



# THE GOOD NEWS

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Sunday, October 10, 2021

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## Church Calendar

All meetings/events must be scheduled thru the office. Don't see your event? Email [parishadmin@stmarks-upland.org](mailto:parishadmin@stmarks-upland.org) or call the office, 909.920.5565 to schedule a date and time with the rooms available.

### October 10 - 16 at St. Mark's

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

Office hours will be limited next week. We will be closed to the public October 6, 11 and 13. Thank you for your patience.

- **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 \(stmarks-upland.org\)](https://www.stmarks-upland.org)
- **Sunday 10 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://zoom.us/j/93780545256>  
Download prayer sheets from the website: <https://www.stmarks-upland.org/morning-prayer/>
- **Tuesday, 4PM Choristers on Zoom**. Contact [music@stmarks-upland.org](mailto:music@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](mailto:stpeters@stmarks-upland.org).
- **Wednesday, 10:30 AM Men's Coffee Fellowship**. Bad Ass Coffee, Rancho Cucamonga. Info: [menscoffee@stmarks-upland.org](mailto:menscoffee@stmarks-upland.org).
- **Wednesday, 5:00PM – Handbells**, in the parish hall. Masks required.
- **Wednesday, 7:30 PM Taizé**. In person and streaming online.
- **Thursday, 7:30 PM Adult Choir**, in the parish hall, masks and vaccinations required.

### LOOKING AHEAD

- 10/10 Pledge drive kick-off & Blessing of First responders
- 10/24 Julia Warren blessing
- 10/31 Halloween & Preschool blessing
- 11/7 All Saints & Baptism
- 11/14 8am in-person; 10AM Livestream via the Diocese
- 11/21 St. Andre's Sunday & Consecration Sunday w/ Hot Dogs

### Holy Eucharist at 8:00 AM

All COVID protocols for a safer and healthier community still apply – wear a mask, watch our distance, and wash my hands. The 8AM service is a leaner and scrappier service. We rely on and appreciate everyone's flexibility. Please say "yes" when asked to read, distribute bulletins, or anything else. This service will not be livestreamed. If you have not been vaccinated, please join us online at 10AM.

### **Health & Community Protocols for Worship**

**It is strongly recommended that unvaccinated individuals participate online and that all wear a mask even if fully vaccinated. We are glad you are here.**

**Social distancing:** Please be respectful of those around you and adjust as you are able to for healthy spaces between households. We appreciate everyone's patience and flexibility.

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.

**For the peace exchange,** 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.

**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:** 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.

### **For a Healthier and Stronger Community**

The St. Mark's community includes people who are ineligible for the vaccine, taking care of elderly parents, and guardians of young children. If you can get the vaccine, please do so. We want to be able to worship together, sing aloud, and see one another as safely as possible on Sundays. Thank you for doing your part for a healthier and safer community.

### **Blessing of Medical Workers & First Responders, This Sunday, October 10**

This Sunday, October 10 we thank and bless medical workers and first responders on the occasion of the Feast Days of St. Luke the Evangelist (October 18) and St. Michael and All Angels (September 29). We thank them for all their dedication, long hours, and hard work especially during this time of global pandemic. Please bring their names to this service.

## **SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

### **Sunday's Readings**

[Job 23:1-9, 16-17](#)

[Psalm 22:1-15](#)

[Mark 10:17-31](#)

### **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](mailto:prayer@stmarks-upland.org) or complete the prayer request form at <https://www.stmarks-upland.org/saint-marks-prayer-list/>

### **All Saints Day, Nov 7**

We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses – our loved ones who have passed away. Please fill out a memorial form for your loved one(s) and submit a picture (digital only) for our All Saint's bulletin collage, email [parishadmin@stmarks-upland.org](mailto:parishadmin@stmarks-upland.org). If you do not have a digital image, please see the Rector. Only names/photos submitted by Sunday, Oct 31 will be part of the service bulletin. Many

thanks to the Daughters of the King who will read aloud the names of our loved ones during the Prayers of the People.

