



SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER

April 14 - The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. The Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist

April 15 - Monday in Holy Week 7:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

April 16 - Tuesday in Holy Week 7:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

April 17 - Wednesday in Holy Week

7:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer/Lenten Dinner

April 18 - Maundy Thursday

7:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar

April 19 - Good Friday

12:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy and Holy Eucharist from the Reserve Sacrament

April 20 - Holy Saturday

9:00 a.m. Liturgy for Holy Saturday

April 21 - 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

Lenten Series Speakers 2019

Our annual Wednesday
Lenten speaker series
continues. Join us in the
Cathedral at 5:30 p.m.
for prayer and a homily
followed by dinner in the
Parish Hall.

April 3

Evening Prayer & Dinner

Dr. Samira Izadi Page Gateway of Grace Education & Community Ministries

April 10

Evening Prayer & Dinner

Rev. Tom May

April 17

Evening Prayer & Dinner
Nicole Mangas

Area Young Life Director

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:00 am, 10:30 am & 6:00 pm Sunday
Holy Eucharist
Holy Unction offered at 8:00 am,
10:30 am and 6:00 pm
5:30 pm Friday
Holy Eucharist (uses the Sunday Propers)

APRIL 7, 2019 The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 43 :16-21 Psalm 126 Philippians 3:4b-14 John 12:1-8

APRIL 14, 2019 The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50 :4-9a Psalm 31 :9-16 Philippians 2 :5-11 Luke 23 :1-49

APRIL 21, 2019 The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day

Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

APRIL 28, 2019 The Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32 Psalm 118:14-29 Revelation 1:4-8 John 20:19-31

Weekday Worship at the Cathedral



Dear Friends,

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

I remember hearing a bishop taking questions during a Q and A session following a parish presentation about social and cultural demographics having to do with Sunday attendance, generational differences, and the landscape of the "emerging Church." His presentation had been really interesting, something like a version of a TED talk, with graphics, statistics, and those "Oh yeah...that's it" moments as light bulbs switched on in our minds. During the Q and A there were questions and comments about - the 24/7 workweek, things shifting when mom goes to work... "soccer on Sunday...shopping on Sunday...sleeping on Sunday." There was also collective head nodding, hand wringing, and concerned looks. And then, from somewhere behind me, I heard the voice of one of our good-natured, quiet, and dedicated members...loved by all that knew him...ask, "Bishop, why do we pray? Why do we get together to say the words in the prayer book and sing the hymns together?" Don't you know that room grew still and quiet. Although TED talks had not yet been invented, I thought to myself, "Here we go...now we are about to get the teaching following the teaching."

A few folks sitting at my table looked in my direction, perhaps wondering if I would chime in with an answer. I looked at the glass of water sitting at the tips of my fingers. How to answer such a question?

I thought to myself that most ministers I know have their own ways of answering that question. Generally it has to do with some moment, some season of life, where the burning bush of God's presence has carried them through the storms that crash in life's deep waters far from the shore we all share. They have been drawn out of the deep waters by an unseen, yet felt, hand of God. The Bishop folded his arms, rocked on his heels, and looked at the floor, and he told a story.

"Some of you will remember Bishop Smith, he once stood in front of a group sort of like this one. You will recall that he lost his first wife to cancer a few years after being married as a young man. How he suffered; and how he eventually remarried and had children. I was a young man sitting in that room years ago and remember that good older man saying with a smile and a gleam in his eye that we pray... simply because God answers prayer...because we are loved, and simply because God answers prayer. He was one who spoke with authority."

I looked up then, and felt the tears come into my eyes. The moment, the question, the message, they had all found one another. A real teaching had been given. There were heads nodding collectively again in the room, but this time with expressions on faces of stories that each one of us could tell about calling out to God; nodding with God's answer finding us in the midst of our many and varied lives. It's as though we could all sense that the Shepherd was very near.

That was one of my Easter moments; moments that I carry with me when I am prone to forget who I am, and whose I am in this world. When I have wandered far afield those moments are like a rope tossed into the big waves of life where I am struggling to keep my head above water.

