



The Good News: Christmas 2021

Christmas at St. Mark's

Welcome and Merry Christmas! It's okay if you only came to please Grandma or don't really know why you're here at all. You are welcome to whatever peace, hope, joy, or love you may find here in-person or in-spirit. Christmas can stir up a lot of feelings – and not just bright shiny ones, but also grief, nostalgia, longing, and loneliness. While some are spending time with loved ones, others are not – for all kinds of reasons. While some are dwelling with happy memories, others have sad or painful memories. There is space and room for all. We are glad you are here.

Christmas Eve, Friday, Dec 24

Holy Eucharist with Band at 3 PM.

Holy Eucharist with Overture beginning at 9:30 PM and Choral Mass beginning at 10 PM.

The Family Christmas Pageant was held on Sunday, Dec 19. There will be no pageant on Christmas Eve.

Christmas Day, Saturday, Dec 25

10 AM, only one service of Holy Eucharist with music, no choir or childcare.

Because we want to provide a safe and healthy space for everyone, especially children, the elderly, and the vulnerable, masks (2&up) and proof of vaccination (12&up) are required – proof on phone or photocopy OK.

Parking Spaces for Christmas Eve Services: North Parking for Those with Mobility Issues

If you are able, please park in the south parking lot. Please reserve our north parking spaces for those with mobility issues. OK to drop off using the front driveway.

Volunteers Needed for Christmas Services

We are in need of the following: Parking attendants—one to stand outside at the turn-in to the upper lot and screen for handicapped placards and one or two to assist with parking in the lower lot. Greeters to wear big (but masked) smiles and warmly welcome any visitor who approaches either the south or north doors to the church and direct them toward an outside usher. Outside Ushers to check proof of vaccination cards. Inside Ushers to hand out bulletins and direct people to seats, restrooms, and assist throughout the service as needed. Please email ushers@stmarks-upland.org to let us know that you can help. Many thanks!

Bring Your Children to Church on Christmas: No Childcare on Christmas Eve and Day

In order to give our Sunday School teachers time with family, there will be no Sunday School or childcare in the preschool this Christmas Eve. Please allow families the space and grace to bring children into the sanctuary. To assist parents the speaker system will be on in the Parish Hall and the Guild Room will also be available. On Christmas Eve, a Christmas video will be playing in room 16 in the parish hall. Sunday School resumes January 2.

Merry Christmas and Thank You

Thank you so much for celebrating the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ with us.

Thank You to All Who Enhanced Our Worship: Thank you to our Parking Attendants and Sextons led by Dale Biggs; Ushers and Greeters led by Kimberly Cortner; Eucharistic Ministers led by **Joan Watson**; Lectors led by **Chris Watson**; Bread Bakers led by Barbara Harris; Oblation Bearers; Altar Guild led by **Ann Porter** and **Kathy Walker**; Flower Guild led by Christy Hyder; Counters led by Kathy Walker; Digital Media led by Bob Mattus; Liturgical Arts led by Canon Serena Beeks; The Greening/Starring of Church Brigade and everyone who put in many long hours in setting up for our services, and decorating and beautifying the church and grounds.

Thanks especially to all those who gave generously for our beautiful Christmas flowers and decorations.

Thank You to All Who Participated in the Children and Family Christmas Pageant: The children, their parents and grandparents, to the grips, gaffers, stagehands, lighting, stage, and costume designers and especially to Pageant Director Susan Mackall and her assistants. This year the pageant was held on Sunday, December 19 to accommodate travel plans of families as newly vaccinated grandchildren visited grandparents and great-grandparents for the first time in many many months.

Thank You to Those Who Provided the Music for Our Services: St. Mark's Choir, St. Mark's Band, St. Mark's Handbell Choir, musicians, soloists, and our organist and Director of Music Ministry Blane Abernathy.

Thank You to Our Church and Parish Ministers: To the Leaders of Guilds, Task Forces, and Committees, Groups, the Vestry, Senior Warden Kay Alexander and Junior Warden Carol Morgan. Thank you to those who found new ways to do ministry during the pandemic. Also, appreciation to those whose ministries have been frustrated or stopped due to the pandemic. And to The Daughters of the King who are intentionally supporting various ministries as they re-start and who have been praying unceasingly for everyone.

Thank You to Those Who Made Our St. Mark's Crèche Experience: The Betty Davenport Ford crèche is enhanced by the Loyal Nixon display cabinet crafted by the Rev. Richard Rubin. This year it is joined by a crèche made by an artisan from Haiti. Look for a bag of rice, a chicken, and bananas. It is from the collection of Canon Serena Beeks.

