



August 01-07 at St. Mark's

- Sunday 10AM Holy Eucharist & In-Spirit Worship. We welcome **The Reverend Norma Guerra as celebrant and preacher this morning**. Bulletins are available in church, e-mail, and online. Please print the bulletin to use at home. Hymnals are available for home use, contact the church office to arrange pick up. On Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/saintmarksepiscopalparishupland/posts/4276542709079714> or online at: [In-Spirit Worship \(stmarks-upland.org\)](http://In-Spirit Worship (stmarks-upland.org))
- Monday – Friday 9AM – Zoom Morning Prayer & Bible Study <https://zoom.us/j/93780545256>
Download prayer sheets from the website: <https://www.stmarks-upland.org/morning-prayer/>
- Tuesday - 6:30PM Page Turners. New book study begins. Contact Andrea Flasher racialjustice@stmarks-upland.org
- Wednesday 9AM, St. Peter's Guild, card games and other activities in person.
- Wednesday 7:30 PM, Taizé

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.

Did you know that Facebook will automatically add closed caption to our services? Simply click on the settings "gear"  at the lower right of the screen, and turn Captions on!

Enhancing In-Spirit Worship

To enhance the in-spirit Sunday worship experience, please download the Sunday bulletin which has the words of the creeds, the prayers of the people, the confession, and most of the prayers. Also, hymnals for home use are available for take home or delivery. Please let us know if you would like one. Thank you for your feedback.

St. Mark's Welcomes the Rev. Norma Guerra

We welcome the Rev. Norma Guerra, Associate for Formation and Transition Ministry, to the pulpit and altar this morning. The Rev. Norma Guerra is a life-long Episcopalian born in the city of Guatemala. Her father is the retired Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Guatemala. His ministry influenced and keeps influencing her life and especially her own call to the Ordained Ministry. Norma received a Diploma in Theology from Bloy House, The Episcopal Theological School at Claremont, where she received the Highest Academic Achievement Award and the Excellence in Preaching Award. She graduated with a Master of Divinity from the Episcopal Divinity School in Boston, where she received the Allison Cheek Prize in Feminist Liberation Theologies. Norma was ordained to the diaconate in June 2016 and the priesthood in January 2017. She joined the staff of the Diocese of Los Angeles on December 1, 2020, as Associate for Formation and Transition Ministry. She works with the Rev. Canon Thomas Quijada-Discavage in staffing processes through which candidates pursue ordination and clergy are placed in congregations. ***There will be a short interview with the Rev. Norma Guerra, as part of our service on August 1. If you have a concern you would like us to***

consider in the interview, please email it to Rev. Sally at stmarksmonastiere@gmail.com no later than 6:00pm on Saturday, July 31.

COVID PROTOCOLS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP

Updated Mask Protocol for St. Mark's (July 18, 2021) Per the advice of Dr. Jim Brown... Because fully vaccinated people can transmit/spread the COVID Delta variant to others, it is recommended that unvaccinated individuals participate in church online/inspirit or sit in the northern pews with masks and social distancing.

It is respectfully requested that parishioners continue to wear a mask even if fully vaccinated when attending church in-person until further notice.

Social distancing: The north side of the church is reserved for those who wish to maintain social distance seating for whatever reason. No judgement given or reasons needed. Please know that this arrangement is only temporary. If this arrangement results in people not being able to sit in their "usual" seats, we will appreciate everyone's patience and flexibility.

For the "**peace exchange**" during worship, everyone's space and sensitivities should be respected. If someone offers their elbow, fist, or a peace sign, please respond appropriately. Do NOT assume physical affection. The peace of Christ is offered and given with enthusiastic consent.

Since **children** under age 12 cannot yet be vaccinated, all direct physical contact with young children should be avoided; elbow bumps are fine, but no hugs or handshakes.

Restrooms: Out of respect to those who are not able to receive the vaccination and in order to maintain physical distancing in the restrooms, we ask that only one person or household use the restroom at a time.

Hospitality: We offer a limited in-person coffee hour in the Parish Hall. To reduce multiple handling of shared objects such as the coffee urn, hot water dispenser, and serving utensils, please let the hospitality host serve you.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP

Our Virtual Coffee hour is on hiatus

With the return to in-person worship, our coffee hour has moved to the church and our coffee hour hosts are assisting with livestreaming our service. Unfortunately, they are not able to also host our online coffee hour. If you would like be a host and continue this ministry, please contact us at parishadmin@stmarks-upland.org and we will work with you to continue to provide a coffee hour for our at home participants.

