

Living on the Other Side of a Miracle



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"Truth, by which the world is held together, has sprung from the earth, in order to be carried about in a woman's arms."

A writer I return to again and again is Louisiana writer Walker Percy. Percy was born in Greenville, Mississippi, attended medical school, contracted tuberculosis, and then turned to reading and writing during his convalescence leaving medicine

behind. Percy was a late convert to Christianity, and speaks clearly for some about the ins and outs of adult faith in the modern world. Percy once said, ***"Suppose you ask God for a miracle . . . and God says yes, very well . . . How do you live the rest of your life?"***

Living on the other side of Christmas can sometimes feel like facing the chores on the morning after the big party. We have to get life back into the frame, get things back on track, cleaning up the remains of the deep indulgences of the "holiday season." And if there has been a bit too much merriment, we may find ourselves looking for a nap and the aspirin bottle.

However, the life of the Church, and the celebration of Christ's birth, is not something to be put back into the closet under the stairs. If we are attending on Sundays, if we are listening closely to the readings, we see and hear that the invitation is anything but putting the "reason for the season" into the closet under the stairs.

Epiphany - ἐπιφάνεια is the season of manifestation, appearance, and revelations. We move ahead from Christmas knowing that God indeed became one of us. Therefore life in this world is forever changed because we know that God, the world's maker, has come into our midst. And so Walker Percy is asking a very good question – what do you do? How do we

St. Mark's Cathedral Annual Meeting

January 29, 2023

Immediately after the 10:30 a.m.
service, in the Parish Hall.

Annual reports will be given, Vestry elections
will be held, and lunch will be served.

Everybody come!

Vestry Slate Announced

Pursuant to the by-laws of St. Mark's Cathedral, the Nominating Committee has nominated the following persons to be elected at the Annual Meeting to be held on Sunday, January 29, 2023 to serve four year terms on the Vestry of St. Mark's Cathedral:

David Drummond

John Turnage

Paul Guidry

Reid Jones

Val Irion

live - on the other side of a miracle? Now that we know God is near, how do you live the rest of your life?

I remember as a boy hearing folks talk of living so that it is Christmas morning every day of the year; I never really understood what they meant. However, now that I have some years and miles in the saddle, I believe I am beginning to understand. Christ is as near every day as we would like Him to be; every day we can draw near to the mystery of the

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

JANUARY 1, 2023

The Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Numbers 6:22-27

Psalms 8

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:15-21

JANUARY 8, 2023

***The First Sunday after the Epiphany:
The Baptism of our Lord***

Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalms 29

Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 3:13-17

JANUARY 15, 2023

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 49:1-7

Psalms 40:1-12

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

John 1:29-42

JANUARY 22, 2023

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 9:1-4

Psalms 27:1, 5-13

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Matthew 4:12-23

JANUARY 29, 2023

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Micah 6:1-8

Psalms 15

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Matthew 5:1-12

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manger, the animals, the shepherds, the wise men, and sometimes the angels. Epiphany gives us the invitation of bringing others with us. Bringing others who might need the medicine that is only heaven's to give. Bringing others who have not yet discovered that the best portion of a person's life lay in discovering that this baby, this carpenter, this Good Shepherd, this Saviour, is the companion our lives have been longing to know.

Living as though each day, each night, we are looking for the sign from heaven, looking for the star of God's promise in our lives, we move in that direction – living day by day knowing that our days are in God's hands. The manifestation of Epiphany is helping others to see where God may be appearing in life; and by helping others see and hear, we will become more adept at seeing and hearing for ourselves.

Blessings and Godspeed this Epiphany season,

Alston Johnson, Dean - St. Mark's

Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts

Did you ever wonder why you are good at some things and not so good at others? Did you ever wonder why it takes so much more effort to accomplish some tasks and ministries than others?

Discovering Your God Given Gifts is a seminar designed to help us be successful in the ministries and good deeds God has prepared for us to do.

This seminar will be offered to members of St. Mark's **January 13th and 14th** in the Garden Room. Friday night beginning at 6:00 pm until 9:00pm; then 9:00 am through 1:00 pm. Fr. Paul Martin has been through training and has led many of these seminars and will be leading us during this seminar.

IT IS IMPERATIVE that you sign up for this seminar as we will need to have materials ordered. Friday night, sandwiches will be available and a continental breakfast on Saturday.

Childcare will be made available if requested.

Bring your "mark up" Bible and an open mind with you.

Wouldn't be great to know what you are gifted by God to do AND what you are not gifted by God to do? This is your chance.



