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Reconciliation: A Way Forward

Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every joint with which it is supplied, when each part is working properly, makes bodily growth and upbuilds itself in love.

— *Ephesians 4:15-16*

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Dear Friends and Families of St. Mark's,

Some of you may have been in attendance on the Sunday that The Very Reverend John Whitcome visited us from Coventry Cathedral in England to present our cathedral parish with a Cross of Nails and welcome our parish into the International Community of the Cross of Nails. It was a special day for many of us.

My first real contact with the Community of the Cross of Nails happened when I served St. Andrew's Cathedral in Jackson, Mississippi. St Andrew's cathedral parish had a very active community that gathered regularly for Foyer Groups – something akin to our Dinners for 8. Some found that the Litany of Reconciliation used within the Community of the Cross of Nails provided a spiritual and relational path "forward" from the events of the Civil Rights Movement into the social fabric that would become "the new South."

The Cross of Nails movement began following the bombing of Coventry, and the destruction of St. Michael's Cathedral. A cross was made from three charred nails found in the rubble, and Cathedral Provost Dick Howard, had the words "Father Forgive" carved onto the wall standing behind the altar. This bombing occurred during the Blitz of November 1940, some years before victory for England or the Allies was certain. I find it inspiring that someone found the words of Jesus's own last moments on his Good Friday Cross an inspiration toward

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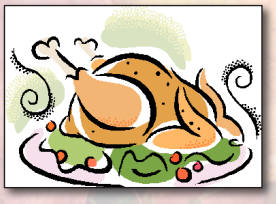
Join Us For Thanksgiving!

Our Thanksgiving Day service begins at 10:00 am on Thursday, November 27 in the Cathedral.

After the service, we will share a "Friendsgiving" meal in the Parish Hall for anyone who does not have plans elsewhere! Please join us!

The Cooking Crew Needs Your Help



The Cooking Crew will again be preparing turkey dinners for the less fortunate in our communities. ***They are asking this year for financial donations in lieu of donating frozen turkeys.*** The cooks will then buy the turkeys themselves so that they can get birds of a uniform size, which makes them easier to cook. You can bring or mail you donations to the church.

Don't Forget to Fall Back!

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 am on Sunday, November 2. Don't forget to set your clocks BACK one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night!

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

NOVEMBER 2, 2025
The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 1:10-28 — 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
Psalm 32:1-8 — Luke 19:1-10

NOVEMBER 9, 2025
The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Job 19:23-27a — 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
Psalm 17:1-9 — Luke 20:27-38

NOVEMBER 16, 2025
The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
10:30 am Baptism and Holy Eucharist

Malachi 4:1-2a — 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Psalm 98 — Luke 21:5-19

NOVEMBER 23, 2025
The Last Sunday after Pentecost:
Christ the King

Jeremiah 23:1-6 — Colossians 1:11-20
Psalm 46 — Luke 23:33-43

NOVEMBER 30, 2025
The First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5 — Romans 13:11-14
Psalm 122 — Matthew 24:36-44

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forgiveness, and a way forward, despite the uncertainty that undoubtedly still lay ahead; with no assurance of an Allied victory, Provost Howard and others turned to "Father, forgive" as a compass point not knowing what lay ahead. The words of Jesus, "Father, forgive," were true for these Christians whether they found themselves on the winning or losing side of their war. The eventual Allied victory is not what make these words true. It may be that the German Christians who have become members of The Community of the Cross of Nails following WWII are some of the greatest ambassadors of reconciliation and a renewed Church.

A member of our Vestry recently shared with me their hope that members of our parish might have a time to visit about current events within a setting of listening and sharing with good will and patience. Of course, there will be differing perspectives; this is a desire to understand our differing perspectives, as well as deepen Christian friendship. It is also a discipline of shared discernment such that there will be no "winners or losers," and each will be reminded that, "All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23) Perhaps meeting in this way we can be reminded of something we share – the need for God's love, and our shared gratitude for Christ's companionship.

