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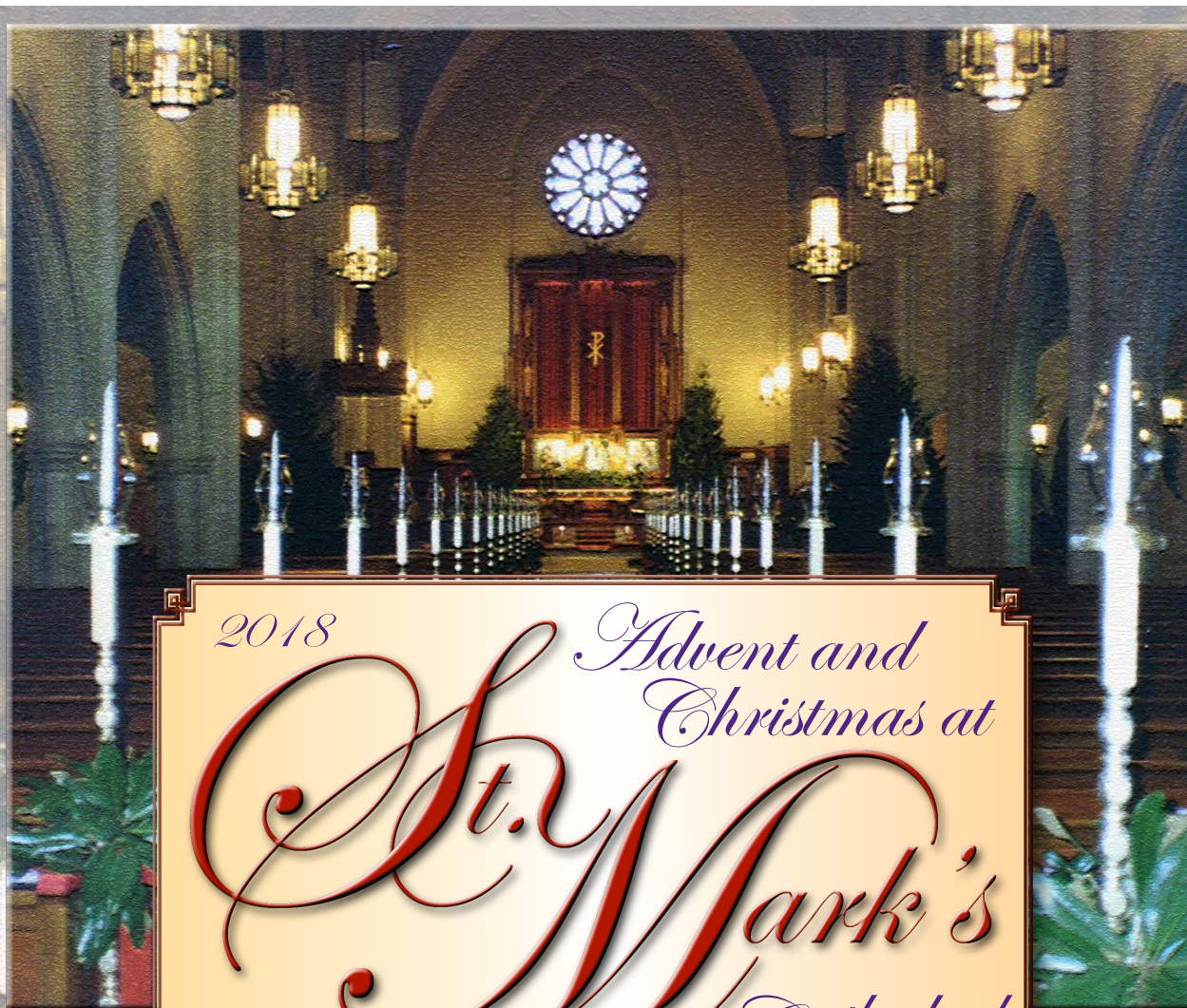
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# The Evangelist

ST. MARK'S CATHEDRAL

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2018

## Advent and Christmas at St. Mark's Cathedral

December 16	10:30 am	Children's Christmas Play
December 16	4:00 pm	Nine Lessons & Carols
December 24	5:00 pm	Family Holy Eucharist with Children's Chapel
	10:30 pm	Preludial Music
	11:00 pm	Holy Eucharist
December 25	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist

