

"O Lord our God, grant us grace to desire thee with our whole heart: so that desiring, we may seek, and seeking, find thee; and so finding thee, may love thee, and loving thee, may hate those sins from which thou hast redeemed us. Amen."

— St. Anselm of Canterbury

Dear Friends,

Lately I have been giving thanks that we are gathering with greater regularity and in greater numbers on Sundays. The Diocesan office recently offered guidelines for other groups to



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gather on the parish grounds given that masks are worn and distance is maintained. We are slowly pulling together groups that have been in dormancy for months. In the coming weeks I will be contacting our Pilgrim Course, Confirmation Class, and Men's Bible Study about returning to meetings at the Cathedral. I will also be contacting our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and Children's Ministry volunteers about making plans for our younger families

and children on Sunday mornings prior to the 10.30 service.

I will also be resurrecting a group that met once a month for a few years – St. Mark's Theology Study Group. In this iteration we will be reading from Love's Redeeming Work: The Anglican Quest For Holiness. This wonderful anthology is a compendium of excerpts from the Anglican spiritual and theological tradition from 1530 through 1980. It contains a range of excerpts from the writings and lives of the individuals who comprise the heart of our spiritual tradition. I have been reading from it for a number of years and have recommended it to many who have an interest in deepening their spiritual journey by hearing the voices of our Church of England ancestors. These readings are helps along the way of prayer, the classical Christian virtues, and building our own daily conversation with God within the beauty and holiness of the

Anglican tradition. If you would like to be a part of this group, please email me: abjohnson@stmarkscathedral.net

I will be in touch with participants about acquiring the book via Oxford University Press, as well as the time and date of our first meeting. Depending upon the quarantine, we may make some plans for a trip to England to visit some of the key sites associated with the Anglican tradition.

And on a final note – we are in the midst of stewardship season at St. Mark's. Very simply, I would like to thank you for your faith and financial support over the past months. The clergy and the staff have sought to be faithful to our many and varied tasks to the degree that we have been able to carry on during the quarantine. Each of us working at St. Mark's fully realizes that we could not be doing the work that God has given us to do without the blessed consistency of faithful parishioners. Together we are raising a banner for Christ; and together we are contributing our own unique presence and witness to the coming of God's Kingdom within our own day.

Many Blessings and Godspeed,
Alston Johnson
Dean, St. Mark's



SUNDAY WORSHIP
8:00 am & 10:30 am
Sunday Holy Eucharist

NOVEMBER 1, 2020
All Saints' Day

Revelation 7 :9-17 1 John 3 :1-3
Psalm 34 :1-10, 22 Matthew 5 :1-12

NOVEMBER 8, 2020
The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Wisdom 6 :12-16 1 Thessalonians 4 :13-18
Psalm 70 Matthew 25 :1-13

NOVEMBER 15, 2020
The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 1 Thessalonians 5 :1-11
Psalm 90:1-8, 12 Matthew 25:14-30

NOVEMBER 22, 2020
The Last Sunday after Pentecost
Christ the King

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Ephesians 1:15-23
Psalm 100 Matthew 25:31-46

NOVEMBER 29, 2020
The First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 64:1-9 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 Mark 13:24-37

Weekday Worship at the Cathedral

Wednesdays:
7:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist



Thanksgiving can not be quashed by the pandemic!



Cooking crew needs 40 turkeys for the holidays! Drop off turkeys at the church kitchen by **November 12**. You can also donate money for turkeys. Contact **Jennifer Beruvides** at jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net.



Birthday Card Ministry

This year, we launched a birthday card ministry to celebrate all of our parishioners. If you find yourself wanting to serve but needing to do it on your own time, please consider this meaningful ministry. Materials are provided. For more information, please contact **Lauren Ewing** at 550-1743 or lauren.ewing@me.com.



A full-color version of *The Evangelist* is on our website! Go to "About Us," then "News."

