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The Good News

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
A Community of Grace

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



Sunday, August 27, 2023 Holy Eucharist (Communion) Services
held at 8 and 10 AM

10 AM services can be viewed live or on demand via the church's
website, Facebook page, and YouTube channel.

[Click HERE for Sunday Worship Information](#)



Worship

Questions about Sunday Worship: Instructed Eucharist Sept 3

The Eucharist, also known as Holy Communion, is central to our worship and faith. However, many of us may have questions about the significance and meaning behind the different elements and actions. To foster a deeper understanding and appreciation for the Eucharist, we invite you to submit any questions you have about our Sunday Worship for an Instructed Eucharist on September 3. No question is too simple.

Prayer Requests

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



Community & Fellowship

Into Eternal Life: Ken Mattus, Brother of Bob Mattus

It is with care that we inform you of the passing of Ken Mattus, 80 years old, last night (August 23) in St. George, Utah. Ken was an Air Force Veteran and retired United Airlines Captain. He is survived by his wife Donna; three sons Jeff (wife Angie), Bill (wife PJ) and Steve; brother Bob Mattus and sister-in-law Kay Alexander. Please keep Bob and family in your prayers.

Rest eternal grant to Ken, 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.

St. Mark's Book Club

Our members were hosted by Joel Bolton at our last meeting on Saturday, August 19th. Thank you, Joel. The meeting was characterized by our typically animated and wide-ranging discussions, this time focused on "The Song of Achilles" by Madeline Miller. We covered this reimagined version of Homer's "Iliad," exploring what it means to be a hero, a lover, an outsider as well as what makes a novel popular with different audiences, young and old.

This was our generous book club coordinator, Sally Drake's last meeting. Many thanks for the treasure of her time and many good wishes on her move to a new community.

Do you love reading and the fellowship of book lovers? Please join us on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 10am-12noon. We welcome all who enjoy a good read and discussion. Contact Maggie Vizio or the church office for details. Next up, Sharon Muehlbacher will host a discussion of "How to Cook a Wolf" by M.F.K. Fisher on Saturday, September 16th, from 10am-12noon. Please call the church office if you need her contact information.

Youth Group News for September

Saint Mark's youth group will have its first meeting on Sunday, September 17, beginning right after church in Room 18. There will be food and meetings should last no more than an hour. If you missed the orientation meeting on August 20, join Lisa and Peter Drew during the Ice Cream Social for a program overview and to pick up a program calendar and contact information forms. The calendar and the forms are also attached to this Good News. Young people should return their contact forms when they come for their first meeting.

Click [HERE](#) for Youth Group Information Form.

Click [HERE](#) for Program.

Want to Learn More about Episcopal Identity, Preaching, Leading Worship, Governance, or Pastoral Care?

St. Mark's and Deanery 6 are looking into a pilot program for lay licensing with Bloy House, The Episcopal School of Theology at Los Angeles. Participants will have all class fees (\$25-50) waived. Classes are from 6-8 hours, usually offered via zoom over four weeks on a weekday evening. There will be two in-person meetings for assessment of the program. If you would like to find out more about lay licensing with Bloy House, please contact the rector or the church office.

ALL THE BIG WORDS: An in-depth exploration of John's Gospel

The second half of the Gospel of John deals with the major words that give meaning to human existence. The course is an in-depth reading of chapters 13-21

of this late 1st-century book, daring to plunge into hard existential questions without the moralizing bigotry which hides and dilutes the power of the text. An online interactive class with Dr. James Dunkly and Dr. Gianluigi Gugliermetto will be held on Tuesdays, starting September 5, at 6:30 PM (9 meetings), cost is \$120, scholarship available. For more information: contact The Center for Spirituality in Ontario, CA.

[Click here for flyer.](#)

[\(https://www.spirituality.org/\)](https://www.spirituality.org/)

Fundraiser for Fellowship Events

The St. Mark's Fellowship Committee is me exciting events to support our parish and bring us together in celebration of Christ. We are in the midst of planning our annual Ice Cream Social, our very popular Halloween Trunk or Treat and St. Nicholas Brunch. We need your help.

To help offset the costs of putting on these events, your Fellowship team will be sponsoring a candy apple fundraiser through Sinfully Sweet Apple Company. We are proud to partner with a small business local to Upland in order to support our parish.

Please consider purchasing a candy apple gift for your kids, grandkids, neighbors, colleagues, or fiends to help us achieve our fundraising goals. These unique treats are \$10 each and the deadline to submit any orders is Thursday, October 5, 2023. You can expect to receive your order on Sunday, October 29 - just in time for Halloween!

Please contact Melissa Diaz, fellowship committee member, at stewardship@stmarks-upland.org to place an order or ask a question.

[See attached flyer for delicious candy apple varieties.](#)

Church Zoom Account

Attention Zoom hosts, if your ministry uses the church account for your zoom meetings, please contact the office for new login information. Those attending zoom meetings should not be affected by the Zoom updates. Thank you.

Baptism, Confirmation, Inquiry, and Membership Class, Sundays at 9 AM, Room 16

We will be using the book *Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs & Practices* by Scott Gunn and Melody Wilson Shobe. This class is open to those who have questions, want a refresher course, are reconstructing their faith, open to meeting new people, or are interested in a safe space to share their spiritual journey. This 5-session series covers the Bible, Holy Eucharist, the Church, and Discipleship. The fifth session is an orientation to review the different rites. It loops so that a missed session can be made up the following month.

