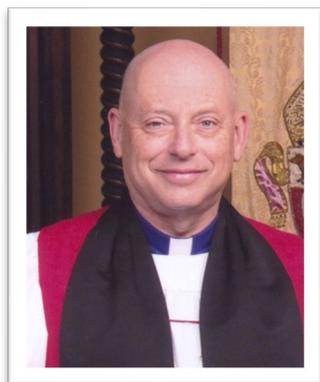




### **Bishop's Visitation: April 25**

***The service for the bishop's visitation is open only to those being confirmed, reaffirmed, or received, their sponsors and families, and the vestry. The congregation is invited to join us online to view the livestream of the service. The Bishop has agreed to take questions from the congregation after the service. If you have a question for the Bishop, please send it via email to [rector@stmarks-upland.org](mailto:rector@stmarks-upland.org) no later than Friday, April 23.***

The Bishop will join us for confirmations and official admission to the Episcopal denomination on Sunday, April 25, St. Mark's Day. Please keep in your prayers our candidates: John and Vicki Levario, Sharon and Ed Muehlbacher, and Jana G. *We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.*



The Rt. Rev. John Harvey Taylor is the seventh bishop of the six-county Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles. The Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles encompasses 65,000 Episcopalians in some 135 congregations and ministry centers located in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Santa Barbara and Ventura counties. Served by some 400 clergy, the diocese also includes some 40 Episcopal schools and 10 social service and chaplaincy institutions.

A lifelong Episcopalian, Taylor was born in Detroit, Michigan in 1954, the son of journalists and formerly served as chief of staff to former President Richard M. Nixon and later as the executive director of the Nixon Library in Yorba Linda, Calif.

He received a bachelor's degree in political science at the UC San Diego, and an M.Div. at the Claremont School of Theology and Bloy House. He is a graduate of Phillips Academy, Andover, Massachusetts. He was ordained a priest in January 2004 and served as curate at the Church of St. Andrew the Apostle in Fullerton. He was ordained to the episcopate on July 8, 2017. Before his election, Taylor served as vicar of St. John Chrysostom Church and School in Rancho Santa Margarita.

Please support the work of our bishop and diocese through a donation to the COVID-19 Emergency Appeal | One Body & One Spirit. Also, all the loose offering on April 25 will be designated for the bishop's discretionary fund. Please be as generous as you can.

### **Start your day with us! Check-in, Bible Study & Prayer**

Monday through Friday members of Saint Mark's meet online for check-in, and an abbreviated Morning Prayer that incorporates bible study. Check-in from 9:00 to 9:15 AM. Prayer begins at 9:15 AM ending no later than 9:40AM. All are welcome to participate. Download prayer sheets from the website: <https://www.stmarks-upland.org/morning-prayer/> Meeting ID: 937 8054 5256  
<https://zoom.us/j/93780545256>

### **Wednesday Evening Taizé Service**

Saint Mark's offers contemplative prayer on Wednesday's, at 7:30pm via Zoom -join us for prayer, scripture reading and simple chants in the style of the Taizé Community in France. Zoom link below:

<https://zoom.us/j/98723305020?pwd=U1NFY0JlOFJML2pMenVheUdTRlBaQT09>

Meeting ID: 987 2330 5020. Password: taize

Meet our Special Guest: The Rev. Winnie Varghese, Trinity Church Wall Street

This Sunday the Apostles' Creed is led by the Rev. Winnie Varghese. She serves at historic Trinity Episcopal Church Wall Street in New York as the priest for ministry and program coordination - leading the social/racial justice ministry of the congregation (<https://trinitywallstreet.org/social-justice/racial-justice>). She is a popular blogger on Huffington Post and gained respect for her work as rector of St. Mark's in the Bowery, a diverse, progressive church in New York. She is the chair of the board of The Episcopal Service Corps and leads social action efforts at the national and local levels. She has also served on The Executive Council of the Episcopal Church and as voting secretary of General Convention.

**Your feedback is welcome. Please know that we are learning from our mistakes. And there is plenty of room for growth. Please send your comments and suggestions to: [parishadmin@stmarks-upland.org](mailto:parishadmin@stmarks-upland.org)**

### **SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP**

#### **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.surveymzmo.com/s3/5820275/Mentorship2-0-2020>

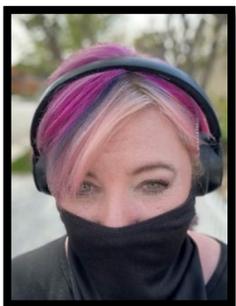
#### **Women's Fellowship/Prayer Breakfast**

Friday, April 30th at 11:00 a.m. will be the last Women's Fellowship/Prayer Breakfast on Zoom until September. Betty Farrell

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Please note, with the increased movement on campus due to relaxed restrictions, scheduling your event at St. Marks's if more important than ever. Please contact Natalie Dunlap to reserve space for your event (909) 920-5565 or [ndunlap@stmarks-upland.org](mailto:ndunlap@stmarks-upland.org)**

#### **Candidates for Confirmation/Reaffirmation/Reception**



#### Meet Candidate for Confirmation Jana Garner

I've been at St Mark's since Lent in 2015, after attending an Ash Wednesday service and the Lenten Quiet Day hosted by Kimberly Cortner. I have since volunteered with hosting coffee hour events and fellowship planning, choir, church retreats, and the St Mark's Band. Currently, I work full-time, enjoy recording and composing music for online services, produce videos for in-spirit worship, and have enjoyed teaching and discovering more about Episcopal practices through the confirmation class. I hope that joy and peace emanate through my worship, whether I'm washing dishes, singing, producing videos, or just having a chat over coffee. The St Mark's family has been a blessing to me. I hope to be a blessing in return.