### **A Community of Inquiry: Your Questions Welcome**

Please send your questions to [parishadmin@stmarks-upland.org](mailto:parishadmin@stmarks-upland.org)

How come we are using the term "First Testament" in the bulletin?

In last week's bulletin the phrase to which I refer is **the First Testament**.

My Bible contains the Old Testament, the New Testament and occasionally the Apocrypha. There is no First Testament nor Second Testament. I can understand Old Testament being time before Christ and the New Testament the time after Christ.

My dictionary defines testament as a law or a covenant, especially between God and humans. In the Bible we find covenants with Adam, with Noah, with Abraham and so on. Which was the first covenant? The one with Adam perhaps if you interpret things literally.

I do not see calling the Old Testament the First Testament is relevant to comparing our Bible with the Jewish scriptures. My Jewish Study Bible includes and lists most of the Books in our Old Testament but I find no references to Testament or Covenant in the listing of the contents there.

In closing, the name is taken already. The First Testament is a new translation of Hebrew and other source texts, by John Goldingay, (\$48 on eBay) and if that was not enough, The First Testament was a musical album produced by Sunz of Man in 1999, but I believe was not released until 2002. The use of First Testament is not a good idea.

Chris

Dear Chris,

Yes, thank you for noticing the use of the term First Testament.

Language has the power to shape our thinking about one another and God. Because of this I am making efforts to bring the language of our worship to conform with best practices and principles of biblical theology and liturgical worship that affirm God's love for all. This means that we are using an inclusive/expansive language psalter, Eucharistic prayer, and Prayers of the People. There are times when changes are minimal but symbolic which denote our commitment to inclusive expression. And sometimes the well-beloved classics will remain as they are.

Shifting from "Old" to "First" is part of this effort. "Old" has unhelpful connotations that negatively impact people's thinking of Judaism, Jewish people, and "Jesus' Bible."

Here's a video clip about John Goldingay – watch the first 20 seconds.

<https://youtu.be/Dr138TmKwfo?t=18>

 <p>John Goldingay</p>	<p><a href="#">John Goldingay: An OT Theology Presentation</a></p> <p>This is a presentation by Josh Engen concerning the OT Theologian, John Goldingay and his approach to OT Theology. Outline - <a href="https://drive.google.com/open?id=...">https://drive.google.com/open?id=...</a></p> <p>youtu.be</p>
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Hope this helps.

Peace,

Keith

## **COMMUNITY & FELLOWSHIP NEWS**

### **Into Eternal Life: Edna Bueno Zunino, Mother of Greg Foster**

Edna Bueno Zunino, 94, of Sparks, Nevada, mother of Greg Foster, passed quietly September 29, 2021, with family at her side. She is survived by her sons Greg Foster and Wayne Davis, 5 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. Services are pending in Sparks, Nevada. Please keep Greg, Rosalyn, and family in your prayers.

*Rest eternal grant to Edna, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon her. May her soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

### **Lost and Found**

If you have lost a key or glasses, please call the church office. You must bring your vehicle to claim your key.

### **Coffee Hour hosts needed**

Now that the 8AM service has returned, we are in need of hosts for the 8AM coffee hour. All snacks are prepackaged so no baking required! If you were a host in the past, or if you would like to be a host, please email Sharon Muehlbacher at [hospitality@stmarks-upland.org](mailto:hospitality@stmarks-upland.org) for more information.

### **Julia Warren to be honored October 24**

Julia Warren, founder of the St. Mark's Digital Ministry, is in the process of discernment for ordination in the Episcopal Church. She completed a congregation discernment year (which was slightly more than a year due to the pandemic), was enthusiastically recommended by the Vestry to continue with the process, successfully interviewed with Bishop John Taylor, and will be starting her diocesan discernment year at another parish at the beginning of Advent. On Sunday, October 24, we will be asking blessings for Julia and presenting gifts to support her on the next step of her spiritual journey. If you would like to contribute to a monetary gift, please make a check out to St. Mark's with "Julia Warren" in the memo line before October 18.