Soccer Shots

Soccer Shots has been postponed until further notice.

Your Summer Contribution is Appreciated

Summer is often a time for rest, recreation, and renewal. Please remember to keep your pledge up to date. St. Mark's 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 for your gift.

Sharing Our Events, Moments, and Ministries

In order to improve communication about our events, activities, and ministries, please consider taking the following photos: 1 a group photo of your church ministry members; 2 a photo of a regular meeting; and/or 3 a photo of an annual event. These images will help tell the story of who you are, what you do, and who to talk to for more information. Short videos are welcome, too. Our hope is to use them for social media, the website, and the photo board. Please send your images to Guen Vinnedge at dodgers@stmarks-upland.org. For larger files try using the free mobile app WeTransfer (no paid subscription necessary).



Creation Care

Diocesan Climate Change Summit, September 16

"The summit is a great opportunity to bring our diocesan community together to do what we can to address this issue which affects our whole world. It's not easy work but it is necessary work. The church has tremendous potential to make a difference. I firmly believe we can do anything we are called to do when we are working in community and with God's help. The issue of climate change needs our concerted, intentional, and communal attention." -Rev. Canon Melissa McCarthy
Summit topics include priorities of reducing carbon footprints, use of fossil fuel while adopting green technologies, news of Commission partnerships, including the "Climate Connections" disaster resilience plan - a pilot project, engaging congregations in strategic, collaborative response to crises including earthquakes and heatwaves.

If you are interested in participating or ride sharing, please contact Nancy Kinney or the church office.

Read more <https://diocesela.org/news/diocesan-climate-change-summit-announcement/>.



Outreach

Welcome New Executive Director of Foothill Family Shelter, Savannah Mlot

[Foothill Family Shelter](#) began as St. Mark's Homeless Shelter and currently serves as a transitional facility for homeless families with children from the west end of San Bernardino County and the east end of Los Angeles County. St. Mark's continues to support the Shelter in a variety of ways: Thanksgiving Basket drive, Family to Family Christmas Gifts, hosting Breakfast with Santa in the parish hall, hygiene kit drive, and most recently the School Supply drive led by the Daughters of the King.

A message from Savannah:

"I am honored to join Foothill Family Shelter as the newly appointed Executive Director. Foothill Family Shelter has been a beacon of hope and support for families experiencing homelessness or facing imminent housing insecurity. Our organization is dedicated to providing a safe and nurturing environment, along with essential resources, to help families regain stability and rebuild their lives. Through collaborative partnerships with local agencies, businesses, and volunteers, Foothill Family Shelter has been able to make a significant impact in the lives of countless families. Your commitment to our mission has been instrumental in our success, and I am eager to build upon the foundation that has been laid out by my predecessors.

With your support, we have the opportunity to achieve even greater heights and make an even more profound difference in the lives of those we serve. Your contributions and time directly enable us to provide vital services. I invite you to share your ideas, thoughts, and feedback with me as we embark on this journey together. Your insights are invaluable in shaping our strategies and ensuring that our efforts are impactful and meaningful.

With your continued partnership, we can create lasting change and build a brighter future for those in need. Once again, thank you for your commitment to our organization."

For more information about the Shelter and how to get involved, please contact Kay Alexander, Melissa Diaz, or Rosalyn Foster.

Disaster Relief for Hawai'i

Episcopal Relief & Development will continue to work with the Diocese of Hawai'i and other agencies after the initial response period to support redevelopment efforts. To donate, click [**here**](#).

In addition, the Diocese of Hawai'i is working through A Cup of Cold Water, its community outreach program, to distribute toiletries, food and pet food, bottled water, clothing and other necessities to displaced people. Donations to the relief effort may also be made through the Hawai'i diocese's **Bishop's Pastoral Fund** or directly to A Cup of Cold Water, [**here**](#). (Read more about diocesan relief efforts [**here**](#).)

Successful school supply donation drive for Foothill Family Shelter

The Sancta Sophia chapter of the Daughters of the King thanks all of you who donated so generously to the school supply drive for the children who are benefited by the Foothill Family Shelter. We were able to supply the Shelter with 297 school supply items, including pencils, pencil sharpeners, pens, markers, erasers, notebooks, binders, paper, pencil bags, rulers, scissors, and other helpful items. There were also two backpacks and two lunch boxes donated, as well as 20 items of food and a package of underwear. Well done, St. Mark's!

Blood Drive, Wednesday, August 30, 1-7 PM

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: October 26. [Register through the Red Cross](#)

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 Update.

Recovery Ministries at St. Mark's

Compulsive Eaters Anonymous meets on Saturdays from 9-10:30 AM.



Stewardship & Finance

Zelle is here! New option for online giving to St. Mark's

Zelle is a convenient, no-fee way to directly give to St. Mark's. Zelle is a collaborative effort by banks to allow customers to directly transfer funds without a wait and without the fees charged by vendors like PayPal. You can set up Zelle once you log into your bank account. There also is a mobile application, although we recommend making sure that password protection and other security features are enabled. St. Mark's donations can be made by using **give@stmarks-upland.org**. Donations will go directly to the operating fund to pay for our regular costs (including our nice air conditioning) unless you designate otherwise.

Give to St. Mark's

Thank you for your generous gift.
No matter how, how much, or how often you give,
you make a difference. Your contribution is appreciated.

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Office Hours: Monday–Thursday 9 AM to 3 PM (closed 12:30–1 PM);
Friday Closed

The office will be closed Monday, Sept 4
in observance of Labor Day.



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