

March 17, 2021

## Deaths

**James Cronan Eagan, Jr.** on February 26, 2021.

## Births

**Maisie Grace Gillen**, on March 9, 2021. Parents are **Allie & Gif Gillen**. Big brothers are **Ford & Leo Gillen**. Grandparents are **Sherry & Dale Anderson**. Great Grandmother is **Chris Stoll**.

## Happy Birthday

<b>March 21</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>26</b>
Grayson Clarke	Dewey Corley	Robert Grand
Sadie Aaron	Mike Harter	Alison Byrd
	Jim Himes	Lisa Nelson
<b>22</b>	Jack Brown	Frazier Horn
Sherry Paschall		
Patrick Bicknell	<b>25</b>	<b>27</b>
Jason Thomas	Pete Treat	Susan Roberts
Christie Schimpf	Cammie Goodall	Pat Caraway
	Olivia Butterman	Clarissa Martin
<b>23</b>		Suzy Nelson
Chris Stoll		Linda Vozzella
Chuck Harris		Rebecca D'Anna
McCord Coleman		Jon-Christian Stewart
John Baxter Atkins		Andrew Treiman
Anna Watt		Chase Henagan
		Mary Megan Sealy

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## Community

### **All worship this Sunday is in the Cathedral!**

Services are at 8:00 and 10:30 am. You **must** wear a mask, wear gloves or use hand sanitizer, and observe all social distancing requirements.

**We are also live streaming our 10:30 am service on Facebook and YouTube as well as on our website. 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.

**On Sunday evenings, Dean Alston Johnson is leading a new Inquirers/Confirmation class.** This class is for anyone wanting to be confirmed by the Bishop in May or anyone just wanting to learn more about the Episcopal Church.

Class will be held in the Parish Hall at 6:00 pm. All COVID-19 protocols will be followed.

**EYC will resume this Sunday, at the normal time (6:15-7:30 pm) in the Ministry Center.** Also, there is a service-hours opportunity next **Saturday, March 27**. We will be making Palm crosses at the Ministry Center from 10:30 am to Noon. For anyone who wants additional hours, lunch will be provided and then we will be dropping off the crosses in welcome packets in the select areas in South Highlands.

**Community Renewal Fruit Signup List!**

Community Renewal has resumed meeting with youth in their neighborhoods as distancing allows. Their after school programs teach and practice balanced nutrition at their meals. The Barksdale neighborhood would greatly appreciate 25 pieces/servings of fruit every Monday. Fruit may be fresh or canned and should be dropped off at the church office any time before the assigned Monday at 10:00 am. **The signup this year is online: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044FAFAA2D6-fruit>.**

**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.** 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.**

**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.

**Communion Celebration Weekend is the weekend of April 17 and 18.** This is a special weekend where children gather to learn why we take Holy Communion. We will spend that Saturday morning together from 10:00 am-Noon in the chapel. On Sunday, the celebration will take place during the 10:30 am service. There will be photography in the Cathedral beforehand at 9:30 am. **Please email Fr. Drew at [achristiansen@smc.school](mailto:achristiansen@smc.school) if you are interested in having your child participate in the Communion Celebration Weekend.** It is for children at or around the age of six.

**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).

## *Sunday Readings*

The Fifth Sunday in Lent  
Jeremiah 31:31-34 \* Hebrews 5:5-10  
John 12:2-33

## Thoughts from the Dean and the Stewardship Team

Ministry is an integral part of the Christian life that flows from our being baptized and confirmed into a life dedicated to discipleship. Our sacramental initiation into ministry establishes our lifelong task as one of discernment – learning where and how our talents and abilities can best be used to build up God's people.

## 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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