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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, July 2, 2023 — Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist (Communion) Services held at 8 and 10 AM**

Sunday Worship Guidelines

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



**The office will be closed Monday and Tuesday,
July 3-4 in observance of Independence Day.**

Health update for Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

Throughout the month of June, Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Michael Curry received [further testing and monitoring](#) following a [Memorial Day weekend hospitalization](#) for internal bleeding and heart arrhythmia.

Under the care of a cardiologist and an endocrinologist, Bishop Curry has followed orders to rest, and his medical team continues to closely monitor and treat his atrial fibrillation as well as an [aortic aneurysm](#) discovered June 16 during a transesophageal echocardiogram with cardioversion. His doctors are also conducting a variety of tests to diagnose and treat the cause of the original internal bleed. [Read more...](#)



Worship



Joel Bolton, Preacher

Joel will be the preacher on Sunday, July 23.

Hello, my name is Joel Bolton, and I have been going to St. Mark's for almost a year and a half. I recently received my Master's degree in English from Azusa Pacific University, where I also completed my undergraduate studies. This summer, I have gone on service trips to the Dominican Republic and to Egypt. I also received a Fulbright scholarship to teach English for a year in Kenya, which will begin next January.

Postulant Julia Warren, Preacher

Postulant Julia Warren will be the preacher for The Transfiguration Service on Sunday, August 6, 2023. That day, we will bless her seminary journey. (See article below.)



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.

Praying for Our Bishops Assisting

Our Bishop Diocesan, the Rt. Rev. John Harvey Taylor, has called three Bishops Assisting to help with visitations: Bishop Frank Brookhart, Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori, and Bishop Ed Little. A bishop assisting is a former diocesan bishop and serves under the direction of the diocesan bishop. Bishop Brookhart will preach,

celebrate, and confirm at St. Mark's on Sunday, December 10, 2023. We are including them in our Sunday prayers by first name.

Prayer Requests

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



Community & Fellowship

Blessing Postulant Julia Warren

On Sunday, August 6, join us as we bless Postulant Julia Warren as she begins her seminary formation. Julia will preach and serve at both services. St. Mark's has a legacy of lifting up church leaders for diocesan service and beyond. If you feel called to contribute towards a gift, please note Julia in the memo line of your check. Thank you for your prayers and generosity. Everyone is invited to sign a special gift for Julia in Room 14 on July 23 or July 30.

Episcopal Night at Dodger Stadium

Join Episcopalians from across the Diocese of Los Angeles to root for the Dodgers as they take on rival Atlanta Braves on Friday, September 1, at 7 PM. Tickets are \$30 each. Email Guen Vinnedge at dodgers@stmarks-upland.org to purchase the tickets no later than July 15.

Annual Book Exchange is Back!

Named in honor of the late rector of St. Mark's from the 1990s who was a voracious reader, the Jonathan T. Glass (pictured) Summer Book Exchange is again open for business in Room 14, in the Parish Hall next to the restrooms. The rules are simple: The first rule is, bring any books you don't want and leave them neatly on the tables or the bookcase. Please don't bring books that are excessively tattered, scribbled in, or missing covers and pages. The second rule is, take away any books you want. Some boxes and bags are available. At the end of the book exchange, all leftover books will go to the Prison Library Project in Claremont. All sorts of books are welcome, from children's books to cookbooks, from science fiction to self-help, from pet care to poetry, from do-it-yourself to drollery, from travel to theology. Happy summer reading!

Kathy Walker and Serena Beeks, Organizers



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).

Sunday School Off for July, Resumes August 6

Our volunteer teachers for Sunday School are taking the month of July off. Sunday school will resume on August 6.



Outreach

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 in Room 30 on Saturdays from 9-10:30 AM. Al-Anon meets in Room 30 on Tuesdays from 6:30-8 PM.



Creation Care

"Love God, Love God's World"

"Love God, Love God's World" is a nine-session, film-based curriculum, ideal for Episcopalians anywhere on the journey with creation care and environmental ministry—from newcomers looking to take their first step to seasoned leaders seeking a transformative small-group experience. Sessions include compelling films and readings, faith-based reflections, and discussion questions. Participants will also discover ways to learn, pray, advocate, and conserve. Topics include: Eco-theology and biblical foundations for creation care; Climate change and climate grief; Indigenous approaches to creation; Environmental racism; Renewable energy; and Resilience and solutions.

For more information, please contact Nancy Kinney.

[Register here...](#)

Bishop Curry on Creation Care

"This is not secular do-goodism, this is the Jesus movement. As followers of Jesus, we care for God's world because God cares for God's world, and this means that we care about climate change." —The Most Rev. Michael B Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church

For more information on Creation Care contact Nancy Kinney or go to
[**Episcopal Church | Creation Care**](#)



Stewardship & Finance

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.

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