### 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)

### DECEMBER 2, 2018

#### *The First Sunday of Advent*

Jeremiah 33 :14-16      1 Thessalonians 3 :9-13

Psalm 25 :1-9      Luke 21 :25-36

### DECEMBER 9, 2018

#### *The Second Sunday of Advent*

Baruch 5 :1-9      Philippians 1 :3-11

Canticle 4      Luke 3 :106

### DECEMBER 16, 2018

#### *The Third Sunday of Advent*

Zephaniah 3:14-20      Philippians 4 :4-7

Canticle 9      Luke 3:7-18

### DECEMBER 23, 2018

#### *The Fourth Sunday of Advent*

Micah 5:2-5a      Hebrews 10:5-10

Psalm 93      Luke 1:39-45

### DECEMBER 30, 2018

#### *The First Sunday after Christmas Day*

Isaiah 61:10-62:3      Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Psalm 147:13-21      John 1:1-18

## 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.)*



## 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 14, 2018.

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 emailed to Senior Warden Lad Shemwell at [shemwell@weems-law.com](mailto:shemwell@weems-law.com)

## Christmas and New Year's Office Hours

The Cathedral office will close at noon on Monday, December 24 and will remain closed through Wednesday, December 26. We will reopen on Thursday, December 27. We will be closed on Tuesday, January 1, 2019.

***Our next St. Mark's Social Event  
will be on Tuesday, December 4,  
2018 from 5:00-8:00 at Taziki's  
on Line Avenue!***

10% of proceeds from all dine-in, take-out, dinner specials, and gift certificates will be donated to the church! Great wine and beer specials as well! Choir member Marcie-Ellen Duplantis will also be performing from her latest Christian album! Thank you to the Hood family for hosting this wonderful event! Complementary child care is available. Please RSVP if you would like that child care services to **Emily Merckle, 318-453-3377** or [emilymerckle@gmail.com](mailto:emilymerckle@gmail.com)

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

<b>December 1</b>	David Crider	Ben Gates	Scott Reeks	Hannah Woodard
Steve Allen	Marian Dehan	Sean Henagan	Stuart Reeks	25
James Jackson	6	George Ewing	Tessa Culver	Lindsay Atkins
Andrew Porter	Kathryn Beaird	12	Elizabeth Gatschenberger	26
2	Charlotte Gaffney	Peggy Shirrley	Spencer Pringle	Rosemary Lafargue
Lou Palmer	Janet Harrell	Ellen Davis	18	Kay Butcher
John Pou	Campbell Siskron	Tara Jones	Pam Peak	Linc Coleman
Aimee Aaron	Christian Rabalais	Marybeth McVie	Christine Brooks	Margaret Elrod
Dean Elston	7	Buz Wheless	Alix Powell	Lea Green
Melissa Flores	Lloyd Overdyke	John Bowen	Mary McCullough	27
Caroline Brainard	Melody Duncan	Frances Hillard	Humphrey	Anne Montgomery
Abigail Jackson	Allen Marsalis	13	Jacob Jones	Marilyn Osburn
Robert Quinn	Sarah Margaret Shemwell	Janet Barlow	Colin Irion	Woodus Humphrey
Lauren Thibodeaux	8	Brenda Pettitt	19	Keaton Russo
3	Jan Briscoe	Gretchen Reeks	Creighton Hodges	Tyler Nichols
Sue Goff	Amy Hodges	Barron O'Neal, Jr.	Taylor Williams	28
Betsy Roberts	9	14	Jack Perkins	Jim Liner
Lee Hawkins	Mary Ellen Jayroe	David Ersoff	Enily Clarke	Jane Davenport
Scott Deupree	Neece Davis	John Madison	20	Sue Scheel
E.C. Latch	Bill McIntyre	Charlotte Hargrove	John Turnage	Bonné Summers
Virginia Q=Petersen	Jim Vozzella	15	Louis Rabalais, III	Stephen White
William McMurry	Susan Campbell	Alice Thompson	Ava Katherine Alley	Nicholas Jump
4	Elizabeth Davis	Susan Sherman	21	Henry Perkins
William Weaver	Chad Hill	Roger Coley	Mary Stephens Allen	Samuel Brainard
Douglass McKay	Edward Stroud	Stafford Comegys	22	29
Bambi Trickett	Wiley Crockford	Melinda Hernandez	Darcy Henagan	James Kot
Marie Kalmbach	10	Jeff Douthitt	Quintin Hardtner, IV	Kathryn Hayes
William Childs	Louis Rabalais, Jr.	Parson Cotter	Cynthia Peatross	Barbara Messier-Villafuerte
Ean Burch	Carroll Joffrion	William Herzog	23	Lindsey Aaron
Emma Nuckolls	Katie Gordon White	16	Marletta Eddy	Ethan Varnadore
Morris O'Brien	11	Le Roy Kirby	John Meldrum	30
Mosty O'Brien	Charlton Lyons	Tricia Grayson	Holly Fletcher	Miriam Martin
5	Lucille Teague	John Reeks	24	Jeff Webb
Carol Reyenga	Ginger Stephens	Austin Horne	Robert Laborde	31
Gifford Smith	Gertrude Lynes	Seth Thibodeaux	Emily Lofton	Sharla Inman
Polly James	Al Childs	17		Robert Pou
Bruce Lowe	Patty Stott			



