

February 13, 2023

## From Fr. John

Happy Mardi Gras to you all. Although our weather caused the cancellation of some events, Mardi Gras in Louisiana will always be Mardi Gras. Louisianans will always find a way to “*Laissez le bon temps rouler!*” So, enjoy your Fat Tuesday (the English translation of the French, *Mardi Gras*). And come by the church tonight for the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Because tomorrow, our Lenten observance begins.

As our Book of Common Prayer reminds us, Ash Wednesday is the day on which we are “put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.” We have blessed ashes put on our foreheads as a visible reminder of those things.

And every year, after the service, the question comes up: Should I wash the ashes off my forehead before going back out into the world? The short answer is, it is up to you. If the ashes will be a continual reminder for the rest of the day, leave them. If the ashes will be a hindrance to you for the rest of the day, wash them off. The only “shouldn’t” in all of this is: Don’t keep ashes on your forehead in order to let the rest of the world know that you are a super pious Christian. That defeats the purpose of repentance.

Ashes are a reminder of who we are, and whose we are. And we can all use a reminder of those things. Keep them or don’t. But please make the time to come to St. James (7:00am, 12:15pm, or 5:15pm) to hear the Word of God, to receive ashes, and to be fed by Body and Blood. The worship and reminders are good for us all.

May you all have a Holy and Blessed Lent,  
Fr. John+

## Traditional Mardi Gras Supper 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Join us tonight as we celebrate the final day of Carnival or Shrovetide by enjoying the traditional pancakes, bacon and/or sausage supper, courtesy of the Community Breakfast team! No charge - just good fellowship!



## ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Tomorrow, February 14:

Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes

7:00 a.m. - Chapel

12:15 p.m. - Church

5:15 p.m. - Church

Office Closed.

## Every Friday at 12:15 p.m. in the Church

Join us as we actively walk the path Jesus took on the way to the cross, stopping at each station to say prayer and reflect on that station.



## Adult Sunday Class

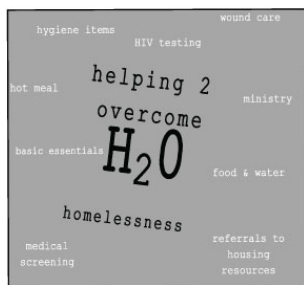
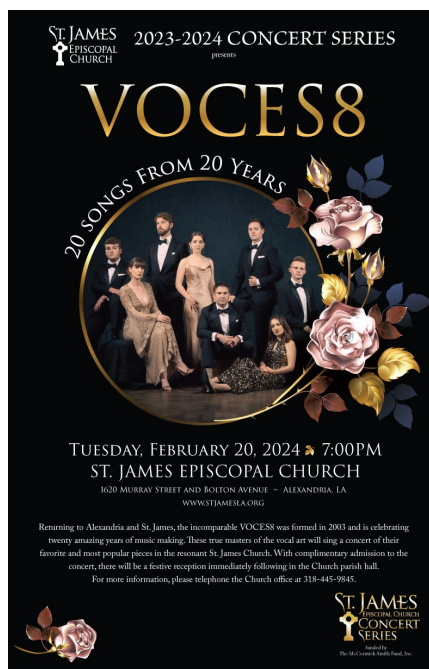
Come and join us in the parlor at 9:15 this Sunday as Dee Drell presents a class on exploring **Aspects of Prayer: An Inward Look**. Bring a cup of coffee, or your favorite beverage, and sit in. There is no preparation needed to join in the discussion.

## VOCES8

Tuesday - February 20  
7:00 p.m.

In their only Louisiana tour stop, the incomparable Grammy nominated VOCES8 returns to St. James to celebrate the group's anniversary singing twenty songs from twenty years. Performing a marvelous mixture from the sacred, popular and jazz genres, the eight British singers will show why BBC Music Magazine has said "hearing them sing is a joy".

Thanks to a generous grant from The McCormick-Smith Fund, Inc., this concert offers free admission and is open to the public. There will be a reception in the Church parish hall where our guests from across the pond may be greeted.



**H2O NEEDS:** On the 4th Thursday of every month, our three Episcopal churches work together to serve over 100 homeless people. 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 or put in blue crate in the church narthex. Deacon Brian will pick those things up to take to the event.

**Clothing for Men:**  
Underwear (boxers) – L or XL  
T-Shirts - L or XL  
Socks - white

**Clothing for Women:**  
Underwear - L  
Old T-shirts -  
(with logo for day wear)

**Hygiene:**  
Toothpaste  
Small Soap/Body Wash  
Deodorant  
Shampoo/Conditioner  
Razors  
Wash cloths  
Hand Towels  
Bathing wipes  
Band-aids

**Snacks:**  
Gatorade (small bottles)  
Drinks (small bottles)  
Peanut butter crackers  
Chips (small bags)  
Granola bars  
Water

**Special Requests:**  
Batteries size AA & AAA  
Dry or canned dog food



## Lenten Resources Available

Lent begins early this year on February 14, and The Episcopal Church's official website has some good resources for clergy, congregations, and individuals. This includes Sermons That Work, 40-Day Devotionals, The Way of Love in Lent, and more.

You can view the resources by [clicking here](#).

## WORSHIP



MARK 1:9-15 pray

### February 18th

#### The First Sunday in Lent

**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.](#)

### February 18, 2023

#### Evening Prayer

#### Online @ 5:00 PM

[Click here for  
Order of Service AND  
to join Evening Prayer via Zoom.](#)



Meeting ID: 863 4898 4077

Passcode: 1620

## Prayer

### Parish Prayer List

**Please keep these members of our community in your prayers:**

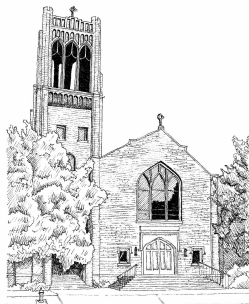
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**For those in the military:**

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

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

*Carl Close (1), Sara Fuhrer (1), Emerson Milliner (5), Bruce Jordan (6), Chad Norton (6), Lawrence Searcy (12), Emma McCartney (15), Tommy Brasher (22), Justin Manuel (23), Brady Brown (24), Melanie Jurgensen (26).*



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