Meet Candidate for Confirmation Sharon Muehlbacher

Ed and I have attended St. Mark's for the last ten years and I knew from our first visit that St. Mark's was a special place. I could feel the warmth, loving and non-judgmental environment. I really enjoy the thought-provoking sermons and interactions with other parishioners. I have been a member of St. Mark's Book Club for five years, a Coffee Hour Co-coordinator for the last two years, and have just begun as a Vestry member, the Buildings and Grounds Liaison. I am looking forward to making my confirmation in the Episcopal Church.



Meet Candidate for Reception Ed Muehlbacher

Ten years ago, Sharon and I were in search of a parish community that is based in unequivocal love of all of God's children. I found that at St. Mark's Episcopal Church. I know that I am loved and welcomed. I find peace and spiritual growth in Sunday service - especially in the sermons (underlined) and in the Prayer of St. Francis.

Meet Candidate for Confirmation John Levario

My wife and I first attended St. Mark's in the summer of 2008. I was amazed how similar the Episcopal Church was to the Roman Catholic Church. I was raised Roman catholic as was my entire family. I wanted to attend a church with more enthusiasm and community purpose. Since then, I have been Junior Warden and in charge of finance. I have helped with several committees currently my wife Vicki and I have led the steward campaign for the past seven years.



Meet Candidate for Reaffirmation Vicki Levario

I have been active in the Episcopal Church since I was a child. I was baptized at a very young age and later confirmed when I was 12 years old. At that time I was attending St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Rialto. John and I started attending St. Mark's Episcopal Church in 2008. After a brief time we felt welcomed and permanent members of the church. I have been the stewardship chairperson over the last seven years and vestry clerk for the last five years. We have met many wonderful friends here at St. Mark's and we look forward to our continued involvement with St. Mark's.

**Into Eternal Life: Milt Bracey**

It is with great care that I inform you of the passing of long-time member Milton R. Bracey, Jr.. Milt passed away peacefully Sunday April 11, in the afternoon at home with his family by his side. He is predeceased by his wife of 62 years, Linda, and son Milton R. Bracey III. Milt was active in all levels of ministry at St. Mark's - Vestry, School Board, overseeing major Buildings & and Grounds projects and many Outreach and Fellowship events. Milt was even a charter member of the Zoom Pinochle group. Milt made the wooden cross used in recent years for the pounding of the nails for Good Friday. Memorial plans are pending. Please keep daughter Beth (Mat) Partridge, granddaughters Jill (Tyler) Vanderzee and Jennie (Grant) Bishop, and great-grandchildren Brooklynn Mae Vanderzee (2 years), Samantha Jeanne Vanderzee (1 month), and baby Bishop (coming soon) in your prayers. Cards for the family may be sent to 2345 N. Euclid Ave., Upland.

*Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Milt. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen.*

### **Into Eternal Life: Cecilia MacKnight, Daughter of Murray Duvall**

It is with care that we inform you of the passing of Cecilia "Ceci" MacKnight, 68 years, daughter of Murray Duvall on the morning of April 13. Ceci was a valued Kaiser employee working with their computer systems and had plans for retirement - including the wedding ceremony of her son Ian and Aubrey later this month. Ceci is predeceased by her husband Oliver who died last year and by her brother Ian who died in a logging accident during college (there is a St. Francis plaque in the garden in his memory). Please keep Murray, Vicki (Rich) Luibrand, Stuart (Leslie) Duvall, and family in your prayers.

*Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Cecilia. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen.*

### **Celebrating Birthdays, Anniversaries and Other Life Hallmarks due by the 25th**

Are you celebrating a birthday or anniversary next month? Please let us know and send a photo by the 25th of the month before your celebration month. The visual celebration will be on the first Sunday of the month. Send to [blessings@stmarks-upland.org](mailto: blessings@stmarks-upland.org)

### **Prayer requests**

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

## **OUTREACH**

### **St Marks Episcopal Church and the American Red Cross are hosting an upcoming blood drive**

Please join our lifesaving mission and schedule an appointment today!

#### **Drive Details:**

Site: St Marks Episcopal Church

Address: 330 E 16th St, Upland, CA, 91784

Room Name: Parish Hall

Date: Fri Apr 30, 2021

Time: 8:00: AM - 2:00: PM

[Click here to make an appointment](#)

With most high schools and colleges still closed, we are desperately trying to maintain a steady supply of blood while trying to keep our youth donors engaged in the importance of donating.