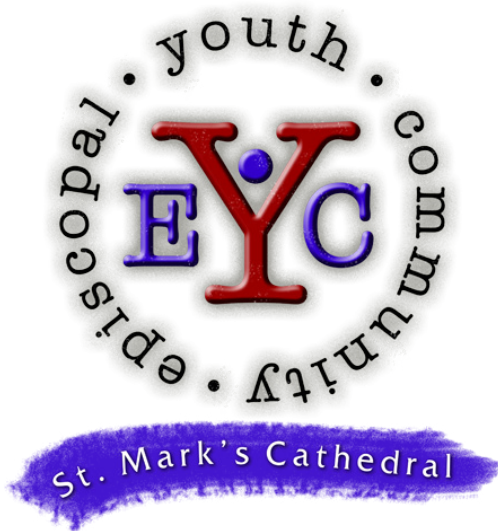
## ***Save the date!*** ***St. Mark's 2018*** ***Advent Wreath Making***

**Where: St. Mark's Parish Hall**

**When: Sunday, December 2 at 5:45 pm**  
**(Following Evensong)**

*Food provided by Blake's Catering*

**Come and bring the whole family**  
**to partake in the sacred and fun tradition**  
**of making wreaths**  
**as we await the birth of Christ.**



## Greetings!

EYC did some fun stuff in this past month of November including a live concert at the Municipal. We also collaborated with other youth groups, Episcopal and non, in the Shreveport-Bossier area. All of this excites me. In the months ahead, we will have opportunities to serve others and to continue to grow in Christ.

If you have not been to a Happening. The 57th

Happening, a youth retreat open to all high school age youth at Camp Hardtner, will be January 18th-20th, 2019. It is a great opportunity to meet youth across the Diocese and Episcopal Church. The many people I have spoken to that have attended Happening describe it as a spiritually enriching, transformative experience that they will always remember. Please contact me if you are interested in going, or visit the Diocesan youth page at [epiwl.org/ministries/youth/](http://epiwl.org/ministries/youth/)

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!

*In Christ,*

*Rev. Drew Christiansen*

SPEND A WEEKEND WITH US  
DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR

The Episcopal Church in Western Louisiana  
[www.epiwl.org](http://www.epiwl.org)

J.E.Y.L

Nov. 16-18, grades 6-8

Jan. 18-20, grades 9-12

Mar. 22-24, grades 9-12



Follow St. Mark's EYC on

Instagram

*MiddleSchool@episcoposse*  
*HighSchool@smceyc*

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

### Morning

Middle School Group Time  
with Fr. Drew and Sarah Wilkes:  
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)



## WEEKDAY SCHEDULE:

### Wednesdays

High School Bible Study 6-7 pm with dinner  
before in Parish Hall at 5:30 pm  
Ministry Center Room 101

## UPCOMING EYC EVENTS:

**12/15** – Christmas Gift Wrapping @ Fuller  
Center 9AM-1PM (Open to All Ages, in two-  
hour shifts. Please contact Drew to schedule  
which shift you would like)

**1/13** – Athletic event versus St. Paul's EYC @  
St. Mark's Ministry Center

## UPCOMING TRIPS:

### Spring Break Trip to Mo-Ranch

March 24th-29th, 2019  
Open to all EYC High Schoolers and Middle  
Schoolers

### Sewanee Debate Camp

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

LOOK FOR THE EYC NEWSLETTER  
AND SCHEDULE TO BE MAILED  
THIS MONTH.