Cathedral School News

by Dr. Chris Carter, Headmaster
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This past month the school was able to resume using the Cathedral for Chapel on Thursday, although we are not allowed by Department of Education rules to have more than fifty people present, so only one or two grades can attend, with the rest of the school participating via Zoom. We have recently increased wi-fi access in the Cathedral in order to be able to do this, and although it is not the same as having the whole school present, it is very good to have some of us physically there and all of us worshipping at the same time. Preschool and kindergarten have now resumed weekly worship in the Little School's Chapel of the Holy Family, rather than in individual classrooms, so we are slowly returning to something closer to normal.

One thing that won't change anytime soon is the limitation on any visitors at schools, and we really miss getting to have parents and grandparents join us for Chapel. One of our parents, a non-parishioner who is actively involved in her



home church, recently said how much she missed being in the Cathedral and that she had cried when she saw that we can't allow parents to attend Chapel under the pandemic rules. She completely understood—she just misses that spiritual enrichment that comes from worship by and for children in our school chapels.

This mother's words were a reminder to me of the many ways St. Mark's forms and shapes not just our children but whole families. Over the years, I have always been moved by the number of families who may worship elsewhere on Sunday, but who nonetheless consider St. Mark's to be "their" Cathedral and take active interest in the life of the parish. For those in the parish who are grieving the loss of attending live worship in the Cathedral due to the pandemic, know that you are joined by school families who, like you, miss the way in which St. Mark's brings to them a sense of the presence and peace of God. And know that in our modified worship we pray for all the St. Mark's community and all who suffer during the pandemic as we look forward to the day when we can all come together again for non-socially distanced worship!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

November 1	Casey Risher	Elizabeth Holtsclaw	19	24
Louise Williams	8	Peyton Hall	Charlotte Ivey	Liz Montelepre
Harrison Smith	David Billingsley, Sr.	13	Tom Ostendorff	Glenn Langley
Jennifer Cooper	Peggy Newell	Janet Barlow	Donna Howell	Anna Marsalis
Lex Childs	Will Sibley	Brenda Pettit	Sarah King	Landry Jones
2	Sarah Wagner	Gretchen Reeks	Ulysses Coleman, V	25
Shelton Floyd	Ada Jackson	Barron O'Neal, Jr.	20	Molly McInnis
Stella Walker	9	14	Angela Glover	26
Greg Anderson	Liz Drake	Brenda Midyett	Shawn Holmes	Henry Hearne
John Stewart Slack	Randy Smith	Bart Wagner	Mary Lou Bylsma	Bill Hall
Jack Gilchrist	Joe Milner	Jim David	21	Riley Waddell
Charles Hardtner	Beck Schwab	Jessica Lee	Alice Frazier	
3	Richard Yancey	15	Deane James	27
Cody Mayo	10	Joy Rabalais	Jerry Davis	Lacy Williams
Selby Moss	Joyce Murphy	Isabella Jump	Seth Harrison	John Stroud
Ryan Campbell	Peggy Lyons	Katherine Jump	Abigail Koruna	28
4	Shari Crowder	Theiler Van Norman	Kellum Humphrey	Allison Lockhart
Lauren Barnett	Cheryl Hollingsworth	16	Hector Negron	Ethan Courtman
5	11	David Bieler	22	Mary White
Sherry Pendley	JoAnn Wheless	Molly Bryan	Daisy Kime	
Chris Stage	Martine Lattier	Janis Teague	Susan Boutte	29
Lauren Dulaney	Laurel Brightwell	Joey Ourso	Jonathan Evans	Knox Goodman
Frances Smitherman	Lori Cheramie	William Bennett	Blake Jackson	Pam Nichols
6	Jessica Montelepre	17	Isabella Wise	Michele Cook
Sally Byrd	Arianne Graves	Susan Davis	23	Molly Duncan
Bud Westmoreland	12	Caitlin Coley	Bess Maxwell	30
Olivia Bradley	Hope Prince	18	Susie Crichton	William Weaver
Craig Storer	Gordon Clingan	Georgia Cook	Susan Perkins	Carmen Mijalis
Ellen Blanchard	John Scheel	Lisa Miller	Patrick White	Lindsey Anderson
Ashley Coleman			Cason Cooper	John Peterson

