



Bishop's Visitation this Sunday

The service for the bishop's visitation is open only to those being confirmed, reaffirmed, or received, their sponsors and families, and the vestry. The congregation is invited to join us online to view the livestream of the service. The Bishop has agreed to take questions from the congregation after the service. If you have a question for the Bishop, please send it via email to rector@stmarks-upland.org no later than Friday, April 23.

The Bishop will join us for confirmations and official admission to the Episcopal denomination on Sunday, April 25, St. Mark's Day. Please keep in your prayers our candidates: John and Vicki Levario, Sharon and Ed Muehlbacher, and Jana G. We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.



The Rt. Rev. John Harvey Taylor is the seventh bishop of the six-county Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles. The Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles encompasses 65,000 Episcopalians in some 135 congregations and ministry centers located in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Santa Barbara and Ventura counties. Served by some 400 clergy, the diocese also includes some 40 Episcopal schools and 10 social service and chaplaincy institutions.

A lifelong Episcopalian, Taylor was born in Detroit, Michigan in 1954, the son of journalists and formerly served as chief of staff to former President Richard M. Nixon and later as the executive director of the Nixon Library in Yorba Linda, Calif.

He received a bachelor's degree in political science at the UC San Diego, and an M.Div. at the Claremont School of Theology and Bloy House. He is a graduate of Phillips Academy, Andover, Massachusetts. He was ordained a priest in January 2004 and served as curate at the Church of St. Andrew the Apostle in Fullerton. He was ordained to the episcopate on July 8, 2017. Before his election, Taylor served as vicar of St. John Chrysostom Church and School in Rancho Santa Margarita.

Please support the work of our bishop and diocese through a donation to the COVID-19 Emergency Appeal One Body & One Spirit. Also, all the loose offering on April 25 will be designated for the bishop's discretionary fund. Please be as generous as you can.

Start your day with us! Check-in, Bible Study & Prayer

Monday through Friday members of Saint Mark's meet online for check-in, and an abbreviated Morning Prayer that incorporates bible study. Check-in from 9:00 to 9:15 AM. Prayer begins at 9:15 AM ending no later than 9:40AM. All are welcome to participate. Download prayer sheets from the website: <https://www.stmarks-upland.org/morning-prayer/> Meeting ID: 937 8054 5256
<https://zoom.us/j/93780545256>

Wednesday Evening Taizé Service

Saint Mark's offers contemplative prayer on Wednesday's, at 7:30pm via Zoom -join us for prayer, scripture reading and simple chants in the style of the Taizé Community in France. Zoom link below:

<https://zoom.us/j/98723305020?pwd=U1NFY0JlOFJML2pMenVheUdTQlBaQT09>

Meeting ID: 987 2330 5020. Password: taize

Your feedback is welcome. Please know that we are learning from our mistakes. And there is plenty of room for growth. Please send your comments and suggestions to: parishadmin@stmarks-upland.org

SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP

An Invitation to Further Reflection: A Sermon Appraisal

"An effective sermon offers one clear message of good news authentic to the preacher relevant to the audience holding attention and inviting transformation." from Backstory Preaching Please consider completing a sermon appraisal here:

<https://www.surveymz.com/s3/5820275/Mentorship2-0-2020>

Women's Fellowship/Prayer Breakfast

Friday, April 30th at 11:00 a.m. will be the last Women's Fellowship/Prayer Breakfast on Zoom until September. Betty Farrell

The Episcopal Church's Tell Me Something Good web series launches second season

Tell Me Something Good, a web series from The Episcopal Church that launched in the fall of 2020, returns for a second season. This series highlights positive stories from around the church through conversations with a variety of guests. Watch [here](#) Read more:

<http://iam.ec/pa2021TellMeSomethingGoodS2>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please note, with the increased movement on campus due to relaxed restrictions, scheduling your event at St. Marks's if more important than ever. Please contact Natalie Dunlap to reserve space for your event (909) 920-5565 or ndunlap@stmarks-upland.org

Into Eternal Life: Mark Langley

Please be aware that the burial service of Mark Harold Langley, son of Vina Langley, will be at Arlington National Cemetery on Tuesday, April 20th, 2021. Mark passed away unexpectedly on June 10, 2019. Vina is a former St. Mark's Preschool Teacher and Administrative Assistant. Please read Mark's story in the link below. Please keep Vina and family in your prayers.