Please contact Drew at  
**[Drew@stmarkscathedral.net](mailto:Drew@stmarkscathedral.net)**  
with any questions

## 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

"Growing in Grace," studying the book Grace Based Parenting  
by Dr. Tim Kimmel

Ministry Center Garden Room

### Foundations of Apologetics

Taught by Dean Alston Johnson

Ministry Center Room 101

## Cathedral Coffee Time

9:00 - 9:30 am  
in the Parlor



## Calling All Turkeys!

Amazingly, it's that time again! The Cooking Crew is in need of 30 turkeys to cook for Christmas meals. Please drop off your turkeys to the church kitchen before December 6. If you have any questions or would like to help cook for the holidays, Jennifer Beruvides at [jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net](mailto:jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net).



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

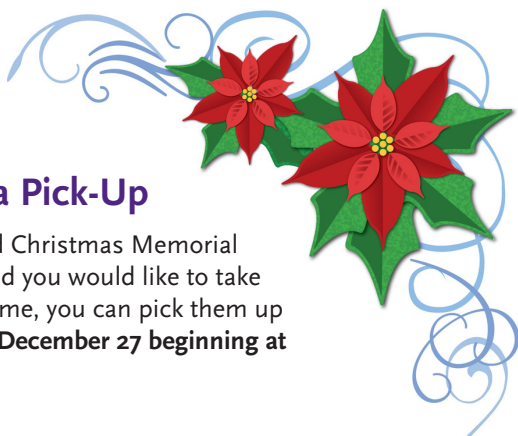


## Lost Anything at Church?

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!

## Poinsettia Pick-Up

If you donated Christmas Memorial Poinsettias and you would like to take one or two home, you can pick them up on **Thursday, December 27 beginning at 9:00 am.**



### Holiday Music at St. Mark's Cathedral

***A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols • Sunday, December 16, 2018 • 4:00 pm***

On Sunday December 16, 2018 at 4 pm, we will present ***A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols*** as sung at King's College Cambridge, England. Readers for the service will be parents of St. Mark's Boys and Girls Choir choristers and former St. Mark's Vestry Wardens. Music presented will include works of John Tavener, Boris Ord, Andrew Carter, David Willcocks, Richard Purvis and John Rutter.

The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols was first held on Christmas Eve 1918 at King's College Chapel. It was planned by Eric Milner-White, who at the age of thirty-four had just been appointed Dean of King's College Chapel after experience as an army chaplain which had convinced him that the Church of England needed more imaginative worship. (Milner-White devised the College's Advent Carol Service in 1934, and was a liturgical pioneer and authority during his twenty two years as Dean of York.) The music was then directed by Arthur Henry Mann, Organist 1876–1929.

A revision of the Order of Service was made in 1919, involving rearrangement of the lessons, and from that date the service has always begun with the hymn 'Once in royal David's city.'

The backbone of the service, which is the lessons and the prayers, has remained virtually unchanged. The original service was, in fact, adapted from an Order drawn up by E.W. Benson, later Archbishop of Canterbury, for use in the wooden shed, which then served as his cathedral in Truro, at 10 pm on Christmas Eve 1880.

A.C. Benson recalled: 'My father arranged from ancient sources a little service for Christmas Eve – nine carols and nine tiny lessons, which were read by various officers of the Church, beginning with a chorister, and ending, through the different grades, with the Bishop.' The suggestion had come from G.H.S. Walpole, who later became Bishop of Edinburgh.

Almost immediately other churches adapted the service

for their own use. A wider frame began to grow when the service was first broadcast in 1928 and, with the exception of 1930, it has been broadcast annually on Christmas Eve.

Sometime in the early 1930's the BBC began broadcasting the service on overseas programs. Recordings of carols by Decca and EMI have also served to spread its fame. In these and other ways the service has become public property. From time to time the College receives copies of services held, for example, in the West Indies or the Far East and these show how widely the tradition has spread. The broadcasts, too, have become part of Christmas for many far from Cambridge. One correspondent writes that he heard the service in a tent on the foothills of Everest; another, in the desert. Many listen at home, busy about their own preparations for Christmas. Visitors from all over the world are heard to identify the Chapel as 'the place where the Carols are sung'. The service from King's College Chapel can be heard live here in Shreveport on Christmas Eve at 9:00 am on 89.9FM.

Wherever the service is heard and however it is adapted, whether the music is provided by choir or congregation, the pattern and strength of the service, as Dean Milner-White pointed out, derive from the lessons and not the music. 'The main theme is the development of the loving purposes of God...' seen 'through the windows and words of the Bible.' Local interests appear, as they do here, in the bidding prayer, and personal circumstances give point to different parts of the service. Many of those who took part in the first service must have recalled those killed in the Great War when it came to the famous passage 'all those who rejoice with us but on another shore and in a greater light.' The center of the service is still found by those who 'go in heart and mind, even unto Bethlehem' and who consent to follow where the story leads.