I thought it was a good idea, and that such "round table" conversation is well placed within the mission of The Community of the Cross of Nails:

The Litany of Reconciliation – The Community of the Cross of Nails

All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God. (Romans 3:23)

The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class,
Father, forgive.

The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own,
Father, forgive.

The greed which exploits the labors of men and women and lays waste the Earth,
Father, forgive.

Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,
Father, forgive.

Our indifference to the plight of the homeless and the refugee,
Father, forgive.

The lust which dishonors the bodies of men, women, and children,
Father, forgive.

The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves, and not in God,
Father, forgive.

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another as God in Christ forgave you. (Ephesians 4:32)

(This litany is based on the seven capital sins. It was written in 1959, and since that year it has been recited every Friday at noon before the Altar of Reconciliation in the sanctuary of the old Coventry Cathedral.)

We will be having these conversations on November 12th and 19th, Wednesday Night at 6pm; additional will be scheduled as desired. If the group is small, we will meet in the Parlor; if it is large, we will relocate to the Ministry Center. These conversations will be guided by Cross of Nails recommendations for dialogue – which is essentially listening with patience and compassion, as well as sharing with good will and generosity of spirit.

Blessings and Godspeed,
Alston Johnson, Dean, St. Mark's

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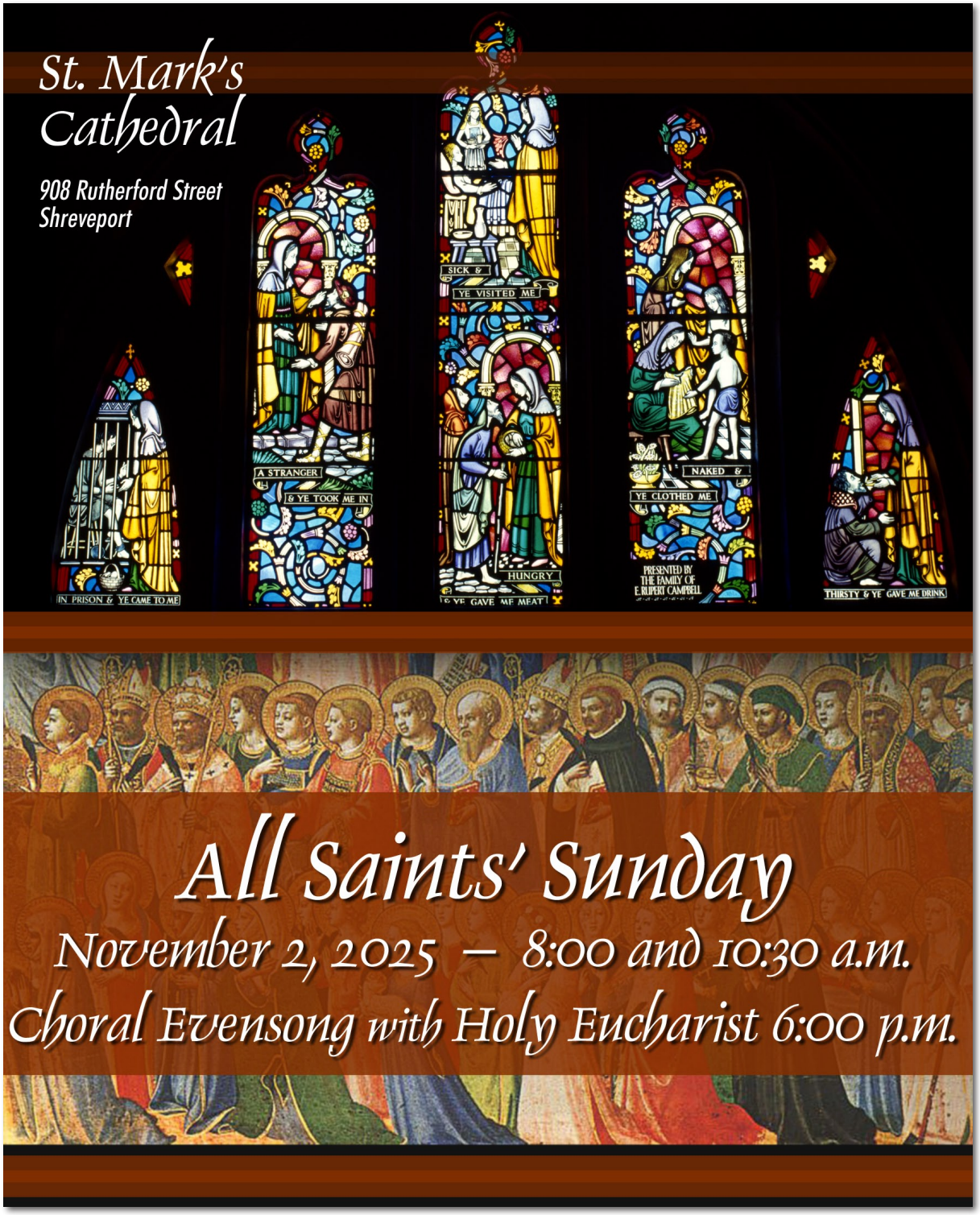