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>

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/>

Page Turners

Beginning July 6, we are reading and discussing **The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can All Prosper Together** by Heather McGhee. Discussions are every other Tuesday at 6:30 PM for 5 sessions. Sessions run July 6th through August 31st. Please contact Andrea Flasher at racialjustice@stmarks-upland.org for more information.

VESTRY NEWS

Larry Shade has resigned from the Vestry. Thank you to Larry for his service on the Vestry. Andrea Griffin has graciously volunteered to take his place as liaison to the Worship Committee in addition to her position as Vestry Affairs. If you are interested in more information about the Vestry, please contact any Vestry member:

Kay Alexander - Sr. Warden/Outreach
Carol Morgan - Jr.
Warden/Membership/Communication
Dean Billman - Stewardship/Fellowship
Jay Chok - Preschool

Ken Drew – Finance
Marcia Godwin – Budget
Edwina Golightly - Christian Education
Andrea Griffin - Vestry Affairs/Worship
Sharon Muehlbacher - Building & Grounds

COMMUNITY NEWS



Ride Needed

Parishioner is looking for a ride to Sunday Services. Looking for people who may be living near Monte Vista near the 10 in Montclair. If you can help with a ride to and from church, please contact (email/call) the church office, (909) 920-5565 or parishadmin@stmarks-upland.org for additional information.

Natalie's Retirement August 22

Just a reminder that cards are available in the narthex for a note to Natalie on the occasion of her retirement. Please place cards in the basket in the parish hall for collection. Monetary gifts should be placed in the collection plate with a note "Natalie's Retirement" in the memo line or on the envelope.

Deanery Installation Choir

You are invited to participate in a combined choir to sing for the installation of Rev. Jessie Smith as Rector of St. Ambrose, Claremont. Saturday, September 18 at 11 a.m. Warmup and rehearsal will be at 9:45 sharp. We will sing "With a Voice of Singing" by Shaw. If you have music for this, please bring a copy with you. We need to know how many will participate. Please RSVP to Dr. Taylor Ruhl at taylorruhl@gmail.com. Thank you!

Versed program for adults

Pandemic Over Restart? featuring Bishop John Harvey Taylor. Sunday evenings beginning Sep 19-Oct 10. The evening includes dinner. St. Paul's, Pomona \$10 suggested donation. More information to follow.

Flower Dedications

Flower dedications for specific Sundays are welcome at this time with a donation **in any amount** to help defray the cost of the flowers and materials. To arrange for a dedication, please e-mail Guild Director Christy Hyder at least three weeks before any dedication at flowers@stmarks-upland.org, with a copy for the bulletin to parishadmin@stmarks-upland.org. Include the Sunday you've chosen and the wording for the dedication. You may make your donation by check or PayPal. Please write "Sunday Flowers" on the memo line.

Celebrating Birthdays, Anniversaries and Other Life Hallmarks - First Sunday of the Month In Person

Are you celebrating a birthday or anniversary this month? Please join us for a special blessing at 10 am in person, or enter your event in the comments online.

MINISTRIES

Ushers & Greeters Needed

Ushers and greeters help welcome others to our community, greet all who enter, answer questions, pass out bulletins, help shepherd during communion, collect offerings, and restore the sanctuary after services. With the return to in person worship, we are looking to reimagine our ushers & greeters guilds. If you have been an usher or greeter in the past, and would like to continue, or if you are new and looking for a way to get to know the community, please email worship@stmarks-upland.org for more information. All are welcome!

Bread Bakers

With the return of in-person worship, bread baking is back! If you would like to participate in this vital ministry, we will provide a recipe and guidance. **Even if you baked in the past**, please email bakers@stmarks-upland.org if you would like to be added to the new schedule.

OUTREACH

St. Mark's and the Haiti Partnership

Parishioner Lisa Drew has written a song, We Must Be Here for a Reason, which will be our anthem on Sunday, August 1, in honor of our 22-year Haiti partnership. It seems like a good opportunity for an historical review:

1970s: The National Association of Episcopal Schools asks Episcopal schools in the U.S. to partner with Episcopal schools in Haiti for support, friendship, and collaboration. Because of the extreme lack of opportunities for education in Haiti, the Episcopal Church in Haiti at its inception in 1860 founded many rural churches, each one of which also served as a school. At the present day, there are more than 250 rural Episcopal schools in Haiti, educating more children than are educated by the government, and there are about 70 school partnerships like St. Mark's'.

