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Deaths

Judson Scott, father of **Melissa Flores**, on March 19. 2025.

Sonja Rogers, on March 25, 2025.

Weddings

George Jonathan Hardtner, Jr. & **Mary Grace Cline**, on March 22, 2025.

Happy Birthday

March 30
Sophie Q=Petersen

31
Christina Stage
Art Carter
Erin Holley
Christina Powell

April 1
Suzanne Hearne
Lindsay Humphrey

2
Sue Hansford
Joanne Sigler
John Montelepre, III
Jeremy Knicely
George Jackson
Sarah Thompson

3
Beckett Soignier
Jim Herrington
Sean Peterson
Jonathan Hardtner

4
Lisa Love
Julia Guthrie
Owen Porter
Remi Locke
Kelly Rangel

5
Jill Turnage
Tripp Roemer
Claire Hernandez
Susan Johnston

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ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

THE MESSENGER

Community

St. Mark's presents "Joyful Living with an Ever Present God" with Patricia Cameron on Saturday April 5 at 10:00 am and 2:00 pm in the Cathedral. The 10:00 session is "THRIVE - White knuckled tension to JOYFUL TRUST" and the 2:00 session is "Living Lighter - when GRIEF weighs us down". There is no charge but you must register.

Join the Altar Guild for a spring clean-up of the Cathedral this Saturday, March 29, from 9:00 am til noon.

We need eggs! We are collecting candy and fillable plastic eggs for our Spring Fling. Please, no chocolate! Drop them at the church office.

Our next Choral Evensong is Sunday, April 6 at 5:15 pm in the Cathedral. All are welcome. Holy Eucharist follows at 6:00 pm.

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 **Lisa Bingham** in the Cathedral office **no later than Friday, April 11.**

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. This year's fasting fund will go to the MLK Health Center and Pharmacy, which provides comprehensive primary care and pharmacy services to uninsured and underinsured patients.

Our new Lenten Meditation books are now available! You can view them on our website or by going to **https://online.fliphtml5.com/wdxuo/pnsm/** We also have a limited number of copies in the back of the church.

The annual Community Renewal Bob Griffin Croquet Classic is set for April 26. You can register online at **www.communityrenewal.us.** For more information contact Diane Loridans or Jimmy Graves at 425-3222.

Come sing with us! The Boys and Girls Choir at St. Mark's Cathedral offers free professional music education! The Choir is open to ages 7-14, and no religious affiliation is required.
Rehearsals: Wednesdays, 4:15 - 5:30 pm with a family dinner provided
Want to know more? Contact Derrick Meador **derrick@stmarkscathedral.net**

The 42nd annual Holocaust Remembrance Service of Northwest Louisiana will be on Sunday, April 27 at 3:00 pm at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Guest speaker is Kathy Kacer, a child of Holocaust survivors. For more information, visit **HolocaustRemembranceService.org.**

Our Cross of Nails group is continuing to work with "The Hub" in the "Purchased" ministry. A big thank you to all who have volunteered and donated. Many have asked what they can do to help and another opportunity has presented itself. On Monday and Tuesday afternoons from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, help is needed to size, sort, and stock the articles received for each week's shopping. No need to stay the entire time, come and go as your schedule permits. No experience necessary. Any and all help will be greatly appreciated.

We have soup! Do you, or someone you know need a bowl of hot, healthy soup? There are "to go" containers of soup in the new freezer in the kitchen These are available to parishioners and others in need of a hot, healthy meal. The soup is turkey, chicken and vegetable and is gluten free. Please ask any church staffer for assistance.

Sunday Readings

The Fourth Sunday in Lent
Joshua 5:9-12 * 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Thoughts from the Dean and the Stewardship Team

Being a disciple of Jesus leads naturally to the practice of stewardship. A disciple of Jesus is one who receives God's gifts gratefully, cultivates them responsibly, shares them lovingly in justice with others and returns them with increase to the Lord.

Upcoming Events

March 29	**Altar Guild Clean-up 9:00 am Cathedral**
April 6	**Choral Evensong 5:15 pm Cathedral**
April 13	**Palm Sunday**
April 20	**Easter Sunday**
April 27	**Spring Fling**