The Haitian-style crèche at the Altar is a reminder of our partnership with St. Andre's in Haiti as well as our shared mission and ministry to children between the preschool and church. *With them may we go to Bethlehem; in them may we see ourselves; by them may we be reminded of our heritage and our horizons; and through them may we remember that God loves us and dwells with us. Amen.*

Thank You to All Those Who Participated in Our Advent Events: Taizé Blue Christmas: Candlelight Ceremony for Coping with Loss during the Holiday Season coordinated by Blane Abernathy and Kimberly Cortner; Deanery 6 The Church We are Called to Be: Open Conversations with Dr. Jim Dunkly and Rev. Dr. Gianluigi Gugliermetto; St. Nicholas Dinner with Santa Visit coordinated by Betty Farrell and Susan Mackall; The Festival of Advent Lessons and Carols with the Deanery 6 congregations, combined choir, cantors; Family to Family: Sharing a Christmas with the Families of the Foothill Family Shelter coordinated by Rosalyn Foster; Deanery 6 Advent Quiet Day Retreat on St. Hildegard of Bingen led by Rev. V.R. Marianne Zahn; Letters from Santa led by Canon Serena Beeks; TOUCH Christmas Ministry Gift Cards and Toy Drive; and Curbside Christmas: Love like Jesus, Give like Santa led by Karina Carretero and Betty Farrell – offering Christmas to members, neighbors, and any who cannot join us in the building this Christmas.

Thank You to All Those Who Participated in Our Pre-Advent Events: Foothill Family Shelter Thanksgiving Dinner Program; Parish Work Day coordinated by Kathy Walker and Dale Biggs; Stewardship Drive Coordinators Vicki and John Levario; Annual Diocesan Convention – lay delegates Kimberly Cortner, Carol Morgan, and Kathy Walker; Lay Alternate Delegates Andrea Flasher, John Flasher, Jana Garner, and Andrea Griffin.

Thank You to Those Who Tried Something New: Collaborative experiences with Deanery 6 churches like Rachel's Garden; online Episcopal Church offerings like My Work to Do and Sacred Ground; Curbside Christmas; the breath prayer spiritual discipline; extra prayer time for the prayers of the people; a different beginning to the Lord's Prayer; using the Women's Lectionary by Rev. Dr. Wil Gafney; Hospitality Hour operating with pandemic safety guidelines; and using masks and vaccinations as an expression of love, care, protection for one another – especially for our children, the elderly, and the vulnerable and for those who live, work, and care for them.

Thank You to the St. Mark's Preschool: Thanks to the staff, teachers, parents, and students for the wonderful Advent and Christmas programs including the Preschool Christmas Pageant and Visit with Santa; the Preschool Afternoon Session "Santa Save the Gingerbread Boy" Holiday Play Extravaganza. Thanks to Interim Preschool Director Jackie Wilds for all her hard work. Thanks to the preschool board and chair Canon Gisele Tackoor.

Thank You to Our Partners in Ministry:

The Foothill Family Shelter was started by St. Mark's over 30 years ago at what was once the Upland Motel. During the years, the effort grew to include food donations and eventually the purchase of apartments to house homeless families. Today, the Foothill Family Shelter includes 28 two-bedroom apartments, a community food pantry (also open to those outside of the shelter who are in need), professional counseling, job placement, parenting classes, and most importantly hope. They are led by executive director Megan Nehamen and a diligent board including Imee Alborno and Rosalyn Foster, great staff, and wonderful volunteers.

Haiti Partnership with St. Andre's led by Canon Serena Beeks and Guen Vinnedge. Your prayers and support for St. Andre's are appreciated more than ever. Thank you for your contributions totaling almost \$10,000.

T.O.U.C.H. Ministries serves the homeless. Thank you for your continual contributions via the bin on Sundays: 492 Food items; 510 Clothing items; 365 Toiletries; 97 miscellaneous; \$3,040 in gift cards; and \$725 in checks. Also, to a donor who provides a monthly auto deposit that is used to provide a night in a motel room; safety, shower, sleep in a bed. A recent anonymous donation made for winter of 480 pairs of socks, 1/2 women's, 1/2 men's. For more info, contact Cheryl Hunley or Dave Nalbach (touch@stmarks-upland.org).