Please plan to join us for this special and truly beautiful Christmas tradition which is St. Mark's annual gift to the Shreveport community!

***Music for Christmas Eve • Monday, December 24, 2018 • 10:30 pm***

Special music for organ and choir beginning at 10:30 pm immediately preceding the 11pm Festival Eucharist. Featured will be choral

music of John Tavener, Johannes Brahms, and David Willcocks as well as Jean Langlais' *La Nativite for Organ*.

## Weekly Choral Evensong at St. Mark's

If you have not had a chance to attend the service of Choral Evensong held most Sundays at 5:15 pm, it is a wonderful way to end your Sunday. Our Evensong is the only such service offered in the Shreveport area and the only weekly offering in the entire Diocese of Western Louisiana. Under the direction of Bryan Mitnaul, Canon for Cathedral Music, 29 trebles and 15 adults have been working hard preparing the music for this beautiful service each week.

Many people have asked how they can help support this program that is so important to both St. Mark's and the community. The best way to show your support is to attend the service and bring your friends. Also, if you know of children who might benefit from participation in this wonderful program, please let us know and we will contact them. We are looking forward to seeing you at Evensong!

In December, Choral Evensong will be presented on **Sunday, December 2** and will feature music for Advent. After a short break, the weekly services of Choral Evensong will resume on Sunday, January 13, 2019.



## St. Mark's Cathedral ECW Christmas Ministries for 2018

The ECW will be supporting two different ministries during this upcoming Christmas season. We will be supporting the Fuller Center once again this year, and we will be sponsoring a Christmas party for the Community Renewal Highland Friendship House.

The Fuller Center for Housing of Northwest Louisiana, located at 4221 Linwood Street, opens a "store" to low income families during the holidays and are looking for an assortment of new items to be donated to be sold in the store. We will have a tree set up starting the week of Thanksgiving outside the church office. The cards on the tree will have one item listed on it. The items have to be new and need to be returned to the Church office **UNWRAPPED no later than Monday, December 10th**. The store will be open on Saturday, December 15th. They are in need of volunteers from 9 am - 1 pm to wrap the gifts.

The Highland Friendship House Christmas party will take place on Thursday, December 20th from 3:30 - 5:30 pm. They have approximately 30 children that come to the Highland House. The ECW will be doing a party with



cupcakes/presents etc. They are in need of a donated present for each child. We will have a tree set up for this as well outside the church office starting the week of Thanksgiving. Each card will have a child's name along with their grade and an item off their wish list. These gifts need to be returned to the church office, **WRAPPED**, and with the name tag attached on the outside **NO later than Monday, December 17th**.

We will also be giving each child a stocking...SO if you are interested in donating general items like socks/toiletries/pencils/markers/fidget spinners or other small items to place in the stockings then please bring them to the church office in a bag labeled stocking stuffers! These items need to be returned **no later than Wed, December 5th!**

*Deuteronomy 15:10 "Give generously to them and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to."*

## Blessed Advent.

**In the midst of my own thoughts and discernment about Christian discipleship, the following sermon was shared with me recently. I believe that it gives a compelling message about our discipleship, and I hope that it blesses you during this season of Advent preparation. Godspeed be with you, Alston.**

The Reverend Todd Fitzgerald, Chaplain of St. Stephen's Episcopal School, Austin, Texas.

The Christian mystic, Meister Eckhart wrote about being a disciple of Jesus; about having a ready stance or attentive posture, *"such vigilant people are alert and on the watch for the Lord, they look to see if he is not by chance concealed in what befalls them. So we too should consciously look out for the Lord in all things. This demands much effort, and must cost us all that our senses and faculties are capable of..."*

We all know that church membership is relatively easy – for sure membership includes frustrations, annoyances, and difficult people. Discipleship, however, this is altogether a different matter. Discipleship, that daily effort to live in such a way that allows Jesus Christ to come through our lives, to be made manifest in our speech, action, and thoughts, this is far more difficult. Discipleship requires sacrifice, commitment, and continual learning. Discipleship is costly, it "costs us all that our senses and faculties are capable of..."

We are called to discipleship not membership. Like the disciples in the gospel, we are called by God, sent out with others, promised that we will be given authority, and instructed to be faithful to the task.