If we are anything as a church, we are people who push through the noise and confusion of life looking for those moments. We cannot predict how (Continued on page 3)

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April 1

Suzanne Hearne Lindsey Humphrey

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Joanne Sigler George Jackson Sue Hansford Jeremy Knicely

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Sean Peterson Jim Herrington Beckett Soignier

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Lisa Love Ronnie Fontana McKenzie Kirkman Remi Locke Owen Porter Julie Guthrie

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Drew Christiansen Claire Hernandez

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Roger Ennis
Lois Ennis
Linda Masterson
Frances Thigpen
Mary O'Neal
Tandy Lewis
William Soignier
Joni Woodard

8 Sybil Patten Harriet Spanberg Beth Reeks Bailey Monsour Emma Grayson

9

Bette Powell Mona Wachtel Caroline Sample

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Warren Long Frances Kennedy Holly Johnson Arthur Jenkins

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Sonja Rogers Brian Homza Anne Elizabeth Knicely Emily Powell

12

Ted Sherman Marianne Comegys Dan Koruna Sarah Catherine Allen Collier White

13

Mary Godwin

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Kelly Rainwater Lindsey O'Brien William Bartle Wiley Cotter Elizabeth White

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Bobby Pugh Bryan Mitnaul Tom Murphy Alexandra Williams Holland Peterson Parker Stage

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Jan Madison John Giles

Cherie Humphrey Bo Boyd

Denis Poljak Scott Zimmer Benjamin Jump Elizabeth Elberson

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Clay Hollingsworth Tomeka Bowman Sam Porter Lola Overdyke

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Chris Hughes Bill Reyenga Katherine Douthitt

Alan Berry

George Jonathan Hardtner Charlotte White 19

Tobin Grigsby Diane Webb

20

Charlotte Hill Tom Thigpen Jon Davis Sabrina Newell

21

Rodney Varnadore Porter Caraway

22

Virginia Walker Melissa Reading Kelly Hargrove Emily Roemer

23

Ann Conrad-Falter Ron Shotts Jimmy Scruggs Stacey Jones Matthew Brooks Patrick Harrison, Jr. Frances Renda

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Ginger Colquitt
Martha Nader
Clarence Babineaux
Glenn Adams
Lee Ann Smith
Reid Baldridge

Kayla Monsour Alex Monsour

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Kerie Kay Palmer Chris Watt Mary Helen Turnage

Travis Simmons
Thomas Risher

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Andy Storer Katherine Nelson Caroline Brooks Anderson Davis Giovanni Giacalone

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Diane Sino

29

Diana Sentell
Mark Florsheim
Jean Cottingham
Margaret Brace
Kristen Wysong
J. Drummond

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



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.

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those prayers will be answered for one another, but we can be in places together where we are reminded and we remind others that the hand of God is moving; and the strangest of all strange things happens, we call out and there is a response. Perhaps the answers you have received will be a help to someone who is still waiting. Perhaps the unexpected answer you have received and accepted will be a help to someone struggling to trust that an answer is near.

Why do we pray? Because prayer is answered. When we are together listening, when we are together praying, the Shepherd is near.

Blessings and Godspeed, Alston Johnson

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!

Music & Worship

Choral Evensong for April 2019

Choral Evensong will be presented at St. Mark's Cathedral at 5:15 pm on the following dates in April:

April 28

Oblationers Needed

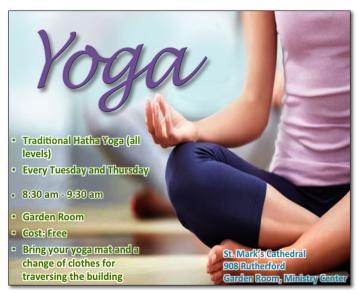
Our Hospitality Committee invites parishioners (families, adult singles, siblings, friends) to serve as oblationers (gift bearers) at the 10:30 a.m. Sunday service. This is a



meaningful way to serve the faith community. For more information please contact **Bonnie Dubin** at **bdubin@wkhs.com**



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



St. Mark's EYC News



EYC continues to chug along. Our high schoolers will start having an evening out together every month for food and fellowship. I also will

be calling parent and high school leaders to be taking on some EYC sessions.

We recently had another great trip to Mo-Ranch. Please note that there will be two EYC trips coming up this Fall. There will be an online signup for each trip soon.

Also, please draw your attention to the camps going on this summer at Camp Hardtner. Camp Hardtner is a great way to meet and connect with youth from other Episcopal Churches in western Louisiana. One of our EYC alumni, Jackson Gilchrist, spoke last year to the Cathedral of the profound experience he had at Camp Hardtner volunteering at the late summer session Camp Able. Camp Able is open to special needs youth ages 9 and up.

