



THE GOOD NEWS

Sunday, January 9, 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 09 – January 15 at St. Mark's

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

- **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.

VESTRY NEWS

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

Help in the Office

Paid Part-Time Position, St. Mark's Office. We are starting the recruitment process for an office position with a variety of responsibilities. The exact hours and schedule are under review, but in-office work will be required on Thursdays. If you are interested or know any promising applicants, please contact Rev. Keith Yamamoto (rector@stmarks-upland.org) for further information.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Sunday's Readings

[Isaiah 43:1-7](#)

[Psalm 29](#)

[Acts 8:14-17](#)

[Luke 3:15-17, 21-22](#)

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/>

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

COMMUNITY & FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Into Eternal Life: Fred Capossela, Husband of Ava

It is with care that we inform you of the passing of Fred Capossela, 84. Fred passed away peacefully on December 27, 2021, surrounded by family. Ask Ava about Fred's adventures in Ham Radio. Please keep Ava, Kate, Thomas, and family in your prayers.

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

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.

AROUND THE DEANERY, DIOCESE & NATIONAL CHURCH

Ordination News

Our former seminarian intern Jose Luis Garcia will be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, January 8, 2022, at 10:00 am at St. John's Cathedral. Jose Luis' ordination will be virtual and livestreamed. You can watch on the [Facebook page of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles](#) or the [Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles YouTube channel](#).

It's not too late to contribute towards his ordination gift. Please make checks out to St. Mark's and write Jose Luis Garcia in the memo line of your check. You can contact vestry@stmarks-upland.org with any questions. Thank you for your support of Jose Luis.

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

Helping Those Affected by Tornadoes and Wildfires

Please pray for all who were affected or killed by the devastating tornadoes, wildfires, and their aftermath. If you are able to help, Episcopal Relief and Development has an emergency fund set up to collect donations that will go to relief work organized through the local churches in the affected areas. Please write "ERD" in the memo. The direct link to the donation site is:

https://support.episcopalrelief.org/disastersutm_campaign=fy21tornado&utm_source=211214DEADS01M0&utm_medium=email&ID=211214DEADS01M0&spMailingID=26030321&spUserID=MjYwNjc5MjU1MDczS0&spJobID=2121038268&spReportId=MjEyMTAzODI2OAS2

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.

STEWARDSHIP

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.