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## Community

**For those who ordered, drive-thru greenery/poinsettia pick-up** will be available **Thursday, December 2** from 12-3P M and **Friday December 3** from 8-10 AM. Pick-up location will be from the Gym drive thru.

**Join the St. Mark's Choir for Advent Choral Evensong this Sunday** at 5:00 pm immediately before the 6:00 pm Eucharist. All are welcome!

**Join us for EYC this Sunday to help assemble Care Packets!** These Care Packets will contain essentials for the upcoming season and thoughtful cards from our EYC group. We will have these packets available for parishioners to pick up at church and share with those in need throughout our community. Grades 6-12 welcome. Please contact Sarah (smceyc318@gmail.com) to be added to our email list!

**Calling all Turkeys!** It's that time again! The Cooking Crew still needs 35 turkeys to cook for Christmas meals. Please drop off your turkeys to the church kitchen **by December 8**. If you have any questions or would like to help cook for the holidays, Jennifer Beruvides at [jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net](mailto:jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net).

To love and serve Christ.

To love and serve each other in Christ.

To love and serve the world for Christ.

**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.**

**Christmas is so exciting for children! Can you imagine being a kid and stuck in the hospital for Christmas?!** To make it a little more bearable, SHRINERS HOSPITAL OF SHREVEPORT has asked for our support. We are collecting: play medical kits (to aid in explaining procedures to children), 'pop-its', and for the older ones, \$10-\$15 gift cards (Amazon, Target, Walmart, Game Stop, etc). **Please drop off any donations to the church office by Friday, December 17** so the hospital can plan accordingly. Contact Jennifer Beruvides if you wish to make a monetary donation. [jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net](mailto:jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net).

**God willing and the people of God consenting,** the Right Reverend W. Andrew Waldo, Eighth Bishop of the Diocese of Upper South Carolina, will ordain Elizabeth Ann Prendergast Hendrix to the Sacred Order of Priests in Christ's One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church on Wednesday, December 15. The ordination will take place at St. James Episcopal Church in Greenville, SC. A live stream will be available. Time and link to the live stream to follow.

**The Friends of Faith group is meeting again!** All ladies are welcome to join us every third Wednesday of the month. We meet from 6:00-7:30 pm in the Parlor. This year, we are reading *Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi* by Amy-Jill Levine. Even if you don't get a chance to read, come join us for fellowship, discussion, and prayer. If you have questions, e-mail Jorie O'Brien ([jorieobrien@gmail.com](mailto:jorieobrien@gmail.com)) or Lauren Thibodeaux ([thiblauren@gmail.com](mailto:thiblauren@gmail.com)).

**It is the custom at St. Mark's to invite the parish family at Christmas to make a contribution to the glory of God and in memory or honor of loved ones.** This is not only an appropriate way to honor those who have gone before us, but these gifts make it possible to decorate the Cathedral in a festive manner. If you wish to make a memorial, please send your donation, along with the name or names of those to be honored, to the attention of Becky Deverts, **no later than Friday, December 10.**

**If you are or know anyone who is expecting a child our committee is up and running and is looking for mummies to be.** Please contact us at [bess@stmarkscathedral.net](mailto:bess@stmarkscathedral.net) or sign up on our website under family ministries. We hope to welcome mothers into our community. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

## Sunday Readings

The Second Sunday of Advent  
Malachi 3:1-4 \* Philippians 4:4-7  
Luke 3:1-6

## Thoughts from the Dean and the Stewardship Team

The act of giving is an act of life. Selfish living is really an indication of the poverty of our souls. More people refuse to give because of inadequate spiritual resources than because of inadequate material resources. Your money has life in it! If you use it for God, it spreads and grows and brings dead souls to life.

## 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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