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We Look Forward to Seeing You Sunday!

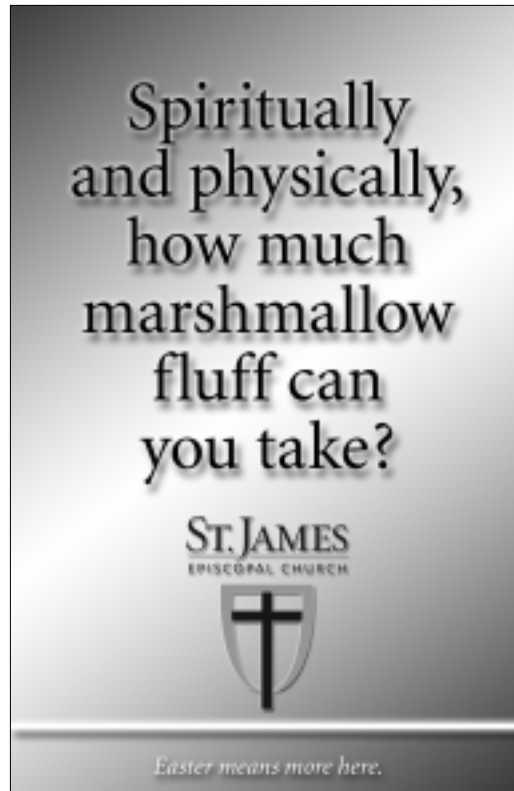
- 7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
 - 8:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Chapel*
 - 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II*
 - 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour*
 - 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II*
 - 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II in the Chapel
- *Nursery available

Sunday Lectionary: Year B
 Revised Common Lectionary
 Daily Office: Year ONE

The Lectionary — The Feast of the Resurrection - Easter Day: *First Lesson:* Acts 10:34-43; *The Psalm* 118:1-2, 14-24; *Second Lesson:* 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; *The Gospel:* John 20:1-18.

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Easter Vigil and Agapé Meal

Saturday, April 11 at 6:00 p.m.

The Great Vigil of Easter will be our first celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus. The liturgy consists of four parts: The Service of the Light; The Service of Lessons; Christian Initiation or the Renewal of Baptismal Vows; and The Holy Eucharist with the administration of Easter Communion.

Afterward, we will join in the Parish Hall for an Agapé Meal, which symbolizes the unity of fellowship in the love of Christ and our Christian community. Come and see. Be a part of this special celebration of our Risen Lord.

Everyone attending the Agapé Meal is asked to bring a favorite dish, salad, sandwiches or dessert. The church will furnish wine, punch, tea and coffee. If you have questions, please contact Helen Campbell at 387-5141.

Services of the Triduum

- Maundy Thursday
 - 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Healing Service
 - 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Liturgy
 - 8:00 p.m. Altar of Repose opens
- Good Friday
 - 7:30 a.m. Good Friday liturgy
 - Noon Stations of the Cross
 - 1:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy
- Holy Saturday/Easter Eve
 - 6:00 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter
 - 7:00 p.m. Agapé Meal in the Parlor
- The Feast of the Resurrection: Easter Sunday
 - 7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
 - 8:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship
 - 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II with flowering of the Cross
 - 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
 - 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

TRAVELING THE HOLY HIGHWAY

Diocesan Convention Held at St. Martin's, Metairie last weekend in March

Speaking at the morning Eucharist of the 172nd Convention of the Diocese of Louisiana, Bishop Charles Jenkins' timely message reminded us, "The Holy Way of Zion is no fantasy, no utopia, but it is God's promise to us. It may be littered with downed trees, even a flooded street, or even an economic depression; yet it is for our eyes to see the Holy Way of Zion."

"I have faith that in God's time the promise of the Holy Way upon which the redeemed shall walk will be finally and fully realized," he continued. "The idea of the Kingdom of God as a reality some day, but not today, does not reflect Divine revelation."