St. Teresa of Avila wrote that Christian discipleship is about "...eternal love taking up residence in your heart...which enables you to do some very ordinary things a bit better." St. Teresa begins her explanation of the call of the disciple by describing the disciple's heart.

*Discipleship begins with genuine prayer, opening one's heart to the presence of God. Receiving Christ in meditation, in worship, in the words of scriptures, enables us to do ordinary things a bit better. Because of the love of God in our hearts, we might be more generous, less impatient, slower to anger, and quicker to compassion. So discipleship is learning to pray, learning intimacy with Jesus Christ in prayer, and learning to live in the light of relationship.*

Discipleship is not about personal spiritual growth or individual fulfillment. Students and faculty in my community often complain about having to attend chapel or take Theology classes. "I can find spirituality on my own," they say. Spirituality may be a form of individual fulfillment, but it is not discipleship. Discipleship is about being sent with others to a specific place. The disciples were sent out two by two, which points to the fact that we need brothers and sisters, friends in Christ, to do what we are called to do. And what we are called to do, it seems, is to go to a specific place, and likely one not of our choosing. Disciples are sent to those places in the world, among certain people in the world where Jesus dwells and waits to partner with us.

Jesus ordered the first disciples to take nothing for their journey save a walking stick. "You will be given authority" he promises, you will be given the grace you need to do what needs to be done. St. Paul, the greatest among the Christian disciples, might be our model for how we receive authority to be faithful disciples. Paul's guidance is liberating and reassuring – disciples need not be perfect, righteous, determined . . . only humble and faithful. Paul tells us, "I am content with weaknesses, hardships . . . for the power of Christ is made perfect in weakness." When we experience our own failures in discipleship, there we find occasions for Christ to be present; "whenever I am weak, then I am strong."

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One of the greatest Christian disciples in America was Thomas Merton. Trappist monk who lived in the religious community of Abbey of Gethsemane in Kentucky. Merton wrote intensively about following Jesus. Despite years in the monastery, hours and hours in chapel, spiritual direction and Bible study, Merton admitted his own struggles to be a faithful disciple.

*My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope that I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road through I may know nothing about it. Therefore I will trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.*

In the winter of 2012, I knew that I was in a season of discernment. Because of my experience and skills, I expected God would guide me to an Episcopal School where I could lead worship, teach theology, and live in community. I did not expect, however, that God would send me back to Austin, Texas where I had spent 7 years in ministry. As I interviewed during those Winter months, what began to emerge was head Chaplain role at St. Stephen's in Austin. Many of the responsibilities they identified as high priorities were roles to which I was well suited. Looking back now, after six years serving as their chaplain, I believe I was sent by God to St. Stephen's to partner with other disciples in God's mission to that place.

My fellow disciples, friends in Christ, be reassured: the desire for God, pleases God; the one who calls us and sends us, is ever with us; our weaknesses will be transformed by the power of Christ.

The way of discipleship is costly, it demands much, but it is the way to immeasurable joy.



## 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](mailto:bdubin@wkhs.com)

## Cathedral School News

### Sharing the Light of Love

by Chaplain Kane

*"My soul in stillness waits. From God comes my expectation. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my strong tower. My refuge is in God."*

— Psalm 62

Every year St. Mark's Cathedral School celebrates the season of Advent by seeking ways to share the light of Christ's love with our community. Each grade prepares an Advent project whereby the class adopts a ministry or agency in the wider community and find small but significant ways to help the poor and needy. Our Middle School Ambassadors in Service Leadership Club (SLC) also begin their journey of visitation and service. We help the children's Backpack Program at the NWLA Food Bank, assist with Maggie Lee's Clothes Closet, serve a meal for the local poor at the Highland Blessing Supper, make a visit and bring cheer to the War Veteran's Home in Bossier, dress a Christmas tree at the V.O.A. South Pointe Senior Center, serve Sunday supper at Providence House, and make care packages for Holy Cross Hope House. Our Student Council is co-sponsoring the Holy Angels "Prepare for Christmas" Party with SLC and will be working with many residents to prepare Christmas decorations for their homes. Our whole campus joins in partnership with the Loyola FAITH Outreach event for food distribution. We collect toys for the children whose families participate in this annual event. Our SLC Ambassadors serve as elves to distribute the toys.

