



The Good News

Sunday, February 26, 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.

Come Tell Your Story at "Bridging St. Mark's Past and Future" February 26

Please accept our invitation to join us on February 26, after the 10 o'clock service, for "Bridging St. Mark's Past and Future," a congregational listening and learning forum, facilitated by Kaleidoscope Institute Associate Peter Bechtel. We ask for only 90 minutes of your time. Following enhanced hospitality offerings, we will gather at 11:45 in the Parish Hall, to be part of the dialogue as we remember St. Mark's history—the accomplishments, challenges, and lessons. It will be important to have members present to represent all the decades of St. Mark's history on this campus—that is 60 years since our buildings were constructed. Be there to tell us about your first or favorite decade so far. Then help us try to envision the St. Mark's that will be in 2023 and into the future.

Week at a Glance at St. Mark's

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

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 more info, contact David Nalbach.

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

The Great Litany: The First Sunday in Lent, February 26

The Great Litany is spoken at 8 AM and sung at the beginning of the 10 AM service on the first Sunday in Lent. The Great Litany (BCP, pages 148–154) is an extended intercessory prayer, which includes various petitions read by a leader with responses voiced by the congregation. Because of its penitential tone, it is especially appropriate during Lent. Music found in the blue hymnal, Hymn S-67. The "S" (or service music) hymns are in the front portion of the hymnal.

Confirmation with the Bishop, December 10, 2023

St. Mark's will have a bishop's visit on Sunday, December 10, 2023, at the 10AM service.

This is the office visit from the office of the bishop and a time for confirming those previously baptized, receiving Christians from other denominators, and reaffirming baptismal vows. Please let the office know if you are interested in finding out more information about the rites/classes/rehearsal. Many thanks to Canon Melissa McCarthy for arranging the switch for us.

Music Director Search Committee Update

The leading candidate has withdrawn his application for the position of Music Director and Organist, so the committee is reviewing additional applications and plans to conduct further interviews in the next few weeks. We will continue to keep the congregation informed about our progress toward finding the person God has in mind for our music ministry at St. Mark's.

Offertory Plates Return to Circulation, March 5

Beginning Sunday, March 5, ushers will resume using the offertory plates to collect contributions in the sanctuary. Please note that hand sanitizer is readily available to use before receiving communion.

Loving Our Neighbor: Masking

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. Unvaccinated persons and those who are immunocompromised are especially encouraged to wear masks indoors, particularly when in a small room with minimal air circulation.

COMMUNITY & FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Ash and Dash Thank You

During the coldest Ash Wednesday since Ash & Dash began St. Mark's imposed ashes on over 150 people coming in almost 120 vehicles – including two trash collections trucks. Many thanks to those who set up before dawn, wave signs on the windy sidewalk, donated and served Starbucks coffee, imposed ashes and asked for prayers, tracked numbers, and helped clean up. Your work is appreciated. Special thanks to Dale Biggs who opened, covered the cross above the altar, repaired/replaced the broken/ineffective door stops, and more.

Blessing of New Members, Feb 26

This Sunday we bless new members to the parish and present them with a St. Mark's Lion Pin.

Lenten Soup Supper and Program at St. Mark's, March 15

St. Marks will be hosting this Deanery event on Wednesday, March 15 6pm. Fellowship will need volunteers to bring soup, bread, and other items . A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Parish Hall beginning on Sunday Feb 26th. Please consider supporting this Deanery event.

Lenten Walk Experiences: March 4 in Claremont, March 25 at Joshua Tree

The local Lenten Walk will be at the California Botanic Garden (aka Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden) in Claremont, Saturday, March 4. This is usually a late morning, easy walk, and we would expect to be done by lunchtime. Meet at [St. Ambrose Claremont](#). Contact Craig Gillette at CraigGillette@stmarks-upland.org

Children's Christian Education for Lent 40 Day Love Builds Up Family Lenten Program

The 40-day family program booklet will be available in the Narthex beginning Feb 26th. The program is the perfect way for parents, grandparents, and families of all types to strengthen their spiritual health during Lent.

Love Thy Neighbor: Disability Awareness Forum, 4 Sundays, Mar 5, 12, 19 & Apr 16

Join us for conversations about disability awareness after the 10 AM services on Sundays March 5, 12,

19, and April 16. Contact Discerner Rodney Hume-Dawson at Discerner@stmarks-upland.org

Inquiry and Membership Class, Sundays in March at 9 AM in Room 16

Bring your questions and join the conversation about the church and the denomination. We gather during the Lent Sundays in March at 9 AM in Room 16 just off the Parish Hall. 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.

Thanksgiving for Ministries of the School and Preschool, March 5, 12 Noon

This is an opportunity to give thanks for the 60+ years of ministries of the school and the preschool. A closing ceremony will start in the courtyard by the flagpole, then move to the church for reflection and sharing.

A special welcome and invitation to former students, teachers, staff, volunteers, parents, and alumni.

Former Parishioner Muriel Renov Turning 100 on April 1, 2023

Muriel was a very active parishioner, she formed the candlemakers guild and made all the Pascal candles. She did wonderful flowers arrangements, was a reader and lay eucharistic minister. She moved to Oregon in 1989. Please contact Joan Watson or the church office for Muriel's contact information.

Dedications for Easter Flowers Due by April 2

We encourage you to remember a loved one by making a memorial offering to help cover the cost of Easter flowers and decorations. Look for special offering envelopes. For questions, contact the Parish Admin.

Partnering with the Kaleidoscope Institute to Envision Our Future

Rev. Keith and your Vestry members are partnering with the Kaleidoscope Institute to help us plan for St. Mark's ministries in 2023 and into the future. Some are familiar with the book *The Wolf Shall Dwell with the Lamb* by Rev. Dr. Eric Law and his work which began in the Los Angeles Diocese in the 1980s to model effective leadership in diverse faith communities. The Kaleidoscope Institute grew out of that, and now its curriculum and associates help parishes and organizations of all sizes to grow and thrive, especially through difficult times of change.

