ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

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## Speaking the Same Language

One of my favorite stories in the Bible is the story of Pentecost in Acts 2:1–21. In the story, the disciples are gathered together when the Holy Spirit comes upon them with the sound of rushing wind and what appears to be tongues of fire. Suddenly, they begin speaking in many different languages, and people from all over the world are able to hear the good news of Jesus in their own language.

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The disciples were not language scholars. They were ordinary people who found themselves called to something far bigger than they could have imagined. Yet in that moment, the Holy Spirit gave them exactly what they needed to share the Gospel with the world.

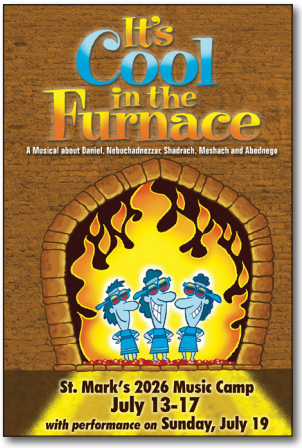
Sometimes ministry in the church can feel a little like that moment at Pentecost.

Many adults tell me they feel like children and teenagers speak a completely different language. The music is different. The technology is different. Even the way they communicate can feel unfamiliar. Because of this, many people hesitate to volunteer with children or youth programs. They worry they will not know what to say or how to connect.

But the story of Pentecost reminds us that God does not wait until we feel fully equipped. Instead, the Holy Spirit equips us along the way.

When I was teaching Godly Play to preschoolers at the school, Pentecost was always one of my favorite stories to tell. Of course, the children loved talking about the tongues of fire — that part always captured their imagination. But what struck me most was how clearly they seemed to understand the heart of the story. They were excited by the idea that people could share Jesus with others and that the Holy Spirit helps us do that. In many ways, children grasp the joy and simplicity of that mission more easily than we do as adults.

One of the most important things we can offer the children and youth of our parish is simply our presence. What they remember most is not whether a lesson was perfect or whether every activity went exactly as planned. What they remember is who showed up. They remember the adults who learned their names, listened to their stories, and reminded them that they are loved by God and by their church family.



There are many ways to be part of that work in our parish. Throughout the year, we have opportunities to serve with Sunday School, Wednesday Night Kids Club, Middle School Hang Out, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd on Sundays, EYC on Sunday evenings, and High School Bible Study. The summer also brings several wonderful opportunities to support our young people. Choir Camp will take place July 13–17, Vacation Bible School will be July 20–24, and

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

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**MAY 3, 2026**
***The Fifth Sunday of Easter***

Acts 7:55-60 | 1 Peter 2:2-10
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 | John 14:1-14

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**MAY 10, 2026**
***The Sixth Sunday of Easter***
***10:30 am Holy Eucharist & Baptism***

Acts 2:17, 22-31 | 1 Peter 3:13-22
Psalm 66:7-18 | John 14:15-21

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**MAY 17, 2026**
***The Seventh Sunday of Easter***

Acts 1:6-14 | 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36 | John 17:1-11

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**MAY 24, 2026**
***The Day of Pentecost***

Acts 2:1-21 | 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
Psalm 104:25-35, 37 | John

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**MAY 31, 2026**
***The First Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday***

Genesis 1:1-2:4a | 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Psalm 104:25-35, 37 | Matthew 28:16-20

The St. Mark's Choirs will present
***Choral Evensong with Holy Eucharist***

***Sunday, May 3, 2026***
***at 6:00 pm***

Please join us for this beautiful and contemplative service.

## 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**.

## 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.

A full-color version of *The Evangelist* is on our website! Go to **https://stmarkscathedral.net/the-evangelist/**

## MEMORIAL FLOWERS

***May 3***
*The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. William H. Barnwell, II, Mr. & Mrs. William T. Murphy, III.*

*The flowers on the Chapel Altar are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the birthdays of David Yancey and Amanda Johnson.*

***May 10***
*The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Betty-Lane Querbes Kayser, Raymond F. (Buddy) Kayser, Jr., Eleanor Enloe Kayser, and Andrew Querbes, Jr.*

*The flowers on the Chapel Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Daniel William Deupree, III, Martha Hearn, Martha Linsday Deupree, and Knox Williams McGuffin.*

***May 17***
*The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Eleanor Hodge Grigsby Moreland, Frank Wright Grigsby, Francis Pollard Grigsby, Catherine Murphey Evans, and William Spearing Evans.*

*The flowers on the Chapel Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. David Richard Moore.*

***May 24***
*The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Elizabeth Robinson Fry, Emily Glassell Comegys, and Penelope Fry Richards.*

*The flowers on the Chapel Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Evelyn Monroe McCraw.*

***May 31***
*The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. & Mrs. Donald Gene Mack, Sr., and Mr. & Mrs. William James Arkins.*

## BIRTHS

**Thomas Allen McCall** on January 14, 2026. Parents are **Camille & Matthew McCall**. Grandmother is **Christine Tharpe.**

**Charles Scott Mcalpine**, on March 13, 2026. Parents are **Ashley & Fraser Mcalpine.**

## DEATHS

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

**Iris Jackson**, wife of **George Jackson**, mother of **Leslye Gilchrist**, grandmother of **Jackson** and **Aidan Gilchrist,** on April 27, 2026.

