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"Discipleship is the process of becoming who Jesus would be if he were you." – Dallas Willard

Dear Friends and Families of St. Mark's,



Rev. Alston B. Johnson abjohnson@ stmarkscathedral.net

I hope that you find yourself at the end of a holy and blessed Lent, and looking forward to Holy Week. We have also been blessed with some extraordinary spring days; please take some time to enjoy the beauty that God shares with us.

Emerging from COVID protocols, we continue to expand our portfolio of activities and fellowship at St. Mark's. I feel that I am at the airport welcoming home friends and family that I have not seen in years; and for some of

us that has been the case. We are spending more time together as a congregation, and the staff is making plans for the future; this is a time when we need your support in all its forms: time, gifts for ministry, and financial support. I find it an incredible blessing that our congregational life is sprouting amid ground that had been burned over by the wildfires of the pandemic.

One neighborhood of cathedral life that has captured my imagination is sharing our Christian faith, and equipping our children and younger members to become disciples. I have been reading deeply in the work of Mark DeVries and Andy Root, two individuals with roots in this ministry that make sense to me and give me a sense of the ground that lay ahead. Mother Beth, Sarah Wilkes, and Stephen Burnett are all gifted in the area of youth discipleship. We have been meeting, reading, listening, and praying about the post-pandemic direction of how our congregation will bring the lives and realities of our younger Christians into the cathedral frame. Both Mark and Andy give good advice to congregations who are undertaking such a project.

Think back for a moment to the culture in which you grew up. Think back 60, 40, 20, 10 years to the culture in which you first heard the story of the Gospel, and perhaps that moment as a young person when you realized that the story of God is also your story. Think back to that moment when Jesus the Christ, became

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Schedule for Holy Week & Easter

April 10 - The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
The Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist

April 11 - Monday in Holy Week 7:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

April 12 - Tuesday in Holy Week 7:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

April 13 - Wednesday in Holy Week 7:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

April 14 - Maundy Thursday

7:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar

April 15 - Good Friday

12:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy and Holy Eucharist from the Reserve Sacrament

April 17 - The Sunday of the Resurrection Easter Day

5:30 a.m. Great Vigil of Easter 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m. Flowering of the Cross 10:30 a.m. Festival Holy Eucharist

To love and serve Christ. To love and serve one another in Christ. To love and serve the world for Christ.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

APRIL 3, 2022 The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21 Psalm 126

Philippians 3:4n-14 John 12:1-8

APRIL 10, 2022 The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Luke 23:1-49

APRIL 17, 2022 Easter Day

Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 John 20:1-18

APRIL 24, 2022 The Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32

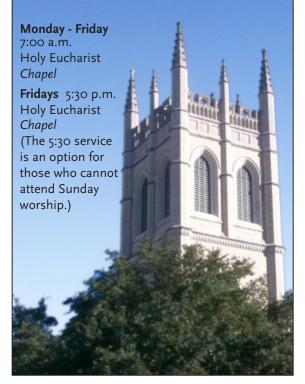
Revelation 1:4-8 John 20:19-31

Philippians 2:5-11

10:30 am Holy Eucharist & Baptism

Psalm 150

Weekday Worship at the Cathedral



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Jesus the Good Shepherd and Friend; that moment when you moved from God as an idea, to God as a relationship shaping your daily life.

I cannot think back without recalling the faces, the voices, and the presence of adults who made the mystery of God's love something real for me in the season of life in which I was living. I cannot think back as adult without recalling those moments with young people, sharing the faith with them, that have shaped me in my later walk with Christ. I believe that we are sitting on top of a treasure in the lives of our young Christians, and I believe that in sharing our faith with them we will find the Risen Christ, the Jesus of Easter, rising in our midst.

Of course there will be starts and stops. Of course there will highs and lows. Of course there will be joys and frustrations; all those things that are true of any path into discipleship. For reasons perhaps known to God alone, I simply discern that we are being called out into the deeper waters of this ministry at this time.

If you would like to take a deeper dive into this conversation, try listening to this podcast with Andy Root: https://www.newtimereligion.org/ And in your personal prayers, please add the children and youth of St. Mark's into that list of "hopefuls" that sometimes grace our prayers. Together we can find our place in that "great chain of faith" that extends all the way from our baptismal font and confirmation classes all the way back to Sea of Galilee and the River Jordan.

Many Blessings and Godspeed, Alston

Pickleball Thursday 6-8pm St. Mark's gymnasium

Tobin Grigsby, Robert and Debbie Grand have organized this enjoyable and healthy sport. All are welcome.



