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THE MESSENGER

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

April 1		
Maundy Thursday	7:00 pm	Cathedral
April 2		
Good Friday	Noon	Cathedral
April 4		
Easter		
5:30 am	Great Vigil	Garden Room
8:00 am	Holy Eucharist	Cathedral
10:30 am	Holy Eucharist	Cathedral

Community

We have great news from our Bishop! Beginning on Easter morning we can sing again! Congregational singing will be allowed and we will be allowed to have Communion in both kinds (but only by intinction.) **Masks and social distancing continue to be mandatory! Please check the pews for the blue tape which marks off six feet of space.** We look forward to seeing you on Easter!

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 Service Hours! We have service hours opportunities this **Saturday, March 27**. Middle and high schoolers are needed to help make Palm crosses at the Ministry Center from 10:30 am to Noon and also for delivering palm crosses and welcome packets to select areas of South Highlands from 1:00-2:00 pm. **Please contact Fr. Drew achristiansen@smc.school and let me know which of the tasks you would like to do.**

EYC this Sunday, March 28, will be off-site at All Saints Chapel in Stonewall, LA for a bonfire. We will meet at St. Mark's at 5:30 pm for carpool and be back at St. Mark's by 7:30 pm or shortly after.

Happy Birthday

March 29	April 1	3
Alexandra Vozzella	Suzanne Hearne	Sean Peterson
	Lindsey Humphrey	Jim Herrington
30		Beckett Soignier
Sophie Q=Petersen	2	
	Joanne Sigler	
31	George Jackson	
Art Carter	Sue Hansford	
Christina Stage	Jeremy Knicely	
Erin Holley	John Montelepre, III	
Christina Powell	Sarah Thompson	

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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>.

Remember as a child how a stuffed animal eased your fears?

For the month of April, we will be collecting NEW stuffed animals for the CARA center. The CARA center is a partnership of Christus and LSUHSC to provide aftercare and medical care for the diagnosis, management and prevention of child abuse and neglect in our local area. For the month of April, drop off new stuffed animals at the church office. **For any questions contact Jennifer Beruvides at jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net**

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 10:30 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 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**.

Sunday Readings

The Sunday of the Passion:
Palm Sunday
Isaiah 50:4-9a * Philippians 2:5-11
Mark 14:1-15:47

Thoughts from the Dean and the Stewardship Team

Our abilities should be dedicated to God. The abilities of the successful Christian business person are needed in God's church. The trained, efficient teacher should be using his or her talent in the church, as well as in the schoolroom. The person gifted in music should contribute to an effective music program in the church. The doctor and nurse will find many ways of using their abilities for furthering the Christian church. Young people in choosing their life vocation should ask how this profession can contribute to the work of the kingdom of Christ. What a blessing it would be if people were willing to tithe their abilities as well as their 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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