

Unless the prayer which you intend to offer to God is important and meaningful to you first, you will not be able to present it to the Lord. If you are inattentive to the words you pronounce, if your heart does not respond to them, or if your life is not turned to the same direction as your prayer, it will not reach out Godwards.

-Anthony Bloom {1914-2003}

Dear Friends and Families of St. Mark's,

By the time you are reading this we will be in the midst of our Lenten journey for the year. And as many of you know, Lent is a time when many in our faith seek to give God some added attention and amendment of life through efforts that we make in worship, prayer, study, and service. In this vein, we have many parishioners who join us for our daily 7.00am Eucharist in the Chapel on the week-days of Lent. It is a time to discover what our daily lives might feel like when we gather with other Christians to meditate upon Scripture, confess our sins, and join in receiving the sacraments. Others make an effort to join us in Sunday School as we study a particular book or writer who is helping us to follow Christ more closely. Others undertake an outreach project so that we might participate in being Christ's hands and hearts in the world for those who are hungry, homeless, and without hope. Just as there are a variety of gifts in the Body of Christ, there are a variety of ways that individual Christians accentuate the days of Lent in a journey of "Kenosis," a greek word meaning "self-emptying" so that we might be filled by God's power and presence at Easter.

I have found through the years that many faithful church goers sometimes have difficulty discovering a prayer life that best suits the lives that they find themselves living during the week. The conversation that God is having with each of our souls is utterly unique and irreplaceable; there is a conversation with God meant for each of us within the scope of the mystery of God's presence. There are words and movements from heaven that are meant for us, if we can simply find the "time,

place, and disposition" by which to experience them.

In light of the discovery that we are each created to make with God, our Wednesday Evening Lenten series this year will be "Conversations On Prayer" with the Cathedral clergy. On Wednesday evenings at 5:15pm we will gather in the Parish Hall for Evening Prayer, and meditations on the personal life of prayer

shared by our clergy. We will visit with you about how we have our own conversation with God; both the "grace and the grind" of what it is like to discover, maintain, and grow in our own conversations with God. Of course we are not offering "the answers"; we are simply giving a glimpse of another pilgrim's perspective of what a life in prayer looks like.

We will follow our prayer and meditation with a catered supper, so that you might be on your way for the evening. The clergy will be available for deeper conversation and sharing following our supper.

We will be asking you to RSVP so that we will know how many may be joining us.

*Many Blessings and Godspeed,
Alston Johnson, Dean – St. Mark's*



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SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:00 am, 10:30 am, & 6:00 pm
Sunday Holy Eucharist

MARCH 6, 2022

The First Sunday in Lent

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Romans 10:8b-13
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 Luke 4:1-13

MARCH 13, 2022

The Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Philippians 3:17-4:1
Psalm 27 Luke 13:31-35

MARCH 20, 2022

The Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 3:1-15 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Psalm 63:1-8 Luke 13:1-9

MARCH 27, 2022

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Joshua 5:9-12 1 Corinthians 5:16-21
Psalm 32 Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Weekday Worship at the Cathedral

Monday - Friday

7:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist
Chapel

Fridays 5:30 p.m.

Holy Eucharist
Chapel

(The 5:30 service is an option for those who cannot attend Sunday worship.)



Applying Bible Principles

Think deep thoughts for a moment. Really deep thoughts. Think about the word “stewardship.” What comes to mind? If you’re like most people, money is what comes to mind. You might even envision the offering plate being passed here at St. Mark’s, or writing out your check to support this ministry.

Steve Mizerany used to own a large appliance store in St. Louis. Many people in St. Louis remember him as being a bit eccentric as he moved throughout the store on roller skates, shouting out to potential customers his slogan, “Don’t be confused!” That’s good advice when it comes to buying appliances. It’s also good advice when it comes to stewardship.

Don’t be confused! Money is a very important part of stewardship. There are more verses in the Bible dealing with money, material possessions and giving than there are with heaven and hell combined. The Bible has more to say about money than about faith. Even a casual reader of the Bible would have to conclude that money is important to God. But money is not the be-all, end-all of stewardship. It’s important all right, but it’s only one-third of what we might call “total stewardship.”

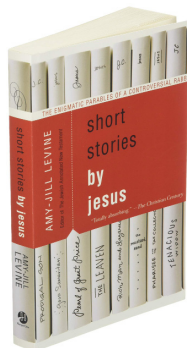
Total stewardship consists of “three Ts.” Money is one of those, the “treasure” aspect of stewardship. “Time” is another, and “talents” complete the picture. Time, talents and treasure comprise total stewardship. How we use these invaluable resources says much about our Christian faith and our relationship to God.

