

COMING UP AT ST. JOHN'S

THE CALENDAR



Sunday, March 8

- 8:00 am The Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- 9:15 am Nursery open through 10:30 service
- 9:15 am Choir Practice, Church
- 9:30 am Sunday School for All Ages
- 10:30 am The Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Cookies and Cocoa in the Parish Hall following service

Monday, March 9

- 8:15 am Centering Prayer, Chapel
- 5:00 pm Cursillo Reunion Group, Library

Tuesday, March 10

- 9:30 am ESL Class, Parish Hall
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, March 11

- 10:00 am Rector's Bible Study, Library
- 12:10 pm The Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing and Anointing, Chapel
- 5:30 pm Lent Dinner and Program

Thursday, March 12

- 9:30 am ESL Class, Parish Hall

Friday, March 13

- 7:00 am Men's Cursillo Reunion Group, Library
- 9:00 am Yoga, Contact Carol Hancock

Saturday, March 14

Sunday, March 15

- 8:00 am The Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- 9:15 am Nursery open through 10:30 service
- 9:15 am Choir Practice, Church
- 9:30 am Sunday School for All Ages
- 10:30 am The Holy Eucharist, Rite II
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ANNOUNCEMENTS



"Prayer is responding to God, by thought and by deeds, with or without words" (BCP, p. 856)

Prayer takes many forms. Some are quiet and contemplative; others are active, embodied, and creative. This Lent, join us on Wednesday evenings as we explore a variety of ways to pray, ways that invite stillness and movement, reflection and action, as we seek to deepen our prayer lives and our relationship with God.

Program for this Wednesday, March 11

Pray with icons with Jeanne Ackerman and engage the Anglican Rosary with Fr. Chase.

Upcoming weeks

March 18 Poetry, reflection, and journaling with Harry Moore.

March 25 Ignatian prayer and intercessory prayer cards with Fr. Chase.

Hosting Wednesday Dinners

Dates available for you, your family, or group to host a Lent dinner are March 18 and 25. Nothing fancy is required--just a family meal we'll enjoy together. And your expenses will be reimbursed. Please contact Melba Middleton at 256-651-1058 for details and to sign up.

SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS WEEK

Clergy-Led Class: Lenten lectionary-based Bible study, "Reading Between the Lines," continues. Meets in the Parish Hall.

Lay-Led Class: Chapter 5 (pp 109-135) of our Lenten book study of *The Last Week*, by Marcus J. Borg and John Dominic Crossan. Meets in the Library.

Children and Youth classes meet downstairs; nursery open during Sunday School

LOVE GOD. LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR. LOVE YOURSELF.



2026 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
June 22-26 | 9:00 am to Noon

Inspired by the lives of saints, at Hero Academy we'll explore how following Jesus' call to love and serve is the most heroic thing of all. We'll have a big group--the Boys & Girls Club is joining us again this year--so **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Read the job descriptions to see where you can help and to sign up! Volunteer Job Descriptions at bit.ly/26vbsjobs. Volunteer Sign up at bit.ly/26vbsvols.

ST. JOHN'S CURSILLO UPCOMING DATES

March 22, 5:00 pm Ultreya at June Hall's
April 9-12 Cursillo Weekend at Camp McDowell

HELP FEED STUDENTS AT A HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD!



Here's an opportunity to help out Habitat for Humanity and show visitors some Southern hospitality. A group of students from Harvard will be visiting Decatur in March to work on an HBH build. St. John's has been asked to provide and serve a meal to the group at 11:30 am on March 16 or 17. Questions, contact Sam. For details and to sign up, go to bit.ly/habitat-lunch.

Centering Prayer During Lent

Mondays during Lent, 8:15 am to 9:00 am, in the Chapel with Lucy McCain.

Easter Egg Hunt Candy Drive

Looking for a few good eggs! You can help fill the Easter baskets of St. John's children by donating bags of snack-sized, individually wrapped candy for the hunt. Look for marked bins in the narthex and office hallway. Please contact Sam with any questions. **Thank you!**

Easter Flower Dedications

Your flower dedication and donation help create the wonderful array of flowers that enrich our celebration of Jesus' resurrection during Easter Services.

Forms are in the Narthex and the Gordon Street entrance. Scan code or go to bit.ly/flowers0405 for online dedications and a link to a printable form. Dedications are due in the office by March 27.



Dedications

Watch at the Altar of Repose

After the Maundy Thursday service on April 2, parishioners are invited to keep the Watch at the Altar of Repose throughout the night. To sign up for the Watch, go to bit.ly/0402watch, scan the QR code, or call the office.



Altar of Repose

OUR PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS

We pray for family and friends who are ill or distressed, especially Marella Adams, Laura Lott Anglea, Gabby Nash Baker, Russell Barr, Jenny Berry, John Bolton, Kase Bradford, Walt Chenault, Mike Davenport, T.D. Nixon, Jessica Kelley, Anne Ledbetter, Lisa Littrell, Annie Lucille Plunkett, Nick Roth, Bob Smith, Steve Smith, Glynn Tubb, Carolyn Tweedy, Marilyn Volonino, and Gretchen Willis.

We pray for those who serve in and with the Armed Forces, especially Michael Blair, Steven Blair, Jonathan Easter, Garrett McElroy, and Austin Wallace.

We pray for the departed.

We pray for persecuted Christians and refugees around the world; for an end to poverty, addiction, and violence of all kinds; for the students, families, teachers, and administrators of Banks-Caddell Elementary School; for our Companion Diocese of Honduras and their bishop, Lloyd; and for all ministries to the hungry, especially: Holy Comforter Montgomery, Grace Food Pantry in Birmingham, Deacon's Deli Food Ministry at Canterbury Chapel, and all other Parish Food Pantries; Parish Beans and Rice Ministries, Grace by Day (Birmingham), Community Kitchens (Birmingham), The Soup Bowl (Anniston), Bread for the World, and Rise Against Hunger.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God
in memory of her husband, Bob Burrell, by Mary Stuart Burrell