



The Good News

Sunday, April 10, 2022

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

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

Join us for Easter, Sunday, April 17

8AM featuring the Choir & 10AM, featuring the Band

Sunday School and Childcare with the 10AM

The Great Egg Hunt to follow the 10AM service w/ appearance from the Easter Bunny

Because St. Mark's cares for the young, elderly, and immuno-compromised, because vaccinations are essential to creating a safer/healthier workplace and worship space, because our health and strength are intertwined with one another, and because health is not an individual endeavor, we show proof of vaccination and wear masks for in-the-building services. Masks may be taken off at the pulpit, altar, or presider chairs when reading (not singing). State and health officials allow churches to determine their own mask/vaccination policies. Thank you for your continued support.

Week at a Glance at St. Mark's

Office Hours: Monday–Friday 9AM to 3PM; Closed for lunch 12:30-1PM

Sunday 8AM and 10AM Holy Eucharist. Both in-person and streaming online on YouTube and Facebook. Go to <https://www.stmarks-upland.org/services/in-spirit-worship/>. Bulletins are available at church, by e-mail, and on the website. Hymnals are available for home use.

Sunday 9:50AM Sunday School. "Children of the Good Shepherd" for little ones ages 3-6, in the Chapel. "Journey with God," for children ages 7-10, in the Curriculum Room off the Parish Hall (Room 18). All children welcome!

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

Go to <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/93780545256>. Download prayer sheets from the website at <https://www.stmarks-upland.org/morning-prayer/>.

Tuesday 3:30PM Choristers. See Blane Abernathy for more information.

Wednesday 9AM St. Peter's Guild. Card games and other activities in person. Email stpeters@stmarks-upland.org for more information.

Wednesday 10:30AM Men's Coffee Fellowship. Meet at Bad Ass Coffee in Rancho Cucamonga. For info email menscoffee@stmarks-upland.org.

Wednesday 5:00PM Handbell Rehearsal. See Blane Abernathy for more information.

Wednesday 7:30PM Taizé Service. In person and streaming online on Facebook. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/saintmarksepiscopalparishupland>.

Thursday 7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal. See Blane Abernathy for more information.

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.

St Mark's Episcopal Church Special Music Schedule for Holy Week & Easter

Palm Sunday, April 10 – 10:00 AM – Blane Abernathy, organist 10:00 AM – St Mark's Choir
Taizé Tenebrae, April 13 – 7:00 PM – Blane Abernathy, soloist & organist
Maundy Thursday, April 14 – 7:00 PM – St. Mark's Handbell Choir
Good Friday, April 15 – 7:00 PM – St. Mark's Choir
Easter Day, April 17 – 8:00 AM – St. Mark's Choir 10:00 AM – St Mark's Band

COMMUNITY & FELLOWSHIP NEWS

ATTENTION: DONATIONS FOR THE EASTER EGG HUNT, by April 10

Please bring your filled eggs on Sunday, April 10. The basket will be in the Parish Hall, outside room 18 (Art room). Your contribution for this children's event is very appreciated.

Livestream Operators needed for Sunday Worship

Do you attend Sunday Worship live in the church? Would you be willing to donate (while attending church) 1 1/2 hours once a month on Sunday?

The Digital Ministry is ready to take livestreaming to a new level and needs several additional livestream operators. If this is something you would consider doing, please contact Bob Mattus for more detailed information at digitalministry@stmarks-upland.org

St Mark's Book Club, April 23

The club will meet on Saturday, April 23, 10:00 AM, at the home of Sally Drake. We will be reading the book, *The Tobacco Wives* by Adele Myers. Sally's address is 1840 Vail Way, Upland, 91784. If you are interested, please send an email to BookClub@stmarks-upland.org. It promises to be another great discussion so we hope to see you then.

Help Needed to Gather Palms, April 8

Bob Hyder will be cutting down palm branches on Friday, April 8 at 5:00 PM and will need help hauling them to the truck. Your help would be appreciated. If you are available, please text Bob @323.595.4618. Make sure you bring gloves. Thank you, in advance.

Church Decorating for Palm Sunday, April 9

Please help us decorate the Church with palm branches on Saturday, April 9 at 9:00 AM

Blood Drive, Friday, April 8

St. Mark's next blood drive will be held in the Parish Hall on Friday, April 8, from 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM. All are welcome to donate. To donate sign up online at redcrossblood.org. It's very simple. From the Red Cross, the blood supply is at an all-time low. Please donate if you can.

