



The Good News

Sunday, April 17, 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.

Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022

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

Both services will be live streamed

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, those 12 years and up show proof of vaccination and those ages 2 years and up wear masks for in-the-building services. Masks may be taken off at the pulpit, altar, or presider chairs when reading - not singing. We have disposable face masks for your use. 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. Please consider getting a booster and social distancing. State and health officials allow churches to determine their own mask/vaccination policies. Thank you for your continued support.

Easter Thanks from the Rector

Thank you to all who enhanced our Holy Week and Easter Day experience: Thank you to all our ministry team members and leaders for Fellowship, Worship, Parking, Ushers, Greeters, Lectors, Readers, Oblation Bearers, Bread Bakers, Eucharistic Ministers, Acolytes, Crucifers, Sunday School, Childcare, Digital Ministry, Daughters of the King, Hospitality (Coffee Hour), Sextons, and to everyone who showed up – especially you.

Thank you to those who help make us sound so joyful: St. Mark's Choir, St. Mark's Band, St. Mark's Bell Choir, soloists, and special musicians led by Organist and Director of Music Ministry Blane Abernathy.

Thank you to those who help make us look so beautiful: Altar Guild; Flower Guild; Liturgical Arts; and St. Fiacre (Gardening Guild). A special thanks to those who showed up to transform the church for Palm Sunday, Holy Week, Maundy Thursday, and Easter. Thanks also to all those who generously contributed for Easter memorials, flowers, and decorations.

Thanks for the Easter Egg Hunt: those who contributed so many commercially pre-stuffed eggs; those who helped the Easter Rabbit hide the eggs; coordinator Susan Mackall; and the Easter Bunny for making a special guest appearance.

Thanks to all those who participated in our many and meaningful Lent and Holy Week events:

Tried something brand new: For Lent and Eastertide, we are experimenting with [A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church](#) by Dr. Wilda C. Gafney, a Hebrew Biblical scholar and Episcopal priest, which is inclusive of the lives and perspectives of women and offers a fresh perspective on the names and divine titles for God in the Psalms translations. We will return to the BCP version of the Psalter for the season after Pentecost Day (Ordinary time).

Deanery, Diocese, & National Church offerings included (but not limited to) "Jesus De/Constructed" by Diana Butler Bass; "The Lenten Virtual Borderlands Experience" by the Office of Latino/Hispanic Ministries and Episcopal Migration Ministries; "Loving Our Neighbor Lent Program: Growing Beloved Community" using the Church Next video series based on Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's initiative and a collaboration with St. George's Episcopal Church in Laguna Hills; and the various Deanery 6 Collaborations including the Enneagram Quiet Day and Book Study Series, Shrove Tuesday, Tenebrae, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil with hosts St. Ambrose Claremont, St. John's LaVerne, Christ Church Ontario, and St. Paul's Pomona.

The creativity of old things in new ways: Shrove Sunday featuring the flint/stone fire transforming Palms to Ashes, the Bonfire of Disappointment, and delicious s'mores. To invite/increase engagement and participation we have added Readers (in addition to lectors) and Crucifers in new ways.

And the welcome return of things: In-person in-the-building Ash Wednesday Services plus the 5th presentation of Ash and Dash (Drive-through ashes); "Taking Sabbath Time in Lent" Quiet Day; "Walk in Love" Lent Program for Newcomers (phase two will be during Eastertide); Lenten Wilderness Walk Experiences at Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden in Claremont and Joshua Tree; in-person, in-the-building Holy Week Services including anointing of hands, Taizé Tenebrae, foot washing, stripping of the altar, all-night prayer vigil in the Garden of Gethsemane decorated Chapel of Repose, and Stations of the Cross.

We joined the world on Ash Wednesday in the Global Day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace in Ukraine. Prayers for peace continue. And St. Mark's might be developing a reputation for curbside ministries. From Ash & Dash came Curbside Christmas. At least one vehicle came through to pick up a palm in what may develop into a "Palms in Palms" curbside ministry next year (h/t Lisa Drew).

Thank You to Our Haiti Partnership Program with St. Andre's:

This year we remembered and gave thanks for the life and ministry of Dr. Paul Farmer cofounder of Partners in Health whose work transformed health care in Haiti. Guen Vinnedge and Canon Serena Beeks look forward to when we can resume our visitation trips to our partner church and school St. Andre's in Trianon. Pray for Haiti.

Thanks to Saint Mark's Episcopal Preschool, board, staff, teachers, volunteers, parents, students, and especially Interim Director Jackie Wilds for all they do to make St. Mark's a very special place to belong. Their work was essential as they provided excellent in-person education for our littlest when they needed it the most.

Thank you to the Ministers of St. Mark's: Guilds, Committees, Vestry, members, directors, leaders, liaisons, Senior Warden Carol Morgan and Junior Warden Kimberly Cortner.