**Donors between the ages of 16-24 will get a \$10 e-gift card for a place they like to eat or shop when they come to donate blood April 1-30.** Please help us by recruiting youth donors to come give blood and help save lives! IMPORTANT: Donors must have a valid email address on file to receive their gift card. The need for blood is constant and only volunteer donors can fulfill that need for patients in our community. Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every 2 to 3 seconds and most of us will need blood in our lifetime.

### **The St. Mark's Commission for Racial Justice and Equity – Voices for Reconciliation**

"This is My Story" begins on Sunday, April 18

To continue the work of the St. Mark's Commission, a new series will open the conversation about how each of us has experienced race. Whether Black, Asian American, or part of the privileged white population, we all have stories to tell, and learning about one another is key to working toward racial justice and equity in our country. On Sunday, April 18, we begin with **Andrea Flasher** giving her first-person account of being a Mexican American, who has also benefitted from white privilege. This bimonthly story forum will be offered during part of our "coffee hour" time on **Sundays at 11:15 AM on Zoom**, and each time a different parishioner will give her or his auto-biographical account. After the story has been told, you will have a chance to meet with others in a small breakout group to reflect on what you heard. This is not a question-and-answer session with the speaker present, and it is not a discussion of current events involving racial issues. Instead, your participation will remain focused on

your own reaction in comparison with your experience. We hope you will join us as we get to know and understand one another better.

### **Page Turners** – New book study group

In response to the racial unrest that occurred in 2020, St. Mark's began work last Fall for the formation of the above-mentioned Commission. To date, the Planning Committee has established Vision and Mission Statements, and soon we will complete our Objectives and Activities. However, to get a jump start on our proposed Activities, a new Zoom-format book study group will begin soon. Our first book will be *Caste* by Isabel Wilkerson. We will meet every two weeks beginning Tuesday, March 9 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm and will continue through until May 25 (will skip Apr 6). Discussion leaders for this book will be John and Andrea Flasher. If this time is inconvenient for you, it is our hope that you will purchase *Caste* and study with us at your leisure. We will need your email address to send Zoom ID information. For more information regarding Page Turners or the new Commission, please contact Andrea Flasher at [racialjustice@stmarks-upland.org](mailto:racialjustice@stmarks-upland.org).

### **Touch Ministries**

TOUCH Ministries food collection will be held on Saturday, April 17th, from 9am to 11am. Donations of non perishable foods, hygiene items, and cold weather items are appreciated. For information call Dave Nalbach at (909)635-4297.

### **Foothill Family Shelter**

URGENT NEED! Their pantry is getting bare. Below is a list of items most urgently needed.

- Boxed potato products (mashed, au gratin, etc.)
- Chef Boyardee
- Canned chili
- Rice-a-Roni
- Oatmeal (individual packets for easy distribution)
- Canned beans (pinto, black, garbanzo, kidney, etc.)

You may take them directly to the Shelter Office at 1501 West 9th Street, #D, Upland, or bring them by the back parking lot of the church on Tuesday March 30, from 7pm to 7:45 pm.

Thanks for all you do, Rosalyn [breakfasterbaggers@StMarks-upland.org](mailto:breakfasterbaggers@StMarks-upland.org)

## **YOUTH**

### **GFS Meetings on Zoom**

Girls Friendly Society is an organization for girls between 5 and 21. Meetings are scheduled for 4PM every other Monday. Topics include women of the church and relevant topics of interest to young women. The meetings will be brief, about 40 minutes, and include fellowship, a reading, an activity, and prayer. I look forward to seeing the girls. For further information please contact Rosalyn Foster at [gfs@stmarks-upland.org](mailto:gfs@stmarks-upland.org)

### **Choristers Rehearse Tuesdays at 4 PM**

Children in grades 3-6, are invited to join Choristers on Tuesday afternoons at 4PM via Zoom for a half hour. If you have a young singer who would like to participate, please email me at [music@stmarks-upland.org](mailto:music@stmarks-upland.org) for the link. God bless everyone,  
Blane Abernathy, Organist and Director of Music

## **STEWARDSHIP**

### **Your Contributions Make a Difference, Thank You!**

Please send pledges or donations to St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 330 E. 16th Street, Upland, CA 91784. You may wish to set up automatic "bill pay" or "online banking" through your financial institution. Or you may make your donation through [PayPal](https://www.paypal.com). Donations are being accepted through our email address, [contributions@stmarks-upland.org](mailto:contributions@stmarks-upland.org).

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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Web: [www.stmarks-upland.org](http://www.stmarks-upland.org)

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

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

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**New Series Begins  
Sunday, April 18  
11:15 AM on Zoom  
A Coffee Hour Option**

**This week...  
Andrea Flasher**

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We will meet in a separate breakout room on Sundays at 11:15 AM during our St. Mark's “coffee hour” on Zoom. Each time a different parishioner will give her or his autobiographical account of growing up in our race-challenged American culture.

After the story is told, you'll have a chance to meet with others in a small breakout group to reflect on what you've heard. This is not a question-and-answer session with the speaker present, and it is not a discussion of current events involving racial issues. Instead, your participation will remain focused on your reactions in light of your own experience.

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Zoom Meeting ID: 994 0849 2838

Passcode: decaf