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## Births

**Pierce Thomas Drummond**, on January 12, 2022. Parents are **Sarah & David Drummond**. Big brothers are **J & John Drummond**. Grandmother is **Linda Watts**.

## Happy Birthday

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| <b>February 20</b><br>Dan Herndon<br>Fran Hewitt                                      | <b>22</b><br>Denee Locke<br>Karla Querbes<br>Benjamin Johnson<br>Carson Massad<br>Ella Bylsma<br>Ford Gillen | <b>24</b><br>Cass Gaiennie<br>Deanna Kamphuis<br>Catherine Allen<br>Anna Sanderson<br>William Guthrie |
| <b>21</b><br>Carol Anne Caraway<br>Mario Villafuerte<br>Don Huguley<br>Thomas Nsubuga | <b>23</b><br>Pede Adams<br>Melissa Harris<br>Jay Crooms<br>Nicole Cotter<br>Frances Jenkins                  | <b>25</b><br>Sara Hearne<br>Leigh Ann O'Brien<br>Suzanne Otto   |
|   |  | <b>26</b><br>Hugh Walmsley<br>Danielle Dean<br>Mary-Hallie Merckle                                    |

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# THE MESSENGER

## Community

**On Sunday mornings, Dean Alston will continue his class on C.S. Lewis's Mere Christianity in Room 101 of the Ministry Center.** We meet at 9.30 am. Given that our Sunday school time is short – we will cover one Chapter every two weeks. This study will carry us through Lent and the Easter season. Contact Fr. Alston with any questions, [abjohnson@stmarkscathedral.net](mailto:abjohnson@stmarkscathedral.net)

**EYC THIS SUNDAY!!!** We are so happy to get together again after missing once due to COVID and then allowing for a Super Bowl bye week! Grades 6-12 join us this Sunday 5:30-7 PM in the youth room for food, fellowship, and fun!! We sure have missed y'all!

### **THE ENNEAGRAM IS COMING!**

Do you want to understand yourself and others better? Do you want to have healthier and more meaningful relationships? The Enneagram is a centuries-old tool that guides us to self-awareness and understanding others. It describes nine personality based ways of being which shape and inform our lives. Come and learn how this system can improve your relationships with family, friends and associates. St. Mark's will host an Enneagram workshop **March 25-26** led by Hunter Mobley from Nashville, TN. Sessions will be 7:00 pm till 9:00 pm Friday and 9:00 am till 4:00 pm Saturday. Registration information coming soon.

**I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me (Phillipians 4:13).** If you have been hesitating, please consider contributing to the Lenten meditation booklet. Think of it as a Lenten offering. We still have 19 days to fill. You do not have to be a scholar or a writer. You need only read a set of appointed lessons from the lectionary, record your thoughts about one (or more) of them that speaks to you, and send them in. They will become an inspiration to someone else. **Contact [laura.mcmore@lsus.edu](mailto:laura.mcmore@lsus.edu) with any questions and for a set of readings**

**February Collection:** Woody's Veteran Home, founded in 2003, is a local charity that operates two homes for veterans suffering from mental health issues. They are accredited with the local VA hospital. Items that are in daily need include: paper towels, toilet paper, napkins, and plastic utensils. **To donate monetarily contact Jennifer Beruvides at [jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net](mailto:jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net). Also visit their website to learn more: [www.wh4v.com](http://www.wh4v.com).**

**Volunteer Opportunity!** While we welcome all guests to St. Mark's Cathedral, safety is of the utmost importance making it necessary to keep the doors locked during office hours. We are looking to create a schedule of volunteers to sit in the front office, answering the door and performing other tasks, from 11-2 Monday-Friday. Whether you are able to commit weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly, please contact Lauren Ewing at [Lauren.ewing@me.com](mailto:Lauren.ewing@me.com) or 318-550-1743 to join the team!

**On Wednesdays at 6:00pm we will host our Inquirers and Confirmation class also known as Episcopal Church 101.** This class is for anyone interested in being confirmed by Bishop Owensby in the spring, or who is interested in refreshing their own understanding of the Episcopal Church. The topics we will cover will include Church History, Liturgical Worship, the Bible, Church Teaching and Theology, Spirituality, Church Organization, and the Mission of the Church. Whether you are thinking of joining the Episcopal Church, or would like to simply join others who are reviewing the tenets of our faith, come and join us in the Parlor. Because some cannot make it on Wednesday, we will be offering another option on Sunday at 12:30 pm right after church in Rm 101. We will run seven-one-hour sessions and we ask that those of you who intend to be confirmed will attend at least six of the sessions. **If you plan to attend or have any questions, email Fr. Thomas, [thomas@stmarkscathedral.net](mailto:thomas@stmarkscathedral.net)**

**The Women's Bible Study meets on Wednesdays at 10:30 am through May 25.** We meet 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](mailto:beth@stmarkscathedral.net)).

**The Altar Guild has two openings for Memorial flowers on the Chapel Altar for March 20 & 27.** Please contact Sherri Skrivanos-[stskrivanos@gmail.com](mailto:stskrivanos@gmail.com)

## Sunday Readings

The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany  
Genesis 45:3-11, 15 \* 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50  
Luke 6:27-38

## Thoughts from the Dean and the Stewardship Team

There are many cases listed in the Bible where giving is discussed. We need to be able to talk spiritually about giving. Jesus watched at the treasury to see how people gave. He wasn't checking amounts; he was studying people. We believe the matter boils down to motive in giving. Is it for show or for witness? Our giving needs to reflect that God keeps on giving to us. "Give as you have been given." Our love for the Lord should make our giving joyful. God is never outdone in generosity. Our stewardship is tested by our sharing the blessing God gives us.

## 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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