Following the February 26 "Bridging" session, a St. Mark's leadership team will continue to work with the KI curriculum and facilitators throughout the year at Vestry meetings and four additional study sessions. In October, we hope to have a big event to launch and celebrate our new ministry model at St. Mark's, which we hope will include things like our revived music and newcomer programs, special events hosting on our campus, the Head Start Preschool, and other new ministries for our community.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Lenten Quiet Day, Christ Church Ontario, Sat, February 25

Deanery 6 Lenten Quiet Day on the Psalms, on Saturday, February 25 at Christ Church Ontario. Please RSVP directly to Christ Church Ontario.

Deanery 6 Lenten Program, Wednesdays in March

Spirituality of the Psalms by Walter Brueggeman

6 PM Soup Supper | 6:30-7:30 PM Program | 7:30-8 PM Service

March 1 – St. Ambrose Claremont

March 8 – St. Paul's Pomona

March 15 – St. Mark's Upland

March 22 – St. John's La Verne

March 29 – Christ Church Ontario

Prayer Requests

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

OUTREACH

Supporting EpiscoPartners in Turkey and Syria after the Earthquake

Working through [Action by Churches Together Alliance \(ACT Alliance\)](#), Episcopal Relief & Development will rapidly respond to the disaster through existing networks by providing supplies including winterization kits, hot meals and other food, medicine and emergency support. The organization is also in contact with other local partners as they assess the needs of their communities. Please continue to [pray](#) for those who have been affected by the earthquake. Donations to the [Turkey and Syria Earthquake Response Fund](#) will help the organization to continue to respond to communities impacted by this disaster.

The Most Rev. Hosam E. Naoum, the Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem who oversees five countries or territories: Jordan, Palestine, Lebanon, Israel, and Syria, [asks](#) for prayers and [support](#) for those affected by the earthquake.

If you wish to give through St. Mark's, please put "Earthquake/ERD" or "Earthquake/Jerusalem" in the memo respectively.

Next Red Cross Blood Drive, Friday, March 24, 1-7 PM

Red Cross blood drives are held in the parish hall and are held from 1PM -7PM. Mark your calendars for Red Cross 2023 Dates: (All are Fridays) 3/24, 5/19, 7/14, 9/15 and 11/10. The next blood drive will be on March 24.

Our Biggest Outreach

There are many benefits to being a member of a global network like the Episcopal Church—pooled resources, diverse perspectives, and outreach that is both international and local. When a person gives to St. Mark's Upland, they also contribute to ministries in prisons, schools, shelters, at the border, in the Holy Land, for neighbors affected by severe weather, and more. Learn more about how your pledge 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.

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 provide assistance to people displaced by the crisis in Ukraine. Donate to the ERD [Ukraine response](#).

FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP



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

Updated! Holy Week and Easter at St. Mark's and Deanery 6

Apr 2, Palm Sunday, 8&10 AM, St. Mark's Upland
Apr 3, Holy Monday, Holy Eucharist, 7 PM, St. Mark's Upland
Apr 4, Holy Tuesday, Holy Eucharist w/Anointing of Hands, 7PM, St. Mark's Upland
Apr 5, 7PM, Tenebrae, St. John's LaVerne
Apr 6, 7PM, Maundy Thursday, St. Paul's Pomona
Apr 6-7, Overnight Prayer Vigil beginning at 7PM, St. Mark's Upland
Apr 7, Good Friday Stations of the Cross, 12 noon, St. Mark's Upland
Apr 7, 7PM, Good Friday, Christ Church Ontario, 7PM
Apr 8, Holy Saturday, Greening of the Church & Morning Service, 9AM, St. Mark's Upland
Apr 8, 8PM, Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil, St. Ambrose Claremont

Racial Justice, Healing, and Reconciliation Resources: A Lenten Series

Ash Wednesday to Lent 1

1. [75 Things White People Can Do for Racial Justice](#)

A regularly updated page with resources for white people committed to long-term work for racial justice

2. [Becoming Beloved Community Where You Are](#)

A resource for individuals, congregations and communities seeking racial healing and justice

3. [Contact your federal, state and local officials](#)

Assistance with contacting federal, state, and local elected leaders

4. [Equal Justice Initiative](#)

Addressing mass incarceration, excessive punishment, and racial inequality. Includes the Legacy Museum and a national memorial for victims of lynching and racial terror.

5. [Office of Government Relations](#)

Washington, DC-based office managing Episcopal advocacy and action at the federal level

6. [Episcopal Public Policy Network](#)

Network connects Episcopalians and urges advocacy for federal legislative change

7. [Resources for Advocacy](#)

Episcopal Church policies, tips for communicating with elected officials, voter engagement and more

8. [Episcopal Social Justice and Engagement Team](#)

Connecting and mobilizing Episcopalians to move "from the pews to the public square" around racial, economic and climate justice

9. [From the Pew to the Public Square](#)

Resource for moving our faith to the streets

10. [Protesting Faithfully: The Episcopal Street-Action Handbook](#)

Resource for serving as "protest chaplains" and faithful companions in the struggle for justice

11. [What Does Love Do?](#)

A brief guide to following the Way of Love in the midst of uncertainty, loss and pandemic

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.

Lenten Quiet Day

10 AM- 2 PM

Christ Episcopal Church-Ontario

1127 N San Antonio Ave
Ontario, CA 91762

WORKSHOP WITH
QUIET REFLECTION ON
THE PSALMS

led by Jim Dunkly

\$10 suggested donation for lunch