



St James Weekly — week of March 28, 2021

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Weekly Schedule

UPDATED! Bible Study—Sundays at 8:45AM

We're reading and discussing the book of 1 Corinthians. Use any bible translation(s) you like; no other book/guide needed. We read through and discuss one chapter each week, with the following questions in mind: 1) What stands out to you in the passage we are studying?; 2) What do you have a question about or want to know more about?; 3) What can you apply from the passage to your daily faith journey?; and 4) If you were to talk to a friend about this passage what would you talk about?

3/28 chapter 6; 4/4 no study (Easter); 4/11 chapter 7

To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799
When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 580 876 932 #
When prompted for Participant ID, press #
When prompted for Password, enter 0 # [number zero]
By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/biblestudy

UPDATED! Worship—Sundays at 10AM

Participate LIVE or view at any time after:
go.mysjec.com/facebook or go.mysjec.com/youtube

3/28: Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion *
4/4: Easter Sunday
4/11: 2nd Sunday in Easter *

*indicates preaching by the Rev Dcn Jerry Molitor

Mid-Week Worship—Wednesdays at 4PM

To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799
When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 670 567 006 #
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By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/wednesday

Morning Prayer—Fridays at 7:00AM

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When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 831 5230 0483 #
When prompted for Participant ID, press #
When prompted for Password, enter 0 # [number zero]
By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/friday

Would you like DVDs of our Worship services?

We will soon begin producing DVDs of our Sunday and Holy Day Worship services. If you would like to receive DVDs so that you can watch services that way, please leave a message for Amma Diane (920-860-5152) and we'll gladly add you to the list. If you need a DVD player, let Amma Diane know that, as well, and we can provide one of those for you.



Holy Week and Easter Schedule

Sun 3/28—Palm Sunday Worship 10AM online

Thu 4/1—Maundy Thursday Worship 6:30PM online

Fri 4/2—Good Friday Community Worship 12PM online

Sun 4/4—Easter Sunday Worship 10AM online

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Good Friday Community Worship 4/2 at Noon

On Good Friday, April 2, Calvary ELCA, First Lutheran ELCA, First Presbyterian Church, Peace UCC, St James Episcopal Church, St Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Parish, and St Paul Lutheran Church will be joining together for an ecumenical Worship service.

Participate LIVE at Noon or view at any time after:
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Scrip upcoming order dates 4/11, 5/9, & 6/13

Scrip can still be purchased while we are apart by calling Tammy McVeigh to place your order and mailing a check to St James. Your scrip will be delivered to you when it comes. Scrip is a way for you to purchase store gift cards for your own use or to give as gifts. The card user gets full value for the amount and St James receives a percent (varies with retailer). The money St James receives goes into our Outreach Fund. Contact Amma Diane or Tammy if you need an order form.

Thanks for your support!

We appreciate your continued financial support while we are being the church in this different way. Checks can be mailed to or dropped off at the church. You can also set up payments through your bank (most offer this for free) or donate online at mysjec.com/donate. We know that these are difficult times for some, and we understand if you are unable to support the church financially. Please contact Amma Diane if you need help connecting to assistance or resources. **Our special offering for the month of March goes to Painting Pathways Clubhouse—please label gifts accordingly.**

Vestry Notes

- ◆ **NEW!** The Vestry will be mailing a letter to households the week after Easter. The letter will contain our timeline for resuming an in-person worship option, other in-person activities, and our annual meeting/elections, as well as other information.
- ◆ St James is now officially part of the CARElink program initiated by the Manitowoc Ecumenical Ministry Group. The church can refer people to CARElink for a variety of resources and needs. The program is sponsored by area congregations and hosted at the local Salvation Army.
- ◆ Work continues on rebuilding the walls in the Rector's office. Security Luebker cleaned roof project debris after the snow melted. We'll be seeking estimates for interior plaster repair work from water damage.

NEW! Diocesan Chrism Mass 3/30 at 11AM

This year's Chrism Mass will be livestreamed from our diocesan Cathedral Church of St Paul in Fond du Lac. You can view with the following YouTube link.

www.youtube.com/channel/UCi-2cGRVcqiNcwUyYrW32Q

Visit www.diofdl.org for more information.

