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St. Mark's will welcome our new Organist and Choirmaster this summer!

Derrick Meador comes to us from the Church of St. John in Laurel, Mississippi where he has served since 2015. He received his Master of Music degree from the University of Houston under Dr. Robert Bates, and the Bachelor of Music degree from William Carey University under Prof. Kathy Vail. He has also studied with Dr. Jeffrey R. McLelland, harpsichord with Dr. Matthew Dirst, and received private coaching from Dame Gillian Weir in London. He has conducted major choral works including the Requiems of Duruflé, Fauré, Mozart, and Palestrina. We are thrilled that Derrick will be joining the staff of the Cathedral!

Happy Birthday

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| May 16 | 19 | 21 |
| Kay Martin | Laurie Stone | Jacques Lasseigne |
| | Suzie Sharp | John Bartle |
| 17 | Tracy Brooks | Gahagan Pugh |
| Linda Watts | Ian Summers | Kathleen Cush |
| Walt James | James Ameen | Jay Crowder |
| Robin LaBorde | Whit Douthitt | Joshua Thigpen |
| Gordon Caraway | | Colby Grayson |
| | 20 | Caroline Atkins |
| 18 | Kempton Schwab | |
| Steve Glover | Mary Ellison Sewell | |
| Madora Simmons | Kate Schwab | |
| Erin Latch | | |

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Community

Our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Jake Owensby will be with us this Sunday for Confirmation! He will preach and Confirm at the 10:30 am service. We hope to see everyone there.

There will be no EYC this Sunday due to Confirmation. We will resume our Sunday evening activities on **May 23.**

St. Mark's is hosting a blood drive for parishioner Beth McMurry on Saturday, June 5 from 10:00 am till 3:00 pm. in the Garden Room. Please drop by and donate if you are able.

As most of you know, Fr. Drew Christiansen and his wife Rachael will be leaving us next month for a new ministry in Lafayette. There will be a reception for Drew and Rachael on **Sunday June, 6** at 6:30 pm in the Ministry Center Garden Room. Please join us!

Ready to enjoy some fellowship and a light read with no homework this summer? Join our Summer Sunday School Class beginning **June 6** at 9:30 a.m. It's open to everyone. We'll be reading Bishop Jake Owensby's new book, *Looking for God in Messy Places*, chapter by chapter and discussing it. We'll read it aloud in class, so all you have to do is show up! The book is currently buy one, get one 50% off now on Amazon if you want to get your copy. **E-mail Lauren Thibodeaux at thiblauren@gmail.com if you have any questions. See you soon!**

Meals On Wheels Opportunity! It's only a one hour volunteer opportunity every Monday delivering Meals on Wheels to eight seniors at Evangeline senior apartments (across street from Betty Virginia Park) St Marks would like to get a team together to do this once a week. The team can decide on their schedule for the each month. **Please email Jennifer for more information. Jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net**

St. Mark's has a birthday card ministry! If you find yourself wanting to serve but needing to do it on your own time, please consider this meaningful ministry. Materials are provided. For more information, please **contact Lauren Ewing at 550-1743 or lauren.ewing@me.com.**

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MINISTRY

Are You Going through a Difficult Time?

Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support to people who are facing a crisis or going through tough times. The care you'll receive is confidential, free, and very helpful.

To learn how you—or a friend, neighbor, coworker, or relative—can receive care, talk to a pastor or Stephen Leader.

God's Love in ACTION

Sunday Readings

The Seventh Sunday of Easter
Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 * 1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19

Thoughts from the Dean and the Stewardship Team

Genesis tells us that God placed the first human being in the garden to practice stewardship there; "to work in and take care of it."

Genesis 2:15

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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