The Week Ahead		
Sun., March 31	9:30 am - 10:30 am	Easter Celebration Worship Service
	9:30 am - 10:30 am	Treehouse Kids Sunday School
	10:30 am - 11:00 am	Fellowship Time
	11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Easter Celebration Worship Service
Mon., April 1		Church Office Closed
Tues., April 2	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO - Treehouse
Wed., April 3	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO - Treehouse
	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Chancel Bells Rehearsal - Sanctuary
	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
Thurs., April 4	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO - Treehouse
	10:30 am - 11:30 am	Women's Small Group Study - Foundry Youth Room
	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Brown Bag Lunch Bunch - Bring a sack lunch, eat in cafe
Fri., April 5	8:00 am - 9:00 am	Community Garden work
Sat., April 6	8:30 am	Men's Breakfast - Rigos Café 902 6th St. N, Texas City



Emmaus Walks for 2024

Are you interested in going deeper in your walk with Jesus? Consider the 3-day spiritual retreat called The Walk to Emmaus.

The local Houston Bay Area Emmaus community is hosting 5 walks in 2024. For more information about going on a walk this year, contact Cindy Riddick at: CRiddick@StJohnsumctc.org.

> Men's Emmaus Walk #100 Women's Emmaus Walk #101 Spanish Women's Walk #102 Women's Emmaus Walk #103 Men's Emmaus Walk #104

April 11-14 April 18-21 June 20-23 June 27-30 October 24-27

For those who have already been on the Walk to Emmaus, consider whom you might want to sponsor for one of these walks.



Welcome to worship at St. John's! May your worship experience be one of blessing and encouragement! Please silence your phone, so that you won't be distracted to hear God's call! Now, take a few slow breaths and relax. You've made it through the hardest part – you walked through the door and found your seat. Make yourself at home. Worship will start in a few minutes.

Got kids? There will be a children's moment early on in the service and then they will go to the Treehouse for their own worship time. There are activity bags for your children at the Welcome Center to help you keep them engaged while in worship. Simply return the bag and supplies after worship. Nursery is also provided for children 5 and under. The ushers & greeters are friendly and will be happy to show you around or answer your questions.

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Pastor - Rev. Stephanie Hughes Minister of Discipleship & Connections - Rev. Cindy Riddick Director of Missions and Administration - Ingrid Clark Director of Traditional Worship - Dr. James Heffel Praise Band Leader - Natalie Mendez Accompanist - Sophie Chapman MDO Director - Melissa Patrick Administrative Assistant - Terri L. Mills

Guest Wi-Fi password is: walnut89

6:00 pm - Good Friday Worship Service

Gather Round

Worship Songs Wonderful Cross Parise Band What A Beautiful Name Scripture Reading Luke 23:32-49 Tithes and Offering Worship Song Amazing Grace Praise Band A reading from Luke 22:34 Jesus said, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me."

Prayer of Confession

Lord we have denied you,

Each time we refused to see you in the faces of the hungry and the homeless.

May the old in us pass away and all things become new.

Lord we have betrayed you, Each time we have kept our distance from the anguish of the oppressed and the persecuted. May the old in us pass away and all things become new.

Lord we have mocked you, Each time we have pretended we do not know how radically you call us to live. May the old in us pass away and all things become new.

Lord we are lost and have strayed,

Welcome us into your forgiving arms and make us new.

May the old in us pass away and all things become new.

All merciful One, god of infinite love and compassion, though we have strayed, you have never abandoned us. In this season of repentance we come confessing our sins and reaching out for the healing power of your forgiveness. Through Christ our Lord, give us renewed and truthful hearts that will follow you in all our ways. Amen

Personal Time of Confession

A reading from Luke 23:34 Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."

Homily: Crucified with Outlaws

Rev. Stephanie Hughes

Congregational Response

On the cross, Jesus died as an outlaw. He was counted among the criminals. Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. On the cross, Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they're doing." Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. On the cross, Jesus said, to the thief, "Today you will be with me in paradise." Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. On the cross, Jesus said, "Father, into your hands I entrust my life." Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

A reading from Luke 23:43 Jesus replied. "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Worship Song

Above All

A reading from Luke 23:46 Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

Draping of the Cross

Invitation

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER **COMMUNITY GATHERING** Everyone is invited to join us in praying for our community. Meet at City Hall in Texas City & La Margue THURSDAY, MAY 2ND @6:00 PM For a time of community prayer.

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Through Giving

Praise Band





SAVE THE DATE!!!!! **REGISTER TODAY!!!** SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER Saturday, May 4th 9am-12:30pm



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