Thank You Taskforce & Special Committees: Many thanks to those who served on some important groups that concluded their work in 2021: the Readiness Taskforce led by Kate Flannery in charge of the safe and healthy return to the building for students, employees, volunteers, worshipers, and all our guests, visitors, and members; the Congregational Discernment Committee for Julia Warren led by Guen Vinnedge to help the discernment of ministry for the broader church resulting in the endorsement of the committee and Vestry for continuation in the Diocesan Discernment Year (at St. Edmund's Episcopal Church in San Marino); and the Digital Ministry Team led by Julia Warren to produce and broadcast our pre-recorded services and offerings bringing church beyond the building. Julia was a resource to many congregations in our deanery and diocese during the desert/exile/wilderness that was the COVID lockdown. The Digital Ministry team continues in a new way enabling hybrid worship. The work of the Readiness Taskforce is being done by the Worship Committee led by Verger Dr. Jim Brown.

Thank You to Our Clergy: Priest Assisting, the Rev. Sally Monastiere, for her faithful devotion and service to St. Mark's Parish; Rector Emeritus, the Rev. Konrad White; and Dean Emerita, the Rev. Canon Judy Heffron.

The Rev. Nathan Biornstad will be installed as rector of St. Wilfrid of York Episcopal Church (18631 Chapel Ln, Huntington Beach, CA 92646) on Saturday, January 22, 2022, at 11 AM. The Rev. Jose Luis Garcia will be ordained as priest at St. John's Cathedral (514 W. Adams Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90007) on Saturday, January 8, 2022, at 10 AM. We will be gifting him with a priest stole. Please sign the card in the narthex. Please make checks out to St. Mark's and write Jose Luis Garcia in the memo line of your check.

Thank You to Our Office Staff and Others: Kimberly Cortner, Barbara Nalbach, and Joan Watson who are staffing the office and keeping it running; Barbara Harris who runs the office remotely; Business Manager and Controller Katherine Abdolhosseini; and a big thank you to Dale Biggs and Kathy Walker who have been working in every part of the campus throughout the pandemic.

A Special Thank You

A special thank you to those who have dedicated years for faithful service as coordinators of church ministries and are now stepping aside at the end of the year for a well-deserved rest. Bobbi Arjo: Wedding Coordinator including receptions. This year we had a long-distance wedding planned and a reception that changed weekly due to COVID.

Ann Porter & Kathy Walker: Co-Directors of the Altar Guild whose ministry is to care for the altar, vestments, vessels, and altar linens of the parish; they prepare the clergy and sanctuary for services and clean up afterwards.

Chris Watson: coordinator of the Lectors whose ministry is to read the lessons and lead the prayers of the people. During lockdown lectors (and others) made the remarkable shift to recording their parts for our virtual worship services.

Joan Watson: coordinator of the Eucharistic Ministers (including Lay Assistants) for Sunday Services and occasional services; and coordinator for Memorial services including receptions. When we returned to the building, we had a record number of services to celebrate loved ones.

**And thank you for making St. Mark's part of your Christmas celebrations.
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

The Very Rev. Keith Yamamoto
Rector of St. Mark's Episcopal Church – A Community of Grace

Mark Your Calendars: Coming Soon!

Sun, Jan. 2: Chalking of the Doors
Thur, Jan 13: Red Cross Blood Drive
Mon, Jan 3: Preschool Resumes
Sun, Jan 30: Annual Meeting

A Church Minute

The Christmas season is 12 days and culminates with the **Epiphany** of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on January 6. The texts assigned for Epiphany rounds out our Christmas story with the appearance of the star that calls out to those beyond the boundaries of God's original people. Epiphany (*manifestation*) truly becomes an apt depiction of the entire season, as this incarnation of God manifests God's very-self "among us" ALL.

Commemorations: Boxing Day & Kwanzaa begins Dec 26; St. Stephen, Deacon and Martyr, Dec 27; St. John, Apostle and Evangelist, Dec 28; Holy Innocents, Dec 29 Please pray for children in danger around the world; Holy Name, Jan 1 What are your names for Jesus, for God?; Epiphany, Jan 6

Health & Community Protocols for Worship St. Mark's cares for the young, elderly, and vulnerable. Vaccinations are essential to create a safer and healthier workplace and worship space for all - including employees, volunteers, guests and especially for children, elderly, and the vulnerable. Our health and strength are interconnected with one another.

Masks are worn at all times by those 2 years and up.

