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### Deaths

Janet Sibley on December 10, 2020.

### Weddings

Frances Boston Blount & Edward Simpson Stroud, on December 21, 2020.

### Happy Birthday

<b>December 27</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>January 1</b>
Woodus Humphrey	Kathryn Hayes	Carson Jones
Keaton Russo	Barbara Messier-	
Tyler Nichols	Villafuerte	2
	Lindsey Aaron	Ann Shanley
<b>28</b>	Ethan Varnadore	Michele Hardtner
Jim Liner		
Jane Davenport	<b>30</b>	
Sue Scheel	Miriam Martin	
Bonne Summers	Jeff Webb	
Stephen White		
Nicholas Jump	<b>31</b>	
Henry Perkins	Sharla Inman	
Samuel Brainard	Robert Pou	

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### Community

**Christmas Eve services at the Cathedral!** We are all out of room at our 5:30 pm service in the Cathedral and we only have a handful of spots left at our 4:00 pm Children's service. If you are not on our reservations list, we will have overflow seating in the Parish Hall.

**MASKS ARE REQUIRED AND SOCIAL DISTANCING WILL BE ENFORCED!**

*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*

#### **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.

To love and serve Christ.

To love and serve each other in Christ.

To love and serve the world for Christ.

**The church office will be closing at noon on Christmas Eve and will be closed all day on Christmas.** Next week, we will close at noon on New Year's Eve and be closed all day New Year's Day.

**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.

**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](mailto:Bryan@stmarkscathedral.net). Be sure to include your name and address and he will mail the Lessons and Carols CD to you.

**If you gave memorial flowers this Christmas, you can pick up your Poinsettias Monday, December 28 at 9:00 am.**

**Pursuant to the by-laws of St. Mark's Cathedral** the Nominating Committee has nominated the following persons to be elected at the Annual Meeting to be held on Sunday, January 24, 2021 to serve four year terms on the Vestry of St. Mark's Cathedral:  
**Clarence Babineaux**  
**Rebecca Bryant**  
**Patrick Caraway**  
**Mark Sealy**  
**Lynn Yancey**

The following names will be placed in nomination for the Warden positions:  
**Bill Kalmbach** - Senior Warden  
**Lisa Love** - Junior Warden

Senior Warden Lad Shemwell will be stepping down and will be honored for his years of service. The following members are rotating off the Vestry this year and will be honored for their service.:  
**Matt Coady**  
**Carol Anne Caraway**  
**Bob Ewing**  
**Brandy Griffes**  
**Debbie Hall**

### *Sunday Readings*

The First Sunday after Christmas Day  
 Isaiah 61:10-62:3 \* Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7  
 John 1:1-18

## 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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