You see, the Word of God is very clear: God owns everything. God has never relinquished the title deed to the world. According to Psalm 24:1, God owns it all. According to 1 Chronicles 29:11, everything in the world belongs to God. That means that all of us own exactly the same amount: Zero. That’s right. We own absolutely nothing. We are managers who have been entrusted by God with time, talents and treasure. God is the ultimate Owner; we are managers who are responsible to manage that which belongs to God.

— From Parish Publishing



Friends of Faith



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 p.m. 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)**.

A full-color version of *The Evangelist* is on our website! Go to “Media,” then “The Evangelist.”

Cathedral School News

by Dr. Chris Carter, Headmaster
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Nearly two full years since the start of the Covid-19 Pandemic, St. Mark's Cathedral School is working hard to return to a sense of the normal. We are resuming field trips, planning performances with live audiences, and preparing for large-scale events such as Fiesta and Grandparents' Day. We are working hard to create the sense of community that is an essential component of the St. Mark's experience, even as are mindful of the need to be sensitive to public health matters.

Over the past two years our teachers and students have demonstrated tremendous resilience through virtual learning in



spring of 2020, a variety of covid protocols in 2020-21, and lingering protocols in this current year. We have been mask-optional since the end of January, though, and school probably feels as normal as it has in two years. I am so proud of the good cheer which has generally been evident from our children and teachers throughout all this time!

As we begin to make plans for the next school year, I am excited by the tremendous number of new families who have visited or have applied for next year. Any parishioner families who have had questions about our Cathedral School should give us a call to arrange a tour; we want to make sure our parishioners are able to get a space before some grades fill up!

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

March 6

The greenery on the High Altar is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of James Buchanan Haynes, Jr., Katherine Haynes Sales, Mr. & Mrs. Albert Kennedy DeFrance, Mr. & Mrs. James Buchanan Haynes, Mr. Albert Kennedy DeFrance, Jr., and Nell Davidge Haynes.

The greenery on the Chapel Altar is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Edward Raymond Morgan, Catherine Tucker Morgan, Herbert Tucker Morgan, and John Hayden Morgan.

March 13

The greenery on the High Altar is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Barbara Lanier Allison, Raymond Stewart Allison and Elizabeth Wiggins Lloyd.

The greenery on the Chapel Altar is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Wayne and Belinda Chuck.

March 20

The greenery on the High Altar is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert Uhle Goodman, Edith Caskey Goodman, Uhle Slater Goodman, Knox Williams McGuffin, Burford McGuffin, David Burford McGuffin and Daniel W. Deupree, III.

The greenery on the Chapel Altar is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Emily & Tandy Lewis, Sr.

March 27

The greenery on the High Altar is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ray A. Barlow, Ray Allan Barlow, Jr., John Wallace Lloyd, Pauline & Bill Barlow, and Nelle & Jim Aimer.

The greenery on the Chapel Altar is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Richard Thomas Chapman, Mr. & Mrs. Emil Henry Herzog, Ward Lay, III, and Chapman Carter Lay.

BIRTHS

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

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

WEDDINGS

Those whom God has joined together, let no one put asunder.

Kendall Page Nelson & Bryan James Gibbs, on February 26, 2022.

DEATHS

Rest Eternal grant to him, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon him.

Jerry Black, husband of **Margaret Black**, on February 21, 2022.

May his soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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 on **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 is \$35.00 You may mail a check to the Cathedral or register online at www.stmarkscathedral.net.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MARCH 1

Patsy Stroud
Scott Fritze

2

John Hyatt
Johnette Huguley
Lee Grigsby
Taylor Weir

3

Emily Merckle
Wade Culbertson
Christopher Marsalis
Mae Horn
Ava Burch

4

Judy Warner
Phil Lattier
Robert Russell
Cherie Sealy
Jane Thomas
Cook Douthitt

5

Ted Hardtner
Rowena White
Matt Snyder
Scott Grayson
Mimi Hedgcock

6

Nicholas Pavlick
Bay Moss
Mary Brown

7

Lois Montelepre
Susan Young
Trisha Q=Petersen

8

Austin Rhodes

9

Marissa Hill
Mark Florsheim
Maisie Gillen

10

Bob McVie
Joshua Knicely
Matt Coady

11

Ben Walker
Caitlyn Martin

12

Harriet Evans
Robinson Humphrey
John Ewing

13

Mary Baldridge

Sherry Anderson
Dorothy Shemwell
Claire Williams
John Irion

14

Nan Stewart
Alec Van Hook
Ty Alley
David Newtown
Caroline Bartle

15

Don Walter
Michelle Williams
Victoria Culbertson
Ella Horne
Sam Johnson

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Cameron Jones
Reiley Arnold

17

Kit Cooper
Stephen Koruna

18

Doug Rountree
Nicole Tiedge

19

Roxanne Williams

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Stacie Henagan
Lisa Herrington