JOIN US FOR ST. MARK'S EASTER EGG HUNT FOLLOWING THE 10:30 SERVICE



EYC will be hosting this year's Easter **Egg Hunt**

...following the 10:30 service for all kids up to 10 years old! But we need your help supplying stuffed plastic eggs! Please bring stuffed eggs (no chocolate or nuts) to the front office by April 11. Contact Sarah (smceyc318@gmail. com) if you are interested in helping.

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

Cathedral School News

by Rev. Beth Hendrix, Curate beth@stmarkscathedral.net

Since joining St. Mark's Cathedral in July 2021, I have been blessed to float between the Cathedral, the preschool, and St. Mark's Cathedral School. I recently facilitated the confirmation class, which ended just before Spring break. "Can't you get the school to extend our class?" was the plea of the hearty confirmation students. Sure, the students enjoyed a class that did not concentrate on grades or measurements. But that is not their

motivation for wanting to continue. They each have known one another for years because of St. Mark's Cathedral School. They have been in class, have seen each other outside of school, and have some cross-over friends in other parts of their lives. They discovered in confirmation the one connection they have in common that outweighs everything else. Their common ties in Jesus Christ.

We went through the liturgy for confirmation in our final class



meeting: where they will sit, what Bishop Owensby will say, and the manual actions he will embody. They will respond to questions posed. The community gathered will join them in affirming their faith in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And this community will promise to continue walking this spiritual journey with them.

"Where you stand today is where you will stand if you decide to be married in the Cathedral. Where you stand today is where you will stand with your own children if

you decide to have them baptized in the Cathedral. Remember what you do here. This is where their journeys begin." And that is where our journeys are intertwined with our confirmands. We affirm our faith in Christ and our support of these young people. May 15th is a few months away, but please mark your calendars for the 10:30 am service. Let us all join together in affirming the faith of our young people. This is the way our class can be extended for years to come.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

April 3

The greenery on the High Altar is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Gilbert Reagan Shanley, Jr.

The greenery on the Chapel Altar is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr George Beach, Sara Schneider Botkin, Frederick Hall Schneider, Jr., Sara Ann Schneider Mott, Joseph M. Mott, Frederick Hall Schneider, III, Frederick Miller Carmody, and Anthony Phelan Carmody.

April 10

Palm Sunday

April 17

The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Reginald H. & Hallie Ward Hargrove, Ada & Kemerton Dean, Joseph L. Hargrove, Martha Dean Hargrove Glassell, Nancy Katherine Green Hargrove, Evelyn Monroe McCraw and R. Clyde Hargrove II.

The flowers on the Chapel Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sanders & Alice Fowler, Robert Ward Fowler & Bonnie Perloff Fowler.

April 24

The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of J. Pat Beaird, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. J. Pat Beaird, Kathryn Mehaffy Dixon and Judge Pat Mehaffy.

The flowers on the Chapel Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Ben Vitale and Mr. & Mrs. Travis Westmoreland.

BIRTHS

Thomas Charles Harrison, on January 17, 2022. Parents are Annelies & Seth Harrison.

Rowena Elizabeth Homes, on February 24, 2022. Parents are Catherine & Benjamin Homes. Grandparents are Mary Frances & Linc Coleman.

BAPTISMS

Timothy Houston Brown, III, son of Jennifer & Timothy Brown, on January 16, 2022.

You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. Amen.

DEATHS

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

Diane Simmons Lawrence, on February 27, 2022.

Wanda Dark Allen, mother of Lisa Hargrove, grandmother of Clyde and Billy Hargrove and Mae O'Brien, on March 17, 2022.

Laurice Goodrich, on March 28, 2022,

Dr. Donald Mack, father of **Cindy Mack**, grandfather of **Lindsay Atkins**, on March 28, 2022

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

APRIL 1

Suzanne Hearne Lindsey Humphrey

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Joanne Sigler George Jackson Sue Hansford Jeremy Knicely John Montelepre, III Sarah Thompson

Sean Peterson Jim Herrington Beckett Soignier

4 Lisa Love Ronnie Fontana Remi Locke Owen Porter Iulia Guthrie

5 Claire Hernandez Tripp Roemer

6

Roger Ennis Lois Ennis Linda Masterson Frances Thigpen Mary O'Neal Tandy Lewis William Soignier Joni Woodard