### **Around the Diocese**

- Installation of Liz McQuitty, St. John's LaVerne, Oct 23 at 2:30pm
- Pre-Convention Deanery Assembly w/7 & 8 via Zoom, Oct 24 at 3 pm
- Trunk or Treat, St. John's La Verne, Oct 31 at 5:30pm
- Rebecca's Garden Grand Opening, Christ Church Ontario, Nov 6
- "Truth and Love" Diocesan Convention, Riverside Convention Center Nov 13
- Deanery 6 Quiet Day by Rev. V.R. Marianne Zahn on St. Hildegard of Bingen, Christ Church Ontario, Dec 11
- Deanery 6 Advent Lessons and Carols, Holy Trinity Covina, Dec 19 at 4PM

## **OUTREACH**

### **Saint Mark's Episcopal School Legacy**

Many thanks to Kathy Walker, Dale Biggs, Canon Serena Beeks, Edwina Golightly, Susan Mackall, Ellen Skivington, Connie Williams, and others who are finding wonderful "homes" for valuable school supplies and equipment that are no longer needed by the parish including the preschool, Sunday School, and other church ministries. Their work is sacred, necessary, emotionally taxing, and greatly appreciated.

### **Thank You from HOPE Industries**

**Greg Bradbard, President of Hope through Housing Foundation and Sr. Vice President, National CORE & Alyssa Cottter, Director of Development**

On behalf of Hope through Housing Foundation and our entire team, it is my pleasure to thank you

for your recent in-kind gift of book, games, school supplies and furniture, valued at \$4,000.00, benefiting the residents at our National Core communities.

Your generous donation is helping to make a direct and invaluable impact on the lives of our residents. Every gift is assisting us in our mission to break the cycle of generational poverty and help our residents live self-sustaining lives. Your support upholds our traditions of inspiring **H**ope, presenting **O**pportunities, generating **P**rosperity, and catalyzing **E**mpowerment. Together, with your help, we are transforming lives and communities.

### **Episcopal Relief & Development**

Your generous gift can provide assistance to help people in the wake of disasters. Currently the focus is on Haiti and those affected by Hurricane Ida. To assist in these efforts, visit <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/>.

### **Touch Ministries**

Collections for TOUCH Ministries should be brought to the church or office or, on Sunday, placed in the Touch bin on the bench at the south entrance of the narthex. Personal hygiene items, clean socks and underwear, gently used shoes, camping equipment, and \$10 gift cards for fast food or Walmart are needed. Any questions, email Dave Nalbach at [touch@stmarks-upland.org](mailto:touch@stmarks-upland.org).

### **Foothill Family Shelter**

Please see attached flyer for the FFS Food Drive. Bring 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. 9<sup>th</sup> St, Suite D, Upland. For more information or current needs, contact Yelitza Banuelos at [yelitza@foothillfamilyshelter.org](mailto:yelitza@foothillfamilyshelter.org).

### **Episcopal Migration Ministries**

Episcopal Migration Ministries, the refugee resettlement and migration ministry of The Episcopal Church, is currently working in partnership with the U.S. government to assist our Afghan allies with resettlement and direct services through a network of 12 affiliates across the U.S. For more information: <https://episcopalmigrationministries.org/afghan-allies/>

### **Episcopal Church launches Election Activator Program**

One-year volunteers sought to help with 2022 voter engagement. U.S.-based Episcopalians interested in helping with voter engagement for the 2022 midterm elections are invited to participate in a new program launched Sept. 28, on National Voter Registration Day. Volunteers in the new Episcopal Election Activators program will work with the Office of Government Relations of The Episcopal Church over the next year to promote and facilitate local, non-partisan voter engagement efforts. Activators will meet regularly to develop and implement strategies, share stories, and build a network across the country to help increase voter turnout and encourage others to take on a greater role in the elections. Read more and apply [here](#).

