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Births

Fiona Helen Gaiennie, on February 2, 2022.
Parents are **Sarah & Thomas Gaiennie**.
Grandparents are **Kathryn & Cass Gaiennie**.

Happy Birthday

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THE MESSENGER

Community

Beginning this Sunday, Dean Alston will reconvene his class on C.S. Lewis's Mere Christianity in Room 101 of the Ministry Center. We will 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. In preparation for Session 1 - please read the following from Mere Christianity:

The Preface -

Book 1, Chapter 1, "The Law of Human Nature"

Book 1, Chapter 2, "Some Objections"

Contact Fr. Alston with any questions,
abjohnson@stmarkscathedral.net

There will be no EYC this Sunday. We will resume EYC on February 20.

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 6:30 till 8:30 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 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. Also visit their website to learn more: 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 or 318-550-1743 to join the team!

Beginning February 16 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**

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).

Sunday Readings

The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
Jeremiah 17:5-10 * 1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Luke 6:17-26

Thoughts from the Dean and the Stewardship Team

You shall open your hands wide to your brother, and to your needy in the land." (Deut. 15:11)

In addition to faith, add brotherly kindness, love, self-control, knowledge and goodness to create a recipe for stewardship.

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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