Music & Worship

Bryan Mitnaul, Canon for Cathedral Music bryan@stmarkscathedral.net



Recording of Vierne Organ Symphonies

Eric Plutz, Principal Organist at Princeton University who last performed at St. Mark's as part of the 2019 East Texas Pipe Organ Festival returned to St. Mark's in October, 2020 to record a CD of the *Organ Symphonies of Louis Vierne (1870-1937)*.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Vierne Project (honoring the composer's sesquicentennial) which was to consist of live concerts throughout the United States during 2020 of the complete six Organ Symphonies of Louis Vierne performed by Eric Plutz will now extend through 2021. Mr. Plutz, who is one of the few organists ever to embark upon such a challenging project, has selected the St. Mark's Aeolian-Skinner Organ as one of the instruments upon which to make a permanent recording of this musically significant endeavor.



Louis Vierne, composer

Check future issues of the Evangelist for the release date of this historically important recording.

The East Texas Pipe Organ Festival 2020

Due to the continued spread of COVID-19 the East Texas Pipe Organ Festival scheduled for November 8-12 will be held virtually this year. Performances by world renowned organists will be recorded and available to be viewed online during the dates of the festival.

This series of concerts recorded at St. Mark's Shreveport will be presented by the following three organists:

Grammy award nominated artist **Jan Kraybill**, Organist Conservator at the Kaufmann Center for the Performing Arts in Kansas City, Missouri and Organist-in-Residence at Community of Christ in Independence, Missouri.

Faythe Freese, Professor of Music at the University Alabama.

Casey Cantwell, Organist and Choirmaster at Trinity Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma and a leading authority on organ improvisation.

The magnificent St. Mark's Aeolian-Skinner organ along with the Aeolian-Skinner organ at First Presbyterian Church, Kilgore will be the featured instruments for this year's Festival.

The 2020 East Texas Pipe Organ Festival will be dedicated to the memory of William R. Teague, St. Mark's Organist Emeritus who passed away earlier this year.

For more information regarding the East Texas Pipe Organ Festival and the dates and times for this year's concert broadcasts, please visit www.easttexaspipeorganfestival.com



Expectant Moms of St. Mark's

If you are or know anyone who is expecting a child our committee is up and running and is looking for mommies to be. Please contact us at bess@stmarkscathedral.net or sign up on our website under family ministries. We hope to welcome mothers into our community. We look forward to hearing from you soon.



Congratulations to Our New Confirmands:

Hugh Rettiger Herzog, John Patrick Bartle, Henry Allan Hood, Celia Kate Blanchard, John Michael Mazur, Jr., Gray Bridges Burch, Tyler Payne Nichols, Michael Derrick Burford, III, Franklin Daniel Roemer, III, Karrington Day Carter, Rowen Arun Guthikonda, Ella Claire Turner, William Henry Hardtner, Stephen Collier White, Jr., and Annabelle Grace Wood.

Elizabeth Irwin Jabaley Johnson, Nicole Elyse Mazur and Margaret Bienvenu Texada were received.



Join Our Wednesday Night Book Club

Our small Wednesday night book study group will complete

our current study on November 18 and plan to resume on December 2 with a new book, Henry Nouwen's *Prodigal Son*.

We are currently meeting via Zoom, but we hope to begin meeting in person again soon with the Dean's permission.

We would love to have some new members and welcome anyone who is interested.

Contact William Weaver at william.weaver@uhsinc.com for more information.



Oblationers Needed

Our Hospitality Committee invites parishioners (families, adult singles, siblings, friends) to serve as oblationers (gift bearers) at the 10:30 a.m. Sunday service. This is a meaningful way to serve the faith community. For more information please contact **Kathy Williams** at 469-9211.

St. Mark's EYC News



EYC is back! For several months, EYC was strictly virtual and I have greatly missed seeing so many of you. Starting this November we will be having EYC back in-person. Weather permitting, we will have our sessions outside in the picnic area and soccer field by the Cathedral. As it gets cooler, we will use the Ministry Center for our activities. Please bring a mask. We will have EYC this month on Nov. 1st, 15th, and 29th, and we will be back to weekly soon after. Sarah, Stephen, and I are excited to be see and be with you! Note for parents: we would like to start having one EYC a month be off-site if you are willing to host it at your home or backyard. Please get in touch with me if you are interested in doing this. For all updates and info regarding St. Mark's EYC, please follow on Facebook and Instagram @smceyc



God Be Praised!

