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Deaths

I.V. Hastings, husband of **Bettie Hastings**, on December 30, 2022.

Happy Birthday

January 8	10	13
Conrad Langston	Yulonda Mayo	Jennifer Varnadore
Robert Johnson	Ben Hodges	
Alice Jones	Mary Katherine Clark	14
	Teddy McMurry	Andy Hodges
9	Emile Jackson	John David Stewart
Holly Marshall		Tim Brown
Jack Carlisle	11	Sloan Hall
Madeline Crawford	Alden Woods	Gardner McInnis
Dawn Baxter		Maisey McInnis
Beth Cantrell	12	Derek Holtsclaw
Brady Howard	Sherry Martin	Derrick Meador
	Camille Lofton	
	Reilly Weber	
	Mobley Carnie	
	Gus Lea	
	Pierce Drummond	

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Community

Join us this Friday, January 6, for our Epiphany service and activities! We will have Eucharist at 5:30 pm in the Chapel, followed by the burning of the greens in the Courtyard. We then will head up to the Parish Hall for family activities and snack.

Mark your calendars for our Annual meeting on January 29 immediately after the 10:30 am service. We will gather in the Parish Hall for lunch and the meeting. We will hear reports from our various departments and elect a new slate of Vestry members.

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**
- Paul Guidry**
- Val Irion**
- Reid Jones**
- John Turnage**

If you are interested in learning more about the Episcopal Church, an Inquirers/Confirmation Class will begin in February on Wednesday evenings after the Wednesday Night Dinner. The first class will begin on **February 1** at 6:00 pm. To register, please contact Priscilla McLean, priscilla@stmarkscathedral.net

To love and serve Christ.

To love and serve each other in Christ.

To love and serve the world for Christ.

EYC returns from break this Sunday, Jan. 8 in the Youth Room 5:30-7:00 pm. All kids Grades 6-12 are welcome to join us for food, fun, and fellowship! We will also have a quick parent meeting afterwards at 7:00 pm so please plan to come inside and join us before pick up! Email smceyc318@gmail.com to be added to our contact list!

Do you want to read the Bible in 2023? You can, and with accountability from friends at St. Mark's! A group of Parishioners is using the Bible in one Year app. You can read it or listen to it. Each day includes passages from a Psalm or Proverb, the New Testament, and the Old Testament along with a daily commentary from Nicky and Pippa Gumbel, leaders of Holy Trinity Brompton (HTB) Church in London. Choose the Classic version (25 minutes) or shorter Express or Youth versions (both around 15 minutes).

Check out <https://bibleinoneyear.org/en/> to download the app. E-mail [Lauren Thibodeaux](mailto:thiblauren@gmail.com) at thiblauren@gmail.com to join our St. Mark's Bible in 2023 Accountability GroupMe group. We will encourage one another and share thoughts and discussions in the GroupMe app.

The Cathedral is working on creating a "living document" of a digital directory for our parish. What we need is for you and your family to upload photos that might be used in a Church directory. We also need you to update any defunct contact information. Priscilla McLean can help you with the navigation of the Realm site. Please email her - Priscilla@stmarkscathedral.net if you need some assistance.

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 13 and 14** in the Garden Room. Friday night beginning at 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm; then 9:00 am through 1:00 pm Saturday. 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.

We are again looking for volunteers to staff the front desk! We are looking for someone to work Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Fridays from 11:00 am till 2:00 pm. You can work every week or once a month, whatever your schedule can fit. **Contact Priscilla McLean, priscilla@stmarkscathedral.net**

Sunday Readings

The Baptism of Our Lord
Isaiah 42:1-9 * Acts 10:34-43
Matthew 3:13-17

Thoughts from the Dean and the Stewardship Team

Stewarding God's time in my life involves these questions:
Am I giving sacrificially of my time and talents to the church and to others?
How many of my free hours are spent each week doing things that serve or entertain myself?
Am I using all my talents in ways that are God-pleasing?
Do I believe that God will bless me with adequate time to do everything expected if I give generously of my time and talents to others?

Upcoming Events

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| January 6 | Epiphany service 5:30 pm
Chapel |
| | Burning of the greens 6:00pm
Courtyard |
| January 13 -14 | Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts
6:00 pm Friday
9:00 am Saturday |
| January 29 | Annual meeting & lunch 11:45 am
Parish Hall |