Rest eternal grant to Mark, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon him. May his soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

[https://obituaries.stripes.com/obituary/mr-mark-harold-](https://obituaries.stripes.com/obituary/mr-mark-harold-langley?fbclid=IwAR2McoO_1mbELDDSiQbIXVF_TkfR9eQzk64EeDyOQjgDuCTRbzPXIm-F1zk)

[langley?fbclid=IwAR2McoO_1mbELDDSiQbIXVF_TkfR9eQzk64EeDyOQjgDuCTRbzPXIm-F1zk](https://obituaries.stripes.com/obituary/mr-mark-harold-langley?fbclid=IwAR2McoO_1mbELDDSiQbIXVF_TkfR9eQzk64EeDyOQjgDuCTRbzPXIm-F1zk)

Celebrating Birthdays, Anniversaries and Other Life Hallmarks due by the 25th

Are you celebrating a birthday or anniversary next month? Please let us know and send a photo by the 25th of the month before your celebration month. The visual celebration will be on the first Sunday of the month. Send to [blessings@stmarks-upland.org](mailto: blessings@stmarks-upland.org)

Prayer requests

Please send your prayer requests to prayer@stmarks-upland.org

OUTREACH

St Marks Episcopal Church and the American Red Cross are hosting an upcoming blood drive

Please join our lifesaving mission and schedule an appointment today!

Drive Details:

Site: St Mark's Episcopal Church, 330 E 16th St, Upland, CA, 91784, Room Name: Parish Hall, Date: Fri Apr 30, 2021, Time: 8:00: AM - 2:00: PM. [Click here to make an appointment](#)

With most high schools and colleges still closed, we are desperately trying to maintain a steady supply of blood while trying to keep our youth donors engaged in the importance of donating.

Donors between the ages of 16-24 will get a \$10 e-gift card for a place they like to eat or shop when they come to donate blood April 1-30. Please help us by recruiting youth donors to come give blood and help save lives! IMPORTANT: Donors must have a valid email address on file to receive their gift card. The need for blood is constant and only volunteer donors can fulfill that need for patients in our community. Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every 2 to 3 seconds and most of us will need blood in our lifetime.

Voices for Reconciliation: The St. Mark's Commission for Racial Justice and Equity

St. Mark's began forming this Commission last fall. To date, the Planning Group has prepared Vision and Mission Statements. The Objectives and Activities of the Commission will be published soon in the *Good News*. Two of our programs have already begun. (See the articles below.) Please email us at racialjustice@stmarks-upland.org.

Page Turners, a twice-monthly book study group, was formed in response to the racial unrest in 2020, including the murder of George Floyd. We began reading *Caste* by Isabel Wilkerson in March. Our next meeting, scheduled for **April 27, from 6:30pm to 8:00pm on Zoom**, will cover through chapter 13. We plan to finish the book by May 25. Our discussion leaders are John and Andrea Flasher. Even if this time is impossible for you, we urge you to read *Caste* on your own. To receive the Zoom meeting invitation, send your email address to Andrea Flasher at racialjustice@stmarks-upland.org.

