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## Deaths

Gale Kibling Gilchrist, mother of Rob Gilchrist, grandmother of Jack & Aidan Gilchrist, on October 12, 2021.

## Happy Birthday

<b>October 24</b> Laura Butler	<b>27</b> Virginia Chastain Betsy Rosenfield Barbara Swafford	<b>29</b> Jerry Malone Robert Batchelor Henry Hilario Mary Jane Young Sarah Elisabeth Tamplin
<b>25</b> Robert Shemwell Julie Atkinson Meredith Nelson Curtis Prince	<b>28</b> Abigail Hood Billy Sample	<b>30</b> Nancy Cecil Robert Cook
<b>26</b> Amelia Kennedy Caleb Thigpen Sage Fargerson	<b>28</b> Sonny Byrd Kyleen Kilcline Hailey Jackson Emerson Horne	

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# THE MESSENGER

## Community

**Don't forget that we are still under COVID-19 protocols for worship.** Masks are required and six-foot social distancing will be enforced. To make this easier, we will be roping off every other pew and marking six feet of space. Hand sanitizer is available as you go up for communion. We are continuing to intinct rather than use the common cup.

**EYC Pumpkin Carving this Sunday, October 24!** Meet us in the Parish Hall at 5:30 pm for dinner, followed by pumpkin carving! Pumpkins will be provided. Grades 6-12 welcome. Please contact Sarah (smceyc318@gmail.com) to be added to our email list!

**The Women's Bible Study will reconvene on Wednesdays at 10:30 am starting November 3.** We will gather in room 101 of the Ministry Center for coffee and conversation around the upcoming Sunday's lectionary readings. Please contact Mother Beth if you are interested or if you have questions (beth@stmarkscathedral.net).

**Please Join Us for A FREE Seminar, *Surviving the Holidays*, Tuesday, November 9, 6:00 to 8:00 pm** In the Garden Room at St. Mark's. Call 318-226-4025 to Register or Email: [Rowena@stmarkscathedral.net](mailto:Rowena@stmarkscathedral.net)  
**MASKS REQUIRED**

To love and serve Christ.

To love and serve each other in Christ.

To love and serve the world for Christ.

**Save the last weekend of October for a C.S. Lewis seminar** with Louis Markos, Ph.D. Professor in English & Scholar in Residence Robert H. Ray Chair in Humanities - Houston Baptist University. Dr. Markos will be using Lewis' *Mere Christianity* as his primary source for the lectures. The first session will be **Friday, October 29** at 6:00 pm and there will be two sessions on **Saturday, October 30**, at 4:00 and 6:00 pm. Dr. Markos will be our guest preacher on **Sunday, October 31** at the 10:30 am service and then will present a special program on the *Chronicles of Narnia* following a parish lunch. All events are free and open to the public.

**New day and time for bell ringing practice.** The ringers of St Mark's Cathedral will now be holding practices on **Wednesdays** at 6:00 pm in the tower above the library. We invite you to come out to learn about bell ringing and maybe even pull a rope!

**Advent is a time for reflection and self-examination in preparation for the commemoration of Jesus' birth and the return of Christ.** As part of your Advent contemplation this year, please share in our collective preparation by writing your own reflection on a lectionary reading for St. Mark's Daily Advent Meditations. **Contact** [laura.mclemore@lsus.edu](mailto:laura.mclemore@lsus.edu) for information.

**Have you heard about our "Pew Project?"** St. Mark's is in the process of refurbishing all of the pews in the church, including the kneelers and the book racks. And you can be a part of it. Parishioners can "sponsor" a pew to have redone. Your gift will be acknowledged with a brass plaque on the pew. **If you are interested, or for more information, contact John Scheel at 226-4023.**

**All Ushers and Acolytes!** Dean Johnson is adding the Usher schedule to the Ministry Planning software that we use to schedule our services. This will include adding your email to the reminder list that is sent out on Wednesdays and Thursdays prior to Sunday services. Ushers – if you receive an email reminder about your slot, please be in touch with your team leader about your monthly schedule. Acolytes – if we do not have an email address for you, we will be sending it to your parents.

**We are collecting dog and cat food for the rest of October in honor of St. Francis.** Bagged or canned is fine. Drop it by the church office.

**St. Mark's Holiday Shop - A Fundraiser for the SMCS Parents' Club.** Get ready for the holiday season and fill your home with Christmas spirit! Great gifts for friends, family, and clients. We have Poinsettias • Greenery • Gift Wrap • St. Mark's Ornaments & Plaque.

**Order Deadlines:**

**Charleston Wrap: Monday, Oct. 25**

**Poinsettias/Greenery: Friday, Nov. 5**

**Ornaments: Wednesday, Dec. 1 (to be guaranteed by Christmas)**

Order forms are available at the school or the church office. You can also order online at

<https://www.stmarksschool.com/beyond-the-classroom/holiday-shop>

## Sunday Readings

The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost:  
Jeremiah 31:7-9 \* Hebrews 7:23-28  
Mark 10:46-52

## Thoughts from the Dean and the Stewardship Team

We were created to use all we have in fellowship with God. When that is not done, our lives are unfulfilled and incomplete. It is not a matter of earning our salvation, but of putting God in the center where God belongs. When we do that, everything else can fall into place; we want to express our thanks by giving and by sharing and by helping others.

## 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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