Thank you to our Clergy: Priest Assisting, the Rev. Sally Monastiere, for her faithful devotion to St. Mark's year-round; Rector Emeritus, the Rev. Konrad White; newly ordained the Rev. José Luis Garcia (Church of the Epiphany Los Angeles & Center for Lay Chaplaincy); and newly installed the Rev. Nathan Biornstad (St. Wilfrid's Huntington Beach).

Thank you to Staff and Others: We welcome Office Manager Rose Barraza; Business Manager and Controller Katherine Abdolhossen; Facebook administrator Barbara Harris; Marquee administrator Rob Garretson; Easter Collection Counters and director Kathy Walker; and volunteer office workers Kimberly Cortner, Barbara Nalbach, and Joan Watson.

Happy Easter!

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

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.

The rector will be away from the office after Easter Sunday and will return for Sunday services on April 24, 2022. A portion of the time will be spent at the family post-Easter desert retreat in Nevada.

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 – 8:00 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

Celebrating the Life of Linda Monaghan, April 22 at Bellevue Memorial Park

Your prayers and presence are welcome for the committal service for Linda Monaghan on April 22, 2022, at 10:30 AM at Bellevue Memorial Park, 1240 W. G St., Ontario, CA 91762.

Celebrating the Life of Gus Sjöholm, May 14 at St. Mark's

Attention breakfast baggers, men's breakfast group, card players, Daughters of the King, greeters, and book club members—please join us for our celebration of the life of Gus Sjöholm on Saturday, May 14, 2022, at 2:30 PM with Holy Eucharist. Immediately following the service, the family will have his remains join those of his wife, Nancy, in the Memorial Garden. A catered dinner will follow in the Parish Hall.

Celebrating the Life of Virginia Granger, June 4 at Bellevue in Ontario

Join us for our celebration of the life of Virginia Granger on Saturday, June 4, 2022, at Bellevue Memorial Park, 1240 W. G St., Ontario, CA 91762. Share a memory or message here:

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/ontario-ca/virginia-granger-10605305#remembering>

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.

Welcoming Guests and Keeping the Community Healthy

Please allow guest with mobility issues the option to park in the north/front parking lot. Please be aware of strong/distracting colognes. Please wash your hands before (and after) every meal – including our Eucharistic meal. If you need to stay home, please let us know and we can bring Holy Communion to you at home.

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/>

Confirmation 2023

St. Mark's is scheduled for a bishop's visit next year, 2023. (Exact Sunday to be determined.) Please let the office/clergy know if you are interested in making a mature affirmation of the baptismal vows made on your behalf by parents and godparents. This is also the time to be received into the Episcopal denomination from another faith tradition. And finally, a person may re-affirm their baptismal vows as an adult.

Confirmation is one of the requirements to serve on the vestry.

Taizé Service Wednesdays at 7:30PM – Resumes April 27, No Taizé April 20

Prayer in the Taizé style of worship is quiet and reflective. It includes simple songs and chants, readings, silences and prayers. Our hymns are sung over and over as a prayer of the heart. The focus of Taizé is on Jesus and the cross, reconciliation, and prayers for the world.

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.

My Work to Do

"My Work To Do" is an online affinity group designed to help white people build stamina for discussing racism, systemic injustice, racial healing, reconciliation, and justice in their everyday lives.

New session begins Wednesdays, April 20, 27, May 4, 11, and 18 at 1PM

For more information and to register: <https://www.myworktodo.com/>

OUTREACH

Red Cross Blood Drives

At St. Mark's we have hosted a total of 9 blood drives. Our last blood drive was on April 8th. We were well above our goal for units collected. Our goal was to collect 26 units and we collected 40. We had a total of 37 donors.

Total drives held: 9; Total units collected: 267; Total donors: 281; Total average: 30 per drive

Thank you to all the donors and to the volunteers. Our next blood drive will be held on Friday, June 3rd from 1-7pm. Sign up to donate at redcrossblood.org. Other blood drives to be held at St. Mark's, July 29, October 29 and December 2nd all held on Fridays from 1-7pm

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

Donations to Episcopal Relief & Development's Ukraine Crisis Response Fund 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.

Jerusalem and the Middle East

It's not too late to contribute to support the four dioceses in the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Write "Jerusalem" on the memo line made payable to St. Mark's to promote peace and mutual understanding through pastoral care, health care, and education programs throughout the region.

Foothill Family Shelter Gala, May 19 in Claremont

The Foothill Family Shelter will hold their annual gala fundraiser on May 19, 6:00pm, at Padua Hills Theatre in Claremont. Please contact Rosalyn Foster or the Shelter office for details and reservations. Foothill Family Shelter (FFS) was originally founded by St. Mark's Episcopal Church in 1984. It is now a thriving independent non-profit organization in Upland that provides housing to homeless adults and children, distributes food, diapers, and clothing to those in need. Volunteer and donation opportunities are available at the shelter's administrative center.

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.