FAMILY AND FRIENDS, INC.

Weekday Worship at the Cathedral

Wednesday

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.)



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

meets every weekday morning in the field across from the parking lot.

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

Children's Christian Formation

Nursery (newborn to K3 - 3 years old by September 30th)

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 pm

First floor of Parish building next to Catechesis Atriums

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)

9:30 – 10:30 am Sunday school (4th – 5th grade)

Second floor of Parish building in the old nursery location

9:30– 10:30 am Sunday school (6th-8th grade)

Ministry Center Youth Lounge

9:30 -10:30 am Sunday school (9th-12th grade)

Ministry Center Youth Room



Adult Christian Formation

9:30 a.m.

9:30 a.m. N.T. Wright's biography of Paul

Ministry Center Garden Room

Oblationers Needed

Our Hospitality Committee invites parishioners (families, adult singles, siblings, friends) to serve as oblationers (gift bearers) at the 10:30 a.m. Sunday service. This is a meaningful way to serve the faith community. For more information please contact **Kathy Williams** at 469-9211.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JANUARY 1

Carson Jones

2

Michele Hardtner

3

Anne Mitchell

Helen Herzog

John Godwin

Faye Aaron

Mae Smitherman

John Paul Grigsby

4

Nickolas Gore

Andrea Giacalone

Mary O'Brien

Sean Stott

Tripp Fritze

5

Sunni Burgess

Charlotte Walter

Mike Ameen

Curt McClure

Erin Dicharry

Jennifer Jones

Meredith Waltman

6

Marti Westmoreland

Julia Popwell Ameen

7

Eron Brainard

Caroline Turnage

Joanintah Najiggwe

8

Conrad Langston

Robert Johnson

Alice Jones

9

Holly Marshall

Jack Carlisle

Madeline Crawford

Dawn Baxter

Beth Cantrell

Brady Howard

10

Yulonda Mayo

Ben Hodges

Mary Katherine Clark

Teddy McMurry

Emile Jackson

11

Alden Woods

12

Sherry Martin

Camille Lofton

Reilly Weber

Mobley Carnie

Gus Lea

Pierce Drummond

13

Jennifer Varnadore

14

Andy Hodges

John David Stewart

Tim Brown

Sloan Hall

Gardner McInnis

Maisey McInnis

Derek Holtsclaw

Derrick Meador

15

Henry McMurry

16

Drew Larremore

Nancy Mobley

Katie Mitchell

Corinne Peterson

17

Pat Turnage

Chadd Bylsma

Brady Thompson

Thomas Harrison

18

Carol Gamble

Rick Fisher

Allie Marler

19

Sherry Batchelor

Katherine Van Hook

Gloria Haynes

20

Christy Porter

Mary Margaret Thomas

Julian Weaver

21

George Plaxco

Claire Rebouche

Donna McGaunn

Paris Marsalis

Mary Catherine Kneip

22

Emily Pressly

Theresa Johnson

John Godfrey

24

Sara Herrington

Briggs Mobley

25

Jett Trudeau

Gary Love

Kelly Crawford

Lissa Grounsell

Phillip Douget

Evan LeBleu

26

Theresa Meldrum

Renee Deupree

Robin Quinn

27

Jackie Cooper

Dru Florsheim

Blain Coady

Kathryn Eldredge

28

Merritt Chastain

Henry Coutret

Foster Gavin

29

Julian Weber

Kelly Larremore

Katherine Russo

Youree Anderson

30

Rachel Stari

Catherine Schoonover

Isabella Foster

Connor Peterson

31

Cindy Millen

Henry Byrd

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

January 1

The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dorothy & Bill Wene Smith and Kendall Ann Smith.

The flowers on the Chapel Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert E. Turner.

January 8

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 Greta E. Swenson.

January 15

The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of The Friend Family, The Woodard Family, Mr. & Mrs. C.S. Dean, Sr., and Mike Dean.

The flowers on the Chapel Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. H. Murphy and Martha Yearwood, Ginny Barkley Hollingsworth, Brooks Yearwood and Bonnie Yearwood.

January 22

The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Carolyn Querbes Nelson, Nell and George Nelson, Katherine and Justin Querbes.

The flowers on the Chapel Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of TBD.

January 29

The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Frank John (Jack) Reeks, Sr.

The flowers on the Chapel Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Val A. Lyons.

BAPTISMS

Broderick Duane Knox, Jr. & Ariana Pearl Knox, son and daughter of Celte & Broderick Knox, on December 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.

