



The Good News

Sunday, June 11, 2023

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

We spread God's word, love like Jesus, enjoy worshipping together, and help our neighbors.

Blessing of Foothill Family Shelter Ingathering of Hygiene Items, Sunday, June 11

Save gas and support the Foothill Family Shelter at the same time! The Sancta Sophia Daughters of the King are sponsoring another drive for the Foothill Family Shelter. Currently the shelter particularly needs baby diapers size 5 or 6, pull-ups size 3T/4T or 4T/5T, and baby wipes, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, deodorant, and women's personal hygiene pads and liners. Place your donations in the Foothill Family Shelter drop off baskets in the Narthex between now and Sunday, June 11, and Daughters will collect all donations and deliver them to the shelter office.

Art Show in Parish Hall Finishes Sunday, June 11

This is the last Sunday to view a portion of the art collection to honor Marion Steese.

Week at a Glance at St. Mark's



Please take note our new office hours.

Office Hours: Monday–Thursday 9 AM to 3 PM (closed for lunch 12:30-1 PM); Friday CLOSED

Sunday worship: 8 AM and 10 AM Holy Eucharist in-person and streaming online on YouTube and Facebook. Bulletins are available by e-mail, and on the website. Hymnals are available for home use.

Monday–Friday 9 AM Zoom Morning Prayer and Bible Study.

Go to <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/93780545256>.

Wednesday 9 AM St. Peter's Guild. Card games and other activities in person. For info, email stpeters@stmarks-upland.org.

Wednesday 10:30 AM Men's Coffee Fellowship. Meet at Bad Ass Coffee of Hawaii in Rancho Cucamonga. For info, contact John Flasher.

Church Calendar: All meetings/events must be scheduled through the church office. If you don't see your event, email parishadmin@stmarks-upland.org. Or call the church office at 909-920-5565 to schedule a date and time to reserve the rooms that are available.

WORSHIP

Postulant Julia Warren will be the preacher for The Transfiguration, Sunday, August 6, 2023



Congratulations Class of 2023! Collecting Graduate Announcements by June 11

The June 18 edition of The Good News will acknowledge graduates of all ages, types, and levels: preschool, elementary, middle school, high school, community college, trade school, college, grad school, and more. Please submit the following information as appropriate to parishadmin@stmarks-upland.org: name of graduate; name of current and future school; activities, awards, honors, degree; dissertation title; intended major, degree, job or career plans. Please tell us how the graduate is related to you and name any proud family members.

If we may we post your graduate's image to the church's electronic newsletter, social media, and the electronic marquee/sign on 16th Street, then please send us their image.
Please submit images and information to Rose at parishadmin@stmarks-upland.org by June 11, 2023.

Honoring Fathers, Submit Names by June 11

Celebrate Fathers this Father's Day. Please complete the following: In Celebration of: _____
Or In Memory of: _____ By: _____ (or leave blank to be anonymous)
Please submit names to Rose at parishadmin@stmarks-upland.org by June 11, 2023.

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.surveygizmo.com/s3/5820275/Mentorship2-0-2020>



Loving Our Neighbor: Masks Encouraged

Masking is strongly encouraged. Masks are worn by those serving people face-to-face in close proximity—for example, hospitality hosts, ushers, greeters, Sunday School teachers, and Eucharistic ministers. Masks may be removed at the lectern, altar, or presiders' chairs.

The Readings

The Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) is based on a three-year cycle of Sunday Eucharistic readings with Year A focusing on the Gospel of Matthew - The Gospel of John is interspersed through all three years of the lectionary. The Sunday lectionary readings do not cover the whole Bible, but are chosen to highlight the ministry of Jesus Christ and the story of God's people.

There are always questions as to why we have different options for readings on a given Sunday, especially during the Season after Pentecost or Ordinary Time. The RCL has two different tracks of reading. Track 1 provides for a semi-continuous reading of the First (or Old) Testament narratives, which gives a person the opportunity to hear some of the great First Testament stories as well as capture some of the story in a different way. It also has the inclusion of women and their role in salvation history, giving us texts that have not been heard on Sunday before - Genesis through Judges in year A.

Praying for the Bishops Assisting in the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles

Our Bishop Diocesan, the Rt. Rev. John Harvey Taylor, has called three Bishops Assisting to help with visitations: Bishop Frank Brookhart, Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori, and Bishop Ed Little. A bishop assisting is a former diocesan bishop and serves under the direction of the diocesan bishop. Bishop Brookhart will preach, celebrate, and confirm at St. Mark's on Sunday, December 10, 2023. We are including them in our Sunday prayers by first name.

COMMUNITY & FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Into Eternal Life: Tony Levario and Louie Levario, Father and Uncle of John Levario

It is with care that we inform you of the passing of Tony Levario, father of John Levario on Monday, June 5, 2023. On Friday, June 2, 2023, John's uncle, Louie Levario, also passed away. Please keep John, Vicki, John's sister Gilda, Dane (son) and Mindy (daughter), and family in your prayers.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Tony. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a child of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen.

