

January 3, 2023

## From Fr. John

Merry Christmas (it is still Christmas for two more days) and Happy New Year.

This is an interesting time of year for the Church. We are still talking about Christmas as the society around us has moved on to New Year's Eve and (probably tomorrow) Valentine's Day. Then, when we "finally" stop talking about Christmas, we are in the season of Epiphany, which the surrounding culture seems to care little about, other than some 12<sup>th</sup> Night celebrations. Christmas and Epiphany are decidedly seasons in which the Church is truly counter-cultural. That's a good thing. Jesus was counter-cultural.

Jesus told us to: feed the hungry; give drink to the thirsty; welcome the stranger; clothe the naked; care for the sick; and visit those who are shut-in or in prison, not matter who they are. (Matthew 25:35-36) In the world today (or closer to home, on Alexandria, Louisiana today) there is not much that is more counter-cultural than following Jesus' instructions.

Our Church calendar may not match the one for the world around us, but we continue to follow it. Let's also buck societal trends and care for every other human being – even those whom we don't think deserve it. And even those with whom we disagree.

Peace,  
Fr. John+

## Adult Sunday Class

Come and join us in the parlor at 9:15 on Sunday mornings as we continue our study of the story of Moses and the Israelites 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.



## First Sunday Ministry

This Sunday, January 7th, the loose plate offering goes to the St. James Ministry Fund. In December we assisted 13 families with utilities and rent, for a total of \$2669. Through your generous we have not only provided hope for these families but also safety and a knowledge that someone really does care.

## Coffee Hour Returns

Following the 10:30 a.m. service this Sunday take time to visit over a cup of coffee with old friends and new, and those whom you may not have seen over the Christmas season.



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.



## Returns NEXT Wednesday January 10

5:15 p.m. - Holy Eucharist with Healing Service - Chapel  
6:00 p.m. - Dinner (Best in town! \$5 for anyone 18 & up.)  
6:45 p.m. - Presentation by Kelly Texada and Roy Rosenthal on the Flower Guild & flower arranging

# MLK PARADE

## Monday - January 15

Parishioners are invited to participate in the parade and/or bring small stuffed animals to be thrown to the crowd. Time and place to be announced next week.



## WORSHIP



### January 7th

#### The First Sunday after the Epiphany

#### The Baptism of our Lord

**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.](#)

### January 7, 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:**

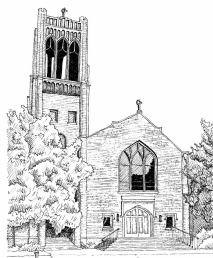
*Lauren Torbett Jain, Fr. John, Sara Marshall, Charles Robinson, Jr., Anne Robichaux, Lynne Distefano, Nona Yeager, Ogden Middleton, Tommy Watts, Edward Butler, Marietta, John Upton, Rita Clancey, Jackie LaCour, Linda Ittner, Gwen Jones, Sophia Frey Bradford, Becky Maxwell, Brady Brown, Heather Craig, 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, 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:**

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

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

*Dana Brunson (3), Joy Owensby (3), Ruthlyn Jarvis (5), Charlotte Sterling (9), Nona Yeager (13), Clementine Devine (14), Mary Belle Marshall (14), Ryan McCartney (17), Taylor Bedingfield (23), Eva Andrus (24), Bailey Adams (27), Lacey Brown (27), John Brewer (28), Kristina McBride (28), Courtney Smith (28), Lindsay Holton (30), Ann Robichaux (30).*



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