Mark Your Calendars

Ecumenical Advocacy Days, "Fierce Urgency: Advancing Civil & Human Rights" a virtual ecumenical conference, April 25-27, 2022.

The 80th General Convention of the Episcopal Church, July 7-14 in Baltimore, Maryland.

Cursillo, a four-day spiritual renewal retreat, October 2022

FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP

Building Fund Update: Donating for an Actual Rainy Day

We are planning a burn-the-mortgage celebration when our building loan becomes due, thanks in large part to a generous, anonymous donation. The Building Fund will continue in order to pay for facility needs. We literally need rainy day funds! We have experienced new leaks with each shower, however small. These mainly are mainly flat-roof sections where the roofing has worn out. Please consider donating to the Building Fund as well as to our regular church coffers for this and other projects. You'll be glad when it will no longer rain on our parade...or the acoustical ceiling tiles. Thank you!

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.

Clergy Conference "Exile, Return, Renewal" April 30-May 2

The clergy will be in Riverside for the "Exile, Return, Renewal: How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land" Spring Clergy Conference for the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles from May 2-4, 2022. Program includes the unique ways our Anglican tradition provides resources for us in uncertain times, a consideration of exile using Psalm 137, and the formative power of our rituals as we renegotiate our familiar spaces and liturgies.

Happy Easter!

The last time Easter fell on April 17 the following happened the same year: The "Flintstones" premieres on television. "The Magnificent Seven" and "Psycho" open in movie theaters. The US sends the first troops to Vietnam. Xerox introduces the first photocopier. Kennedy and Nixon take part in the first televised presidential debate. "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee is published. Chubby Checker and the Twist start a dance craze. Future Justice Thurgood Marshall argues the Boynton v. Virginia case before the Supreme Court that racial segregation in public transportation was unconstitutional. And President Eisenhower signs the Civil Rights Act of 1960 into law. The next year Easter falls on April 17 – 2033.

Church Elders: Skip and Bobbi Arjo, Murray Duvall, Alice Granewich, Helena Kooiman, and Peter Mow

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; and Canon Clare Bangao, Coordinator for Mission Congregations

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Vestry Members:

Carol Morgan, Senior Warden, Newcomer & Capital Campaign; Kimberly Cortner, Junior Warden, Communications; Nick Adams, Fellowship & Worship; Dean Billman, Capital Campaign; Karin Brown, Vestry Affairs; Jay Chok, Preschool; Marcia Godwin, Finance & Stewardship; Sharon Muehlbacher, Buildings & Grounds; Barbara Nalbach, Christian Formation & Outreach; Vicki Levario, Clerk; and Derek May, Treasurer

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Easter Dedications for Flowers and Decorations
Gifts are Given to the Glory of God and...

...In Loving Memory of

Butch Stone by Jennifer Stone
Paul Huse, Jessica Huse, Helmut Muehlbacher, & Ken Muehlbacher by Ed & Sharon Muehlbacher
Barbara Levario, Don Ashurst, and Betty Ashurst by John & Vicki Levario
Edna Moreno Zunino by Greg Foster
Les, Ruth, Charles, Clea, Bryce by the Farr's
Bill & Fran Dorworth, Neil & Taffy Billman, Judy Racke by Dean & Karen Billman
Shane Abdolhosseini by the Abdolhosseini Family
Debbie, Caroline & Virginia, Don & Wayne by the Abernathy family
Our parents, John & Marilou Abernathy, and Chet & Kay Jones by Chris & Blane Abernathy
Asae Oshita & loved ones by Rev Keith & Rev Pat
Parents Thad & Irene Lewanski, mother-in-law Terry Vinnedge by Margaret M. Vinnedge
Grace, John, Tom by Robert & Judy Shather
My Dad on his Easter birthday by Kathy Osterkamp
Jack & Bev Gillette, Jim & Mary Platte by the Gillette Family
Dr. Scotti Dole and Carmen Hernandez by the Dole Family
James Drake by Sally Drake
Big Mama and Lee by Scott Porter
DA and Roy Hunt by Ann Porter
Gram, and all loved ones by Diane Keane
My husband, Phill Siegman by Judy Hartman

Robert Farrell & Geneva Farrell by Betty Farrell

My mother and father by Kate Flannery

...In Honor of

Karen Melvin by Laura McGary

My family and friends by Diane Keane

...In Thanksgiving for

My grandchildren by the Oduyemi's

All my wonderful friends and family by Diane Keane

My St. Mark's family and friends by Jennifer Stone

A successful move by Betty Farrell

Family and Friends by Kay Alexander & Bob Mattus

Family, St. Mark's & St. George's family by Rev Keith & Rev Pat

Our children & grandchildren by Robert & Judy Shather

Ken & Peter Drew by Lisa Drew

Dean Racke by Dean & Karen Billman

61st Wedding Anniversary by Joan & Chris Watson

Jim and Scott by Ann Porter

My family by Diane Keane

Amanda and the Mantel family by Landon Abernathy