The Chrism Mass gathers the faithful at the mother church of the diocese to prepare for celebrations of Christ's Resurrection. Chrism is a Greek word meaning "an anointing" and oils are prepared with olive oil, balsam, and other ingredients.

In the early church bishops baptized catechumens at the Easter Vigil with blessed oils. Over time this blessing was made earlier so oils could be used at the local level. This tradition includes blessing the oil of catechumens (adults preparing for baptism), oil of the sick (for anointing) and chrism (for baptism, confirmation, ordination of clergy, and consecration of altars).

The Chrism Mass highlights ministry. A bishop's apostolic ministry is extended symbolically by the chrism clergy use in baptism and other rites. Clergy also may take fermentum (consecrated Eucharistic bread) as a sign of the communion of the diocese. The cleric's ministry is reaffirmed by renewal of vows made at ordination. The laity's ministry is reaffirmed by renewal of the Baptismal Covenant.

God's gift of oil, made from the fruits of the earth, has been an essential part of human history. Oil is a key ingredient in cooking, it is a fuel for lamps and stoves, it is a salve that soothes and strengthens. Oil has also been used to designate a change in the relationship of a person within the community. Thus those who are designated priests, prophets, rulers and the baptizes have been traditionally anointed, giving them their new status.

Episcopalians are called together each year for the celebration of the Chrism Mass during which the holy oils are blessed. This celebration is one of the key times of the year that the many ministries of the Church are made manifest. This Mass reveals the nature of the broader Church, which is led by the bishop. The Chrism Mass also serves as an opportunity for the priests and deacons who serve with their bishop to renew their commitment to join in the ministry of the Gospel through the exercise of the ordained ministry.

UPDATED! Prayers for the Week

Healing, Comfort & Strength: Brenden, Steve & Marybeth, Virginia, Carol, Elizabeth, Vanessa, Terry, Debbie, Bonnie, Don & Beth, Faith, Susie, Marty & Nancy, Peggy, Joe Mike, Chip, Jim, Bill, Steven, Billy, Len & Margaret, Ray, Mollie, Liese, Walter, Chris, Mary, Vicki, Randy & Cindy, Charlie, Grace, Shelley, Silas, Mary, Sandy, Cathy, Nancy & Don .

Guidance & Discernment: Tim, Guy & Mary, Kurt, Ronald, Alison, Frankie, Brian & Lisa, Ginny & Karen, Annie & Tom, Lishane, Mary, Kevin, Cherity, Sara, Ethan.

Serving in the Military: Jordan, Daniel, Ian, Logan, Keaton, Ashlee, Adam.

Additional Prayers we offer include: For Peace in our world... for the people of Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, Sudan, and missionary families. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for people celebrating Palm Sunday around the world. We pray for the Diocese of Eau Claire and Milwaukee. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui. For people living with mental illness. For Painting Pathways Clubhouse. Hope House families. The men of The Haven. We pray for those working in government in our cities, state, country, and the world. We pray for our neighborhood. For the people around the world affected by the coronavirus pandemic. Pray for an end to racism and social injustice in our country and around the world. Pray for people around the world dealing with severe weather and related damage, injury, and deaths.

We offer thanks for: Diane our Rector, Tammy and Chris, our Wardens, our Vestry and other ministry leaders, staff and every person in this congregation. Transitional Deacon Jerry Molitor and his wife Linda. Bishop Matthew Gunter and his wife Leslie and family. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and his wife, Sharon. Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby. For our companion Diocese of Masvingo in Zimbabwe and their Bishop, The Rt Rev Godfrey and his wife Albertina.

We Pray for the Departed: Tom & Audrey, Audrey & Clayton, Pat, Myrna, Cindy, Joe, Paul, Clarence, Deena, Scott.

UPDATED! Milestones

We pray for those celebrating milestones:

Birthdays: 4/5 Jim Gordon; 4/6 Shelley Richardson; 4/16 Kay Elliott; 4/16 Michael Reckelberg; 4/22 Donna Franz; 4/23 Eleanor Agnew; 4/29 Joan Estes.

Anniversaries: none we're aware of in April.

If you would like your prayer requests to be included on our list, or to add a milestone, please contact Amma Diane Murray by phone (920-860-5152) or email (dianemarie.murray@gmail.com).