ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

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What are you talking about as you walk along?

"Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened . . . They stood still, looking sad." {Luke 24:13}

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Living an "Easter" life, a resurrection life, means living an interrupted life; especially in those corners and crevices that we thought long settled. On the road to Emmaus Jesus is something of a covert agent, the unusual suspect, bearing the hope and joy of the Gospel beneath the radar of the disciples' sadness. As they are visiting about all that had happened in Jerusalem, with Jesus, with themselves, with life as they had known it; there is an interruption from a stranger. What they don't know yet is that the stranger in their midst, the interruption, will completely redefine how they understand themselves and their world.

The Emmaus Road encounter reminds me of an observation by CS Lewis, *"The great thing, if one can, is to stop regarding all the unpleasant things as interruptions of one's 'own,' or 'real' life. The truth is of course that what one calls the interruptions are precisely one's real life -- the life God is sending one day by day."*

I find it significant that Jesus comes to these disciples on the Emmaus Road while they are together rather than when they are alone. One gift of belonging to the Body of Christ is that we are not relegated to finding God in isolation; we do not have to live marooned on an island of our own manufacture, or our own unforeseen consequences. All disciples, always, are encouraged to travel in pairs at the very least; and seek God within a community of shared belief and support. That seems to be an Easter theme – the risen Jesus is experienced when his followers are gathered together, far more so than when they are alone.

Easter is an invitation to accept that our lives have been interrupted by God; such that God is giving us the opportunity of intimacy by having his risen Son become the central and main character of our lives. And the irony is that to have this transformative relationship individually

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Schedule for Easter

April 2 - Maundy Thursday
7:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar

April 3 - Good Friday
7:00 a.m. The Solemn Collects
12:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy and Holy Eucharist from the Reserve Sacrament

April 5 - The Sunday of the Resurrection
Easter Day
5:30 a.m. Great Vigil of Easter
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:30 a.m. Flowering of the Cross
10:30 a.m. Festival Holy Eucharist

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

APRIL 5, 2026
The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day

Acts 10:34-43 | Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 | John 10:1-18

APRIL 12, 2026
The Second Sunday of Easter

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

APRIL 19, 2026
The Third Sunday of Easter

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

APRIL 26, 2026
The Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

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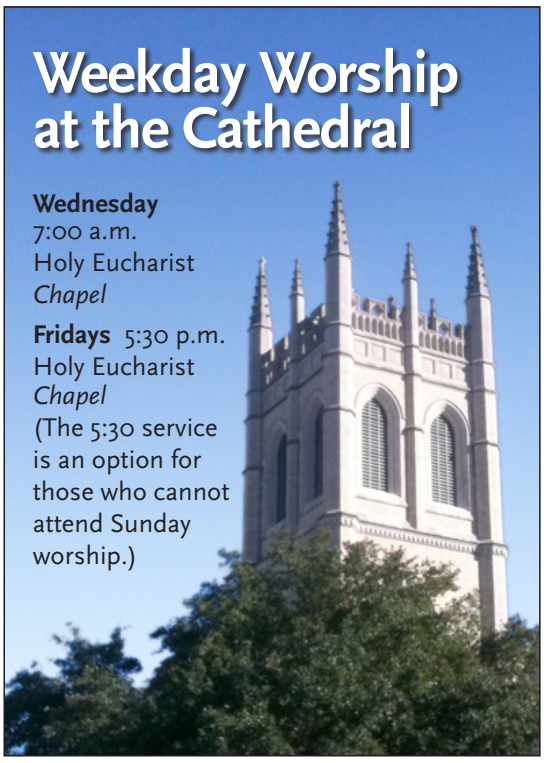
with God, it may be that we receive it best, or most transparently, while we are in the midst of others; to discover what we long for personally and individually, we perhaps only receive when we are in the midst of others. Therefore to "find" the risen Christ, we may do best in finding one another; especially in those enjoyments and commitments that are unique to the Christian community.