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

## BAPTISMS

**Dorothy Katherine Gibbs**, daughter of **Kendall & Bryan Gibbs**, on April 19, 2026.

**Thomas Allen McCall**, son of **Camille & Matthew McCall**, on April 19, 2026.

*You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. Amen.*

## Confirmation is Coming!

***Bishop Jake Owensby will be with us on May 24 for Confirmation and Baptism.***

Both our adult and youth classes will be confirmed.

## Youth Sunday

Sunday May 3 is Youth Sunday when we recognize all our seniors who are graduating this May. If you have a senior, make sure we have their name. Please contact **Amy Garsee**: **amy@stmarkscathedral.net**.

## Racial Reconciliation film series continues in May: Asian American and Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islanders Heritage Month

Each month, we will focus on a different community or cultural group — May is Asian American and Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islanders Heritage 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. Join us on **May 21, and the 3rd Thursday of every month, at 5:30 pm in the Cathedral Library**.

More than 100 years before the COVID-19 pandemic shut down the world and set off a wave of fear and anti-Asian sentiment, an outbreak of bubonic plague in San Francisco's Chinatown in 1900 unleashed a similar furor. It was the first time in history that civilization's most feared disease — the infamous Black Death — made it to North America. "Plague at the Golden Gate" is the gripping story of the desperate race against time to save San Francisco and the nation from the deadly disease.

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our We Serve service camp will be July 27–31. Each of these programs depends on parishioners who are willing to help in a variety of ways. Some volunteers lead or teach, while others serve behind the scenes — helping with registration, decorating, providing meals, driving students, or serving as a second adult in a classroom or activity.

Every role matters.

You do not have to know exactly what to say to a teenager. You do not need to be an expert teacher. You simply need to be someone who is willing to show up and care.

At Pentecost, the disciples did not already know the languages they would need to speak. The Holy Spirit gave them those words in the moment so that the good news could be shared.

The same Spirit is still at work in the church today, often through ordinary people who are willing to say yes.

Who knows? The language you may be called to speak might simply be the language of encouragement, kindness, and presence — and it may be exactly what a young person in our parish needs to hear.

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## 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

Necessary equipment onsite.

**Call Dean Johnson in the office for more information.**

## 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!

# 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*

## 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**.

## 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

**MAY** 1
Amy Brainard
Tremper Williams
Mary Risher
Paul Guidry
Evelyn Thompson

2
Murphy Tamplin
Malloy McInnis
Cole Guthrioe

3
John Brainard
Megan Campbell
Kate Hernandez
Connor Powers

4
Pat Hennessy
Mary-Allen Nichols
Cameron Martin
Ellis Deupree

5
Joseph Hargrove
Quintin Hardtner
David Poljak

6
Clint Harris
John Mata
Diane Wagner
Sherri Skrivanos
Joe Hernandez
Leo Gillen

7
Robert Hernandez
Lauralee Davis
Berenda Brown
Clay Nelson
Delton Smith
Frances McMurry

8
Roy Flores

9
Edwin Johnson
Betsy Moss
Leslie Stewart

10
Robert Thornton
Nolan Sanderson
Noah Courtman
Gage Horn

11
Ashley David
Brad Nichols
Van Van Norman
Bill Torrans
Davide Giacalone
Camille Hernandez
Barbara Wilson

12
Sandra Williamson
Craig Lang

13
Cissie Smith
Ginny Homza

14
Gloria Tooke

15
Kathryn Smitherman
Eleanor Craft

16
William Allen
Afton Green

17
Linda Watts
Robin Laborde
Walt James
Gordon Caraway

18
Madora Simmons
Steve Glover

19
Diane Mathis
Tracy Brooks
Suzie Walker Sharp
Whit Douthitt
Ian Summers
James Ameen

20
Mary Ellison Sewell

21
Joshua Thigpen
Jacques Lasseigne
Caroline Atkins
Colby Grayson
John Bartle

Jay Crowder
Kathleen Cush
Gahagan Pugh

22
Ethan Manco

23
John Zum Brunnen
Leslye Gilchrist
Erinah Nsubuga

24
Tom Allen
Andrea Labor

25
Kem Hargrove
Brenda Graves
James Holtsclaw
Austin Love
Caroline Hannigan
Finley McSwain

26
Hallie Hart
Thatcher Payne
Lewis Coady

27
Kathryn Gaiennie
Don Sibley
Jonas Prince
Lloyd Brown
Piper Overdyke
Charlotte Campbell
Ollie Storer
Max Storer

28
Wiley Baldridge
Ginny Murphy
George Nelson
Gerry Hammett
Beale Locke

29
Janet Johnson
Mary Alice Rountree
Lauren Humphrey
Lee Harrison
Lad Shemwell
Brandy Griffies

30
Tom Giles
Mary Wheless
Carol Ann Dominick
Russ Sanderson
Claudia Wright
Marcie Ratcliff
Hayes McCraw
James McCraw

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John Montelepre
Caroline Hall
James Haynes
Robin Himes
Dorothy Bauer
Wright Merckle

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

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| Reid Jones | Kathryn Gaiennie | Laura Ashley Overdyke | Dee Peterson |
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