

March 6, 2023

From Fr. John

Yesterday morning, I attended the monthly meeting of the Alexandria Convocation Episcopal clergy. We talked about repeating last year's Convocational Easter Vigil.

Christian vigils have been observed since the early years of the Church. The Easter Vigil dates from at least the second century, and this service is meant to be the first, and arguably the primary, service of Easter. As our [Episcopal Dictionary of the Church](#) says, "Faith in Jesus' resurrection on the Sunday or third day following his crucifixion is at the heart of Christian belief." So, there is something special, beyond the beauty and pageantry of the service itself, about the Great Vigil of Easter.

Last year, I offered places in the service to those folks who wanted to participate. At that service, we had clergy and lectors from St. James, St. Timothy's, St. Paul's Winnfield, and Trinity Natchitoches. There was good participation and I'm hoping for even greater interest this year.

I am so grateful that this important service can be shared with others in our area. I also want to thank, in advance, all who will make St. James an incredibly glorious worship space in which to celebrate the resurrection of our Savior. Please join us on Saturday evening, March 30th along with Episcopalians and others from around Cenla.

God's blessings,

Fr. John+



Faith & Fellowship Tonight

5:15 p.m. - Holy Eucharist with Healing Service - Chapel

6:00 p.m. - Dinner - Minestrone soup or white bean chili with cheese toast, side and dessert

6:45 p.m. - Class - Season 3 of *The Chosen*

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.





Spring Ahead

Before going to bed this Saturday night (March 9), be sure you turn your clocks ahead 1 hour! Daylight savings springs ahead!

Adult Sunday Class



Come and join us in the parlor at 9:15 this Sunday as **Dee Drell** leads 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.

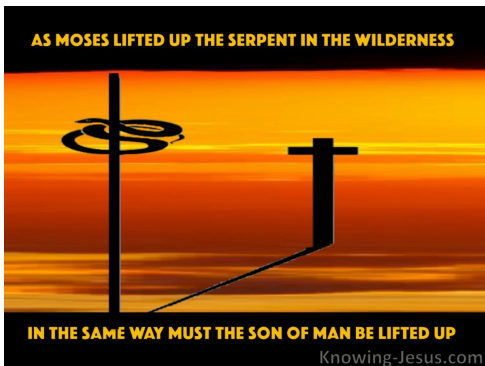


Lenten Resources Available

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



March 10th

The Fourth 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.](#)

March 10, 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:

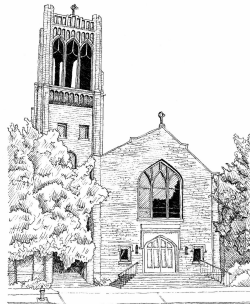
Ben Nugent-Peterson, John & Judy McLure, Adair Faust, Phillip Craig, Tommy Watts, Tim Strohschein, Nona Yeager, Maichael S., Rebbie Jones, Fr. John, Sara Marshall, Charles Robinson, Jr., Lynne Distefano, Ogden Middleton, John Upton, Rita Clancey, Linda Ittner, Sophia Frey Bradford, Debbie Barnes, Becky Maxwell, Brady Brown, Dr. Wesley Davis, Steve Caballero, Anna Stapleton, Ann Vanderslice, Eleanor, Sam Bejach, 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, Massi Jordan, Pepe Rizzo, Michael Sterne, Cackie, Kristie Fresh, Janet & Carl Ahrens, Wilma FilipiFran Barbato, Kevin Delaney, Gail, Charlotte Sterling, Andrew, Susan Webster, Chase Barnfield, Jane Y. Harris, Kyle, Beth Virden, Murel Trimble, Emily Warren, Bill Leibke, Mark Goldich, Kevin Hooter, Donna House, Dayna Hill, Jane Tyson, and Mehre Hajighassem.

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 March (day):

Melinda Mikell (1), Janet Ahrens (5), Elizabeth Drell (6), Alexander Adams (7), Donnie Hayes (7), Randall Despino (8), Edmond O'Quin (8), Shepard Searcy (9), Randy Welch (13), Julie Despino (14), Bobby Levy (15), Barbara Moorehead (16), Lottie Milliner (20), Alex Norton (22), Tom McBride (25), Don Kramer (27), Bryce Dixon (28).



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