

December 9, 2020

Deaths

Gail Yvonne Robinson, sister of **Theresa Meldrum**, on December 2, 2020.

Dorothy Markaverich, mother of **Mary O'Neal**, grandmother of **Cole, Pearce & Barron O'Neal, Jr.** and **Elizabeth Vanderberg**, on December 2, 2020.

Baptisms

John Curtis Wagoner, on December 5, 2020.

William Wayne Wagoner, son of **Lydia & John Wagoner**, on December 5, 2020.

Happy Birthday

December 13	16	18
Marybeth McVie	Le Roy Kirby	Pam Peak
Buz Wheless	Tricia Grayson	Christine Brooks
John Bowen, Jr.	Seth Thibodeaux	Alix Powell
Frances Hilliard	John Reeks	Mary McCullough
	Austin Horne	Humphrey
14		Jacob Jones
David Ersoff	17	Colin Irion
John Madison	Scott Reeks	
Charlotte Hargrove	Stuart Reeks	19
	Tessa Culver	Creighton Hodges
15	Elizabeth	Taylor Williams
Susan Sherman	Gatschenberger	Jack Perkins
Roger Coley	Spencer Pringle	Emily Clarke
Stafford Comegys		
Melinda Hernandez		
Jeff Douthitt		
Parson Cotter		
William Herzog		

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ST. MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

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.

Time is running out to reserve a place at our Christmas services! 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

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!

To love and serve Christ.

To love and serve each other in Christ.

To love and serve the world for Christ.

EYC will be this Sunday evening at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. We will be playing Advent Bingo! Please eat before you come.

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 or call 318-747-5520. Additional questions? Contact Jennifer Beruvides at jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net.

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 Fuller Center Christmas Store will be held December 12 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. The

Christmas store is an opportunity for low income families to purchase new donated toys at 1/4th the original cost. For the store to be stocked, we need 1,000 new toys and gifts for all ages of children to teens. Gifts should not cost more than \$25 and will be sold for approximately 25% of the original cost. **Please drop off unwrapped gifts at the church office no later than noon December 10.** Proceeds from the sale of the toys goes to the Fuller Center general fund and is used to build affordable houses in our community. If you have any questions, contact Jennifer Beruvides at jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net.

For the past several years the musical highlight of the Advent/Christmas season has been St. Mark's annual Festival of Lessons and Carols. We are disappointed that wonderful service will not be taking place this year. In light of that fact, Canon for Cathedral Music Bryan Mitnaul be producing a CD from the 2019 Lessons and Carols service for you to use at home.

The CDs will be provided free of charge and will be available after the 10:30 church service Sunday. If you are unable to attend church for any reason, please email Bryan at Bryan@stmarkscathedral.net. Be sure to include your name and address and he will mail the Lessons and Carols CD to you.

Sunday Readings

The Third Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 * 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 1-28

Thoughts from the Dean and the Stewardship Team

God has given each of us the ability to do certain things well" (*Romans 12:6*). "Be sure to use the abilities God has given to you ... Put these abilities to work; throw yourself into your tasks..." (*1 Timothy 4:14-15*). Finally, we should remember *Colossians 3:23-25*, which tells us to work cheerfully in all we do, just as though we were working for Jesus.

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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