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## Deaths

**Kimberly Stroud**, mother of **James, William, Edward** and **Margaret Stroud**, on February 26, 2021.

## Births

**Mary-Hallie Anne Merckle**, on February 26, 2021. Parents are **Emily & Chris Merckle**.

**Celia Grace Groth**, on March 2, 2021. Parents are **Madeleine & Jacob Groth**. Grandparents are **Sarah & Andrew Porter**.

## Happy Birthday

<b>March 7</b> Lois Montelepre Susan Young Trisha Q=Petersen	<b>10</b> Bob McVie Josh Knicely Matt Coady	<b>12</b> Harriet Evans Robinson Humphrey John Ewing
<b>8</b> Austin Rhodes	<b>11</b> Beverly Powers Susan Strother Ben Walker Caitlyn Martin	<b>13</b> Mary Baldrige Sherry Anderson Dorothy Shemwell Claire Williams John Irion
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## 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.

**Beginning this Sunday, March 7, Dean Alston Johnson will begin 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.

**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.**

**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>.**

**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.

**EYC will meet this Sunday from 6:15-7:30 pm in the Ministry Center.** We have not had EYC in a few weeks and are excited to be back together!

**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 Third Sunday in Lent  
Exodus 20:1-17 \* 1 Corinthians 1:18-25  
John 2:13-22

## Thoughts from the Dean and the Stewardship Team

When we give to God, who gives everything to us that we are and have, our gift says in our name, "God we love you ... God we thank you." There is always joy in loving and thanking God. The more we love God, the more we will give as God has given to us. The more we give for God's works, the more the Holy Spirit will fill our hearts with joy and happiness.

## 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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