Albeit there may be an extenuating project in the midst – i.e.: learning to sing well, polishing silver, teaching children, feeding the hungry, managing the affairs of the Church, fixing the HVAC unit, scaling the cliffs of theology and the Bible, etc. The end toward which all of this activity points is simply this – to find ourselves walking along in the midst of life as we have known it, and find that we are being interrupted by the living Christ, who says to each of us in his own way, "What are you talking about as you walk along?" And in the story that we share, we will be sharing the truth of the Gospel, which is simply this – "Alleluia . . . Christ is Risen! The Lord is Risen Indeed . . . Alleluia!"

Many Blessings and Godspeed,
Alston



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.

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MEMORIAL FLOWERS

April 5

The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Reginal 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 Dr. & Mrs. Sanders Fowler, Jr., Robert Ward Fowler and Bonnie Perloff Fowler.

April 12

The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Henry Brevard Clay, Mr. & Mrs. John Dunbrack Ewing, and Nell Fish.

The flowers on the Chapel Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. George Beach, Sara Schneider Botkin, Frederick Hall Schneider, Jr., Sara Ann Schneider Mott, Joseph M. Mott, Frederick Hall Schneider, III, Frederick Miller Carmody, and Anthony Phelan Carmody.

April 19

The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and In Celebration of the Baptism of Dorothy Katherine Gibbs and in memory of Dorothy "Dot" Hensley.

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

April 26

The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of J. Harman Chandler.

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

BIRTHS

Sybil Camille Kozak on March 4, 2026. Parents are **Camille & Jay Kozak.**

Coleman McCord Homes, on February 19, 2026. Parents are **Catherine & Benjamin Homes.** Siblings are **Rowena & Winder Homes.** Grandparents are **Mary Frances and Linc Coleman.**

DEATHS

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

Carolyn Van Norman, mother of **Russ Van Norman,** grandmother of **Van Van Norman, Cage Van Norman** and **Theiler Van Norman,** on March 3, 2026.

Doris Grayson, mother of **Scott Grayson**, grandmother of **Colby** and **Emma Grayson**, on March 8, 2026.

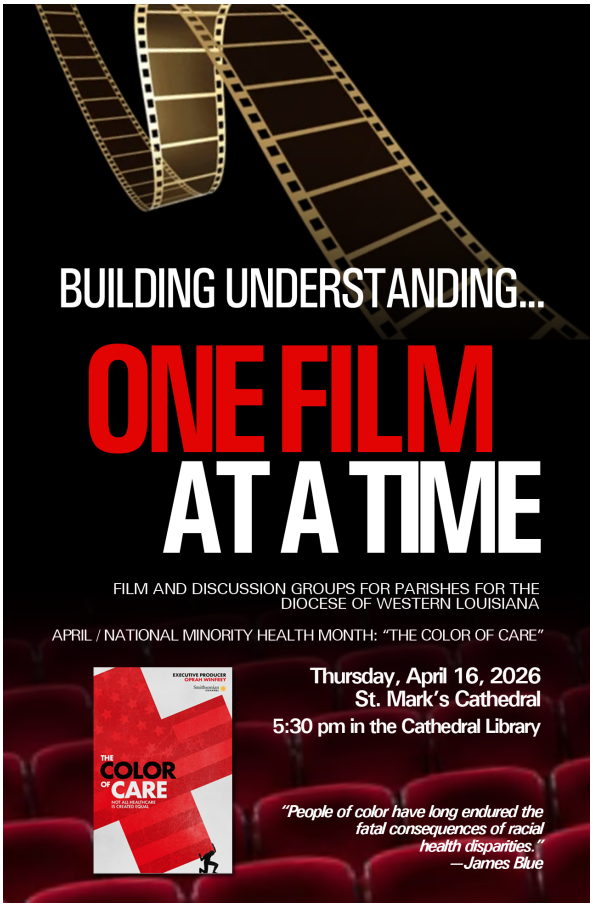
Sybil Patten, mother of **Oliver Jenkins**, grandmother of **Arthur** and **Frances Jenkins,** on March 14, 2026.