Social distancing: We are respectful of those around us and adjust as able for healthy spaces between households. We appreciate everyone's patience and flexibility.

Direct physical contact with young children is avoided; elbow bumps are fine, but no hugs or handshakes.

For the "peace exchange," everyone's space and sensitivities are respected. When someone offers their elbow, fist, or a peace sign, we respond appropriately.

Restrooms: If it can wait, only one person or household uses the restroom at a time.

Hospitality: To reduce multiple handling of shared objects such as the coffee urn, hot water dispenser, and serving utensils, we let the hospitality host serve us.

St. Nicholas Dinner

Thank you to everyone who donated their time during this busy Christmas season to help make the St. Nicholas Dinner a successful and festive event. Your help enabled St. Mark's Church to return once again to onsite Fellowship Events. Thank you also to all who attended the event. We had 75 people attend St. Nicholas Dinner which made for a fun evening. Thank you, Santa and Mrs. Claus for taking time out of your very busy schedule to join us. We look forward to more Fellowship Events in the near future.

Curbside Christmas

Thank you to all the parishioners who donated time and money to our first Curbside Christmas event. We collected over 100 toys for T.O.U.C.H. benefiting children in need. This would not have been possible if it were not for your generosity. Continuing St. Mark's tradition to reach the unchurched and those who are not able to attend inside Christmas services at this time, a consecrated wafer was given to all to have while watching the services online. Thank you to the Band, Clergy, Santa, Mrs. Claus, and all the volunteers who got up early to set up pop-ups, hand out gift bags, and the Daughters of the King for filling over 200 gift bags. Thank you to Starbucks for donating 100 cups of coffee! Please visit the store located on Campus in the Colonies Crossroads center for your next Starbucks coffee! Looking ahead to "Giving Like Santa and Loving Like Jesus"

at St. Mark's Curbside Christmas next year!

Thank you all again, Betty Farrell

An Invitation from St. Mark's Guilds and Ministries

There are many ministries, guild and groups to join here at St. Mark's we like to think there is something for everyone. We hope you will be inspired by some of the offerings here. For more information, please call the church office at (909) 920-5565.

WORSHIP

Sunday Mornings at St. Mark's

8 AM **Holy Eucharist:** Fellowship and refreshments follow in Parish Hall.

9:50 AM **Children's Sunday School** – Catechesis for children ages 3-6-years in the Chapel; Journey with God, 7-10 years in Sunday School Room off Parish Hall.

10 AM - **Holy Eucharist with Music:** Fellowship and refreshments follow in Parish Hall.

Prayer Requests

Please send your prayer requests to prayer@stmarks-upland.org or complete the prayer request form at <https://www.stmarks-upland.org/saint-marks-prayer-list/>

Taizé Services Wednesdays at 7:30pm — No service on 12/29 Resumes Jan 5

Join us for Taizé in the New Year on Wednesday, January 5 at 7:30pm. There will be no service on December 29. This mid-week service at St. Mark's offers contemplative worship in the style of Taizé. It is a quiet and reflective half hour that includes silence, readings, prayers, and simple repetitive songs. Come away for a few moments of quiet in the middle of your busy week to focus on Jesus and the cross, reconciliation, and prayers for the world. Blane Abernathy is usually joined by other instrumental musicians.

Acolytes: An Ancient Ministry Ready for You

The Acolytes are an ancient ministry. At St. Mark's, acolytes help serve in the Eucharist. For more info, please contact the clergy or Dr. Jim Brown.

Bread Bakers: Bringing the Body of Jesus Christ to the World

For those who love to bake, we at St. Mark's use real bread for communion. We welcome new bakers and will give some training to anyone who wants to join. For more info, please contact Barbara Harris.

Flower Guild: Create Something Beautiful for Our Corporate Worship

Would you like to try your hand at flower arranging? The flower guild is looking for new team members. All newcomers are mentored through the process of choosing and purchasing flowers, arranging and other basics of this most rewarding of ministries. The Flower guild will be with you every step of the way to help you create the beautiful floral offerings that grace our sanctuary each Sunday. For more info, please contact Christy Hyder.

Ushers and Greeters: Striving to be a Friendly Community, Not Just a Community of Friends

Ushers and Greeters are the important people who those coming to St. Mark's meet first each Sunday. New members are always needed and welcome, especially for the 8 a.m. service. Come and be friendly! For more info, please contact Kimberly Cortner.