Jenkins said, "In his death and resurrection, Jesus has transformed the dream of Isaiah into fact.

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The Diocese of Louisiana is one church, faithful to Jesus Christ, united in mission, reaching out to seekers. We live in joyous witness to the power of grace and divine compassion in our lives.

Christian Education Notes

Nursery Care for children three months to four years old is available 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on the first floor of the Parish Hall. Pagers are also available for your comfort and convenience.

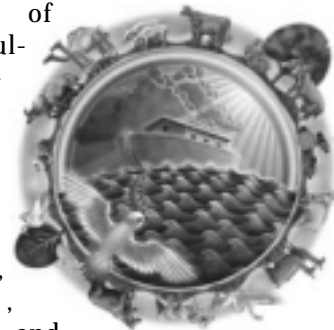
Upcoming Events

Sunday, April 12, 9:00 a.m. service — Easter Flowering of the Cross and Heifer Collection - Bring a few stems for your children to take part in our traditional flowering of the cross right at the beginning of the service. Don't forget your mite boxes! **Bring your Heifer mite box** to church. We will be collecting them at all services.

Children's Sunday morning classes will resume on April 26, after an Easter break

Save the Date for this year's Vacation Church School — The Ark of St. James: *Making a Difference Two by Two* will take place July 27-31, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. - noon. Before you schedule your summer vacation, be sure to mark your calendar for the Ark of St. James!

This year's Vacation Church School activities will build upon the Heifer International initiative introduced during the Lenten season. The children will explore the vastness of God's kingdom by gaining an understanding of other cultures, geography, and animals. Through interactive music, stories, crafts, and games, the children will learn that they can make a difference by getting involved in our church community, local community, and the world.



Children ages 4 years old through entering fifth graders are encouraged to attend. We would like each child to bring a friend so they can *make a difference two by two*.



The lilies in the church are given to the glory of God and with the dedications outlined in the service leaflets.
The arrangement in the Parish Hall foyer is by Linda Lee.
The arrangement at Coffee Hour is by Amy Ferachi.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers ...

For the dear departed: Floyd P. Rabalais, father-in-law of Sylvia Rabalais

Prayers are asked for: Louibelle Grantham, Kim Hatton, Jeanne & David James, Warren Green, Hunt Odom, Marion Hart LeBlanc, Russ Wray, Emery Smith, Iris Gueringer, Carlton Gilkes, Margaret, Charles Robertson, Hunter, Jonathan South, Russell Fish, John Bergeron, Jack Dagget, Leigh Anne, Debbie Terrell, Beth, Fran Huber Katchmer, Lawrence Terry, Margie Stanford

Our continuing prayers are offered for: O.B. Romero, Estelle Copes, Michael Matassarin, Marguerite Matassarin, Nicholas Yiannopoulos, Bessie Stockton, Bill, Thomas, John and Kathy Gummersell, Brooke Hardin, Sue Tweedy, Laura and Trent Griggs, Donoghue, Perry Gaither, Nancy, Mary Sunny McCoy, Sallie, Katherine Gant, Cameron Mott,

Linda Lee, Luci Cobb, Glen Stockton, Angie Denny, Kevin Stockton, Marina Pinell, Gordon Loudon, Kathryn Daggett, Kelsey Favrot, Mary Betts, Kenlie Jackson, John & Fritz Dehlbert, Blair, Carole, Anne and Wayne Williams, Prentiss McClendon, Berta Mayer, Jim Bogan, Laura Haywood, Sammie Jackson, Ava Jet Blencke, Pennye, Caleb Hutchins, Margaret Blades, Fred Frey Jr., Rubye Harris, Carolyn Glusman, Tom Raggio, Camille Raggio, Rachel Williams, Estelle Schilling, Vic Roy, Anne Howe, Betty Romero, Lillian Shipps, Carolyn Bishop, Stephen Perniciaro

