

July 28, 2021

Baptisms

Eliza Ripley Jones, daughter of **Lillian & Raymond Jones**, on July 24, 2021.

Deaths

David O. Short, husband of **Tina Short**, on July 22, 2021.

Happy Birthday

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| August 1 | 5 | 7 |
| Larry Cunningham | Minette Haynes | Gretchen Bell |
| Brad Lepore | Hines Vaughan | Dale Anderson |
| Bonnie Dubin | Marie Gardner-McIntyre | Nanette Beach |
| | Jennifer Beruvides | Maura Pugh |
| 2 | Georgia Johnson | Vicki Kilcline |
| Hannah FitzGerald | | Susan Reeks |
| Emily Nelson | | Claire Childs |
| Tad Dicharry | 6 | Jonathan Sealy |
| | Ron Boutte | Charlotte Holtsclaw |
| | Drake Lee | Jud Flores |
| 3 | Mark Faries | Emma Jones |
| Stuart Briscoe | Catherine Green | |
| Sindee Finch | Liam Alley | |
| Ben Davis | Gray Burch | |
| Anna Kate Childs | Laura Poljak | |
| | Gray Knicely | |
| 4 | | |
| Susan Cage | | |
| Ginger Seale | | |

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Community

Due to a new surge of Coronavirus cases in Louisiana The Bishop has requested that we observe some more stringent guidelines for our Sunday worship.

We recommend the use of facemasks and social distancing for everyone, **even if you are vaccinated.** We will continue to intinct at communion and ask that you sanitize your hands. Please just wave at your neighbor at the Peace. And we ask that you consider the advantages of receiving the COVID-19 vaccine if you have not already done so.

Please join us for an evening of celebration honoring retiring Canon for Cathedral Music Bryan Mitnaul. On Sunday, **August 8** we will celebrate Choral Evensong in the Cathedral at 5:00 pm, followed by a dinner in the Parish Hall at 6:00 pm. **Please RSVP to Anne Lasseigne at 318-347-2911 or jlassjog@aol.com.**

Rally Day is coming up on August 29! If you or your group would like a display table, please contact Jennifer Beruvides as soon as possible. jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net.

Our Sunday Eucharistic Lectionary Bible class will not meet this Sunday or August 1. We will resume on August 8 when Dean Alston is back in town. We hope that you will grab a cup of coffee and join us in The Garden Room at 9:30 am for this gathering and scriptural study beginning again on August 8.

The Looking for God in Messy Places Summer Sunday School Class will meet this Sunday. The class is open to everyone. We're reading Bishop Jake Owensby's new book, *Looking for God in Messy Places*, about hope. We're reading it aloud in class, so all you have to do is show up (and don't worry if you miss some weeks). **E-mail Lauren Thibodeaux at thiblauren@gmail.com if you have any questions.**

We're getting the band back together! There will be two acolyte training sessions next month for all new and returning acolytes. You must attend one of the sessions. Those sessions will be **August 15** and **August 22** immediately after the 10:30 am service. Please meet in the choir stalls.

Hello St. Mark's Families! Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is beginning again **Sunday, September 12**. Level 1 Atrium is for children in K3 (who are potty-trained) - Kindergarten. Level 2 Atrium is for 1st graders - 3rd graders. Look out for registration forms available at the church office and by the nursery door. Please stop by our table to talk to Catechists at Rally Day in August **Learn more about Catechesis at <https://www.cgsusa.org/>.**

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. The care you receive is confidential, free and very helpful. For more information, contact **the Rev. Dr. Rowena White** at rowena@stmarkscathedral.net.

The Highland Community Renewal Program has asked for assistance with school supplies. Any and all items are needed. Following are the needs:

30 back packs (big and small)
 90 packs of loose leaf paper
 30 pair of scissors
 30 glue stick packs
 30 boxes of tissue
 60 composition books
 60 different colored folders
 60 packs of pencils
 30 small pencil sharpeners
 60 packs of colored pencils
 30 packs of crayons
 30 packs of erasers
 30 packs of washable markers
 30 3 subject notebooks
 30 rulers
 30 binders

Please drop off items to the church front office no later than Thursday, August 5. If you would like to donate money, contact Jennifer Beruvides at jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net

Sunday Readings

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
 Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 * Ephesians 4:1-16
 John 6:24-35

Thoughts from the Dean and the Stewardship Team

When Jesus saw someone who needed help, he did something about the situation. Jesus saw and healed lepers and blind people, a man who was mentally ill, a mute man, and he ministered to one person after another. But we aren't Jesus. What can ordinary Christians do to offer help to someone or something in need? None of us can do everything, but we can almost always do something:

- If we can't drop everything to meet a need we see, we can contact someone who can.
- If we can't tithe money for the church or a mission project, we can pray for its success and tithe our time to help the matter succeed.
- If we can't directly help the homeless, the unemployed, the hungry or the sick, we can offer prayer, comfort, encouragement, and helpful advice.

The point is that Jesus never failed to help in a needy situation and we should try our best to do likewise. That would be worthy stewardship.

Additional Resources

Dean Alston Johnson's Blog:

<https://thecarpentersnail.blog/>

St. Mark's Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Marks-Cathedral-Shreveport-181096028587074/>