FELLOWSHIP

Volunteers Needed for Hospitality (Coffee) Hour for 8am and 10am Services

What would Sundays be without coffee hour after the service? This is a time to catch up with friends meet some new ones and enjoy some fellowship. The hospitality group provides teams of hosts throughout the year to set up coffee and light refreshments. If you have enjoyed the hospitality in the past, please consider helping to provide it for others by signing onto a team. For more info, please contact Sharon Muehlbacher

St. Peter's Guild (Wednesdays) Jan 5

St. Peter's Guild (cards and games) meets on Wednesday mornings from 9 am to 12 noon in the Conference Room in the front office building. We enjoy coffee, snacks, and good fellowship. Please join us. For more info, please contact Chris Watson.

Book Club (Third Saturdays) Jan 15

St. Mark's Book Club meets on the third Saturday of the month. Our next meeting is on January 15 at 10 am at the home of Sharon Muehlbacher. We are reading The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time by Mark Haddon. All are welcome, but it's nice to let the hostess know that you are coming. For more info, please contact Sally Drake.

Men's Coffee in Rancho Cucamonga - Wednesdays at 10:30 am

We meet for coffee and conversation at Bad Ass Coffee of Hawaii in Rancho Cucamonga. For more info, contact David Nalbach.

OUTREACH

Help TOUCH Ministries Fill 100 Backpacks

This time of year, the need is great for families and those living on the streets. TOUCH Ministries provide clothes, food and bedding and welcomes your donations. Especially needed at this time of year are tarps, socks, gloves, beanies and always Walmart or fast food cards. For more information, contact Dave Nalbach and Cheryl Hunley at touch@stmarks-upland.org

Scrip is Back!

Traveling to Grandmas? we have 76 and Shell gas cards; dashing to the store for turkeys? we have Vons, Target, and Walmart; decorating, watching a big game? Domino's; guest gift? box of See's; out gift hunting? Subway, Landry's, Burger King, and many others for that meal break; Nordstrom, Pottery Barn, Kohl's for gifting; AMC for a movie break. All supporting St Mark's. Please see Cheryl Hunley for more information or to purchase cards.

Foothill Family Shelter

There is always a need for nonperishable packaged food, diapers, wipes and gently used clothing to the shelter Tuesday through Friday, 9am-5pm, (closed for lunch from 12-1pm) 1501 W. 9th St, Suite D, Upland. For more information or current needs, contact Yelitza Banuelos at yelitza@foothillfamilyshelter.org.

Helping Those Affected by Tornadoes

Please pray for all who were affected or killed by the tornadoes and their aftermath. If you are able to help, Episcopal Relief and Development has an emergency fund set up to collect donations that will go to relief work organized through the local churches in the affected areas. Please write "ERD" in the memo. The direct link to the donation site is: https://support.episcopalrelief.org/disastersutm_campaign=fy21tornado&utm_source=211214DEADS01M0&utm_medium=email&ID=211214DEADS01M0&spMailingID=26030321&spUserID=MjYwNjc5MjU1MDczS0&spJobID=2121038268&spReportId=MjEyMTAzODI2OAS2

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Help Get the Word Out by Epiphany!

How? Subscribe, follow, rate, or write a review sharing what you love most about St. Mark's. Our goal is to increase our digital media presence by Jan 6, Epiphany aka the revelation of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles - a very appropriate day to celebrate sharing and inviting. Yelp: 3 reviews; Facebook: 37 ratings; Instagram: 333 followers; YouTube: 74 subscribers; Google: 9 reviews.

Images of Your Church Ministry for Annual Meeting by Jan 2, 2022

Please consider submitting a picture for the Annual Meeting. Please send as a jpeg file, list all the names of the people and the event or ministry. Images may be posted on social media – so please do not submit images without consent. Please send to parishadmin@stmarks-upland.org by Jan 2, 2022.

Last Day for 2021 Contributions

Last minute contributions for the 2021 year should be postmarked by Friday, December 31. Early submission is always appreciated.

2022 Stewardship Campaign “Every Perfect Gift”

Thank you to all those who made a pledge to St. Mark's for the 2022 fiscal year. We will be sending out acknowledgements soon. If you do not receive an acknowledgement within the next two weeks, please contact Katherine in the Business office. We are in the process of finishing our pledge drive and verifying those who have submitted a pledge card. We will be contacting those for whom a card has not been recorded. Please be patient with us as we complete our stewardship program and develop our 2022 budget.

