

Madeleine Rebouche Ordained to Diaconate

Madeleine Rebouche was ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons in a service last month at St. Mark's. Madeleine's grandfather was the Rev. Ken Cooper, priest in our diocese for many years, and her great-grandfather, Paul Annan was one of the architects of the Cathedral.



The Rt. Rev. Jacob W. Owensby and the Rev. Deacon Madeleine Rebouche

COVID-19 Protocols Remain in Place

As the August Evangelist goes to press, Louisiana and St. Mark's remain in Phase Two of the reopening protocol. We are having one Sunday service. Reservations are required by noon Saturday. All attendees must wear a mask and gloves, or use hand sanitizer. Six feet social distancing will continue to be practiced. Communion is taken one at a time and the Host only.

If we have an event in the Cathedral on Saturday, we must worship the following day in the Parish Hall. There will be a funeral in the church on Saturday, August 8, so we will be in the Parish Hall on August 9. Due to the need to completely sanitize the church between any services, something we can't effectively do because the chemicals we would need to use would seriously damage the wood surfaces in the church, the only alternative is to wait seventy-two hours between services. The same protocols used in the church will also be in effect in the Parish Hall.

We don't yet know when the state will go to Phase Three or exactly what that will look like. We will keep you updated on those changes through our weekly Messenger.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

5:30 pm Friday
Holy Eucharist (uses the Sunday Propers)

AUGUST 2, 2020

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 55 :1-5 Romans 9 :1-5
Psalm 145 :8-9, 15-22 Matthew 14 :13-21

AUGUST 9, 2020

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19 :9-18 Romans 10 :5-15
Psalm 85 :8-13 Matthew 14 :22-33

AUGUST 16, 2020

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 Romans 11 :1-2a, 29-32
Psalm 67 Matthew 15:10-28

AUGUST 23, 2020

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 51:1-6 Romans 12:1-8
Psalm 138 Matthew 16:13-20

AUGUST 30, 2020

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 15:15-21 Romans 12:9-21
Psalm 126:1-8 Matthew 16:21-28



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**.

School supplies:

The Highland Neighborhood of Community Renewal has asked for us to help with backpacks and school supplies once again. My contact made a profound statement, "It is so important that the kids get to walk in with new stuff each year and not feel less than because they don't have what they need." By mid July, school supply lists will be available in the church office. Please return items to the church office by August 3. If you have any questions or would like a list emailed to you, contact **Jennifer Beruvides** at jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net



Weekday Worship at the Cathedral

Weekdays except Wednesdays:

7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

Wednesdays:

7:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Fridays:

Noon

Holy Eucharist

& Healing service

5:30 p.m.

Holy Eucharist

(The 5:30 service is an option for those who cannot attend Sunday worship.)



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.



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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

August 1

Larry Cunningham
Brad Lepore
Bonnie Dubin

2

Hannah FitzGerald
Emily Nelson
Tad Dicharry

3

Stuart Briscoe
Sindee Finch
Ben Davis
Anna Kate Childs

4

Susan Cage
Ginger Seale

5

Minette Haynes
Hines Vaughan
Marie Gardner-McIntyre
Jennifer Beruvides
Georgia Johnson

6

Ron Boutte
Drake Lee
Mark Faries
Catherine Green
Liam Alley
Laura Poljak
Gray Knically

7

Gretchen Bell
Dale Anderson
Nanette Beach
Maura Pugh
Vicki Kiline

Susan Reeks
Claire Childs
Jonathan Sealy
Charlotte Holtsclaw
Jud Flores
Emma Jones

8

Julia Scruggs
Mark Sealy
Alston Johnson

9

Bebe Nicholson
Betsy Kirby
Lettie Burwell
CeCe Wilbanks
Harold Quinn, Jr.
Parrish Brightwell