Also, several current St. Mark's EYC members are looking forward for this year's Senior High Camp on June 5th-12th. This camp is open to people entering their junior and senior years of high school in the fall of 2019, as well as those who have just graduated high school. The Camp Hardtner website describes it as everything we do at camp "rolled into to one action packed week." The cost for this camp session is \$675 per camper and includes registration, meals, canteen, milk and cookies, camp t-shirt, and camp picture. Please let Fr. Drew know if you are interested in going on this trip. Also additional information on all the camps offered and how to sign up can be found at: https://www. camphardtner.org/camp-sessions/

For the rest of Lent, Fr. Drew and Sarah Wilkes will continue to hold Lenten Devotion groups on Wednesday evenings in the Parish Hall at 6:30 pm open to 8th-12th graders. You are also welcome to come to St. Mark's beforehand at 5:30 to hear our featured Lenten series speakers and join us for dinner in the Parish Hall at 6:00 pm immediately before our Lenten study. The Wednesday evening Bible study group for high schoolers (as well as 8th graders approaching graduation) will resume after Lent.

God Bless, Fr. Drew

SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

Morning

EYC Group Time 9:30-10:15 AM @ Youth Room in Ministry Center

EYC Evenings

Dinner, Group Activity, & Worship 5:45-7:30PM @ Ministry Center (every Sunday unless otherwise noted on the EYC schedule)



UPCOMING TRIPS:

Sewanee Debate Camp

July 16th-24th, 2019 For those entering 9th through 12th Grades in Fall, 2019

Labor Day Weekend Trip to Buffalo River

August 30th - September 2nd

Fall Break Trip to Houston

service hours opportunity
October 11th-14th



MiddleSchool@smc_eyc_middle HighSchool@smceyc

> Please contact Drew at Drew@stmarkscathedral.net with any questions





Stephen Ministers Commissioned!

We commissioned 12 new Stephen Ministers during both morning services on March 10. They were chosen for this ministry of caring because of their ability to be a healing presence to those who are going through difficult times. Such difficulties include grief and loss of all kinds, including deaths, divorce, illness, "empty nest," disability, retirement, and any other of a myriad of life's transitions that can be painful. Stephen Ministers listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support on a one to one basis that is confidential, free and empathic. They do not try to fix a situation nor give advice; rather their attentive listening and acceptance provides comfort and healing.

Our Stephen Ministers have completed 50 hours of intensive training from their Stephen Leaders, Rosemary Lafargue, Anne Lasseigne, Pat Viser, Fr. Thomas and myself. As coordinator, I am now ready to receive names of those in our congregation who would welcome being a recipient of this type of pastoral care. Please contact me through the church office or by email. I will talk with potential care receivers and then match each with a suitable care giver (Stephen Minister).

Please continue to pray for these pastoral care ministers and their leaders as they begin this new ministry along with their continuing education. Our new Stephen Ministers are: Janet Barlow, Rebecca Bryant, Nanette Beach, Renee Deupree, Karol Fontaine, Dan Koruna, Bess Maxwell, Ginny Murphy, Dee Peterson, Joy Ratcliff, Gretchen Reeks and Bud Westmoreland.





2019 Children's Holy Communion Celebration

The 2019 Children's Holy Communion Celebration will be held on the weekend of **April 27th & 28th**. Children will meet that Saturday morning with Fr. Drew and Caroline Reeks from 10:00-11:00 am, followed by an instructed Eucharist for youth and parents, and then lunch

afterward. Parents will be needed to help set up for lunch from 10:00-11:00 am. Please direct any questions to Fr. Drew at Drew@stmarkscathedral.net



Children's Christian Formation

9:15 a.m. — 12:30 pm Nursery (newborn to K3 - 3 years old by Sept. 30th)

First floor of Parish building next to Catechesis Atriums

9:30 - 10:30 am Sunday School (4th - 5th grade)

Second floor of Parish building in the old nursery location

9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Atrium Level II (Grades 1-3) First floor of Parish building

9:30 am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (K-3 – Kindergarten) First floor of Parish Building - Rooms 105 & 106

10:30 am Children's Chapel (1st - 5th grade)

Second floor of Parish building in the old nursery location

Questions or concerns please contact Caroline Reeks caroline@stmarkscathedral.net 318-221-3360 ext. 4065

Adult Christian Formation

Young Adults Class

9:30 am

Living Well Through Lent (April 7 & 14)

Facilitated by Fr. Thomas Nsubuga
Ministry Center Garden Room

Foundations of Apologetics

Taught by Dean Alston Johnson Ministry Center Room 101



2019 VBSJuly 8-12, 2019
9 am - Noon

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

April 7

The greenery on the High Altar is given to the glory of God and in honor of Catharine & Johnny McKay and Kathryn & Miller Rountree.

The greenery on the Chapel Altar is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Travis Westmoreland and Mr. & Mrs. Ben Vitale.

April 14

Palm Sunday

April 21

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

April 28

The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the marriage of Rachel Millen and Kyle Durel.

