

May 8, 2023

From Fr. John

This week is the last Sunday of Easter, (so you only have to put up with one more pre-sermon joke). Sunday we will read the very first Psalm. It begins with these words:

“Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!”

Those words made me stop and think for a minute. What came to me was, “I guess I’m not happy, because in the past, I spent more than my share of time lingering in the way of sinners and sitting in the seats of the scornful.” That was a little depressing, until I thought about the first disciples of Jesus.

Those who accompanied Jesus during his earthly ministry tended to be very judgmental of other people – Samaritans, those with diseases, tax collectors, etc. And it is very hard for me to believe that professional fishermen (Simon Peter, Andrew, James, and John) had not lingered in the way of sinners. Fishermen were known, after all, to be a tough bunch, without many social graces.

What, if anything, does all that mean? It means that the psalmist was writing aspirationally – talking about how it ought to be. Whereas, Jesus was about changing lives. Jesus took a bunch or ragtag nobodies and made them into the pillars of the Church through the power of the Spirit. Likewise, God has taken whatever there was of my life in my old days and has turned me into a (still imperfect, but useable) tool for God’s purposes.

THAT is the grace of the Father, the love of the Son, and the power of the Holy Spirit at work.

Peace be with you all,
Fr. John+

Faith & Fellowship Tonight

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

6:00 p.m. - Dinner - Pork roast, rice and gravy, salad, bread, and dessert

6:45 p.m. - Class - Movie: *The Case for Heaven*

We all want to know what happens after we die. In *The Case For Heaven*, best-selling author and investigative journalist Lee Strobel searches for answers to the most profound questions we all have, about heaven, hell, and Near-Death Experiences..... if there is a heaven, can we prove it?



Adult Sunday Class

Come and join us in the parlor at 9:15 this Sunday as we continue our study of the Book of Acts through Bible readings and discussion, as well as, a short video. Bring a cup of coffee, or your favorite beverage, and sit in. There is no preparation needed to join in the discussion.

Coffee Hour

Coffee hour provides a great opportunity for fellowship on Sunday mornings following the 10:30 a.m. service in the Parish Hall. A wonderful time to visit and catch up on what is happening and to welcome any new person who comes in.



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.

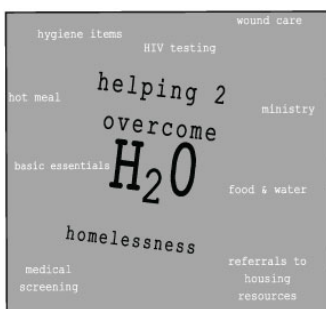
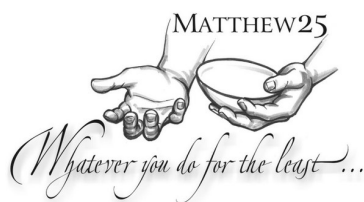


Home Communion in the Summer

During the course of the summer months, we at St. James gather as a faith community in the homes of parishioners for “table fellowship” – by breaking Bread during Holy Communion and then by breaking bread together for our dinner meal. Host families provide the entrée while guests provide salads, sides, desserts, and drinks.

If you are interested in hosting a home Communion, please contact the office (318.445.9845 or info@stjamesla.org)

Change in Distribution Date ~ Third Thursday of the Month ~



Following a very successful H2O distribution event in April, we have **very few items remaining**. While in one way this is good news as we are helping our homeless population, it also means we must rely on all three Episcopal Churches in the area to provide additional items for distribution.

On behalf of those who participate in the distribution, we thank you for your support and donations. God bless each and every one of you!

God's Peace!
Deacon Brian

Men's Clothing:

Underwear (M, L, XL) -
boxers, not white
T-Shirts - (L, XL)

Women's Clothing:

Underwear (sizes 5-10)

Both Genders:

Gently Used Summer
Clothing - T-shirts with
logos for day wear)
Belts
Socks - white
Hats or Caps
[Really helps with
summer sun!]

Hygiene:

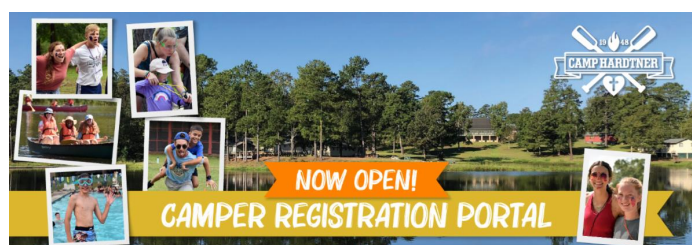
Toothpaste
Small Soap/Body Wash
Deodorant - roll on
Shampoo/Conditioner
Wash cloths
Hand Towels
Body-wipes
Band-aids

Snacks:

Gatorade (small bottles)
Water
Peanut butter crackers
Chips (small bags)
Granola bars

Special Request:

Batteries - AA and AAA
Dry or canned dog and/or
cat food - no can opener
needed
[Many take in strays in
their neighborhood]



Summer is right around the corner, and it's not too late to sign your child up for an experience like no other at Louisiana's premier Episcopal summer camp!

Selected as one of “America's Best Summer Camps 2023” by Newsweek, Camp Hardtner isn't just about games; it's about making memories, finding joy, and

discovering new things about yourself.

Campers will find an experience that will stick with them all year long and possibly for life. An experience of relationship, community, belonging, and self-worth—all built upon the foundation that God's love surrounds us and transforms our lives.

You can sign up by [clicking here](#).

WORSHIP



May 12th

Seventh Sunday of Easter

In-person Worship at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
Child care available for the 10:30 AM service.

[Click on this link to join the 10:30 AM service.](#)

[Click here for the service bulletin.](#)

May 12, 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:

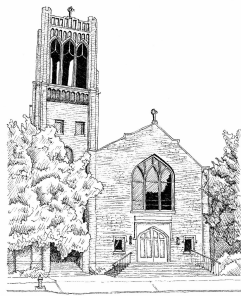
The Most Rev. Michael Curry, Priscilla Babin, Ben Nugent-Peterson, Fr. John, Sarah Trimble Moritz, Marjorie McBride, Cristin Hardin Foreman, Phillip Craig, Ashlynn, John & Carol Kinder, John & Judy McLure, Adair Faust, Tommy Watts, Tim Strohschein, Nona Yeager, Michael S., Rebbie Jones, Sara Marshall, 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, 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 Hajighassem.

For those in the military:

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

May (day):

Billy Hicks (6), Fr. Jim Theus (7), Lynton Hester (9), Anna Maynard (10), Gin McLure (13), Dake Texada (13), Betsy Trammell (13), Sharon Kramers (15), Will Shepherd (19), Leslie Mikell (21), Will Harp (22), Sam Adams (23), Drew Texada (24), Brannon Andrus (25), Daniel Chapman (25), Butch Knoepp (27), Karen Cabrera (29), Catherine Drell (31).



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