10

Pat Hillard
Robert Cady
Ross Nelson
Michael Q=Petersen

11

Rebecca Miller
Will Horne
Scott Wysong

12

Warren West
David Duncan
Susanna Van Norman
Payne Hennigan
Trigg Erwin

13

Carolyn Gray
Clare Nelson
Caroline Ourso

Caroline Cottingham
Sarah Milner
Annaclaire Taylor

14

Matthew Moss
Onyx Zhang
Pearce O'Neal

15

Sanders Hearne
Zoe Caldwell
Chris Zepeda
Emma Tamplin
August Knically

16

Bob Lafargue
Mikey Carlisle
Scott Douget
Cindy Mack
Gerry Damlouji
Joe Jayroe
Emily Smith

17

Laurice Goodrich
Amanda Fortiz
Quinn Kennedy

18

Ena Henry
Eddie Jenkins
Cynthia Anderson
Susan Evans
Jim Graves
Karol Fontaine
Steve Horn
Blair Irion
William Allen
Piper Brightwell

19

Anne Marie Schoonover
Allie Gillen
Emma Caraway
Katherine Renda
Chandler Aaron

20

Hani Dehan
Chris Carter
Brody Peterson
Holly Hargrove

21

Pete Blanchard
Esther Thompson

22

Kay Hyatt
Liz Davis
Elizabeth Tamplin
Michaelann Nichols
Alexander Childs

23

Scott Stroud
Nelle Lloyd
Lee Berry
Whit Davis
Natalie Nuckolls

24

Ron Roberts
Donnette Martin
Morgan Emmons

25

Janis Thompson
Cody Brooks
Kayla Marinoni

26

Lillian Randall

John Herzog
Julia Horne
John Patrick Bartle

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Andrew Comeaux
Gene Hilliard
John Bowen
John Allen Thomas
Isabel Carter
Sara Blanchard

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Patsy Reeks
Elizabeth Prince
Jenny Weber
Anna Hodges
John Ourso

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Bill Kalmbach
Kristen Renda
Gary Tubbs
Anna Hardtner

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Emaree Wallace
Larry Shea
Pete Jones
Timothy Brown
Hannah Love

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Linda Allen
Hanna Gamble

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!

Yoga

- Traditional Hatha Yoga (all levels)
- Every Tuesday and Thursday
- 8:30 am - 9:30 am
- Garden Room
- Cost: Free
- Bring your yoga mat and a change of clothes for traversing the building

St. Mark's Cathedral
908 Rutherford
Garden Room, Ministry Center



St. Mark's EYC News

In the past few months, EYC has been unable to meet in-person. I have had a lot joy still seeing many of us stay engaged through our online activities via Zoom and live Daily Office services through the EYC Instagram account. Thanks to technology, we can still have time to pray together and be together, and there are many fun things we are able to do from home with each other even through screen. This is no substitute for the experience of being together in-person though. We are all longing for the day that we can start in-person fellowship again, but this is for all our safety for the time-being. Please stay tuned for our weekly updates on our EYC Instagram found @smceyc

Andrew, Erin, Stephen, Sarah, and I all miss being with you. We pray and hope to be together soon. God has got this! I wish all Middle and High schoolers a great start of their new school year.

*Blessings,
Fr. Drew+*



Their plans have changed, but their hearts have not. Due to this time of unknowns and limited gathering, the wedding of the Rev. Drew Christiansen and Rachael Williams will be now be an intimate gathering of family and wedding party only. They plan to livestream the wedding for people to watch it live from home, as well as record it for those who would like to view the ceremony later. This was a tough decision to be made, because they both know how important this date was to their St. Mark's family. Rachael and Drew thank everyone for their kindest words, wishes, and prayers in the celebration of their engagement and future together, and they look forward to being a couple at St. Mark's. The service will be livestreamed on September 12 at www.facebook.com/ChristiansenWedding at 1:30pm Central Time.



