

November 25, 2020



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## Weddings

Sarah Wilkes & Todd Thompson on  
November 21, 2020.

## Happy Birthday

### November 29

Knox Goodman  
Pam Nichols  
Michele Cook  
Molly Duncan

### 2

Lou Palmer  
John Pou  
Aimee Aaron  
R. Dean Elston  
Melissa Flores  
Lauren Thibodeaux  
Caroline Brainard  
Abigail Jackson  
Robert Quinn

### 30

Will Weaver  
Carmen Mijalis  
Lindsey Anderson  
John Peterson

### 3

Betsy Roberts  
Lee Hawkins  
Scott Deupree  
E.C. Latch  
Virginia  
Q=Petersen  
William McMurry

### 4

William Weaver  
Douglass McKay  
Bambi Trickett  
Marie Kalmbach  
William Childs  
Ean Burch  
Emma Nuckolls  
Morris O'Brien  
Mosty O'Brien

### 5

Carol Reyenga  
Polly James  
Bruce Lowe  
David Crider  
Marian Dehan

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# THE MESSENGER

## Community

### **This Sunday's worship is in the Cathedral!**

You must wear a mask, wear gloves or use hand sanitizer, and observe all social distancing requirements.

We will have an 8:00 am Eucharist - Rite I in the Garden Room, a 10:30 am worship in the Cathedral; and a 7:00 am Eucharist -Rite I on Wednesdays in the Chapel.

We will continue to have our online Morning Prayer service via YouTube and on our website and Facebook. **COMMUNION WILL BE GIVEN TO ONE PERSON AT A TIME – WHILE THE REST OF THE CONGREGATION REMAINS SEATED.** Only the Bread of the consecration will be shared with the congregation.

**It's time to start planning for Christmas!** Given our need to maintain social distance, as well as give time for clearing our buildings of possible COVID infection, we are having our services in various locations at St. Mark's this year. **We are also asking that you make reservations with Bess Maxwell in the Cathedral Office. [Bess@stmarkscathedral.net](mailto:Bess@stmarkscathedral.net)**  
*Children's Christmas service with Holy Eucharist - 4:00 pm - Parish Hall*  
*Christmas Eucharist with Bishop Owensby - 5:30 pm - Cathedral*  
*Midnight Christmas Eucharist - 10.45 pm - Cathedral Courtyard*  
*Christmas Day Eucharist - 10.00 am - Garden Room*  
**MASKS ARE REQUIRED AND SOCIAL DISTANCING WILL BE ENFORCED!**

**The church office will be closed for Thanksgiving on November 26 & 27.**

**Have you heard of the Renesting Project?** It is a community furniture bank in Bossier City that collects and provides gently used furniture and household items to those in need in our community. Whether you are remodeling or cleaning out - this is a great way to put your unneeded items to good use! Pickup is available for large items. They accept: decorative items, furniture, tools, linens, small appliances, kitchen items, and many more! Volunteers are also needed for sorting and apartment delivery and setup. For a full list of items and volunteer times go to [www.renestingprojectinc.org](http://www.renestingprojectinc.org) or call 318-747-5520. Additional questions? Contact Jennifer Beruvides at [jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net](mailto:jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net).

**EYC is back.** 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 November 29.** 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 Fr. Drew if you are interested in doing this. For all updates and info regarding St. Mark's EYC, please follow on Facebook and Instagram @smceyc

**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 building on them. **Please visit [stmarksschool.com/holiday](http://stmarksschool.com/holiday) or contact Kim Carter at [kcarter@smc.school](mailto:kcarter@smc.school)**

**It is the custom at St. Mark's to invite the parish family at Christmas to make a contribution to the glory of God and in memory or honor of loved ones.**

This is not only an appropriate way to honor those who have gone before us, but these gifts make it possible to decorate the Cathedral in a festive manner. If you wish to make a memorial, please send your donation, along with the name or names of those to be honored, to the attention of Becky Deverts, **no later than Friday, December 11.**

**The Nominating Committee will meet to formulate a Vestry slate to present to the parish at the Annual Meeting in January.** If you wish to nominate

someone for their consideration, nominations have to be to the Senior Warden **by December 6, 2020.** To be eligible for the Vestry, a person must be a confirmed communicant in good standing. This means confirmed, regularly attending worship and pledging. **Nominations can be e-mailed to Senior Warden Lad Shemwell at [shemwell@weems-law.com](mailto:shemwell@weems-law.com)**

**The Cooking Crew is in need of 30 turkeys to cook for Christmas meals.** Please drop off your turkeys to the church kitchen by December 10. If you have any questions or would like to help cook for the holidays, Jennifer Beruvides at [jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net](mailto:jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net).

## Sunday Readings

The First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 64:1-9 \* 1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
Mark 13:24-37

## Thoughts from the Dean and the Stewardship Team

Let the theme of this Christmas be giving and receiving. Receiving first, the amazing grace of God in the gift of Jesus Christ. Then to give. A gift for someone in need. A thank-offering of money for the Lord's work at your church: Ourselves, our souls and bodies. What do we have that we did not receive?

## Additional Resources

Dean Alston Johnson's Blog:

<https://thecarpentersnail.blog/>

St. Mark's Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Marks-Cathedral-Shreveport-181096028587074/>

Bishop Jake Owensby's Blog:

<https://jakeowensby.com/blog/>

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