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## Deaths

**Lorena Roediger Kennedy**, mother of **Judy Storer**, grandmother of **James, Andrew & Aaron Storer**, on February 2, 2021.

**Virginia Sibley Walker**, on February 20, 2021.

**June Tsoy**, father of **Dr. Mary Kim**, grandfather of **David, Lauren & Ryan Kim**, on February 20, 2021.

**Harman Chandler**, husband of **Renae Chandler**, on February 22, 2021.

## Happy Birthday

<b>February 28</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>
Caroline Reeks	Emily Merckle	Ted Hardtner
Rowan Guthikonda	Wade Culbertson	Rowena White
	Christopher	Matt Snyder
<b>March 1</b>	Marsalis	Scott Grayson
Patsy Stroud	Mae Horn	Mimi Hedgcock
	Ava Burch	
<b>2</b>		<b>6</b>
John Hyatt		Nicholas Pavlick
Johnette Huguley	<b>4</b>	Bay Moss
Lee Grigsby	George Head	Mary Brown
Taylor Weir	Judy Werner	
	Phil Lattier	
	Robert Russell	
	Cherie Sealy	
	Jane Thomas	
	Cook Douthitt	

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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 are now live streaming our 10:30 am service on Facebook and YouTube. We are working to also be able to broadcast that service on our website.**

We will have an 8:00 am Eucharist - Rite I in the Garden Room, a 10:30 am worship in the Cathedral; and, during Lent, we have a 7:00 am Rite I Holy Eucharist on Monday and Friday in the Chapel and Wednesday in the Garden Room.

**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.

**If you are going through a difficult time**, one of the Stephen Ministers from St. Mark's may be able to help. Stephen Ministers are laypersons who have received special training to listen, care, encourage and provide emotional and spiritual support for persons who are facing a crisis or going through tough times. After all, there are many difficulties and transitions in this life! Why not give yourself the gift of a Stephen Minister who can accompany you on part of your journey?! The care you receive is confidential, free and very helpful. For more information, contact **the Rev. Dr. Rowena White** at [rowena@stmarkscathedral.net](mailto:rowena@stmarkscathedral.net).

**In order to prepare for Easter, St. Marks will be using an awesome spiritual formation tool called Lent in a Box!**

It is our hope that using the activities included in each box will help you and your family prepare for Easter not just on Sundays but have meaningful faith conversations throughout the week. Each box contains seven hands on activities, seven scripture pages, seven interactive prayers activities and seven Heroes of the Faith stories. How often you do the activities is up to you – one every few days or once a week – whatever fits into your schedule the best! Everything you need will already be inside the box apart from some basic household items. If you have trouble getting here, please let me know and we will try to deliver to you. Blessings,  
Lauren Ewing

**There will not be a normal EYC gathering at church this Sunday.**

The Celebration of Life for Colten Miller, a former student of St. Mark's Cathedral School, is being held at East Ridge Country Club from 5:00-7:00 pm. We encourage those who can make it to come out to honor and remember our friend Colten.

**During the month of February we will be collecting much needed family items: diapers and wipes.**

As a costly necessity, we can help out many parents at The Providence House and Jewell House. Any sizes. Diapers and wipes may be dropped off at the church office beginning next month. Donations for diaper and wipes purchases are welcome also. **Contact Jennifer Beruvides at [Jennifer@stmarkacathedral.net](mailto:Jennifer@stmarkacathedral.net) for questions.**

**St. Mark's Parishioners are once again offering their talent and wisdom to create a booklet of Lenten Meditations.** The booklet will be offered on-line on our website and by email. Thanks to Parishioner Laura McLemore for creating this year's booklet! **Follow this link: <https://anyflip.com/ltad/lulh/>**

**One of our oldest St. Mark's Lenten traditions is the Fasting Fund.** The purpose is simple: We ask that you forgo one meal a week, and contribute a few dollars - what you would have spent on that meal - to the fasting fund. Baskets are placed out for the 7:00 a.m. Eucharist services and the base of the steps to the chancel for Sunday services to collect these offerings. **This year the fund will be dedicated to the Caddo Council on Aging Meals on Wheels program.** Please consider making the Fasting Fund a part of your Lenten observance.

**It is the custom at St. Mark's at Easter to invite our parish family to make a contribution to the Glory of God and in memory or honor of a loved one.** 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 donation please send your check along with the name or names you wish to commemorate to **Becky Deverts** in the Cathedral office **no later than Friday, March 26.**

## Sunday Readings

The Second Sunday in Lent  
Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 \* Romans 4:13-25  
Mark 8:31-38

## Thoughts from the Dean and the Stewardship Team

A Christian disciple is concerned about how he or she uses their time. The days and years at their disposal are a sacred trust. One who is faithful in the use of their time does not live in fear of the future, but constantly faces the question of whether or not they are making wise use of the years at their disposal. They ask themselves, "Am I being true to God if I devote all my time to work, pleasure and sleep, even if I do contribute my money?"

## 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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