If you have not turned in your form, there is still time. All pledges are kept confidential and may be amended at any time if your situation changes. Please pick up a pledge form in the Narthex or if you prefer, you may fill out your pledge information through our [website](#), there are two “pages” and you must fully complete the form to have it submitted. Please know that your information will be confidential and secure. Questions should be directed to Katherine Abdohosseini our business manager, contributions@stmarks-upland.org.

Help in the Office

Paid Part-Time Position, St. Mark's Office. We are starting the recruitment process for an office position with a variety of responsibilities. The exact hours and schedule are under review, but in-office work will be required on Thursdays. If you are interested or know any promising applicants, please contact Rev. Keith Yamamoto (rector@stmarks-upland.org) for further information.

Parish Staff to Observe Holidays

Members of the parish staff – whether working from the church or from remote locations – will take days off for several upcoming holidays and observances. Church offices will be closed on the following dates: Christmas holidays: Friday and Monday, December 24 and 27; and New Year's holidays: Friday, December 31 and January 3.

Church Calendar

All meetings/events must be scheduled thru the office. Don't see your event? Email parishadmin@stmarks-upland.org or call the office, 909.920.5565 to schedule a date and time with the rooms available.

Vaccinated for a Merrier and Healthier Christmas!

On our “Merry Christmas” page you can find the members of the vestry, staff, clergy, the Bishops of Los Angeles, and the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church - the Rt. Rev. Michael Bruce Curry. We are all vaccinated for a healthier church, nation, and world.

We are a community of grace feeding hungry hearts in the Episcopal branch of the Jesus movement.

The Most Rev. Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church
The Rt. Rev. John Taylor, Bishop Diocesan of Los Angeles
The Rev. Canon Melissa McCarthy, Canon to the Ordinary

Church Elders: Skip and Bobbi Arjo, Murray Duvall, Alice Granewich, Helena Kooiman, and Peter Mow - *A Church Elder is a long-time member with a sacred spirituality, energy, and wisdom. Like the grandparent at the family gathering, the tasks of fixing, preparing, and organizing have been passed on to another. Instead, the elder sits in the comfortable chair with the grandchildren gathered around to listen to the family stories.*

Emeriti: Canon Serena Beeks, Head of School Emerita; William Carrington, Organist and Choir Director Emeritus; and The Rev. Konrad White, Rector Emeritus

Canons: Canon Serena Beeks, D.Min. Executive Director, Commission on Schools; Canon Clare Bangao, Coordinator for Mission Congregations; Canon Gisele Tackoor, JD, Director of Recruitment and Admissions at Pilgrim Place; The Rev. Can. Judy Heffron, Dean Emerita - *The title "Canon" is an honored named by the bishop in recognition of significant service to the larger Church and is to be a wholesome example for all Christians. The title "canon" dates from medieval times; it denotes a key advisor to a bishop or a cathedral community. The person may be lay or clergy.*

Media: Rob Garretson, Electronic Marquee; Karina Carretero, Public Media; Bob Mattus, Digital/Broadcast Media; Guen Vinnedge, Instagram; and Barbara Harris, Facebook.

Staff: Parish Office Assistants Kimberly Cortner, Barbara Nalbach, and Joan Watson; Parish Administrative Assistant Barbara Harris; Director of Youth Ministries Rob Garretson; Organist and Director of Music Ministry Blane Abernathy (Director of Music Ministry Emeritus of St. Gregory Episcopal Church, Littleton CO since July 2018); Business Manager and Controller Katherine Abdolhosseini; Interim Preschool Director Jackie Wilds; Rector the Very Rev. Keith Yamamoto.

Vestry Members: Kay Alexander, Senior Warden (2022); Carol Morgan, Junior Warden, Membership, Social Media (2024); Sharon Muehlbacher, Fellowship, Buildings & Grounds (2024); Ken Drew, Finance (2022); Marcia Godwin, Finance (2024); Edwina Golightly, Education & Formation (2022); Andrea Griffin, Worship & Vestry Affairs (2022); Jay Chok, Preschool Board (2023); Dean Billman, Finance & Legacy Society (2024); Derek May, Treasurer (2022); and Vicki Levario, Clerk (2022)

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

VISION

We will be a faith community
that spreads God's word,
loves like Jesus,
enjoys worshiping together,
and helps our neighbors.

MISSION

To be a place where love and hope abound...
we welcome everyone to our worship and communion,
we help one another understand God and know Jesus,
we nurture our community and the world, and
we celebrate diversity and work for social justice.

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