

Deaths

Blanquita Collins, on December 20, 2021.

Baptisms

Timothy Minor Coleman, son of Lincoln & Ashley Coleman, on December 18, 2021.

Andrew Carter Chumley, son of Mary-Caroline & Harlan Chumley, on December 18, 2021.

Eve Fowler Tietjen Skrivanos, daughter of Claire Skrivanos & Lib Tietjen, on December 22, 2021.

Happy Birthday

December 26	28	30
Rosemary Lafargue	Jim Liner	Miriam Martin
Kay Butcher	Jane Davenport	Jeff Webb
Linc Coleman	Sue Scheel	
Margaret Elrod	Bonne Summers	31
Lea Green	Stephen White	Sharla Inman
	Henry Perkins	Robert Pou
27	Samuel Brainard	
Woodus Humphrey		January 1
Keaton Russo	29	Carson Jones
Tyler Nichols	Kathryn Hayes	
	Barbara Messier-Villafuerte	
	Lindsey Aaron	
	Ethan Varnadore	

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Community

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

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 or January 2. We will resume on January 9.

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.

To love and serve Christ.

To love and serve each other in Christ.

To love and serve the world for Christ.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! EYC will resume after the holiday break. Be on the lookout for an updated calendar of our schedule and exciting events planned for 2022!

The Women's Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, January 5 at 10:30 am, meeting in room 101 of the Ministry Center. Please contact Mother Beth if you have questions via email to beth@stmarkscathedral.net.

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).

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.

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.**

Beginning Thursday, January 13 Dean Johnson and Ellen Erwin will be facilitating a parents book-club/discussion group focused upon the work of Wendy Mogel PhD., and her book *The Blessing of a Skinned Knee: Raising Self-Reliant Children*. The work and journey of Wendy Mogel has been both helpful and inspirational for many through the years. She is both a child psychologist and a spiritual seeker. Her advice, and the sharing of her spiritual journey, are both accessible and inspirational. If you would like to join this group – buy the book, and either begin reading or listening to it now. We will cover one chapter per week; and our focus will be upon discussion, questions, mutual support, and we will close with prayer. Dean Johnson will assume that you have read the chapter before we gather. Depending upon the size of the group, we will either meet in the Cathedral Parlor, or The Garden Room, following Family Chapel on Thursdays.
RSVP your interest: ellen.erwin1@gmail.com

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 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 First Sunday after Christmas
Isaiah 61:10-62:37 * Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7
John 1:1-18

Thoughts from the Dean and the Stewardship Team

There are a number of people in every church who are in their later years of life. I'm not convinced that the Lord ever puts a terminal point on when we should quit serving God. Sometimes, older people say, "I served all my life, let the younger ones do it." Maybe you shouldn't be doing the things that the younger ones are doing, but somewhere there is a place for your ministry and your gifts to the Lord, no matter what your age is. Who knows what the Lord may have in store for you! As part of your total stewardship, you should be concerned about the dedication of your talents. God conducts a continuous talent search. In this talent search, all should be participants; no one should be merely a spectator.

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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