

## Schedule for Holy Week & Easter



**April 2** - 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 3** - Monday in Holy Week  
7:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

**April 4** - Tuesday in Holy Week  
7:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

**April 5** - Wednesday in Holy Week  
7:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

**April 6** - Maundy Thursday  
7:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar

**April 7** - Good Friday  
12:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy and Holy Eucharist  
from the Reserve Sacrament

**April 9** - The Sunday of the Resurrection  
Easter Day  
6:00 a.m. Sunrise Service  
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
9:30 a.m. Flowering of the Cross  
10:30 a.m. Festival Holy Eucharist



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*"The Bible tells us to love our neighbors, and also to love our enemies; probably because generally they are the same people." – G.K. Chesterton*

Dear Friends,

I hope that you are well and enjoying the prospect of a joyous Easter season following our Lenten journey. I would like to interest you in a current project that has the hallmark of "death and Resurrection."

A few weeks ago I attended a presentation by St. Mark's members Oliver Jenkins and Skip Simonton about the significant residential "blight" within many neighborhoods of Shreveport. Regardless of whether we live in Highland, Southern Trace, Cross Lake, Spring Lake or Bossier, it is nearly impossible to travel through our city without encountering a few blocks with abandoned and deteriorating housing.

What I learned in Oliver's talk is that these abandoned properties are used as bunkers and depots for any number of illegal activities – from drug storage, sales, and distribution, to prostitution and other illegal activity. The families living near these abandoned houses are subject to the regular traffic and

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

### APRIL 2, 2023 *Palm Sunday*

Isaiah 50 :4-9a  
Psalm 31 :9-16  
Philippians 2 :5-11  
Matthew 27 :11-54

### APRIL 9, 2023 *Easter Day*

Acts 10 :34-43  
Psalm 118 :1-2, 14-24  
Colossians 3 :1-4  
John 20 :1-18

### APRIL 16, 2023 *The Second Sunday of Easter*

Acts 2 :14a, 22-32  
Psalm 16  
1 Peter 1 :3-9  
John 20 :19-31

### APRIL 23, 2023 *The Third Sunday of Easter*

10:30 am, Holy Eucharist & Baptism

Acts 2:14a, 36-41  
Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17  
1 Peter 1:17-23  
Luke 24: 13-35

### APRIL 30, 2023 *The Fourth Sunday of Easter*

Acts 2 :42-47  
Psalm 23  
1 Peter 2 :19-25  
John 10 :1-10

## 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.)



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populace that supports such vice, and those who profit from it.

*"We asked the Shreveport Police Department to provide some crime statistics to assess our efforts. The "average calls for service" decreased more than 10% in the six months after the demos compared to the six months prior, and even more dramatic when comparing it to pre-covid numbers where there was a 40% drop. Both the qualitative and quantitative data validated our approach."*

Oliver Jenkins and Skip Simonton have created a group called, "Love Your Neighbor," as a means by which to accelerate the demolition of properties designated by the City of Shreveport as abandoned and slated for demolition. This organization is raising money and volunteers to help remove blighted properties, vehicles, and undergrowth that plague the aesthetics and safety of these neighborhoods. The work is being done by The Shreveport Volunteer Network and local contractors willing to take on this important work.

The immediate and visible transformations in these neighborhoods is both creating good will and the potential for some form of reinvestment in these areas; and perhaps most importantly it is reducing the crime endured by the local families. The goal is to accelerate this process.

*As a follow-on to our original project, we are actively seeking \$74,000 to demolish another 20 dilapidated homes in inner city neighborhoods. The Mayor has recently announced a campaign to demolish 35 properties across the city. Our initiative is not to compete with the city's plans but rather to augment the effort. The city historically budgets for removing less than 75 structures a year and there are currently more than 375 approved for demolition and more than 1,000 in various stages of property standards violations awaiting determination. Our proposal leverages momentum, demonstrates to the residents and stakeholders that change is possible, and that if people are willing to invest their time, energy and resources, the broader community will support them disproportionately. Waiting several years for the city to remove additional blight would be dilutive to the overall effect.*

Skip and Oliver need \$74,000 . . . if you would like more information and to offer support, please be in contact with: Love Your Neighbor 212 Texas St, Suite 201 Shreveport, LA 71101. If you would like to see photographs and stats supporting the good of this project – visit: <https://thecarpentersnail.blog/2023/03/27/love-your-neighbor-shreveport-blight/> - look for post on Shreveport Blight.