8

Sybil Patten Beth Reeks Bailey Monsour Emma Grayson

9

Bette Powell Mona Wachtel Caroline Sample

10

Frances Kennedy Holly Johnson Arthue Jenkins

11

Sonja Rogers Brian Homza Anne Elizabeth Knicely

Emily Powell

Ted Sherman
Marianne Comegys
Dan Koruna
Sarah Catherine Allen
Collier White

13

Mary Godwin

14

Kelly Rainwater

Lindsey O'Brien William Bartle Wiley Cotter Elizabeth White George Kneip

15 Bobby Pugh Tom Murphy Alexandra Williams Holland Peterson Parker Stage Andrew Thibodeaux

16
Jan Madison
John Giles
Bo Boyd
Denis Poljak
Scott Zimmer
Flizabeth Flberson

17 Clay Hollingsworth Tomeka Bowman Sam Porter Lola Overdyke

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Chris Hughes Bill Reyenga Katherine Douthitt Alan Berry

George Jonathan Hardtner

Charlotte White

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Tobin Grigsby

20

Charlotte Hill Tom Thigpen Jon Davis Sabrina Newell

21

Rodney Varnadore Porter Caraway

22

Kelly Hargrove Emily Roemer

23

Ann Conrad-Falter Ron Shotts Jimmy Scruggs Stacey Jones Matthew Brooks Frances Renda

24
Ginger Colquitt
Martha Nader
Clarence Babineaux
Glenn Adams
Lee Ann Smith
Reid Baldridge
Kayla Marsalis

Alex Monsour

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Kerie Palmer Chris Watt Travis Simmons Thomas Rsisher

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Andy Storer Katherine Nelson Caroline Brooks Anderson Davis Giovanni Giacalone

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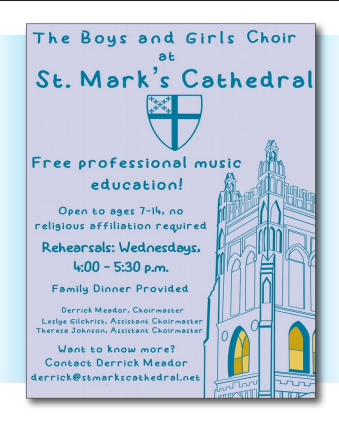
Diane Sino

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Dianna Sentell Mark Florsheim Jean Cottingham Margaret Brace Kristen Godwin I. Drummond

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Iris Jackson Jim Kirkland Chan Teague Caroline Sibley Steve Arnold Anne Lasseigne Liza Johnson





The St. Mark's Choirs will present Choral Evensong on

Sunday, April 3, 2022

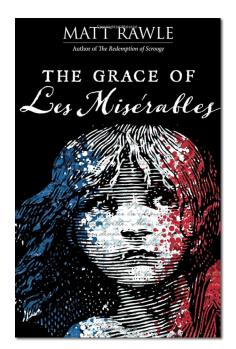
Please join us for this beautiful and contemplative service. Choral Evensong begins at 5:00 pm and immediately precedes the 6:00 pm Eucharist.

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.





Wednesday Night Book Group

Wednesday nights during Easter (April 20-May 25) the Wednesday Night Book Group will read and study "The Grace of Les Miserables" by Matt Rawle.

Book Overview: "Victor Hugo's Les Misérables is a truly epic story. Whether you've tackled the

1,400-page 19thcentury novel, witnessed the Broadway musical (and memorized its soundtrack), or seen the several screen adaptations of it, you already know the power of its story."

In the six-week study of *The Grace of Les Misérables*, author and pastor Matt Rawle dives into six ideals found in the story—grace, justice, poverty, revolution, love, and hope—each represented by a character in Hugo's story. As these imperfect and relatable characters interact, we can see how these ideals work together (perhaps even in spite of each other) out in the world.

In keeping with his previous works, Matt Rawle brings us to the intersection of Church and Pop Culture by drawing parallels between the iconic story and musical and our Christian calling, inspiring us to both understand our faith and live it out in the world."



St. Mark's Veterans War Memorial

St. Mark's Cathedral Veterans, and Families and Friends of our St. Mark's Veterans:

The St. Mark's WWI and WWII Veterans War Memorial has been refurbished and restored, and the restored Veterans Memorial will be located on an easel in the narthex of the Cathedral for viewing.

In keeping with the tradition of honoring our United States Veterans, we would like to create another memorial to honor all St. Mark's Cathedral Veterans who have served in United States Armed Services during a designated time of war or conflict since our previous memorial was created. Eligibility will be based on the criteria of the National Defense Service Medal, which is currently awarded to anyone who has served on active duty, or as an active reservist, in the United States Armed Forces during the Korean War (June 27, 1950 - July 27, 1954), Vietnam War (January 1, 1961 - August 14, 1974), Gulf Wars (August 2, 1990 - November 30, 1995) or the Global War on Terrorism (September 11, 2001 – Present). In this regard, we need your help in gathering the names of all eligible Veterans of whom you are aware, who are or were members of our Parish, before, during or after serving in the United States Armed Services. Please forward all names and any additional information of which you might be aware (including rank, branch of service, years of service, the military conflict in which they served and whether they died in service) to Lisa Love at lisallove6203@gmail.com.