Prayer is so central to our celebration of Advent. 4th grade, 6th grade and 8th grade are preparing special Advent reflections and will lead various divisional Chapels in bringing the O Antiphons and the stories of the Jesse Tree to life. As a faculty, we share an online daily remembrance inspired by the prophets of old as we prepare the way of the Lord. Our SMCS Choir and Lower School Music classes are working on choral anthems and antiphons to sing for Family Chapels and the culminating celebration of Lessons and Carols. Indeed, we are actively and expectantly awaiting the Light of Love to be born again in our hearts this Christmas.



### 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](mailto: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.

## MEMORIAL FLOWERS

### December 2

*The greenery on the High Altar is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of John Frederick Patten and Mr. & Mrs. David Christie Tyrrell.*

*The greenery on the Chapel Altar is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Olive & A.H. Woodruff and Janet & Harold Butcher.*

### December 9

*The greenery on the High Altar is 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 greenery on the Chapel Altar is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Louise Fournoy Clay, Fred Hunter Clay, Hugh Brian Walmsley, Sr. and Betty Cavender Walmsley.*

### December 16

*The greenery on the High Altar is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ben Whittington, Mr. & Mrs. Clovis Whittington, Mr. & Mrs. O.P. Sherrod, Orvis Sigler, Steven Orvis Sigler and Mr. & Mrs. Jacques N. Lasseigne, Sr.*

*The greenery on the Chapel Altar is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Guy Brevard Sample.*

### December 23

*The greenery on the High Altar is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Florine Kendrick FitzGerald, William Edward FitzGerald, Florine Ruth Kolb Festervand and Charles Clifford Festervand.*

*The greenery on the Chapel Altar is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. Henry Daniel Shehee, Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Emerson Cecil, Sr. and Rear Admiral & Mrs. Charles N. Payne.*

### December 30

*The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dorothy & Bill Wene Smith, and Kendall Ann Smith.*

*The flowers on the Chapel Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of John and Mollie Ellerbe Webb, Charlotte Ellerbe Webb and Cecilia Ellerbe Smith Spitznagle.*

## BAPTISMS

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

**Emma Aline Jones**, daughter of **Tara & Reid Jones**, on November 11, 2018.

## WEDDINGS

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

**Julia Anne Popwell & James Dunn Ameen**, on November 17, 2018.

## BIRTHS

**Ada James Jackson**, daughter of **Hailey & Blake Jackson**, on November 8, 2018.

## DEATHS

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

**General Edgar Starr Harris** on October 13, 2018.

**Mary Fowler Hearne**, mother of **Sanders Hearne** on November 7, 2018.

**James Sidney Prothro**, brother of **Cathe Post**, on October 23, 2018.

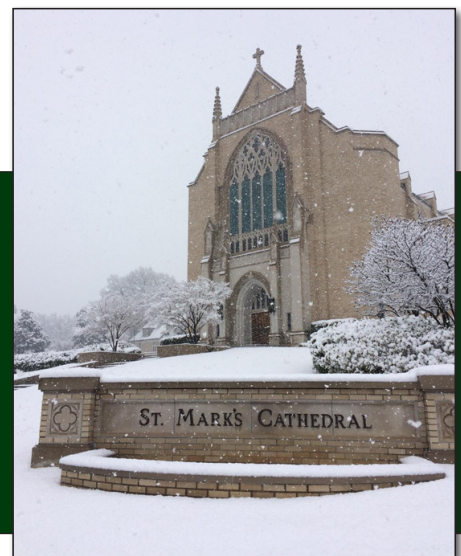
**Judith Callahan-Williams**, daughter-in-law of **Louise Williams**, on November 9, 2018.

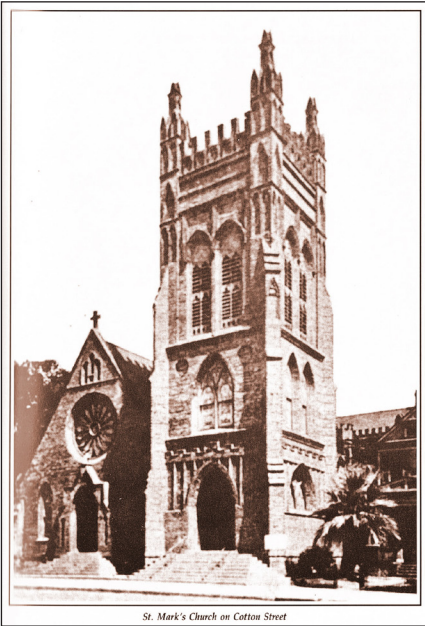
**Hannah Simpson**, mother of **Stacey Marks**, on November 14, 2018.