*Blessings and Godspeed,  
Alston*



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





### 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!



## Saint Mark's 2023 Music Camp

Grades 2 -12

Monday-Friday, July 10-14  
8:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 16  
9:00 a.m. – Rehearsal  
10:30 a.m. – Performance

Camp Instructors:  
Heather Hooper  
Leslye Gilchrist  
Theresa Johnson  
Derrick Meador

For more information, please  
contact Derrick Meador at  
[derrick@stmarkscathedral.net](mailto:derrick@stmarkscathedral.net)

## 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

Want to know more?  
Contact Derrick Meador  
[derrick@stmarkscathedral.net](mailto:derrick@stmarkscathedral.net)



## Vocal Recital

Dr. Janani Sridhar,  
*soprano*  
Assistant Professor of Music,  
Centenary College

Sunday,  
April 23, 2023  
2:00 p.m.

St. Mark's Cathedral  
908 Rutherford St.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### APRIL 1

Suzanne Hearne  
Lindsey Humphrey

2

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

3

Beckett Soignier  
Jim Herrington  
Sean Peterson  
Jonathan Hardtner

4

Lisa Love  
Julia Guthrie  
Owen Porter  
McKenzie Kirkman  
Remi Locke

5

Jill Turnage  
Tripp Roemer  
Claire Hernandez  
Susan Johnson

6

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

Linda Masterson  
7  
Peyton Lawrence

8

Sybil Patten  
Beth Reeks  
Emma Grayson  
Bailey Monsour

9

Mona Wachtel  
Caroline Sample  
Bette Powell  
Keely Verges

10

Susan Smelley  
Holly Johnson  
Frances Kennedy  
Arthur Jenkins

11

Phillip Johnson  
Sonja Rogers  
Brian Homza  
Alex Manco  
Anne Elizabeth Knicely  
Emily Powell

12

Ted Sherman  
Marianne Comegys  
Collier White  
Sarah Catherine Allen  
Dan Koruna

13

Mary Godwin

14

Brandy McNeill  
Elizabeth White  
Wiley Cotter  
Lindsey O'Brien  
Eulamae Moore  
Kelly Rainwater  
William Bartle  
George Kneip

15

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

16

Jan Madison  
John Giles  
Scott Zimmer  
Denis Poljak  
Bo Boyd  
Elizabeth Elbersen

17

Clay Hollingsworth  
Tomeka Bowman  
Lola Overdyke  
Sam Porter

18

Chris Hughes  
Charlotte White  
Alan Berry  
George Jonathan Hardtner  
Bill Reyenga

Katherine Douthitt  
19  
Tobin Grigsby

20

Tom Thigpen  
Charlotte Hill  
Jon Davis  
Sabrina Newell

21

Rodney Varnadore  
Porter Caraway  
William Hall

22

Emily Roemer  
Kelly Hargrove

23

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

24

Ginger Colquitt  
Martha Nader  
Clarence Babineaux  
Glenn Adams  
Lee Ann Smith  
Alex Monsour  
Reid Baldrige  
Kayla Marsalis

25

Travis Simmons  
Kerie Kay Palmer  
Peyton Johnson  
Chris Watt  
Mary Helen Skeadas  
Thomas Risher

26

Anderson Davis  
Caroline Brooks  
Giovanni Giacalone  
Katherine Nelson  
Andy Storer

27

David Smelley

28

Diane Sino

29

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

30

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

## Cathedral School News

by the Rev. Ely Bulnes, School Chaplain

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### Homophones

In my experience, one of the hardest parts of speaking English as a second language are the homophones. When words sound alike but they have different meanings. That may be confusing for me, if I am not attentive.

For example:

By / buy / bye – I will pass by the store to buy a present to say good-bye to my friend.

Here / hear – I want to sit here so I can hear well.

Hour / our – We have one hour before our appointment.

For / four – I have four presents for my friend.

This happened to me, some years ago, with the word “Lent,”



the season we are celebrating now in church. The first time I heard about Lent, I was confused because whenever I heard “Lent” I thought of “lint” – the fluffy stuff you find in your dryer. Then I realized the words sound alike but they have different meanings. However, I think there is an interesting connection between “Lent” and “Lint” because our dryers get messy and don’t work right when we don’t clean up the lint.

In the same way, the season of Lent is a time for cleaning up our hearts and spirits. A time when our Lord Jesus is calling us to repentance and real changes in our lives. A time to make resolutions that will help us honor God and be better Christians. Let’s meditate on this as we walk during these 40 days of Lent.

*Gracias for reading and many blessings,  
Chaplain B.*

## MEMORIAL FLOWERS

### April 2: Palm Sunday

#### April 9

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 Fowler, Jr., Alice Fowler, Robert Ward Fowler and Bonnie Perloff Fowler.

#### April 16

The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Muriel Porta Cofer and John W. Cofer, Jr.

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

#### April 23

The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Richard Davis McDougall.

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.

#### April 30

The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. William H. Barnwell, II.

