

November 29, 2023

### From Fr. John

This short update comes to you from the Bedingfield house, where recovery continues.

I am now two weeks out of surgery, and it feels like the real healing has begun. We go back to Lafayette tomorrow, for my first post-op check.

If all goes well, I hope to celebrate and preach at both services on Sunday. I will begin to have office hours as my recovery allows. If you need me though, do not hesitate to call/text/email me.

On behalf of both Donna, as well as myself, we thank you all for your prayers and support during this difficult time. St. James is blessed, as are the Bedingfields, to have such loving, supportive, faithful members of the community.

May God continue to bless you all.  
Fr. John+

## Faith & Fellowship Tonight!

A Healing Service with Communion from the eserve at 5:15 p.m. in the chapel  
Dinner at 6:00 p.m. in Parish Hall \$5.00 each and free for kids 13 and under  
Dinner - Chicken spaghetti casserole, salad, dessert

Tonight is a special presentation by the Flower Guild and Altar Guild. Come see what goes on behind the scenes of our services!

### Guest Musicians

This Sunday, December 3, St. James is delighted to have Paul Morton and Dave Scott, Rapides Symphony trumpeters, participate in our 10:30 a.m. service! They will be performing music to kick off the Advent season.



Later that afternoon they will also be performing *Tidings of Comfort and Joy* at 2:30 p.m. with the Rapides Symphony Orchestra at the Coughlin-Saunders Performing Arts Center.



### FIRST SUNDAY OFFERING

This Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, the loose plate offering goes to the St. James Ministry Fund. In November we assisted 31 families with utilities, rent, copies of ID cards and Birth Certificates for a total of \$7357. Through your generous we have not only provided hope for these families but also safety and a knowledge that someone really does care.

## After October 7th: Israel's New Reality In Support of Israel and Against Anti-Semitism Wherever it Occurs

On **Thursday, November 30, at 7 pm**, the Jewish Temple, located at 2021 Turner Street, will host an informative and educational program about the current situation in Israel.

Our featured speaker is award-winning journalist and lecturer, **Eetta Prince-Gibson**. Eetta was previously Editor-in-Chief of The Jerusalem Report and is the Israel Editor for Moment Magazine. Her work focuses on Jerusalem, Israeli-Arab relations, as well as political analyses.

Eetta's talk will take place in the Temple Sanctuary. (Please enter from the front doors facing Turner Street). She will speak for about 30 minutes and then take questions from the audience. This will be followed by a dessert reception in the Task Garden Room.

Sponsored by: The Jewish Temple, Central Louisiana Jewish Federation and the Alexandria Holocaust Memorial, Inc.



### INGATHERING for STEWARDSHIP

Join us following the 10:30 a.m. service on December 10<sup>th</sup> for a potluck dinner to celebrate God's abundance in our lives! Entrée, bread and drinks provided by the church.

Church family provides the following according to last name beginning with:

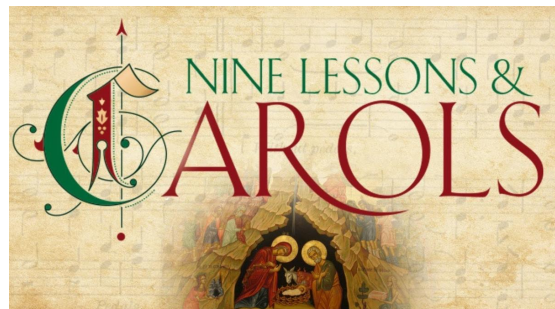
A - K > Salad - fruit, green, gelatin, etc.

L - O > Dessert

P - Z > Vegetable dishes

A bag of non-perishable food items is requested to donate to the Food Bank.

The annual celebration of Lessons and Carols will be Sunday, December 17, at 7:00 p.m. The story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus is told in nine short Bible readings from Genesis, the prophetic books and the Gospels, interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols, hymns, and choir anthems. This is a perfect opportunity to invite your friends to come and join us!

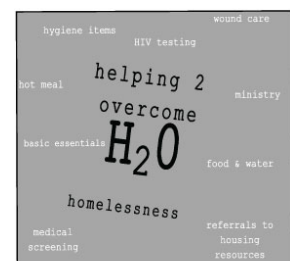


### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS MEMORIAL

You are invited to make a memorial offering that not only remembers loved ones in a special manner, but also decorates the church for Christmas. Please send your list of names to be remembered with your check to the church office no later than

Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. Envelopes are also available in the pews.

The collection for H2O for December will also be used to make gift bags for those who attend the Community Breakfast on December 31. If you have collected the travel shampoo, lotion, and soap from hotels where you may have stayed, please donate as well.



Clothing for Men & Women:

Gently used warm clothing and coats, belts

Socks (white only)

T-shirts - large or x-large

Logo type t-shirts to wear during the day

Men's boxers - medium & large

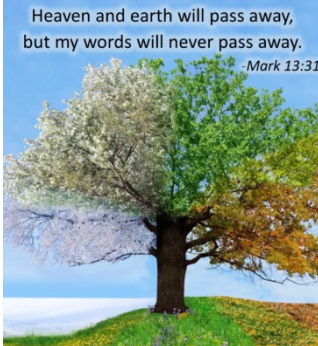
Women's underwear size 5,6,7,10

Hygiene: Food Stuff:

Toothpaste Gatorade/drinks (small bottles)  
Soap Peanut butter crackers  
Deodorant Chips (small bags)  
Shampoo/Conditioner Granola bars  
Razors Water  
Wash cloths  
Hand Towels

Special Requests:  
Bathing wipes  
Batteries size AA & AAA  
Band-aids  
Dry or canned dog food

## WORSHIP



### December 3rd The First Sunday of Advent

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.](#)

### December 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:**

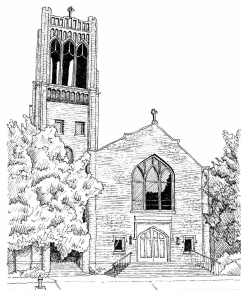
*Fr. John, Lynne Distefano, Nona Yeager, Ogden Middleton, Minnie Mikell, Tommy Watts, Edward Butler, Marietta, John Upton, Rita Clancey, Jackie LaCour, Linda Ittner, Gwen Jones, Sophia Frey Bradford, Becky Maxwell, Brady Brown, Heather Craig, Dr. Wesley Davis, Steve Caballero, Anna Stapleton, Ann Vanderslice, Charles Robinson, Bobbie Chatelain, Larry, Eleanor, Carli McGinty, Lacy Shaw, Sam Bejach, Lawrence, Beth Courtney, Holly Craig, Jim Bristol, Ellen Moore, Mother Meredith Ward, Beth Hebert, Jimmy Hurt, Barbara Baldwin, Louise Carter, John Brewer, Fred Alexius, Paula Lieberman, Jonathan Rhea, 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, add Mehre Hajjhassem.*

**For those in the military:**

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

**For those celebrating birthdays in December (day):**

*Sue Ellen Jackson (1), Graham Matthews (1), Elizabeth Deshotel (5), Holly Dixon (7), James White III (7), Jarrod Blackburn (11), Morgan Dixon (17), Carl Carstens (20), Will Hester (20), George Matthews (20), Sylvia Middleton (21), Jim Hair (22), Tonya Shepherd (22), Thomas Denley (26), Thomas Downs (26), Bertie Smith (26), Carla Beth Carlisle (27), Fred Adams (29).*



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