The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; *
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul; *
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for his Name's sake.

Dear Friends,

During the Lenten season we hear and read Scripture about the pain and suffering that Jesus accepted and endured on his path to becoming our friend and savior; Christ the Messiah. Lent is a time we turn inward with intention, and we seek the courage and grace to walk upon ground in our hearts, minds, and souls that is wounded and in need of healing.



Some of us find that we are walking upon that ground through other times and seasons as well. Despair, crisis, hardship, shame, grief – these are realities that each of us carry. Often we don't know where to turn, and we might feel that we have to swim in these deep waters alone; however, that is not true.

God does not promise a "pass" from these difficulties in our lives; instead, God promises the presence of His son, and promises us one another. I believe that God is pleased and heaven rejoices when we reach out for companionship in our sorrow, grief, and anger in life.

A Stephen Minister may be the companion for whom you have been waiting. Stephen Ministers are "one-on-one" Christian companions who listen confidentially, and are spiritually present during another's time of need. I have found such companions so helpful and transformative in my own life.

If you are feeling that a Stephen Minister might be helpful to you, please contact one of the following:

The Reverend Dr. Rowena White The Very Reverend Thomas Nsubuga Rosemary Lafargue Pat Viser Rowena@stmarkscathedral.net Thomas@stmarkscathedral.net robolafar@comcast.net pat@viserproductions.com

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



For a while, I thought it was like the Loch Ness monster

or Sasquatch. People said it existed, but I'd never seen it, and nobody was able to tell me how I could. But finally, I found it, and it was as amazing as I'd imagined.

No, it wasn't a rare novel or comic book worth millions. In fact, it had no monetary value at all. But to someone who has spent his adult life either doing or thinking about youth ministry (and who has also been a longtime reader and lover of Dietrich Bonhoeffer), it was mind-boggling. There, resting at the end of Volume 12 of the "Dietrich Bonhoeffer Works," hidden in an appendix, was "Eight Theses on Youth Work."

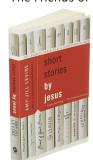
Nobody knows when Bonhoeffer wrote this short essay, but it was clearly a major part of his most consistent pastoral experience. It's hard for many to believe, but Bonhoeffer spent his entire pastoral ministry, from 1925 to 1939, with either children or youth. All of it! And he wrote these theses toward the end of that period, after years of experience with young people, and writing other theological essays and books.

Bonhoeffer's eight theses have a lot to teach Christians today, especially as we struggle to help young people hold on to their faith during the transition from adolescence to adulthood. At a time when many are concerned about the "rise of the nones" and young people "drifting away" from faith, Bonhoeffer has much wisdom to offer. And as is so often the case with Bonhoeffer, he speaks to us in surprising and unexpected ways. https://faithandleadership.com/andrew-root-take-it-bonhoeffer-there-no-christian-youth

– Andy Root, "Faith and Leadership," September 8, 2014. "Take it from Bonhoeffer – there is no 'Christian youth'"

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).



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).

Children's Christian Formation

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 (K-3 – 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!



Sunday Lectionary study Ministry Center Garden Room

The Good Steward

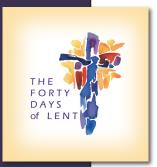
A family counselor's favorite bit of advice is, "Love is a four letter word spelled T-I-M-E." She maintains that the best way to prove your love for anyone is to spend time with them ... and for them. The greatest of all commandments is this: "Love the Lord your God." That too involves our time. God loved us first, the Bible records. It is good for us to remember that God proved his love by giving us his time ... time to share our sorrows, time to teach, time to pay the supreme sacrifice, time for everything we needed. As always, God gave in generous measure. How sad then, for us to give so little time in return. We, of course, are the losers! Someone has quipped: "We are now stuck with a sixty minute God." It would be another matter if we didn't much need God's company, or if this world of ours didn't require more loving acts of Christian service. Everywhere empty hearts and broken lives beg silently for some help. The sixty minute God can hardly begin to deal with all these problems, but the real God can do it. Spend some time where it counts. Spend some time in God's presence to have your own empty heart filled, and spend some time in God's service filling the needs of people.





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.



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