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St. Mark's Cathedral bell ringers are hosting the annual Seven Towers Ringing Festival May 2 – 5 – welcoming ringers from across the United States and Europe. Accomplished ringing tutors will be coming to teach new and existing bell ringers. Parishioners and community members are welcome to sign up for the ringing course, come to the tower to observe or schedule a lesson. Some of our distinguished visitors coming to help with the festival will be hosted by Cathedral ringers and other parishioners. Host families are asked to provide only a suitable bedroom and are not expected to provide meals or transportation. Can you host an individual or a couple for 2 or three nights? **To host a ringer or for more information on the festival, contact Candace Higginbotham at (318) 470-3001 or Lynn Yancey at (318) 347-8071.**

Happy Birthday

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| April 8 | 10 | 12 |
| Sybil Patten | Warren Long | Ted Sherman |
| Harriet Spanberg | Frances Kennedy | Marianne Comegys |
| Beth Reeks | Holly Johnson | Dan Koruna |
| Bailey Monsour | Arthur Jenkins | Sarah Catherine Allen |
| Emma Grayson | | Collier White |
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| Bette Powell | Sonja Rogers | |
| Mona Wachtel | Brian Homza | 13 |
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The St. Mark's Messenger



How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of he who brings good news! Isa. 52.7

Thoughts from the Dean and the Stewardship Team

The decision to invest or invest time and effort in the church is the most fateful decision any person ever makes. To make that decision in the days of our youth is like putting money into the savings bank and allowing it to produce interest for the rest of our lives.

Community

The next Ale & the Almighty - is this coming Tuesday, 7:00-9:00 pm at Frank's Napoletana Pizza. St. Mark's parishioner Dr. Warren Long will be presenting and leading a discussion on mind, matter, and God.

Ladies' Wednesday Bible Study will not meet on April 10 and 17. - On Wednesday April 24 we will have an off-campus social activity. We will resume our regular meetings in our Ministry Center on May 1 at 10:30 am studying the gospel text for the following Sunday. For more information call Canon White at 226-4026 or email her at rowena@stmarkscathedral.net.

Don't forget! – Next Sunday is **Palm Sunday**. At the 10:30 am service, we will process from the Ministry Center to the church. Please meet in the Ministry Center no later than 10:15 to get your palms!

Our next Fellowship Breakfast is April 28 at 9:00 am in the Parish Hall!



To love and serve Christ.

To love and serve each other in Christ.

To love and serve the world for Christ.

EYC will have a Fuller Center Store volunteer opportunity next Saturday, April 13 from 9:00 to 11:00 am. - The Fuller Center supply store on Linwood Avenue needs help cleaning and organizing. Several church youth groups will attend. This is a great service hours opportunity. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Drew at Drew@stmarkscathedral.net

Our next Lenten speaker, on April 10 is the Rev. Tom May with Kairos. – We meet for Evening Prayer in the Cathedral at 5:30 pm followed by dinner in the Parish Hall.

The St. Mark's Boys and Girls Choir will be joining the Shreveport Symphony, the Centenary College Choir and other local performers to present Bach's St. Matthew Passion Palm Sunday afternoon.- The performance will be at First Baptist Church of Shreveport at 3:00 pm. Tickets are available through the Symphony box office

Share the joy of Easter with the children at The Providence House! - There are so many lessons and stories about Easter!! If you would like to host a small Easter celebration for the children contact Jennifer at jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net. Dates and times are flexible!

Children's Holy Communion Celebration will be held on the weekend of April 27 and 28. - Children will meet 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. For additional information or if you would like to help out, please contact Fr. Drew at Drew@stmarkscathedral.net.

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

Sunday Readings

The Fifth Sunday in Lent
Isaiah 43:16-21 *Philippians 3:4b-14
John 12:1-8

Sunday Christian Formation

9:00 am – 9:30 am Cathedral Coffee Time Parlor

For Kids

9:30 – 12:30 pm Nursery (newborn to K3 - 3 years old by September 30)

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 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 am EYC Class & Discussion
Ministry Center

10:30 am Children's Chapel (1st – 5th grade)
Second floor of Parish building in the old nursery location

For Adults

9:30 am Foundations of Apologetics
Taught by Dean Alston Johnson
Ministry Center Room 101

9:30 am Living Well Through Lent
Facilitated by Rev. Thomas Nsubuga
Ministry Center Garden Room