For those in the Armed Forces: Rob Hutchins, PFC Hal Town, Captain John Lyford V, Captain Allison Laine Lyford, Cpl William Martin, Capt. Kyle Randall, PFC Don Ellen, Lt. Col Michael Benson, Pvt Stephen Arnold USMC, Captain K. Joshua Calmes, Captain Charlie Hines

Birthdays April 10-16

- 10 Ford Thomas, Jack Hearin
- 11 Wayne Williams, Bob Israel, Anne Weidig, Amy Evans
- 12 Linda Bowsher, Stephanie Levert, Roger Kahao, Chrissie Olsson, Jennifer Guelfo, Robert Liggett
- 13 John O. Hearin, Kara Mathews, Ryan Sledge
- 14 Nona McInnis, Ben Johnson, Rosemary Boutwell
- 15 Robert Boyd, Sara Lyle, Amelia Johnson, Brittany Desalvo, Stephen Perniciaro, Anna Kurtz
- 16 Dick Hearin, Kitty Claus, Linda Lee, George Kontos, Robert Prescott, Steven Stage, Lynn Moss, Teri LeBlanc, Stacey Shepherd, Elizabeth Davenport, Caroline Waters, Marion Buller



Our next gathering will be Thursday, April 23 (the week after Easter week) from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the home of Stephanie Levert, 946 East Hart's Mill Lane.

We'll be reading *Wicked: The life and times of a wicked witch* by Gregory Macguire.

RSVP for a food count, please, to Mother Laurie at 387-5141 or lbrock@stjamesbr.org.

Nursery Pagers — Has One Made Its Way to Your House?

During Sunday services our nursery staff is able to remain in contact with parents via pagers. Unfortunately, our number of pagers has dwindled, as many have apparently found new homes amongst vehicles, purses, toy boxes, diaper bags, etc. If you have one of the nursery pagers would you please return it the next time you drop off your child so that others might benefit from its usage. Thank you.

Diocesan Convention

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Over and over again I have been taught by people of faith that joy is not determined by circumstances, but by the love of God in Christ Jesus."

"Too often in life," the Bishop told those present, "we do not realize that our feet are on the Holy Highway. Does not C.S. Lewis caution us in life that we must learn to recognize the way of holiness now so that when we experience it in the life to come we will know what holiness is and turn not away from it?"

"Life is dangerous, gracious we know that," Bishop Jenkins reminds us. "Even so, the pilgrim is safe in God's hands. I think the greater danger comes not from the changes and chances of this mortal life, but from the refusal to live a life upheld by grace" as we travel the Holy Highway of Zion.

Upcoming Adult Christian Education Classes

Two fascinating series have been planned for adult Christian education beginning after an Easter break. You won't want to miss the opportunity to hear about these subjects and the fascinating speakers sharing their knowledge.

St. James during the 19th and Early 20th Centuries

April 19 - Zachary Taylor: Mexican war, Ba-



Sunday, April 12 : Easter Sunday - no EYC meeting. Enjoy spring breaks!

Sunday, April 19: Senior EYCers will meet at CC's on Jefferson at 5:00 p.m.; all others meet at church.

Sunday, April 26: Join us at the 5:00 p.m. Eucharist for the iConfirm service.

ton Rouge & St. James with Bob Bowsher
April 26 - Thomas Williams and St. James during the Civil War led by Bernard Berry
May 3 - The Tiffany Windows in St. James Church, led by Lubna Culbert
May 10 - Leonidas Polk, the Fighting Bishop led by Bishop Robert Witcher

Conclusion of Anglicanism and the Eastern Orthodox Traditions
May 17 - Venice: Christian Humanism in Art, Music, and Education, led by Bill Campbell

All are welcome to join these classes at any point, or pick-and-choose. Classes run from approximately 10:10 to 10:50 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

Dear St. James family,

My family and I would like to thank the many wonderful people of St. James for the glorious service held for John last week, as well as the love, support, and prayers that sustained us these last months. You made us all feel we had been here for years.