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

## DEATHS

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

**Frances Wilson**, on February 6, 2023.

**William R. (Randy) Fair**, on February 25, 2023.

**Leland Fletcher**, father of **Lory Tubbs & Holly Fletcher**, on March 3, 2023.

**Andre Boutté**, brother of **Ron Boutté**, on March 8, 2023.

**Mickey Brown**, husband of **Denise Brown**, on March 18, 2023.

**Jeanne Laree Berg**, sister of **Jack Berg**, on March 24, 2023.

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

## BIRTHS

**Clarence Richard Yancey**, on March 16, 2023.

Parents are **Mary Martha & Richard Yancey**. Big sister is **Mary Helen Yancey**. Grandparents are **Lynn & Steve Yancey**.



## Help for Shriners Hospital

Shriners children's hospital is in need of waiting room snacks and activities. Ideas for items needed include snack size: crackers, goldfish, cookies, baby snacks, fruit snacks, juice boxes, small water bottles, and small/short books. Please leave your donations in the church office. For questions or donations contact **Jennifer Beruvides** at [jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net](mailto:jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net).

## Expectant Moms of St. Mark's



If you are or know anyone who is expecting a child our committee is up and running and is looking for mommies to be. Please contact us at [bess@stmarkscathedral.net](mailto:bess@stmarkscathedral.net) or sign up on our website under family ministries. We hope to welcome mothers into our community. We look forward to hearing from you soon.



## 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.



## What Is Education For Ministry?

By Jason Waltman

Education for Ministry (hereinafter EfM) is a four (4) year curriculum for people seeking a deeper understanding of Christian faith and theology. Developed at Sewanee, the class includes the Old Testament, New Testament, Church History and Theological texts written by a diverse group of scholars. Following the academic calendar, one year is dedicated to each of the four topics. The class is limited to twelve people who meet once a week for approximately two hours from September to May to discuss the assigned reading. Each class has a facilitator trained in the curriculum and methodology of EfM.

However, the participants provide the content of each meeting as they share their responses and insights to the assigned material.

In addition to the four substantive topics, the curriculum includes a workbook that guides students through a structured method of theological reflection. The workbook contains techniques to assist students as they contemplate faith and how it influences them individually and collectively. In short, theological reflections strive to uncover how God, through His Word and Spirit, is incarnate in every aspect of our lives.

One fascinating aspect of EfM is that it is not required that all members of the class be enrolled in the same year of study. Our current class has students in year one, year three and year four. So each week there is discussion regarding the Old Testament, Church History and Theology. Each year's curriculum informs and expands the other topics. Understanding the Old Testament sheds light on the twists and turns in Church History. While even a cursory review of Church History creates insight into how different, authors

approach theology. The four (4) year curriculum fits together like a novel forming a complete story of God's persistent call to each of us.

Personally, the EfM experience has changed my focus from "what" to "how." Prior to EfM I was concerned with "what" does the Bible say about a particular issue or "what" do I believe or "what" does it mean to be a Christian. EfM has persuaded me that a better question to ask is "how." "How" does the Bible reveal God to me and "how" do I live out the abundant life promised by Christ in community? Evolving from an intellectual focus on the facts (as I may perceive them) to a spiritual focus on how God would have me live in relationship with Him and others has the potential to bring radical change.

EfM challenges its members to consider how we relate to God and how we relate to each other.

By comparing and contrasting the historic communities recorded in the Old and New Testaments and historical Church communities to our

modern society, it becomes apparent

that the health or disease of any community is the responsibility of its individual members. Investing time in one another by listening to one another and nurturing that which is most critical to the other person's existence is the way to build a healthy community.

I believe that one of the reasons the EfM program is four years long is that it takes time, sacrifice and commitment to build a healthy community. Committing to the four (4) year curriculum and reaping the benefits of my classmates commitment has been a life changing experience and I hope you will consider joining the next EfM class.



## 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. There is a full 12 x 12 page reserved for each bride and groom. 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". If you would like to see examples of the type of pictures that have been submitted, please visit the Cathedral's parlor where the albums are on display.

### WAYS TO SUBMIT YOUR WEDDING PHOTO:

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.

Whichever means you decide to provide your wedding picture, 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.



## 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. Phillip Yancey's *Vanishing Grace*

Ministry Center Garden Room

9:30 a.m. John Ortberg; Soul Keeping (Begins after Easter)

Library



**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.

Saturday, April 8, 7:45 pm

# THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER CONVOCATIONAL WORSHIP

at

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

275 Southfield Road, Shreveport

Salvation History,  
Holy Eucharist,  
Baptism,  
and  
joyful reception  
following



ST. PAUL'S + HOLY CROSS + ST. GEORGE'S + ST. JAMES' + ST. MARK'S

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