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

First Communion Celebration

Congratulations to:

Evan West
Coralie Green
Harrison Hilario
Henry Hill
Ada James Jackson
Frances McMurray
Teddy McMurry
Gus Mijalis
Andrew Thibodeaux



Racial Reconciliation film series continues in April: National Minority Health Month

Each month, we will focus on a different community or cultural group — this month, we will explore National Minority Health Month — followed by other themes throughout the year that highlight the many races, ethnicities, and traditions that shape our shared life.

Each film will be accompanied by discussion questions designed to help participants engage in open, respectful dialogue about race, identity, and the lived experiences of others. Our goal is to expand our understanding of the diversity present in our nation and local communities, deepening our bonds of empathy and reconciliation. Join us on **April 16, and the 3rd Thursday of every month, at 5:30 pm in the Cathedral Library**.

The Color of Care chronicles how people of color suffer from systemically substandard healthcare in the United States. Oprah's Harpo Productions and the Smithsonian Channel teamed up to trace the origins of this systemic inequity that first emerged during slavery in the United States.

Birthday Card Ministry

This year, we launched a birthday card ministry to celebrate all of our parishioners. If you find yourself wanting to serve but needing to do it on your own time, please consider this meaningful ministry. Materials are provided. For more information, please contact **Lauren Ewing** at **550-1743** or **lauren.ewing@me.com**.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ST. MARK'S youth

APR 12	**Spring Fling** Following 10:30 AM Service
MAY 3	**Youth Sunday** 10:30 AM Service
MAY 23-24	**Confirmation** Saturday Retreat and Confirmation on Sunday
JUL 13-17	**Vacation Bible School**
AUG 27-31	**We Serve Camp**

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!

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** 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.

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. **Renovation of the Heart by Dallas Willard**
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 **Kathy Williams at 469-9211**.

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

APRIL 1
Suzanne Hearne
Lindsey Humphrey

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

3
Beckett Soignier
Jim Herrington
Sean Peterson
Jonathan Hardtner

4
Lisa Love
Julia Guthrie
Owen Porter
Remi Locke
Kelly Rangel
Eloise Rangel

5
Jill Turnage
Tripp Roemer
Claire Hernandez
Susan Johnston

6
Tandy Lewis
Frances Thigpen
Mary O'Neal
Dayne Hassell
William Soignier
Joni Woodard
Linda Masterson
Campbell Vanderburgh

7
Peyton Lawrence

8
Beth Reeks
Emma Grayson
Bailey Monsour

9
Mona Wachtel
Caroline Sample

10
Susan Smelley
Holly Johnson
Frances Kennedy
Arthur Jenkins

11
Phillip Johnson
Brian Homza
Alex Manco
Anne Elizabeth Knicely
Emily Powell

12
Ted Sherman
Marianne Comegys
Collier White
Sarah Catherine Allen
Dan Koruna

13
Mary Godwin
William Ogoke

14
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 Elberson
Shannon Herzog
James Howard

17
Clay Hollingsworth
Tomeka Bowman
Lola Overdyke
Sam Porter

18
Chris Hughes
Charlotte White
Alan Berry
George Jonathan Hardtner
Katherine Douthitt

19
Tobin Grigsby

20
Tom Thigpen
Jon Davis
Sabrina Newell
Scott Lundgren

21
Rodney Varnadore
Porter Caraway

22
Emily Roemer
Kelly Hargrove

23
Jimmy Scruggs
Ron Shotts
Matthew Brooks
Ann Conrad-Falter
Frances Renda
Stacey Jones

24
Ginger Colquitt
Martha Nader
Clarence Babineaux
Glenn Adams
Alex Monsour
Reid Baldridge
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
Piper Overdyke

28
Diane Sino

29
Dianna Sentell
Margaret Brace
Mark Florsheim
Jean Cottingham
James Drummond
Kristen Godwin

30
Jim Kirkland
Chan Teague
Anne Lasseigne
Caroline Sibley
Iris Jackson
Liza Johnson

Members of the Vestry of St. Mark's Cathedral

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2026	2027	2028	2029
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