Vestry Nominations

The Nominating Committee will meet to formulate a Vestry slate to present to the parish at the Annual Meeting in January. If you wish to nominate someone for their consideration, nominations have to be to the Senior Warden by ***December 7***.

To be eligible for the Vestry, a person must be a confirmed communicant in good standing. This means confirmed, regularly attending worship and pledging. Nominations can be e-mailed to **Senior Warden Lisa Love** at **lisalove6203@gmail.com**

As we enter Stewardship season...

everyone should have gotten a pledge card in the mail. But for those who would prefer to give online, we are making it easier. You can always give on our website, **www.stmarkscathedral.net**. But even easier, we have created a QR code! Just scan the code and it takes you right to our giving site. Give it a try!

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

November 2
The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Malcolm E. Lafargue & Jewett Lafargue Walters, William E. (Ted) Pate, & Margaret Lee Pate, and Glenn Scott Love.

The flowers on the Chapel Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jack, Betsy, & Forrest Files, Dorothy Davies Miller, and Katie Miller Koellen.

November 9
The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Staunton Brevard Sample, Helen Sample Rickenbacker,Guy Brevard Sample, Camille Chappell Sample, Philip Key Sample, and John Vance Huckins.

The flowers on the Chapel Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Thomas Everett Strain, Jr., and in honor of Stephen Richard Yancey, III.

November 16
The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Joseph Peter Gaffney.

The flowers on the Chapel Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of John Ward Paylor, Jr. and Kathleen Paylor Bellamy.

November 23
The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving and celebration of the marriage of Carolyn Ann Harrison and David Brad Dominick.

The flowers on the Chapel Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mrs. Ann Leslie Turner Stinchcomb, Dr. and Mrs. L.M. Harrison, Jr., Mr. Leon David Dayries, Sr., and Mr. Leon David Dayries, Jr.

November 30
The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Judith Jones Werner and David John Werner.

The flowers on the Chapel Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of M. Carl Jones, Frances Ball Jones, James Marshall Jones, Joan Coughlin Jones and Delmar R. Thompson.

BIRTHS

Sophie Ellen Bauer, daughter of **Dorothy & Jonathan Bauer**, on October 1, 2025. Grandparents are **Marie & Bill Kalmbach**.

BAPTISMS

Caroline Colette Pugh, daughter of Chelsie & Gahagan Pugh, on October 12, 2025.

Prothro Scott Crichton & Palmer Caldwell Crichton, sons of Victoria & Sam Crichton, on October 12, 2025.

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.

Merritt Chastain, husband of **Virginia Chastain**, on September 27, 2025.

Wayne Waddell, father of **Riley Waddell**, on October 3, 2025.

Trisha Smith, sister of **Marie Kalmbach**, on October 11, 2025.

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

ST. MARK'S WORK OUT

Come join a group that rises early to exercise in the mornings with short runs, barbell workouts, and calisthenics.

5:30 - 6:15 am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
Above 45 degrees - Workout outside.
Below 45 degrees - Workout in the gym.

Necessary equipment onsite.