1990s: After the fall of the notorious "Baby Doc" Duvalier in the late 1980s, a period of political instability in the early 90s means that establishing new partnerships is difficult.

1999: Roger Bowen, National Association of Episcopal Schools Haiti partnership coordinator long active in partnerships, invites parishioner Serena Beeks to go along on a trip with two high school students, testing the waters for possibly resuming student travel. She comes back with stories and pictures and a commitment to Haiti.

2000: Interim Head of St. Mark's School Sally Monastiere encourages participation in the Partnership Program and the offering from the 6th-7th-8th grade Christmas Eucharist is designated by the students to establish a Haiti partnership.

2001: St. Mark's is assigned by the Diocese of Haiti to St. Andre, Trianon, the first church established in that region by Bishop James Holly in 1861, currently celebrating its 160th year as a church and school. Serena is by now making a couple of trips each year, escorting new partners, and visits St. Andre's, perched on a cliff above the main highway, Rt. National 3, through the center of Haiti, at the time a dirt road. The Principal, Louis Fleuristal, expresses a wish for a wall so that children don't tumble into the road.

2002: Through student fundraising and donations, St. Mark's assists with a wall and then over the years goes on to help with a 4-classroom school building and participation in a local effort to bring running water from a spring several miles away through a village and several farms to the school, with water stations along the way.

2004: Kathy Walker becomes the first other St. Mark's parishioner to visit St. Andre. She comes back with stories and pictures and a commitment to Haiti.

2008: The first group from St. Mark's church and school visits Haiti -- School parents Betsy Mog and Karri Backer, parishioners Edwina Golightly, Kathy Walker, and Serena Beeks, and friend Julie Beals,

visiting on behalf of another school considering a partnership. All come back with stories and pictures and a commitment to Haiti. Karri and Julie go to seminary and become ordained Episcopal priests. Cause and effect? Who can say?

2009: The combined church/school visits continue, with Guenivere Vinnedge in the 2009 group becoming the first St. Mark's teacher to visit. Eventually, St. Mark's teachers and clergy visiting Haiti on annual trips will include the Rev. Lee Harris, Denise Gideon, Robert Cunningham, the Rev. Keith Yamamoto, Elizabeth Selk, Mark Ravelli, and more than 20 parishioners and school parents. They ALL come back with...you know the rest.

2010: The January earthquake devastates Port-au-Prince, Leogane, and much of the surrounding area. The old 3-room classroom at St. Andre is damaged beyond repair, as is the principal's house. St. Mark's helps to support a new school building and the building a of a new house for the principal.

2012: A group from Genesis Church in Upland joins the St. Mark's group on the annual visit and we become co-partners.

2013: A chaplain from another school joins our group along with her middle-school daughter, who is such a superb traveler that we resolve to start bringing students.

2014: The first four St. Mark's students travel: Brooke Fakhouri, Carson Waddell, Abby Nurredine, and Luke Nurredine. More than a dozen students and a few adult former students will subsequently make the trip, the most recent being Aiyana Harris in 2019.

2020: A combination of the Covid outbreak and political unrest makes travel impossible. We pray for an end to both. Our Haitian friends are suffering.

Over the past 20+ years, in addition to support for teacher salaries and 8th grade class gifts for new uniforms for the students, St. Mark's has under Guen Vinnedge's leadership participated in a "Goats and Gardens" venture to improve family economic stability. Teacher training programs through Redlands University spearheaded by Denise Gideon and participation in Anseye pou Haiti ("Teach for Haiti," similar to "Teach for America") have brought more strength to the program at St. Andre. Denise has also founded a nonprofit, For A Reason, which provides scholarships and accompaniment for students in Haiti, supporting several of our St. Andre students to go on to secondary school and university or professional schools.

Is there a trip to Haiti in your future? You have many new friends waiting to meet you. Stay tuned, and as soon as travel is possible, we'll be on our way. Meanwhile, please ask Guen, Kathy, Serena, Denise, or any of our travelers about anything you have questions about. Please also consider supporting the Haiti fund at St. Mark's (just write "Haiti Fund" in the memo line of a check to the church. Every penny goes to Haiti to help keep St. Andre's open for children who would not otherwise have an opportunity for an education, and to help our Haitian friends make St. Andre's the best school it can be.

