

September 13, 2023

From Fr. John

I don't know how many of you follow the NFL, but earlier this year, the New York Jets signed future Hall of Fame Quarterback Aaron Rodgers to a three year, \$112,500,000.00 contract, \$75,000,000 of which was guaranteed to be paid to the player – no matter what happened. On Monday night, Rodgers played four plays before rupturing his Achilles tendon, which means he'll be out for the season. And at 39 years old, there are questions as to whether Rodgers will just retire now, rather than going through what is projected to be a grueling rehab.

When I was reading the reports of the short and costly coming together of the anticipated “savior” and a seemingly snake-bit team, I couldn't help but think about how uncertain the future is. As the poet, Robert Burns famously wrote, “the best laid plans of mice and men often go awry.”

A huge change could be just around the corner, without us being aware at all. The prospect of unexpected calamity can cause our anxiety levels to rise. And no matter what your chosen news outlet might be, there are cries of, “the sky is falling, the sky is falling,” every day. These news stories only add to heightened levels of fear. Because fear and anger fuel ratings, and newspaper sales, and “clicks” on webpages.

What to do about a world that feels more uncertain and dangerous every day? First, do what you can to make your little corner of this world better, safer, calmer. And help others who seem to be faring worse than you are, in whatever ways you can. Finally, as St. Paul wrote to the church in Philippi, “Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” (Phil 4:6-7) NRSV.

May you all rest in God's peace, now and always.
Fr. John+

Faith & Fellowship Tonight!

Eucharist with a Healing Service at 5:15 in the chapel,

Dinner at 6:00 in Parish Hall

\$5.00 each and free for kids 13 and under

Entree - Chicken pot pie, side dish, salad, dessert

Adult Offerings:

- The Chosen - starting with the first episode and going through all three seasons until the fourth season premieres early next year. Led by Fr. John in the Parlor.
- Yoga is upstairs and taught by our own licensed instructor, Roy Rosenthal. If you don't have a mat, we have one for you.

Adult Christian Formation

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





Coffee Hour

Coffee hour provides a great opportunity for fellowship on Sunday mornings following the 10:30 a.m. service in the Parish Hall. A wonderful 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.

Deacon Brian Warner has provided the following list of supplies requested for the H2O Homeless outreach monthly event that is held in downtown Alexandria. Our convocation has been represented by St. James, St. Timothy, and St. Michael's.

If you feel called to help with this ministry, please bring any items that you would like to donate to the church office labeled H2O and Deacon Brian will pick those things up near the end of the month.

You are also all invited to join in with other Episcopalians to participate in the actual distribution of items in the parking lot next to Emmanuel Baptist Church on the 4th Thursday of each month starting at 8:15 am and running until around 10:15 am.

Wish List:

Gently used clothing, belts, men's socks, women's socks, logo type t-shirts

New:

Men's boxer brief underwear size medium and large and extra-large...any color other than white.

T shirts size large or extra large

Women's underwear size 5,6,7,10

Toothpaste

Deodorant

Shampoo

Conditioner

Razors

Wash cloths

Hand Towels

Small travel size body wash or bar soap

Caps / Hats

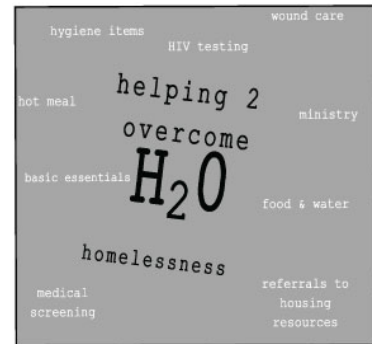
Batteries size AA and AAA

Snacks such as peanut butter crackers, chips, granola bars

Bottled water

Gatorade

Dry or canned dog food for pets.



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.

A PERFECT FOUNDATION PANCAKE BREAKFAST 2023

Thursday, September 21st

6:30 am to 11:30 am

\$7 Donation

Dine-In or Carry Out
(Free delivery in Cenla for
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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).

Job Opening

The Financial Solutions Group is looking for a person with good people skills and computer skills. If you are interested contact Grey Easterling at 318.448.3201 or grey.easterling@lpl.com.



WORSHIP



September 17h The Sixteenth 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.](#)

September 17, 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:

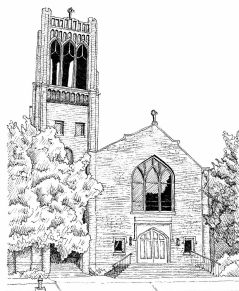
The Most Rev. Michael Curry, Michael Haywood, Marietta, John Upton, Rita Clancey, Jackie LaCour, Linda Ittner, Gwen Jones, Sophia Frey Bradford, Becky Maxwell, Brady Brown, Heather Craig, Dr. Wesley Davis, Steve Caballero, Anna Stapleton, Ann Vanderslice, Charles Robinson, Bobbie Chatelain, Larry, Eleanor, 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, Natoshia 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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