

December 15, 2021

Deaths

Carolyn Sheridan, on December 8, 2021.

Claire Stansberry, mother of **Laurie Bijou**, on December 8, 2021.

Becky Broyles Crews, sister of **Edie Williams**, on December 12, 2021.

Weddings

Kamryn Leeper & Kyle Simpson, on December 11, 2021

Happy Birthday

December 19 Creighton Hodges Taylor Williams Jack Perkins Emily Clarke	22 Darcy Henagan Quintin Hardtner, V Cynthia Peatross	24 Robert Laborde Emily Lofton Hannah Woodard
20 John Turnage, Sr. Louis Rabalais, III Ava Katherine Alley	23 Marletta Eddy John Meldrum Holly Fletcher	25 Lindsay Atkins
21 Mary Stephens Allen		

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Community

St. Mark's will present a Festival of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 19 at 4:00 pm. The event is free and open to the public.

EYC is looking to explore Christmas in Roseland this Sunday! 5:30-7:30. Please RSVP if your child is interested by this Friday at 4:00 PM to Sarah (smceyc318@gmail.com) so we can make driving arrangements. Pick up and drop off at St. Marks. The admission will be covered by St. Marks, but bring spending money for snacks and hot chocolate! Dress appropriately, we will be outside!

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 this Friday, December 17** so the hospital can plan accordingly. Contact Jennifer Beruvides if you wish to make a monetary donation. jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net.

To love and serve Christ.

To love and serve each other in Christ.

To love and serve the world for Christ.

The church office will close at noon on Christmas Eve and reopen on Monday, December 27. We will close at noon on New Year's Eve and open on Monday, January 3, 2022. There will be NO 5:30 pm Eucharist on New Year's Eve.

There will be no Children's Sunday school on Sunday, December 26.

If you want to mail your 2021 pledges or any other contributions by the end of the year, they must be postmarked by December 31. If you wish to hand deliver them to the church office, they must be in **by December 31** when the office closes for the holiday.

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) or Lauren Thibodeaux (thiblauren@gmail.com).

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 Eve and Day Schedule

**5:30 pm Christmas Eve
Christmas Eucharist with Bishop
Owensby**

**10:30 pm Christmas Eve
Midnight Christmas Eucharist**

10:00 am Christmas Day Eucharist

Mark your calendars for the St. Mark's Cathedral Annual Meeting January 30, 2022. We meet immediately after the 10:30 a.m. service in the Parish Hall. Annual reports will be given, Vestry elections will be held and lunch will be served.

If you are or know anyone who is expecting a child our committee is up and running and is looking for mommies to be. Please contact us at 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 Fourth Sunday of Advent
Micah 5:2-5a * Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-55

Thoughts from the Dean and the Stewardship Team

Scripture admonishes us, "choose you this day whom you will serve." We can use our gift of time in self-service. Or, we can take the higher road and use the gift of time in service to others and to our church. When we take that higher road, our light will shine before all people. Stay on that road, although sometimes rocky and steep. Be committed in such a way, that all who you will meet will see the glory of God reflected in your good works.

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/>

Bishop Jake Owensby's Facebook page:

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