The reception afterwards was magnificent, as well, and so much appreciated for those that came from out of town.

My heartfelt thanks for the outpouring of love to our family.

Carol, Sean, and Kyle Moloney

Sandra and David Strickland



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We proclaim Christ crucified and risen, and invite you to join with us in ministry together in his name.

Ministries and Worship

- Friday, April 10, 2009 - Good Friday (*Office Closed*)
- 7:00 a.m. Altar of Repose closes, procession to church
 - 7:30 a.m. Good Friday Liturgy
 - Noon Stations of the Cross*
 - 1:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy*
- Saturday, April 11, 2009 - Holy Saturday
- 8:00 a.m. Garden Guild Work Day
 - 6:00 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter
 - 7:00 p.m. Agapé Meal in Parish Hall
- Sunday, April 12, 2009 - Feast of the Resurrection: Easter Day
- 7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
 - 8:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Chapel*
 - 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II* with flowering of the cross
 - 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
 - 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II*
 - 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- Monday, April 13, 2009 - Monday in Easter Week (*Office Closed*)
- Tuesday, April 14, 2009 - Tuesday in Easter Week (*Office Closed*)
- Wednesday, April 15, 2009 - Wednesday in Easter Week
- 7:00 a.m. Bible Study Group
 - 8:00 a.m. Food Bank Distribution
- Thursday, April 16, 2009 - Thursday in Easter Week
- 6:00 p.m. EFM

* Indicates Child Care Provided

Lay Ministry - Sunday, April 12, 2009

- 7:30 a.m. John Bilisoly, Stiles Kennedy
 - 8:45 a.m. Liz Treppendahl
- Ushers**
- 9:00 a.m. Bob Israel, Chad Phillips, Pat Culbertson, Daryl Ellis, Kyle Landrem
 - 11:00 a.m. Randall Peterson, Scott Westbrook, Scott Garver, Todd Jackson, Bill Lee
- Acolytes**
- 9:00 a.m. Jacob Shapiro, Joseph Shapiro, Samuel Shapiro, Bailey Wax, Ethan Wax, Christina Arey
 - 11:00 a.m. Tori Schenk, Carlie Schenk, Vaki Nikitopoulos, William Harrell, Destiny Carter, Mallory Holland
- Eucharistic Ministers**
- 7:30 a.m. Tony Carter
 - 8:45 a.m. Honey East, Hays Town III
 - 9:00 a.m. Sancy McCool
 - 11:00 a.m. Jo Craddock
 - 5:00 p.m. Lynnette Frazer
- Verger**
- 9:00 a.m. David Warrington
 - 11:00 a.m. Joan McCaskill
- Lectors**
- 7:30 a.m. Barbara Sims
 - 8:45 a.m. BB Stirling, Liz Treppendahl (P), Pat Colquette
 - 9:00 a.m. Lucy Bowers, Susie Heroman
 - 11:00 a.m. Amy Westbrook, Sancy McCool
- Intercessor**
- 7:30 a.m. Tony Carter
 - 8:45 a.m. Hays Town III
 - 9:00 a.m. Manette Sammons
 - 11:00 a.m. Scott Westbrook
- Welcome Committee**
- 8:45 a.m. Liz Treppendahl
 - 9:00 a.m. Claudia & Allen Black, Catherine & Jim Van Hook, Monica Murphy
 - 11:00 a.m. Fannie & John Compton, Lloyd Peever
- Altar Guild**
- 7:30 a.m. Cathy McHugh, Liz Carter
 - 8:45 a.m. Liz Treppendahl, Charlotte Paterson
 - 9:00 a.m. Linda Bowsheer, Margaret Culbertson
 - 11:00 a.m. Pauline Barrow, Laura Collet, Gay Middleton, Nancy Penn
 - 5:00 p.m. Sheila Feigley