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

## Christmas Memorials

It is the custom at St. Mark's to invite the parish family at Christmas to make a contribution to the glory of God and in memory or honor of loved ones. This is not only an appropriate way to honor those who have gone before us, but these gifts make it possible to decorate the Cathedral in a festive manner. If you wish to make a memorial, please send your donation, along with the name or names of those to be honored, to the attention of **Becky Deverts**, no later than **Friday, December 7.**





St. Mark's Church on Cotton Street

## St. Mark's

# History

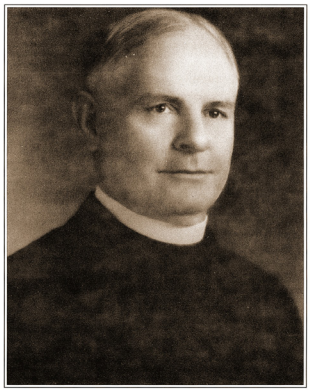
by Rev. Drew Christiansen

**December 1919** – St. Mark's at its prior location on Cotton Street experienced a fire that caused damage, which would be estimated in today's dollars

between 200 and 500 thousand dollars! A new roof had to be put on. During the reconstruction of the building, B'nai Zion Congregation offered their space for St. Mark's congregation to worship.

**December 1941** – With the entrance of the United States into World War II, and the growing awareness of Hitler's anti-semitic program overseas,

St. Mark's rector, the Rev. Dr. James Owens was asked to write an article for the Jewish Journal. He proceeded to point out that the Savior whose birthday the Christian world was preparing to celebrate was born to a Jewish mother and that the first to preach his message were his Jewish followers. Dr. Owens also stated, "Anti-Semitism is one of the most tragic forms

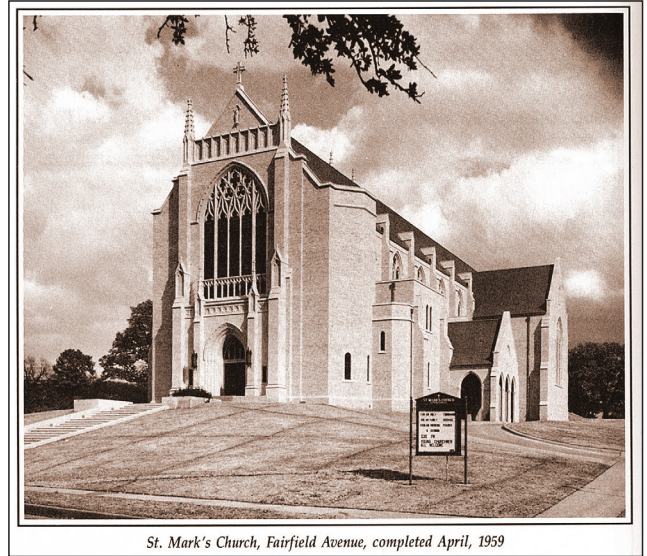


The Reverend Dr. James Marshall Owens, Rector 1916-1944

in which the Anti-Christian spirit reveals itself in the hearts of un-Christian men. The logical result is the totalitarian concentration camp." The editor of the Jewish Journal revealed his admiration for Dr. Owens as "one of the most outstanding Christian ministers in Shreveport."

**December 1959** – The first midnight Christian service was celebrated in the current Cathedral by the Rev. Dr. Larry

Plumley. Holy Communion was celebrated. Hymns which were sung included: Fanfare for Christmas Day, Of the Father's Love Begotten, Christmas Day by Gustav Holst, I Wonder as I Wander, Song of Mary, In Quiet Joy, O Holy Night, Come Ye to Bethlehem, and Angels We Have Heard on High. The Nicene Creed was also sung in monotone.



St. Mark's Church, Fairfield Avenue, completed April, 1959

**December 1983** – St. Mark's Day School held the first ever "Festival of Trees." The Times reported the entire school as being "transformed into a Christmas wonderland by means of children's art work and murals, 'theme' trees and decorators' showcases displaying novel gift suggestions."

**December 1996** – The Dedication and Blessing of the Ministry Center took place, presided over by the Rt. Rev. Robert Hargrove with the Very Rev. M.L. Agnew, Jr. and the Rev. Canon Jane Alexander assisting. Lunch was served in the new gymnasium afterward.



## End of Year Contributions

If you want to mail your 2018 pledges or any other contributions by the end of the year, they must be postmarked by **December 31**. If you wish to hand deliver them to the church office, **they must be in by December 31 when the office closes for the holiday.**

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