Dedications for Easter Flowers & Decorations Due April 10

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. Contact Christy Hyder.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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/>

Maundy Thursday Sign-Up

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, 'Sit here while I go over there and pray.' He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, 'I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me. (Matthew 26:36-38)

On **Thursday, April 14**, we keep vigil with Jesus throughout the night at the altar of repose in the chapel. It is a time for personal devotion and prayer. Sign up for a one-hour shift (or more) as an individual, a couple, or as a family. Shifts overlap and there should always be at least two persons present in the chapel. There will always be two men of the parish about the grounds to insure the safety of the participants. Those participating in the Vigil will receive a text or email reminder on Tuesday, April 12, listing the time chosen and the name and contact information of the person they are relieving and the person relieving them. Vigil participants are asked to park in the front of the church, to enter through the north doors and proceed directly to the chapel. For additional information, speak to Karin Brown or email her at prayer@stmarks-upland.org

Bring A Chalice to Church Continues Through Easter

The invitation to bring your chalice to receive wine at Holy Eucharist continues through Easter, April 17, 2022. All types of chalices are welcome; bring one from Almy or your kitchen/dining room. Chalices are posted on social media. Read interesting backstories - connections to people, places, history, and family. This is part of our Lent practice for an Easter celebration with safe ways to distribute the wine at Eucharist. Thank you for your help.

"Walk in Love" Program, Sundays in Eastertide: Coming in May (In-Person)

Phase two will focus on interactive tours and talks by ministry leaders. More information to follow.

Loving Our Neighbor Easter Program: Growing Beloved Community (Zoom)

7 PM Tuesdays via Zoom - April 5 & 26.

We explore concrete suggestions on to deal with systemic racism and to grow what Presiding Bishop Curry calls "the beloved community." Zoom invitations, along with a participant guide, will be sent out prior to the meetings.

April 5 - "Racial Reconciliation and Personal Empowerment" April 26 - "Actively Building the Beloved Community" All are welcome! This study is a collaboration with St. George's Episcopal Church, Laguna Hills (stgeorgesparish.org). To register, contact the rector.

What's Your Sign Say? Jesus/God Loves, April 3

In preparation for the Palm Sunday procession on April 10, we will be making signs the Sunday prior, April 3. "Jesus Loves..." or "God Loves..." or whatever the Spirit has led you to. Make your sign then help make a scene. Paper and markers provided.

OUTREACH

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

Donations to Episcopal Relief & Development's [Ukraine Crisis Response Fund](https://www.episcopalrelief.org/product/ukraine-crisis-response/) will help the organization and its partners continue to provide assistance to people displaced by the crisis in Ukraine. Donate here: <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/product/ukraine-crisis-response/>

T.O.U.C.H. Ministries

T.O.U.C.H. Ministries provides 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 gift cards. For more information, contact Dave Nalbach or Cheryl Hunley. Email touch@stmarks-upland.org.

Foothill Family Shelter

There is always a need for nonperishable packaged food, diapers, wipes, and gently used clothing. Bring 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.

FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP

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.

Building Loan Update

As reported to the congregation at the January 30 annual meeting, the Vestry has been considering whether to pay off or attempt to refinance the approximately \$325,000 that will be due when our building loan expires this May. The 2012 loan was originally \$930,000 for school and church improvements and was refinanced in 2017.

The Vestry, at its February 27 meeting, unanimously approved paying off the loan. A generous anonymous donation allowed us to pay down the principal enough to be able to consider this action; we will eliminate \$85,000 per year in loan payments. We are planning a "burn the mortgage" celebration this spring after we have made arrangements for the final payment. We appreciate everyone who has donated and continues to donate to the building fund so that we can meet our facility needs. --Finance Committee

DEANERY, DIOCESE, AND BEYOND

Deanery 6 Collaborative Lent, Holy Week, and Easter

The following services will be held at various churches in the Deanery: Apr 13 - Holy Wednesday Tenebrae, St. John's La Verne; Apr 14 - Maundy Thursday Agape Meal, foot-washing, Holy Eucharist, and stripping the altar, St. Ambrose, Claremont; Apr 15 - Good Friday Evening, St. Paul's Pomona; and Apr 16 - Easter Vigil, Christ Church, Ontario.

HEALTH AND COMMUNITY PROTOCOLS FOR WORSHIP

Unvaccinated individuals ages 12 years and older participate online and all ages 2 years and up wear a mask. Please consider getting a booster and social distancing.

We will be singing less but still having music, be meeting outside for hospitality/coffee hour but still having fellowship and refreshments and be avoiding large in-person sit-down meals but still be church and community for one another and the world.

Masks: Worn by those 2 years and up. We have disposable (surgical/medical/paper) face masks for your use.

Social distancing: We are respectful of those around us and adjust for healthy spaces between households. Direct physical contact with young children is avoided; elbow bumps are fine, but no hugs or handshakes.

Exchanging "The Peace": 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/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. We are outside for safety.