



THE GOOD NEWS

Sunday, January 16, 2022

Because we want to provide a safe and healthy space for children and the vulnerable, proof of vaccination is required for in-the-building services.

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.

December 16 – January 22 at St. Mark's

Office Hours: Monday-Wednesday, 9AM to 11AM, Thursday 8AM to 2PM

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., our offices and Preschool will be closed Monday, January 17. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 18th.

- **Sunday 8 AM and 10 AM Holy Eucharist**, In-person and streaming online. 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. Streaming on Facebook or online at: [In-Spirit Worship \(stmarks-upland.org\)](http://In-Spirit Worship (stmarks-upland.org))
- **Sunday 9:50 AM Sunday School**. Catechesis for children ages 3-6 in the Chapel. Journey with God for children ages 7-10 in the Curriculum Room off the Parish Hall. All children welcome!
- **Monday – Friday 9 AM – Zoom Morning Prayer & Bible Study**.
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/93780545256> Download prayer sheets from the website: <https://www.stmarks-upland.org/morning-prayer/>
- **Tuesday 3:30 PM Choristers**, contact babernathy@stmarks-upland.org for more information
- **Wednesday, 9 AM, St. Peter's Guild**. Card games and other activities in person. Info: stpeters@stmarks-upland.org.
- **Wednesday, 10:30 AM Men's Coffee Fellowship. Bad Ass Coffee, Rancho Cucamonga**. Info: menscoffee@stmarks-upland.org.
- **Wednesday, 7:30 PM Taizé. In person and streaming online**

Health & Community Protocols for Worship

Those 12 & up show proof of vaccination and those 2 & up wear a mask. Unvaccinated 12 & up join us online/in-spirit.

During January, please consider getting the booster & social distancing. Also, during January, we will be singing less but still have music, outside for hospitality/coffee hour but still have socially distanced refreshments, and avoiding full-blown in-person sit-down meals (like Annual Meeting Brunch) but still be church and community for one another and the world.

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 intertwined with one another - health is not an individual endeavor.

Masks are worn at all times by those 2 years and up. We strongly recommend the use of disposable (aka surgical/medical/paper) face masks. Cloth masks should have a filter or disposable paper mask underneath. Please avoid single-layer cloth masks with gaps, valves, vents, or other openings.

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. For January, we will be outside.

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/>

Sunday's Readings

[Isaiah 62:1-5](#)

[Psalm 36:5-10](#)

[1 Corinthians 12:1-11](#)

[John 2:1-11](#)

Pondering Advent & Christmas: What's Next in Nazareth?

We all wish we could go back to Bethlehem where we first encountered the baby Jesus. As we look forward to building a new life in Nazareth and asking the question "what's next?" I invite your thoughts and reflections on what this means to you for your context, life, home, congregation, the church, nation, world...

Also, as you are reflecting on Advent and Christmas I invite your thoughts, feelings, questions, suggestions, and feedback. What church opportunities did you participate in? What do you hope gets repeated? What needs more attention? Thank you. Rev. Keith

VESTRY NEWS

Annual Parish Meeting: Sunday, January 30, 2022, at 9AM in conjunction with Holy Eucharist

Join us for our Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, January 30 at 9AM in-person or on-line. Out of an abundance of caution we will not be serving the traditional sit-down brunch following the worship service. Instead, we will incorporate the business of the annual meeting during the first part of the one worship service at 9AM. Submitted reports will be available online. See below for Vestry candidates' information. Reports from the Senior Warden and Rector will replace the first and second lessons. Please submit an image of your church ministry to parishadmin@stmarks-upland.org to be incorporated in a special Sunday bulletin. Electors must be present in person to vote. A combined Sunday school will be available for the meeting – please gather in the parish hall. Outside hospitality follows the service/meeting. Then the newly elected vestry and rector meet to elect the Junior Warden.

2022 Vestry Candidates

Four Vestry candidates will stand for election at our upcoming parish Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 30, 2022 at 9:00 am. These parishioners have experience and leadership skills that will be a great addition to our vestry. The candidates are Nick Adams, Karin Brown, Kimberly Cortner and Barbara Nalbach. Their autobiographies are available to read [here](#).