Goodie Bags for Senior Citizens

St. Mark's will be assembling goodie bags for senior citizens in the Community Renewal neighborhoods. We are in need of 50 travel-size tissue packs, 50 ivory bar soap, 50 face towel/ individually wrapped towelettes, 6 bags of soft peppermints, 50 packs of chewing gum, and 50 small Gatorades/ sports drinks. It is NOT NECESSARY for anyone to donate all of any item! Any amount will be greatly appreciated! Drop off items at the church front office. Questions, contact Jennifer Beruvides at jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net

Cathedral School News

by Dr. Chris Carter, Headmaster
ccarter@smc.school

As of this writing, much remains uncertain about the 2020-21 school year due to the ongoing pandemic. It is our intention to be able to offer classes five days per week for all our children, but that will depend upon the situation closer to the start of school. The admin team and teachers have been hard at work all summer to be ready if and when necessary to resume virtual learning, even though we know it is so important for our children to return to something more normal. Many things about school will have to be different for the foreseeable future. Amongst the hardest of those will be that we will not be able to allow parents or guests into the building in order to limit the risk of contagion. We will also have to alter and perhaps limit our chapel schedule. Special events such as Grandparents Day must be cancelled or



reimagined for virtual formats.

One thing that won't change is that we will continue to be a prayerful community. Over the summer Fr. Drew has often sent emails with pastoral prayers for members of our community. Whether or not we gather in the Cathedral for Chapel or not, our days will begin with prayer. We will pray for our families, our friends, our community, our nation, and our world.

As this strange new school year begins, I ask you please to keep the St. Mark's Cathedral School in your prayers. Pray for children who want to play with their friends, hug their teachers, and not have to worry about social distance. Pray for teachers who worry about compromising their own health as they return to school for the sake of their children and who also must continue to learn new skills to facilitate virtual learning for those children who might have to remain in quarantine. And pray for parents who must have faith in teachers they cannot meet and who must continue to try to balance the competing needs of work, children, and extended families.

**We can't
WAIT to
see you all
again!**



I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me; you were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. Not that I complain of want; for I have learned, in whatever state I am, to be content. I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound; in any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and want. I can do all things in him who strengthens me.

— Paul's Letter to the Philippians, 4



Dear Friends,

We are living through a season of discovering truths about God and about ourselves that have perhaps lain dormant for a few generations. We are contributing our own chapter to “living Biblically” as we find the truth

that has shaped our lives and our lips is being tested in the midst of our own physical frailty, in terms of the virus; and the truth of our hearts is being tested by how well we have been grasped by Christ's instruction on how to go about loving our neighbors as ourselves.

Much has been stripped away in the past few months in terms of what it means to be a believer in God. Everyone, young to old, has been introduced to the reality of our mortality in the very times and places where we often think the least about it. The virus, the quarantine, are leaving us precious few places to hide from the eventual leave-taking that we will each make at the end of our lives. Our eventual frailty and mortality is daily before our eyes, or strapped around our faces like a mask.

Much has been called into question in the midst of relationships that we may have taken for granted. For some, the “status quo” of understanding ourselves both racially and socially is changing; I liken it to an old piece of clothing that no longer fits, and is beginning to tear in places. In places it is beyond repair, and it simply cannot take anymore patching and resewing. Something new is needed, and something new is being created, although the process of getting there is painfully frustrating, tedious, and often causes us to question the effort. One of the simple truths of following Jesus is that we do not get to “have” God without also “having” our neighbors. As our communities continue to give voice to the need for changes in the social contracts that we all share, there is an example of listening, and speaking the truth in love, that we might gather from our friend and savior.

As we pray and worship week in and week out, day to day, my sense generally is that we are doing so in order to prepare ourselves for the times when we are not living with God simply

in the midst of our victories. “The times that try men's souls,” {Thomas Paine} are the times that we draw upon our Christian discipline and hope, looking very intently for the ways in which we know that although the world is falling away, the love and presence of God is something that continues to lead us and sustain us.

