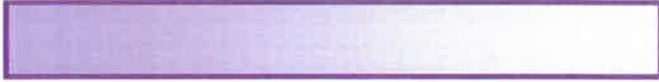


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God willing and the people of God consenting, the Right Reverend W. Andrew Waldo, Eighth Bishop of the Diocese of Upper South Carolina, will ordain Elizabeth Ann Prendergast Hendrix to the Sacred Order of Priests in Christ's One Holy Catholic and Apostolic 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.

Happy Birthday

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Allison Lockhart	Steve Allen	Betsy Roberts
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Mary White	Andrew Porter	Scott Deupree
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Knox Goodman	Lou Palmer	William McMurry
Pam Nichols	John Pou	
Michele Cook	Aimee Aaron	4
Molly Duncan	R. Dean Elston	William Weaver
	Melissa Flores	Douglass McKay
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Will Weaver	Caroline Brainard	Marie Kalmbach
Carmen Mijalis	Abigail Jackson	William Childs
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THE MESSENGER

Community

Please join us for our Thanksgiving Day service, Thursday November 25 at 10:00 am in the Cathedral.

The Cathedral office will be closed, November 25 & 26 for Thanksgiving.

The Youth Confirmation class will NOT meet this Sunday. We will resume on December 5.

No EYC this Sunday (Happy Thanksgiving!), but we will return next Sunday, December 5 to assemble Homeless Packets! These Homeless 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!

The Nominating Committee will meet to formulate a Vestry slate to present to the parish at the Annual Meeting in January. If you wish to nominate someone for their consideration, nominations have to be to the Senior Warden by **December 1**. To be eligible for the Vestry, a person must be a confirmed communicant in good standing. This means confirmed, regularly attending worship and pledging. **Nominations can be e-mailed to Senior Warden Bill Kalmbach at bill.kalmbach@cookyancey.com**

To love and serve Christ.

To love and serve each other in Christ.

To love and serve the world for Christ.

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.

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.

The Women's Bible Study gathers on Wednesdays at 10:30 am 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).

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.**

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. On **November 17**, we will be discussing the introduction. If you have questions, e-mail Jorie O'Brien (jorieobrien@gmail.com) or Lauren Thibodeaux (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 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 of Advent
Jeremiah 33:14-16 * 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 21:25-36

Thoughts from the Dean and the Stewardship Team

Heavenly Father,
On Thanksgiving Day we bow our hearts to you and pray.
We give you thanks for all you've done, especially for the gift of Jesus, your son. For beauty in nature, your glory we see, for joy and health, friends and family. For daily provision, your mercy and care; these are just some of the blessings you graciously share.
So today we offer this response of praise, with a promise to follow you as stewards all of our days.

Amen

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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