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

BIRTHS

Ezra Albee Tietjen-Skrivanos, on March 4, 2019. Parents are **Claire Skrivanos & Lib Tietjen**, Grandmother is **Sherri Skrivanos**.

DEATHS

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

John Caffery Jones, brother of **Judy Werner** and uncle of **Caffery Brown**, on February 13, 2019.

Alice Robey Thompson, on March 18, 2019.

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

Lenten Daily Eucharist

Our 7:00 a.m. daily Monday-Friday Eucharists begin on March 7 and run through April 11. Please join us in the Chapel and make this special service part of your Lenten journey.

Cathedral School News

Parade of Hope

by Chaplain Judy Kane

This year St. Mark's Cathedral School's Parade of Hope focused on the dwelling place of God and blessing of "shelter under the shadow of the LORD's Most High wings" as in Psalm 91. In study and reflection on the traditional biblical works of mercy, our 7th Grade Christian Education class developed community outreach project which were supported by the families and students of our school and with generosity of Cathedral friends. They raised money for local, national, and global charities and also articles needed to help the local poor.

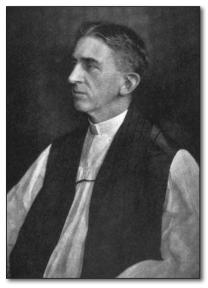
Dean Johnson's float led the Parade to raise money for Israel's Guide Dogs for the Blind. Dr. Carter's float directly supported the "School Communities" division of the Volunteers of America to help low income and homeless students in Caddo-Bossier public schools. Our 7th grade students sponsored the following floats for the following charities: Samaritan's Purse (to provide a wool-bearing animal and train families to care for their flock), Highland Ministry Clothes Closets (to provide always needed denim garments), Breast Cancer Research Foundation, Lewy Body Dementia Association, V.O.A. Veterans Transitional Living Program in the Highland Center (towels and washcloths), Heifer International Roofing

and Building Materials program (to build safe and healthy homes), National Association of Mental Illness (to raise funds assisting persons suffering with various forms of mental illness, providing medication and treatment), Transformation Program International to provide education and help a family start a business in a third world country, and the Water Foundation (to provide clean water solutions in the U.S., particularly the West Coast in regions of drought). As they learned more about the complex problems of poverty and homelessness through their research, they also prayed for those who are so afflicted and for all of us that our hearts would be open and that our feet would respond in tangible ways as the Spirit guides.

The Parade of Hope never really ends. As a part of being an Alleluia People, we move through the pain of the Cross to the joy of the resurrection knowing that it is indeed only "with God's help" as our baptismal vows exhort us and challenge us to remember "to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving neighbor and yourself, to strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being." We again renew our commitment to this call: "I will, with God's help." Amen.



April 1905 – The last service at St. Mark's location at Fannin and Market streets is held on the first Sunday of the month and the first service is held at the Cotton Street location (now presently Church of the Holy Cross) the following Sunday. Davis Sessums, Bishop of Louisiana and former rector of Christ Church in New Orleans, celebrates Morning and Evening prayer with Holy Communion at the Cotton Street location.



The Rt. Rev. Davis Sessums

April 1952 – The ground-breaking ceremony for Phase I of the current St. Mark's Cathedral building takes place. The Parish Hall is built during this phase which took over a year and a half. George T. Naff, construction committee chairman, was the master of ceremonies. 300 church members attended. Rt. Rev. Garault M. Jones was present for the ceremony. The hymn "The Church's one foundation" was sung at the ceremony.



April 1959 – The last service is held in what is now known as the Parish Hall. The Shreveport Journal runs an article on April 29th, 1959 for the first service to be held in the new edifice the following Sunday (May 3rd). The article notes the Gothic design of the new building was "selected for the local church since the Episcopal Church is characterized by the solemnity and dignity of this ancient architecture." A picture of the church as it looked in the Parish Hall can be seen on the picture below.

We thank the staff of Noel Memorial Library for generously sharing the LSUS Northwest Louisiana Archives for this information, and for their continuing work in preserving St. Mark's history.



The Fasting Fund – a St. Mark's Lenten Tradition

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 daily 7:00 a.m. Eucharist services and the base of the steps to the chancel for Sunday services to collect these offerings. This year, donations to the Lenten Fasting Fund will go to the **Food Bank of Northwest Louisiana**. Please consider making the Fasting Fund a part of your Lenten observance. A simple fast of one or more meals a week can teach us a lot about the temptations Jesus faced in the wilderness and our own earthly journey. Join us.

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