Celebrate Grads and Dads, June 18

We will honor our graduates and Father's Day June 18th after the 10 am church service in the Parish Hall with a grill and chill event. The grilling will be provided by Fellowship but we are asking for help with any sides and desserts. Susan Mackall will have a signup sheet at a table close to Room 18 for anyone who would like to volunteer to bring one of these items.



Fellowship Ministry

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you who graciously supported the Fellowship Ministry's Buffet for Dave Nalbach's Celebration of Life Service and the Marion Steese Art Celebration. Your unwavering support has left an indelible mark on our hearts and the family's hearts. The Fellowship Ministry would like to express our deepest appreciation to those who generously dedicated their time and efforts to assist with the delicious food, setup, and cleanup and provided art for these events. Your commitment and hard work played an instrumental role in making these occasions truly memorable.

Without your invaluable support, these events would not have been possible. Your contributions have made a significant impact and helped create a sense of unity and warmth within our parish community.

Once again, from the bottom of our hearts, we extend our sincerest thanks.

With utmost gratitude,

Betty Farrell and Susan Mackall

Sunday School Off July

Our volunteer teachers for Sunday School are taking the month of July off. Sunday school will resume in August.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Faith & Creation Care Small Group Series in July

"Love God, Love God's World" is a nine-session, film-based curriculum, ideal for Episcopalians anywhere on the journey with creation care and environmental ministry—from newcomers looking to take their first step to seasoned leaders seeking a transformative small-group experience. Sessions include compelling films and readings, faith-based reflections, and discussion questions. Participants will also discover ways to learn, pray, advocate, and conserve. Topics include: Eco-theology and biblical foundations for creation care; Climate change and climate grief; Indigenous approaches to creation; Environmental racism; Renewable energy; and Resilience and solutions. [Sign up](#) to register. For more information, please contact Nancy Kinney.



Prayer Requests

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

OUTREACH

Our Biggest Outreach

When a person gives to St. Mark's Upland, they also contribute to diocesan and global ministries. Learn more about how your gift makes the world a better place: [subscribe](#) to The Episcopal News.

Recovery Ministries at St. Mark's

Compulsive Eaters Anonymous meets in Room 30 on Saturdays, 9-10:30 AM.

Al-Anon meets in Room 30 on Tuesdays, 6:30-8 PM.

Blood Drive, June 27, Tuesday, 1-7PM

Our next blood drive will be held on Tuesday, June 27 from 1-7pm. Please pick up a flyer or a few to pass out, located in the Narthex. Other 2023 Dates, 8/30 and 10/26. Register through the Red Cross.

Episcopal Relief & Development Supports ACT Alliance Response to Crisis in Ukraine

Donations to Episcopal Relief & Development's Ukraine Crisis Response Fund will help the organization and its partners continue to aid people displaced by the crisis in Ukraine. Donate to the ERD [Ukraine response](#).

FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP

Your Summer Contribution is Appreciated

Summer is often a time for rest, recreation, and renewal. As a gentle reminder, please remember to keep your pledge up to date. Our wages, utilities, and property expenses do not take a summer break! We also invite you to stay engaged with our ongoing programs and ministries and plans for the future. Thank you!



Take One for the Offertory Plate

You are invited to use the whimsical tokens to place in the offertory plate. When given the plate please help by passing it to the next person. We give from abundance and blessing, not duty, guilt, or obligation. No matter what, when, how, or how much your contribution is appreciated and makes a difference. Thank you for your generosity.



Your Generous Contributions are Appreciated

Thank you for keeping current with your pledge or donating to St. Mark's. Please send in your contribution to St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 330 E. 16th Street, Upland, CA 91784. Alternatively, you may wish to set up automatic "bill pay" or "online banking" through your financial institution. You may also make your donation through [PayPal](#), donations are being accepted through our email address, contributions@stmarks-upland.org. Please consider remembering Saint Mark's in your estate planning.

Breeze for Contributions

With our new church software come some changes in our contribution recording. If you are splitting your donation between funds, please state that in the memo line of your check or note it in the memo in PayPal. All unmarked funds will be placed in the Operating Fund Account.

DEANERY, DIOCESE, AND BEYOND



Love Wins Downtown Pomona Pride Festival, June 10, 6PM

The Pride Picnic on June 17 has been cancelled. Please visit the Deanery 6 booth at the "Love Wins" Downtown Pomona Pride Festival on June 10.

PLEASE NOTE:

The deadline for article submissions is every Tuesday and must be emailed to parishadmin@stmarks-upland.org.

Please do not send them via Constant Contact. Please make sure to include "Good News" in the subject line. Good News articles will be published every Thursday afternoon.

DOWNTOWN POMONA SECOND SATURDAY ARTWALK



MUSIC | VENDORS | ART | ENTERTAINMENT | RESOURCES

JUNE 10, 2023 | 6PM - 10PM



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