STEWARDSHIP

Summertime is here!

While summer travels may take you places, so remember to keep your pledge current. Before packing that suitcase, please be sure send in your donation 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](https://www.paypal.com), donations are being accepted through our email address, contributions@stmarks-upland.org. Please consider remembering Saint Mark's in your estate planning.

Is it time to Update your estate planning?

When was the last time you reviewed your estate planning documents? Do you have a Living Will?

Advanced Directive? Power of Attorney? Last Will and Testament? Maybe it is time to review your documents. Have you moved? Added assets? Added family? Reviewing your estate planning keeps things current. While you are reviewing, think about what your faith and Saint Mark's has meant to you and consider remembering us in your final wishes. Contact 1910legacy@stmarks-upland.org for more information.

VISION and MISSION STATEMENTS... We want your help!

St. Mark's—our clergy and vestry—is working on crafting new Vision and Mission statements, and we need your ideas!

A Vision Statement describes the ideal church we want to be. A Mission Statement describes what we want to do with the gifts that we have as a parish. Here are working drafts of the two new statements.

Our VISION for St. Mark's is of a community of grace, eagerly spreading God's word and extending Jesus' love to all, as we joyfully worship, both in person and in spirit, and generously reach out to our neighbors, helping anyone in need.

We make it our MISSION to be a place where love, joy, and hope abound. To do this we invite all persons, in whatever circumstances, to worship with us, to receive holy communion, and to help us serve others. We give guidance to those of all ages who want a deeper knowledge of God and closer connection with Jesus. We encourage our members to care for the needs of the community and the world. We celebrate our diversity and strive to reconcile all persons and groups to God through Jesus Christ.

You can share your thoughts with us in several ways: 1) When you attend a Sunday service in-person during August, please see the two large posters in the narthex, and write your comments on the paper notes provided. 2) If you won't be attending Sunday services in-person during August, please see the attachments to the Good News and the Sunday Bulletin and send your comments by e-mail to juniorwarden@stmarks-upland.org. 3) Of course, you may also talk to either Kay Alexander, our senior warden, or Carol Morgan, our junior warden.

The more specific your comments are, the more help they will be to us. Tell us about certain words or phrases that you like or dislike. Let us know whether you think the statements are accurate and complete, whether you agree or disagree with anything. Your voice is very important to us. It would be great if we could have 100% participation from the congregation on this project. We really DO want to hear from YOU!

Carol Morgan, Junior Warden

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

We embrace Christ at the center of our lives, sharing the Gospel with all people and loving ourselves and each other as Christ loves us.

Email: parishadmin@stmarks-upland.org

Website: <https://www.stmarks-upland.org>

Facebook: [Saint Mark's Episcopal Parish Upland CA](https://www.facebook.com/SaintMarksEpiscopalParishUplandCA)

Instagram: [@stmarksupland](https://www.instagram.com/stmarksupland)

YouTube: Saint Mark's Episcopal Church Upland, CA
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It's time for Quakes baseball... again!

Foothill Family Shelter Baseball Night

**SCORE BIG AND SEND OUR
SHELTER FAMILIES TO A QUAKES
BASEBALL GAME!**

AUGUST 21, 2021

Hit a **SINGLE** and send a child for **\$12**

Hit a **DOUBLE** and send a family of 2 for **\$25**

Hit a **TRIPLE** and send a family of 3 for **\$50**

Hit a **HOMERUN** and send a family of 4 for **\$75**

Hit a **GRAND SLAM** and send a family of 5 for **\$100**

Help create
memories that will
last a lifetime!

HOW TO DONATE:

Campaign runs
through August
20th

- **By Our Website:** <https://www.foothillfamilyshelter.org/Events-Sponsors/Featured-Event.asp>
- **By Check:** Mail a check to 1501 W. 9th Street, Suite D, Upland, CA 91786
- **By Facebook Fundraiser**



For more information, please call
(909) 920-0453 or e-mail
megan@foothillfamilyshelter.org



If additional funds are raised, money will be allocated to our Stepping Stones Program and made available for other children's enrichment activities.