Fr. Drew+

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*Orders due Friday,
November 6*



HOLIDAY SHOP

www.stmarksschool.com/holiday

The St. Mark's Cathedral School Holiday Shop is now open!
Order poinsettias, greenery, gift wrap, and custom-made ornaments and plaques with the Cathedral on them, and more. Great gift options for friends, family, and clients.

**For any questions on greenery orders, please contact Kim Carter,
SMCS Director of Development at
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MEMORIAL FLOWERS

November 1

The Flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Malcolm E. Lafargue & Jewett Lafargue Walters, William E. (Ted) Pate & Margaret Lee Pate and Glenn Scott Love.

The flowers on the Chapel Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Thomas Everett Strain, Jr., and in honor of Stephen Richard Yancey III.

November 8

The Flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Staunton Brevard Sample, Helen Sample Rickenbacker, Guy Brevard Sample, Camille Chappell Sample, Philip Key Sample, and John Vance Huckins.

The flowers on the Chapel Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Walter B. Chandler, Mr. & Mrs. S. J. Harman, Mr. & Mrs. Cade C. Havard and Mr. & Mrs. Tom Havard.

November 15

The Flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Abbie Aiello and Josh McCord.

The flowers on the Chapel Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of John Ward Paylor, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. John Ward Paylor, Sr., and Dr. & Mrs. Henry Daniel Shehee.

November 22

The Flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of John Frederick Patten and Mr. & Mrs. David Christie Tyrrell.

The flowers on the Chapel Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of M. Carl Jones, James Marshall Jones, Joan Coughlin Jones, Delmar R. Thompson and Frances Ball Jones.

November 29

The Flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Joseph Peter Gaffney.

The flowers on the Chapel Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Stewart McConnell Wilson and Mr. & Mrs. Ira Vernon Hastings, Sr.

DEATHS

Rest Eternal grant to them, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them.

Mary Alice Hardman Egan, wife of **James Egan**, on September 28, 2020.

Jo Ann Powell Pugh, mother of **Bobby Pugh**, grandmother of **Gahagan** and **McKenzie Pugh**, on October 7, 2020.

Cherie Therese Humphrey, wife of **Woodus Humphrey**, mother of **Ashley**, **Lindsey**, **Catherine** & **Kellum Humphrey**, on October 12, 2020.

Joyce M. Giles, mother of **Gary**, **John** & **Brenda Giles** and sister of **Bevelyn Shotts**, on October 13, 2020.

May their souls, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

WEDDINGS

Those whom God has joined together, let no one put asunder.

Mary Helen Turnage & John Peter Skeades, III, on October 3, 2020.

Aimee Noel Louise Coleman & Wilton Wade Sample, III, on October 10, 2020.

Elizabeth Kate O'Neal & Robert Hunter Vanderberg on October 17, 2020.

Hannah Margaret Love & Alexander William Moser, on October 24, 2020.

BAPTISMS

Mary Kathryn Chumley, daughter of **Mary Caroline & Harlan Chumley**, on October 10, 2020.

You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. Amen.

BIRTHS

John Barron Drummond, son of **Sarah & David Drummond**, on October 8, 2020. Big brother is **J Drummond**. Grandmother is **Linda Watts**.

Lost Anything at Church?

Or maybe you're just missing some item and have no idea where it might have gone. Drop by or call the church office and check into our lost and found! We have everything from sunglasses to scarves to cell phones to jewelry (including some very nice pieces.) Check and see what you're missing!



St. Mark's Physical Training
Monday-Friday 5:30 am at the Cathedral

STMPT (St. Mark's Physical Training)

meets at 5:30 a.m. every weekday morning in the field across from the parking lot.

Members of the Vestry of St. Mark's Cathedral

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