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Grayson Clarke
Sadie Aaron

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Sherry Paschall
Patrick Bicknell
Jason Thomas
Christie Schimpf

23

Chris Stoll
Chuck Harris
McCord Coleman
John Baxter Atkins
Anna Watt

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Dewey Corley
Mike Harter
Jim Himes
Jack Brown

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Pete Treat
Cammie Goodall
Olivia Buttermann

26

Robert Grand
Alison Byrd
Lisa Nelson
Frazier Horn

27

Susan Roberts
Pat Caraway
Suzy Nelson
Linda Vozzella
Rebecca D'Anna
Jon-Christian Stewart
Andrew Treiman
Chase Henagan
Mary Megan Sealy

28

Cilla Trenado

29

Tina Short
Alexandra Vozzella

30

Sophie Q=Petersen

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Art Carter
Christina Stage
Erin Holley
Christina Powell

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

9:30 – 12:30 pm Nursery (newborn to K3 – 3 years old by September 30)

First floor of Parish building next to Catechesis Atriums



9:30– 10:30 am
Sunday school
(4th – 5th grade)
Second floor of
Parish building
in the old nursery
location

9:30 am Catechesis
of the Good
Shepherd
First floor of Parish

Building- Rooms 105 & 106

Level I Atrium (K3 – Kindergarten)

Level II Atrium (1st – 3rd grade)

10:30 am Children's Chapel

(1st – 5th grade)

Second floor of Parish building in the old nursery location

Middle School Christian Education

(6th – 8th Grades)

Sunday mornings

9:30 – 10:30 am
Ministry Center, Youth Lounge

Leaders: Patrick Caraway, Bob Ewing, Gary Love and Bob McVie

This is a 3-year rotational Christian Education curriculum on Christian Faith, our Episcopal Identity and Living and Responding to God in Our World specifically designed for Middle School age children with group activities, reflection and discussion. Please join us!



The St. Mark's Choirs
will present Choral Evensong on
Sunday, March 6, 2022

Please join us for this beautiful and contemplative service. Choral Evensong begins at 5:00 pm and immediately precedes the 6:00 pm Eucharist.



Adult
Christian Formation
9:30 a.m.

**Sunday
Lectionary study**
Ministry Center
Garden Room



The Fasting Fund – a St. Mark's Lenten Tradition

One of St. Mark's Lenten traditions is the Fasting Fund. The purpose is simple: We ask that you forgo one meal a week, and contribute a few dollars – what you would have spent on that meal – to the fasting fund. (Of course, you can forgo more than one meal a week if you wish.)

Baskets are placed at the back of the chapel for the 7:00 a.m. Eucharist services and the base of the steps to the chancel for Sunday services to collect these offerings. Please consider making the Fasting Fund a part of your Lenten observance. A simple fast of one or more meals a week can teach us a lot about the temptations Jesus faced in the wilderness and our own earthly journey. Join us.

Easter Memorials

It is the custom at St. Mark's at Easter to invite our parish family to make a contribution to the Glory of God and in memory



or honor of a loved one. 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 donation please send your check along with the name or names you wish to commemorate to **Becky Deverts** in the Cathedral office **no later than Friday, April 1.**

Lost Anything at Church?

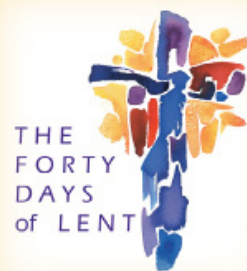
Or maybe you're just missing some item and have no idea where it might have gone. Drop by or call the church office and check into our lost and found! We have everything from sunglasses to scarves to cell phones to jewelry (including some very nice pieces.) Check and see what you're missing!



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Lenten Daily Eucharist

Our 7:00 a.m. daily Monday-Friday Eucharists begin on **March 3** and run through **April 14**. Please join us in the Chapel and make this special service part of your Lenten journey.



St. Mark's Physical Training
Monday-Friday 5:30 am at the Cathedral

STMPPT (St. Mark's Physical Training)

meets at 5:30 a.m. every weekday morning in the field across from the parking lot.



Women's Bible Study

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).

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