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## Deaths



**Kathryn Prestridge**, on December 5, 2021.

## Happy Birthday



<b>December 12</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>17</b>
Peggy Shirley	Susan Sherman	Scott Reeks
Ellen Davis	Roger Coley	Stuart Reeks
Tara Jones	Stafford Comegys	Tessa Culver
	Melinda Hernandez	Elizabeth
	Jeff Douthitt	Gatschenberger
<b>13</b>	Parson Cotter	Spencer Pringle
Marybeth McVie	William Herzog	
Buz Wheless	Rhett Arnold	<b>18</b>
John Bowen, Jr.		Pam Peak
Francess Hilliard		Christine Brooks
	<b>16</b>	Alix Powell
<b>14</b>	Le Roy Kirby	Mary McCullough
David Ersoff	Tricia Grayson	Humphrey
John Madison	Seth Thibodeaux	Jacob Jones
Charlotte Hargrove	John Reeks	Colin Irion
	Austin Horne	

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## Community



**Please join us for our Christmas Pageant this Sunday at the 10:30 am service.** There will be **No Catechesis** of the Good Shepherd this Sunday only. We will resume on **December 19**.

**Join us for our EYC Christmas Party this Sunday! 5:30-7:15 pm.** Grades 6-12 are welcome. Wear your favorite holiday outfit! Please contact Sarah ([smceyc318@gmail.com](mailto:smceyc318@gmail.com)) to be added to our email list!

**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.

**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 can be viewed on YouTube searching **St. James Episcopal Church Greenville SC** or via the link on the homepage of Upper SC - [edusc.org](http://edusc.org).

**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).

**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 this Friday, December 10.**

**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.

**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 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 Third Sunday of Advent  
Zephaniah 3:14-20 \* Philippians 1:3-11  
Luke 3:7-18

## Thoughts from the Dean and the Stewardship Team

While our daily lives may have about them a certain “sameness,” in every moment of every day, God is creatively presenting us with occasions for discipleship. It is our responsibility to use our time wisely, dedicating some part of it to apostolic activity.

## 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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