During such times I am drawn deeply to the thoughts and letters that Paul shared with the infant Church during the earliest years of the Christian journey. That too was a time of social change, a time of persecutions, a time when the desire for certainty might cause many to find the invitation of God's love rooted in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ a questionable prospect.

I find during times like these the latent sense of urgency with which Paul wrote to early Christians. The sense of urgency in focusing upon “the one thing,” that Christ's life, death, and resurrection, our Easter faith, is a light that continues to shine regardless of the ways in which our world continues tearing itself apart only to be recast and propped up again. There is fertile ground within our tradition and our faith for God's presence to be found when we feel that the world around us is being lost.

There is a substance in our faith and our disciplines of how we live together in prayer, in private and corporate worship, that is greater than the temporal vicissitudes we are currently experiencing. As baptized Christians we are upheld by the faith, while practicing the life, of the Risen Christ, each day that we rise and proclaim that such a life and faith point to what we know is most true in human life . . . this is God's world and we are his children living within it; temporal realities will not undermine God's eternal trajectory.

Even though it is just an idea, I may ask permission to have our first Sunday Eucharist when we are gathered together again, post-quarantine, to be a kind of Easter celebration. Over the past few weeks I have returned in my thoughts and reflections to the early morning Easter Vigil in the courtyard of the Cathedral; when we light the Paschal Candle in an open fire, raise it up, and process through our columbarium where so many friends and family are laid to rest. We walk the Paschal Candle through that holy place of memory and rest, and say the words – “The Light of Christ...Thanks Be To God.” We pass the Light of the Gospel over the ashes of what has been with a sense of certainty about where our ultimate destination will be.

On that morning, as on so many mornings over the past five months, we are the people who rise and meet whatever the day will bring, carrying the light of the Easter truth in our hearts and minds, as we join with Christians who have gone before. We seek to love God, and we seek to love our neighbors as ourselves, walking in the footsteps of the Carpenter.

“Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.”

— Corrie Ten Boom

*Many Blessings and Godspeed,
Alston Johnson
Dean – St Marks*

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

August 2

The Flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert Kenwood Cooper, Virginia Knighton Annan & Paul Gauss Annan.

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

August 9

The Flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Becky & Steve White, Mr. & Mrs. Walter B. Chandler and Mr. & Mrs. Tom Havard.

The flowers on the Chapel Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Willis O. Pickering, Sr., and Myrtle B. Pickering and Margaret Simpson Higginbotham.

August 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 thanksgiving for the Very Rev. Alston Johnson, the Rev. Thomas Nsubuga, the Rev. Dr. Rowena White, the Rev. Dr. Wayne Carter and the Rev. Andrew Christiansen.

August 23

The Flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Vergie & Don Wallace.

The flowers on the Chapel Altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of Dr. Bob McVie on his retirement from LSU Health after 41 years.

August 30

The Flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in in thanksgiving for the marriage of Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Bridges Martin.

DEATHS

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

Dr. William C. Teague, father of **Chan Teague**, on June 27, 2020.

Agiri Nora Nsubuga, mother of **Fr. Thomas Nsubuga**, grandmother of **Joanitah Nakiggwe & Leah Nansubuga**, on July 5, 2020.

Virginia Maniscalco Papa, mother of **Roslyn Mee**, on July 19, 2020.

Larry Baudino, on July 23, 2020.

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

WEDDINGS

Those whom God has joined together, let no one put asunder.

Lauren Marie Petrosh & Israel Soto, on July 4, 2020.

Abigail Mary Weinberger & Gabriel James Mitchell, on July 18, 2020.

BIRTHS

Charlotte Elizabeth Pressly, on July 2, 2020.

Parents are **Maggie & Thomas Pressly**. Great-grandmother is **Emily Pressly**.



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.



St. Mark's Physical Training
Monday-Friday 5:30 am at the Cathedral

STMPPT (St. Mark's Physical Training)

meets at 5:30 a.m. every weekday morning in the field across from the parking lot.

Members of the Vestry of St. Mark's Cathedral

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