## **STEWARDSHIP**

### **2022 Stewardship Campaign "Every Perfect Gift"**

The 2022 Stewardship Campaign kicks off this Sunday, October 10. John & Vicki Levario, our Stewardship Co-Chairs will be distributing the campaign information. If you cannot make it to church, information will be mailed to you. If you prefer, you may fill out your pledge information online [here](#). Please read the weekly reflection at the end of the Good News.

### **Your Generous Contributions are Appreciated**

Thank you for keeping current with your pledge or donating to St. Mark's. We have a secure mailbox that at 330 E. 16<sup>th</sup> 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](#) donations are being accepted through our email address, [contributions@stmarks-upland.org](mailto:contributions@stmarks-upland.org).

### **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](mailto:1910legacy@stmarks-upland.org) for more information.

## **CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES**

### **Sunday School is back in session**

Susan Mackall and Lisa Drew have tailored two programs for the 3-6 Age Group and the 7-10 Age Group. Ably assisted by Dale Biggs, Gail Dean, Linda Gomez and Mimi Quaranta, Larry Shade, Ellen Skivington, and Connie Williams they will guide our youngest members in the way of our faith.

### **Children of the Good Shepherd for ages 3- 6 (Level 1)**

The curriculum for this children's Christian education program is based on level 1 ages 3-6 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd approach. Using lessons and manipulatives developmentally appropriate for children of this age to develop their relationship with God. Using age-appropriate language, children are introduced to the concept of God's love for us through the teachings of His Son, Jesus, our Good Shepherd. This begins a very basic knowledge of the Bible as God's Words; and become comfortable with the liturgy, church seasons and the meaning of the Eucharist. Time is then provided to go and work with any materials they have been introduced to and ask questions of the teachers. This repetition helps children develop an understanding and become comfortable with their faith.

### **Journey with God for ages 7-10 (Level 2)**

Following Children of the Good Shepherd, this level continues the age-appropriate curriculum and activities based on Godly Play guidelines, an adaptation of "Catechesis of the Good Shepherd". In this Second Level, children continue to learn about the Sunday service, traditions, and the teaching of Jesus. At this level we begin to introduce the Books of the Bible, background information on Bible readings in the church and notable OT and NT people. The program covers events that occur during each season of our church year adding more details. The children will continue to have time for creative projects and individual time with any of the curriculum materials.

### **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.*

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# Every Perfect Gift



## *The Gift of Sharing*

*Jesus looking at him and loved him – Mark 10:17-31*

Some years ago there was a Cracker Jacks commercial. In it a grandfather is enjoying a box of the popcorn snack. He hears his grandson enter the house and hurriedly hides the box. He asks his grandson, “What did you learn in school today?” The grandson responds with an expectant look on his face, “sharing”. Grandpa who is not quite ready to share his snack then asks, “Did you play any games at school today?” The grandson repeats “sharing”. Grandpa reluctantly shares the box with grandson who then pours some into his own hand and turns to leave until Grandpa asks “sharing?” and extends his hand. Grandson happily shares.

### QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

**If we were asked,  
What did you learn  
in Christ today?  
Would our answer be  
“sharing?”**

When I was a child, this was just one example of what it looks like to consider the needs of others and our response to them. No matter where we lived, our home was a haven of rest or refuge for those with varying degrees of need. It could have been giving food to Miss Florene to assist her in feeding her family; or serving as a temporary home for Miss Alice’s children when their parents were engaged in domestic abuse situations; or caring for newborn twins experiencing narcotics withdrawal due to a mom who struggled with addiction. It could have been providing our living room as a guest room for someone in need. Or it could have been ensuring there was always a place at our table for the unexpected guest. How often do we look at another and love them?

The love of God comes to us in various and sundry ways. When we look at our neighbors, family and friends through eyes of compassion and love and act with a spirit of gratitude and generosity, we recognize with God all things are possible. When we acknowledge the personhood of the other, particularly those who society would deem the least or the last person one would offer a place at one’s table, then that person becomes the first to receive an invitation. We experience God’s love most fully when we are able to give of ourselves for the good of others.

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*The Rev. Debra Bennett is rector of Our Saviour, Akron, Ohio*