St. Mark's Budget

Our proposed budget for 2022 and the actual expenditures for 2021 will be presented at our Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 30, during the 9:00 am service. Note the special service time for this day. You can hear the presentation live in the church sanctuary or on Facebook Live.

Congregation members interested in hearing an overview of the budget and asking questions are invited to participate by Zoom at the beginning of the Vestry Meeting on Sunday, January 23, at 1:00 pm. This presentation will be in place of the open question/answer session that we have held in past years. If you are interested, please RSVP to juniorwarden@stmarks-upland.org to receive the Zoom link.

Office Administrator Job Opening at St. Mark's

We are recruiting applicants for a paid Office Administrator position. The position would be 30 hours/week in the office, Mondays – Fridays from 9 am to 3 pm. Benefits are offered. The position could increase to full-time sometime in the future. Responsibilities include, being the main point of contact for the parish; preparing bulletins and newsletters; maintaining office equipment; updating church website, Facebook, and YouTube accounts; maintaining church database including calendars, donation records, and financial reports; and processing vendor invoices.

The candidate must have strong verbal and written communication skills, excellent computer skills with Microsoft Office Suite, and be self-motivated to work with little supervision. If you or you know of someone who would be interested in this position, please submit a resume to seniorwarden@stmarks-upland.org

Introducing BREEZE – Our New Church Management Software

Hooray! We're finally moving into the 21st century and upgrading to a new church management software called **Breeze**. This system is easy for everyone to use—you, the clergy, our staff, and donors. It will allow you to view and update your own profile, to change contact information when necessary, and to view your own pledge contributions. Don't worry! All your information is secure, and your contributions cannot be seen by anyone but a couple of staff who handle the church's finances. If you are a leader of a group, committee, or guild, you will be able to manage a list of your members, set up volunteer schedules, and send reminder emails and texts. Watch for an email from St. Mark's inviting you to set up a **Breeze** account online, which you can do from your computer or phone. Soon we hope to have all our membership information updated, so we can communicate

with everyone more effectively. We appreciate your help as we transition to **Breeze**. —Carol Morgan, Junior Warden

Another Attempt at the Mailbox: Fail

On the evening of Sunday, January 9, two people attempted to access the contents of our mailbox. Although they damaged the door of the mailbox, they apparently failed to open it. If you suspect that something might be missing from this past weekend's mail, please contact the church office or rector.

COMMUNITY & FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Seeking Flower Donations

With the new year, comes an opportunity for the community to sponsor flowers for the altar on Sundays. Flower can be requested in honor of, in memory of, or in thanksgiving for, and always to the Glory of God. If you would like to sponsor flowers for a particular Sunday, please email flowers@stmarks-upland.org.

New Greeters and Ushers Welcome

If you're looking for a new way to serve at St. Mark's in this new year, here is an important ministry to consider. We are hoping to add a number of people to our ranks of greeters and ushers. No experience is necessary. Training will be provided. Scheduling is very flexible. Please contact Kimberly Cortner at ushers@stmarks-upland.org.

Need a Sewing Machine?

We have 6 sewing machines that are no longer being used. Contact Kathy Walker.

OUTREACH

Red Cross Blood Drive

Make 2022 the year you touch a life. Thursday, January 13, will be the first St. Mark's blood drive of the year. Technicians from the Red Cross will be here from 1PM to 7PM to accept donations. Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: STMARKS to schedule an appointment. You may also download and make use of the Red Cross app. Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

TOUCH Ministries

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.

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.

AROUND THE DEANERY, DIOCESE & NATIONAL CHURCH

Jose Luis Garcia Ordained

Our friend Jose Luis was ordained on Saturday, January 8. Rev Keith represented our community and presented Jose Luis with a stole which was blessed by Bishop Taylor. The service can be viewed on the diocesan YouTube channel and pictures can be seen on our Facebook and Instagram pages. A check will also be mailed to Jose Luis with your generous donations to his ministry.

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.

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 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.