Call Dean Johnson in the office for more information.

St. Mark's Cathedral School Holiday Shop

will be open until November 4th, 2025

https://www.stmarksschool.com/beyond-the-classroom/holiday-shop

Questions? Contact Catherine Simpson
cbdsimpson@gmail.com

Adult Christian Formation

9:30 a.m.

9:30 a.m. **The New Testament – N.T. Wright**
Dean Alston Johnson
Ministry Center Garden Room

9:30 a.m. **Reaching Out: The Three Movements of the Spiritual Life – Henri Nouwen**
Fr. Thomas Nsubuga
Library

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 **Mary Alice Rountree** at **464-8004**.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

NOVEMBER 1
Harrison Smith
Louise Williams
Jennifer Cooper
Lex Childs
Philip Thibodeaux

2
Stella Walker
Greg Anderson
Shelton Floyd
Jack Gilchrist
Charles Hardtner
John Stewart Slack

3
Cody Mayo
Selby Moss
Ryan Campbell
Samuel Hill
Brian McGimsey
Jack Burgess
Charlie Hart

4
Lauren Barnett
Charlotte Cloutier-Kamil
Harris West

5
Sherry Pendley
Jack Ostendorff
Chris Stage
Frances Smitherman
Adrian Winham
Lauren Dulaney

6
Olivia Bradley
Bud Westmoreland
Craig Storer
Sally Byrd
Ashley Coleman
Casey Risher
Michelle Grigsby

7
Grayson Erie

8
David Billingsley
Peggy Newell
Sarah Wagner
Will Sibley
Ada Jackson
Camille Frataccia

9
Randy Smith
Joe Milner
Richard Yancey

10
Cheryl Hollingsworth
Joyce Murphy
Shari Crowder

11
JoAnn Wheless
Arianne Graves
Lori Cheramie
Laurel Brightwell
Jessica Montelepre

12
Wesley Marshall
John Scheel
Gordon Clingan
Peyton Hall
Elizabeth Holtsclaw

13
Jan Barlow
Gretchen Crosbie-Reeks
Barron O'Neal

14
Bart Wagner
Jessica Lee
Brenda Midyett
Jim David

15
Joy Rabalais
Theiler Van Norman
Janelle Leonard

16
Janis Teague
Molly Bryan
William Bennett
Joey Ourso
Katie Eldredge

17
Susan Davis
Caitlin Coley

18
Lisa Miller

19
Charlotte Ivey
Donna Howell
Tom Ostendorff
Ulysses Coleman
Sarah King

20
Mary Lou Bylsma
Angela Glover
Shawn Holmes
Lucy Burgess

21
Alice Frazier
Kellum Humphrey
Deane James
Abigail Koruna
Jerry Davis
Hector Negron
Seth Harrison

22
Susan Boutte
Jonathan Evans
Kristy Waltman
Isabella Wise
Blake Jackson

23
Susie Crichton
Bess Maxwell
Cason Cooper
Susan Perkins
Patrick White

24
Glenn Langley
Liz Montelepre
Anna Hamm
Landry Jones
Analeigh Turner

25
Molly McInnis

26
Bill Hall
Riley Waddell

27
John Stroud
Julie McGimsey

28
Ethan Courtman
Mary White
Allison Locjhart

29
Knox Goodman
Pam Nichols
Michele Cook
Molly Duncan

30
John Peterson
Lindsey Anderson
Carmen Mijalis
Sealy Pettiette

Members of the Vestry of St. Mark's Cathedral

Lisa Love, Senior Warden – Dan Koruna, Junior Warden – Patrick Caraway, Treasurer – John Reeks, Chancellor

2025	2026	2027	2028
Karen Hardtner	David Drummond	Michael Ameen	Lloyd Brown
Chad Hill	Paul Guidry	Erin Dicharry	Matt Coady
Claire Rebouche	Val Irion	Catherine Evans	Jonathan Davis
Jason Waltman	Reid Jones	Kathryn Gaiennie	Laura Ashley Overdyke
Warren West	John Turnage	Stephen Kneip	Adam West

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