"This is My Story..." is a twice-monthly series to open a conversation about how we have experienced race. Each time, a different parishioner will give her or his autobiographical account. Whether Black, Asian American, another person of color, or someone who has experienced white privilege, each of us has a story to tell. Learning about one another can help us work toward racial justice and equity for all. Our next storyteller will be Dr. Jim Brown, who will share his experience from growing up in a multi-racial family to practicing medicine as a racial minority. He will tell his story during our "coffee hour" time on **Sunday, May 2, from 11:20am to 12:10pm on Zoom**. After hearing his story, you will have a chance to meet with others in a small breakout group to reflect on what you heard. This is not a question-and-answer session with the speaker present, and it is not a discussion of current events involving racial issues. Instead, your participation will remain focused on your own reaction. We hope you will join us as we get to know and understand one another better. If you are willing to share your story in the future, please email us at racialjustice@stmarks-upland.org.

Foothill Family Shelter

URGENT NEED! Their pantry is getting bare. Below is a list of items most urgently needed.

- Boxed potato products (mashed, au gratin, etc.)
- Chef Boyardee
- Canned chili
- Rice-a-Roni
- Oatmeal (individual packets for easy distribution)
- Canned beans (pinto, black, garbanzo, kidney, etc.)

You may take them directly to the Shelter Office at 1501 West 9th Street, #D, Upland, or bring them by the back parking lot of the church on Tuesday March 30, from 7pm to 7:45 pm.

Thanks for all you do, Rosalyn breakfasterbaggers@StMarks-upland.org

YOUTH

GFS Meetings on Zoom

Girls Friendly Society is an organization for girls between 5 and 21. Meetings are scheduled for 4PM every other Monday. Topics include women of the church and relevant topics of interest to young women. The meetings will be brief, about 40 minutes, and include fellowship, a reading, an activity, and prayer. I look forward to seeing the girls. For further information please contact Rosalyn Foster at ghs@stmarks-upland.org

Choristers Rehearse Tuesdays at 4 PM

Children in grades 3-6, are invited to join Choristers on Tuesday afternoons at 4PM via Zoom for a half hour. If you have a young singer who would like to participate, please email me at music@stmarks-upland.org for the link. God bless everyone,
Blane Abernathy, Organist and Director of Music

STEWARDSHIP

St. Mark's Quarterly Financial Update

St. Mark's received donations of \$75,256 for the first quarter of 2021 (January through March), which is \$3,056 above budget. We also received \$9,956 for the Building Fund and \$750 for the endowment. Thank you to all who have given to support our ministry. In 2020, we received a Paycheck Protection Plan (PPP) loan and will be applying for loan forgiveness in the coming months. With Vestry approval, we are applying for a second, forgivable PPP loan to support our 2021 budget. Your generous support is much appreciated and is vital to maintaining our ministries. Should you have any questions, please contact us at stewardship@stmarks-upland.org. On behalf of the Stewardship and Finance Committees, we will be continuing to provide regular updates.

- Marcia Godwin

Your Contributions Make a Difference, Thank You!

Please send pledges or donations to St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 330 E. 16th Street, Upland, CA 91784. You may wish to set up automatic "bill pay" or "online banking" through your financial institution. Or you may make your donation through [PayPal](https://www.paypal.com). Donations are being accepted through our email address, contributions@stmarks-upland.org. Please consider remembering Saint Mark's in your estate planning.

1910 Legacy Society

More than 25 years ago, in order to provide for the future needs of Saint Mark's and its outreach programs, the 1910 Legacy Society was formed. The purpose of the society was to allow parishioners to include Saint Mark's in their estate planning. Participants are encouraged to discuss their wishes with their families, financial advisor and legal representation in order to ensure that their wishes are fulfilled. Legacy funds are deposited into the Episcopal Diocesan Investment Trust (DIT) for safekeeping and investment purposes. The vestry is responsible for allocation of funds to fulfill specific requests. Alternatively, the donor may specify "where needed most." To learn more about the 1910 Legacy Society please contact Dean Billman at 1910legacy@stmarks-upland.org

St. Mark's Episcopal Parish: A Community of Grace

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We embrace Christ at the center of our lives, sharing the Gospel with all people and loving ourselves and each other as Christ loves us

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Instagram: [@stmarksupland](https://www.instagram.com/stmarksupland)

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