nineteenth century, when labor activists pushed for a federal holiday to recognize the many contributions workers have made to America’s strength, prosperity, and well-being.”

In that vein, may God bless workers everywhere. “Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ in his earthly life shared our toil and hallowed our labor: Be present with your people where they work; make those who carry on the industries and commerce of this land responsive to your will; and give to us all a pride in what we do, and a just return for our labor; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.” (BCP p.259)

Please be safe if you are travelling this weekend.

Peace,
Fr. John+



First Sunday Ministry Fund

During August, St. James was able to assist 10 families with \$1926.08 towards utilities and rent. This was all due to your generosity. The need continues to be great as you can imagine. Please remember that the first Sunday "loose plate" collection (cash) is designated for the Ministry Fund, and we welcome donations by check as well - please make checks payable to St. James with Ministry Fund written in the check's Memo section. Thank you!

OFFICE CLOSED
Monday - September 3
Labor Day





The 2023-2024 St. James Concert Series season opens on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, as we welcome the London based choral ensemble, Siglo De Oro. In their debut US tour, the group will perform a concert of music from the Renaissance to the contemporary particularly honoring the 400th anniversary of the master British composer, William Byrd.

As always, the concert is free admission and there will be a reception to greet our guests in the parish hall. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for an evening of beautiful music.

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.



Wednesday Nights Are Back!

Join us for an even bigger and better night of good food, fellowship and interesting classes starting **next Wednesday, September 6**. We will have a **Eucharist with a Healing**

Service at 5:15 in the chapel, Dinner at 6:00 and, not one, but two offerings starting at 6:45!

Father John will lead a return to The Chosen, starting with the first episode and going through all three seasons until the fourth season premieres early next year. This series has been such a delight to watch that many of us who attended last year requested to watch it again. If you haven't seen the full series, this is your chance to come see what all the fuss is about. Our second offering will be Yoga taught by our own licensed instructor, Roy Rosenthal.

Dinners will still be \$5.00 each and free for kids 13 and under. There will be a sign up sheet in the Parish Hall to volunteer to help with the dinners by providing a side dish, a salad and dessert. Its easy and fun.

Interested in Sharing God's love with children?!

Parents of children Kindergarten through Grade 5 have expressed an interest in a children's Sunday morning class for them. Fr. John has an easy program that they would enjoy. If you have a calling to assist in this ministry, please contact Fr. John (frjohn@stjamesla.org) or Rita (rita@stjamesla.org) this week.





BRIDGING THE GAP: TRUTHFUL CONVERSATIONS & RACIAL HEALING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 10AM-NOON, RECEPTION TO FOLLOW
ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1620 MURRAY ST., ALEXANDRIA

contact Joy Owensby at joy@epiwl.org for more details
The Episcopal Church in Western Louisiana, www.epiwl.org

Join us on Saturday, October 14, to hear the remarkable story of Rev. Avery Hamilton and Mr. Dean Woods, two men from different backgrounds who have come together to honor the legacy of the Colfax Massacre. The massacre, a shocking event in American history that occurred in 1873 in Grant Parish, Louisiana, resulted in the deaths of over 60 Black men who were asserting

their constitutional rights. Up until now, it has largely been forgotten in the retelling of our history.

Rev. Avery Hamilton, a Black man and the great-great-great grandson of Jesse McKinney, the first man killed in the massacre, is the pastor of the First Baptist Church in Colfax. He grew up in Colfax without knowing about his family's past or the events that took place there. Dean, a white man in Houston and the great-grandson of Bedford Woods, a man who participated in the massacre, grew up in Louisiana without knowing about his family's connection to the event.

Avery and Dean's talk will highlight how they have worked together to establish the Colfax Memorial Organization (<https://www.colfaxmemorial.org/>) to correct a false historical narrative and offer a place of remembrance and reflection. They will also share their vision to continue to make a difference in their community and the world and provide a model of transformation and healing across racial and historical divides.

All are welcome to participate in this informative and inspirational event! Questions? Contact Joy Owensby (joy@epiwl.org).

WORSHIP



September 3rd

The Fourteenth 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.](#)

September 3, 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:

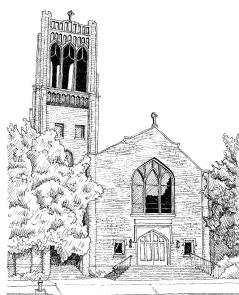
John Upton, Rita Clancey, Jackie LaCour, Linda Ittner, Gwen Jones, Sophia Frey Bradford, Becky Maxwell, Brady Brown, Heather Craig, Dr. Wesley Davis, Steve Caballero, Anna Stapleton, Ann Vanderslice, Charles Robinson, Bobbie Chatelain, Larry, Eleanor, Carli McGinty, Fr. John, Lacy Shaw, Sam Bejach, Lawrence, 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, 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, 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 Hajjhassem.

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 September (day):

Jim Marshall (8), Virginia White (8), Stella Craig (10), Dcn. Michael Parham (12), Brad Drell (14), Eliza Theus (18), Eric Jones (19), Taylor Thompson (19), Julia Welch (19), Anna Theus (21), James Theus (21), Spencer Brown (23), Pietry Cabrera (23), Michael Sterne (25), Joan Brunson (28), Elaine Hicks (28), Meredith Owensby (28), Jim Leggett (30).



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