Sara Hearne, wife of Henry Hearne, on November 30, 2022.

William Charles Ehrhardt, father of Kimberly McGlothlin, grandfather of Bowen & Eleanor McGlothlin, on December 5, 2022.

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

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!



Join us for 7 am Eucharists

by Sanders Hearne

Several years ago, before I retired, I began regularly attending the Wednesday morning 7 AM Eucharist in the Chapel at St. Mark's Cathedral. In years past I had attended the early morning Eucharist services during Lent and I knew what to expect. At that time in my life, a period of quiet spirituality to begin my workday just seemed to make sense and was certainly needed. I needed a way to be intentional about my approach to the workday ahead. The Wednesday 7AM Eucharist served that purpose for me.

All of our clergy periodically officiate and they celebrate using the Rite 1 liturgy. The service usually lasts around 30 minutes or less. The readings follow our Lectionary and there is always a short homily which is frequently related to one of the readings for the day or a history lesson related to the Saint that is being remembered that day. Not that there has ever been a "dress code" at St. Mark's, but, everyone dresses

very very casually (jeans or exercise clothes are perfect!). After the service, it is easy to grab a cup of coffee from the parlor kitchen and be on your way or hang around for a short visit.

I started my habit 15 years ago and I've never given it up! It was not and is not an obligation. It is something that I personally enjoy and it has continued to be a meaningful and quiet beginning to my morning in a busy secular world. As an extra bonus, I have gotten to know our clergy much better. I have also been drawn closer to those who also attend regularly. I am much more aware of what is happening at the church and in the lives of my fellow parishoners. This has provided another way to be connected to our church community. The 7 AM Eucharist has truly been a blessing for me.

Come and join us. I know you will love it as I do and you will be glad you made the effort.

Music & Worship

COME SING WITH US!

The Boys and Girls Choir at St. Mark's Cathedral

Free professional music education!
Open to ages 7-14,
no religious affiliation required

Rehearsals: Wednesdays, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Family Dinner Provided

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Cathedral School News

by Dr. Chris Carter, Headmaster
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Happy New Year from your Cathedral School! Our students enjoyed their Christmas break but are glad to be back in school with friends with whom to Pray, Play, and Learn every day! Over the holidays new flooring was stalled in the 1st and 2nd floor corridors and painting began on the 3rd floor. We are excited to freshen up our space and thank the Parents' Club for funding these projects.

We will have two important admissions events in January. On Jan. 20, we invite our own current 5th graders and any prospective 6th grade students to visit the Middle School, and we have special presentations for students and parents. Anyone with a 5th grade student who might be interested in attending St. Mark's for Middle School should contact us for more information about this day. On Jan. 24, we will have our general Open House with tours of the school from 9-1 and 5:30-6:30. Anyone who is interested in learning more about any grade level or division at St. Mark's is welcome to attend. And of course, if the Open House date isn't convenient for you, we are always happy to give private tours anytime to prospective families. Parishioners do have priority for both admission and financial aid, so don't hesitate to contact us to learn more about St. Mark's Cathedral School!



Accepting the Invitation of Generosity

The Acton Institute blog pointed to a recent short video of Denzel Washington offering some spontaneous career advice to a group of young actors.

I pray that you all put your shoes way under the bed at night so that you got to get on your knees in the morning when you wake up to find them. While you're down there, thank God for grace and mercy and understanding. We all fall short of the glory ... but if you just start thinking about all the things you got to say "thank you" for, that's a day. That's easily a day! You'll never see a U-Haul behind a hearse ... Now, I've been blessed to make hundreds of millions of dollars in my life. I can't take it with me, and neither can you. It's not how much you have but what you do with what you

have. And we all have different gifts: some money, some love, some patience, some the ability to touch people. But we all have it. Use it. Share it. That's what counts.
— Denzel Washington

The season of Epiphany and the New Year give us an opportunity to accept the invitation of generosity and stewardship in our lives. If you have made a pledge or gift to the ongoing ministry of St. Mark's Cathedral – Thank You!

If you are still in discernment about giving to the Church for the sake of Christian ministry and the witness of the Gospel in our community – please contact a member of the Clergy or the Vestry.

We depend upon and celebrate the giving of each member of our community.

Many Blessing and Godspeed, Alston Johnson, Dean

STEWARDSHIP



Members of the Vestry of St. Mark's Cathedral

Bill Kalmbach, Senior Warden – Lisa Love, Junior Warden – Murray Viser, Treasurer – John Reeks, Chancellor

2022	2023	2024	2025
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