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### Baptisms

Rowena Elizabeth Minor, daughter of Catherine Coleman & Benjamin Homes, on February 17, 2023.

### Happy Birthday

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| <b>February 26</b><br>Hugh Walmsley<br>Danielle Dean<br>Mary-Hallie Merckle                         | <b>March 1</b><br>Patsy Stroud<br>Scott Fritze  | <b>4</b><br>Cherie Sealy<br>Judy Werner<br>Phil Lattier<br>Jane Thomas<br>Robert Russell<br>Cook Douthitt |
| <b>27</b><br>Jon Q=Petersen<br>Thompson Berry<br>Donna Touchstone<br>Samantha Powers<br>Corey Smith | <b>2</b><br>John Hyatt<br>Lee Grigsby<br>Taylor Weir<br>Johnette Huguley  |   |
| <b>28</b><br>Caroline Reeks<br>Rowen Guthikonda   | <b>3</b><br>Wade Culbertson<br>Christopher Marsalis<br>Ava Burch<br>Emily Merckle<br>Mae Horn<br>Leah Nansubuga |   |

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# THE MESSENGER

### Community

**Our daily Monday- Friday 7:00 am Lenten Eucharists are underway.** Join us in the Chapel.

**Join us for our 2023 Lenten series!** There is a lot that goes on behind the scenes at St. Mark's. Most of this goes unnoticed and yet is greatly appreciated by both the providers and the receivers. This Lenten Season we are pleased to share with you some of these ministries by bringing you some of the people behind them. They will be sharing with us what these ministries have meant to them and why they continue to do what they do. Please join us **every Wednesday at 5:30 pm** in the Parish Hall **beginning this Wednesday** for the Evening Prayer and supper to hear and celebrate our ministries.

**March 1** EfM (Alumni) / RBL (Pat Viser / Pamela Peak)

**March 8** Choir / Youth (Derrick Meador / Sarah Wilkes)

**March 15** Altar Guild / Acolyte (Rebecca Bryant / Jacques Lasseigne)

**March 22** Stephen Ministry / Spiritual Direction (Rowena)

**March 29** Community Ministries / Cooking Crew (Candace Higginbotham / Jennifer Beruvides)

**We are looking for a few SOUPER teams** to make a light Lenten meal/soup on Wednesday evenings during Lent. **Contact Jennifer Beruvides at [jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net](mailto:jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net) for more information.**

To love and serve Christ.

To love and serve each other in Christ.

To love and serve the world for Christ.

**It's a well-known tradition for Christians to give up something as part of a Lenten discipline.** At St. Mark's, a Lenten tradition for almost 20 years has been The Fasting Fund. As part of our Lenten observance, parishioners are asked to forego one or two meals a week and put the average cost of the missed meals in one of the wicker baskets placed beside the steps leading to the Chancel and altar rail or on the small table in the back of the chapel. This year, the Fasting Fund will go to Jewell House, a transitional living facility for homeless girls ages 13 – 21. Jewell House was the first shelter in north Louisiana designed specifically to serve homeless girls and remains the only one to provide shelter beyond 21 days. From its inception, Youth Outreach Services has had a consistent record of success.

**We are proud to introduce 5 Loaves and 2 Fish!**

They serve Shreveport with multiple ministries: food bank, diaper bank, bible studies, life learning classes, weekend conferences, and summer camps. ALL events and ministries are based and centered around Christian teachings and values. **St. Mark's will be helping with a diaper drive for the month of MARCH.** Please bring any size/quantity diapers to the church office. Volunteers are also needed a few times a month to pack food boxes and distribute food. You can visit their website [5loaves-2fish.life](http://5loaves-2fish.life) for more information on what they do and who they are. If you would like to contribute monetarily contact Jennifer Beruvides at [jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net](mailto:jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net).

**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, March 31.**

**Were you married at St. Mark's?** If so, would you like to be part of St. Mark's pictorial wedding history? St. Mark's Cathedral maintains a beautiful Wedding Album of all the couples who were married in the Cathedral since the 50's. If you would like to be a part of this fun tradition, please provide us a picture (color or black and white) of your choice no bigger than an 8" x 10".

1. Submit a digital photo (color or black and white, preferably a jpeg or pdf) which can be printed, by emailing [gdamlouji@gmail.com](mailto:gdamlouji@gmail.com).
2. Drop your wedding photo off at the church's office to the attention of Mary Alice Rountree or Gerry Damlouji. Please be sure to include the bride and groom's full name and date married with your picture. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Alice Rountree at 318-464-8004 or Gerry Damlouji at 318-820-9012.

### *Sunday Readings*

The First Sunday in Lent  
Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-17 \* Romans 5:12-19  
Matthew 4:1-11

## Thoughts from the Dean and the Stewardship Team

During this Lenten season and for the rest of the year we have a chance to give back a little of what has been given to us. There are a number of ways to show our love by giving our time, our money, or our talents. We must learn to give every day to add our little bit to that which Christ gave to us during that Easter season long ago.

## Upcoming Events

February 26	EYC Bowling 5:30 pm
March 5	Recital – Aaron Wilson 4:30 pm Choral Evensong 5:00 pm Cathedral
March 11	Cathedral Clean-up Day 9:00 am
March 18 & 19	Crystal & David Downing
March 26	Parish Breakfast 9:00 am Parish Hall