



March 27, 2023

From Fr. John

It is a busy Holy Week at St. James. Yesterday morning we hosted the annual Chrism Mass, with renewal or ordination vows for all of the clergy of the diocese. Now we have: Wednesday evening Healing Eucharist; Maundy Thursday Eucharist with foot washing and stripping of the altar; the overnight vigil at the altar of repose; Good Friday Liturgy with Solemn Collects and Communion from the reserve; Meditations on the 7 Last Words of Christ; Stations of the Cross; Holy Saturday Liturgy; the Great Easter Vigil; and 2 Easter morning Holy Eucharist services. But why do we have all of these different services during this one week of the year?

The reason that we do all these things is to prepare us for the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. During Holy Week, we do as much as we can, as often as we can, to make us all remember the horrors that our Savior lived through, on his way to the sacrifice that saved the world from sin and death. Easter is the most joyous of the Church's celebrations. And if we have gotten down into the terrible events of Holy Week and walked "the Way of the Cross" with Jesus, we can also fully and completely celebrate his victory over those events at the Easter services.

Please try to come to something (or more than one 'something') during this Holy Week. Consider the dedication to God reflected in Jesus' actions. And contemplate how horribly he was treated by human beings, before he "went down to the dead." I promise, it will make your Easter that much sweeter. And it will help you more deeply appreciate the sacrifice that brought rebirth to the world and the promise of everlasting life.

May you have a meaningful Holy Week, followed by a completely joyful Easter.
Fr. John

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Several of the services below are being livestreamed.

WEDNESDAY in HOLY WEEK

5:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist & Healing Service – Chapel

MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Washing of the Feet - Church

8:00 p.m. - 8:00 a.m. Vigil - Chapel

[*Click on this link to join the service.*](#)

GOOD FRIDAY:

12:15 p.m. Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday - Church
1:15 p.m. Meditation on Last Seven Words of Christ - Church
2:15 p.m. Stations of the Cross - Church

[*Click on this link to join the service.*](#)

HOLY SATURDAY
THE GREAT VIGIL of EASTER

10:00 a.m. Proper Liturgy for Holy Saturday - Chancel
7:00 p.m. Kindling of the new fire, lighting of the Paschal
Candle, followed by the first Festival Eucharist
of Easter - Convocational Event

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EASTER DAY
THE GREAT FESTIVAL of the RESURRECTION

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Chapel
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Flowering of the Cross - Church

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MAUNDY THURSDAY VIGIL

Jesus said, “*could you not stay awake with me one hour?*” Matthew 26:40 (NRSV)

The Maundy Thursday (Thursday in Holy Week) liturgy is a very powerful one. But perhaps the most moving part of the service comes at the end, when the altar area of the church is stripped of everything that makes it look grand, and perhaps all that makes it look “occupied.” The end of the Maundy Thursday service reminds us of that place and time in which Jesus was arrested and taken away, leaving the Disciples alone. The period of time between The Last Supper and sunrise on Good Friday is commemorated by a Gethsemane Watch, or Maundy Thursday Vigil.

Know that there will be a Sheriff's deputy on premises all night for security. There will be reading and prayer resources available for those who participate.



Good Friday Offering

For 102 years, donations to the Good Friday Offering have directly supported ministries of the Anglican Communion Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East.

In a letter, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry talked about speaking to the Rev. Canon Faiz Basheer Jerjes and his colleague, Sinan Hanna, of St. George's Anglican Episcopal Church in Baghdad—the only Anglican church in Iraq. After a moving conversation, Fr. Faiz asked one thing of our church: “Please don't forget us.”

You can read the full letter, donate, and learn more by [clicking here](#).



Introduction to Judaism



Saturday, April 6

1-4 pm

Jewish Temple

2021 Turner St.

Rabbi Judy Ginsburgh will offer a brief overview of Jewish customs, history, holidays, beliefs, life cycle events and more. The class will include a tour of the Temple sanctuary and museum and a sampling of Jewish foods. There will be an opportunity to ask questions at the end.

The class is free and open to the public, but reservations are required by emailing: secretary@jewishtemple.org

Please enter the gate on the Turner St. side

Supported by a grant from the National Center to Encourage Judaism



St. James Church Picnic

April 28, 2024
Camp Hardtner

Service begins at 11am.

Loose plate offering to benefit Camp Hardtner!

Potluck to follow with entree and drinks provided.

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

A - K > Vegetable dishes

L - O > Salad - fruit, green, gelatin, etc.

P - Z > Dessert

Come out to enjoy fellowship, games, fishing, and all that beautiful Camp Hardtner has to offer.

WORSHIP

March 31st

Easter Day

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 31, 2023
Evening Prayer
No Online@ 5:00 PM

Prayer

Parish Prayer List

Please keep these members of our community in your prayers:

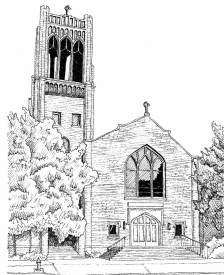
The Most Rev. Michael Curry, Ben Nugent-Peterson, Sarah Trimble Moritz, Marjorie McBride, Cristin Hardin Foreman, Phillip Craig, Ashlynn, John & Carol Kinder, John & Judy McLure, Adair Faust, Tommy Watts, Tim Strohschein, Nona Yeager, Michael S., Rebbie Jones, Fr. John, Sara Marshall, Charles Robinson, 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 Filipi, Fran Barbato, Gail, Murel Trimble, Charlotte Sterling, Andrew, Susan Webster, Chase Barnfield, Jane Y. Harris, Kyle, Beth Virden, Emily Warren, Bill Leibke, Mark Goldich, Kevin Hooter, Donna House, Dayna Hill, Jane Tyson, and Mehre Hajjghassem.

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 April (day):

Tucker McLure (1), Johnny Downs (2), Babson Fresh (5), Foster Walker (5), Bubba Flournoy (7), Jim Deegan (9), Laura Ford Johnson (9), Jeff Matthews (10), L. B. Matthews (12), Michael Jurgensen (16), Rita Klock (17), Clay Ray (21), Vivian Cabera (22), Linda Hargrove (23), Stephen Dubois (25), Jennifer Higginbotham (25), Fred Alexius (29), Kathy Kingsley (30).



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