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# The Good News

St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
A Community of Grace

We spread God's word,  
love like Jesus,  
enjoy worshipping together,  
and help our neighbors.



Sunday, August 13, 2023 Holy Eucharist (Communion) Services  
held at 8 and 10 AM, Blessing of Students and School Supplies,  
Healing Prayer

10 AM services can be viewed live or on demand via the church's  
website, Facebook page, and YouTube channel.

[Click HERE for Sunday Worship Information](#)



## Worship

### Questions about Sunday Worship: Instructed Eucharist Sept 3

The Eucharist, also known as Holy Communion, is central to our worship and faith. However, many of us may have questions about the significance and meaning behind the different elements and actions. To foster a deeper understanding and appreciation for the Eucharist, we invite you to submit any questions you have about our Sunday Worship for an Instructed Eucharist on September 3. No question is too simple.

### Prayer Requests

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



# Community & Fellowship

## **Into Eternal Life: Mary Veazey**

It is with care that we inform you of the passing of Mary Veazey, 100 years and 7 months, aunt of Vicki Levorio on Wednesday, August 15, 2023 at her home at Oakmont in Upland. Please keep Vicki, John, and family in your prayers.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Mary. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a child 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.

## **ALL THE BIG WORDS: An in-depth exploration of John's Gospel**

The second half of the Gospel of John deals with the major words that give meaning to human existence. The course is an in-depth reading of chapters 13-21 of this late 1st-century book, daring to plunge into hard existential questions without the moralizing bigotry which hides and dilutes the power of the text. An online interactive class with Dr. James Dunkly and Dr. Gianluigi Gugliermetto will be held on Tuesdays, starting September 5, at 6:30 PM (9 meetings), cost is \$120, scholarship available. For more information: contact The Center for Spirituality in Ontario, CA.

[Click here for flyer.](https://www.spirituality.org/)

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## **Fundraiser for Fellowship Events**

The St. Mark's Fellowship Committee is me exciting events to support our parish and bring us together in celebration of Christ. We are in the midst of planning our annual Ice Cream Social, our very popular Halloween Trunk or Treat and St. Nicholas Brunch. We need your help.

To help offset the costs of putting on these events, your Fellowship team will be sponsoring a candy apple fundraiser through Sinfully Sweet Apple Company. We are proud to partner with a small business local to Upland in order to support our parish.

Please consider purchasing a candy apple gift for your kids, grandkids, neighbors, colleagues, or fiends to help us achieve our fundraising goals. These unique treats are \$10 each and the deadline to submit any orders is Thursday, October 5, 2023. You can expect to receive your order on Sunday, October 29 - just in time for Halloween!

Please contact Melissa Diaz, fellowship committee member, at [stewardship@stmarks-upland.org](mailto:stewardship@stmarks-upland.org) to place an order or ask a question.

**See attached flyer for delicious candy apple varieties.**



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#### HOLIDAY SPRINKLE

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#### DAY OF THE DEAD

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#### TRICK OR TREAT

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#### DARK CHOCOLATE ALMOND

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#### TOFFEE CRUNCH

Our signature caramel apple dipped in milk chocolate, rolled in HEATH® toffee and drizzled with more milk chocolate

## Church Zoom Account

We are doing a survey of the Zoom accounts to determine if we still need to maintain two separate accounts. If your ministry group uses the church account (parishadmin) for your zoom meetings, please let the office know. Those attending zoom meetings should not be affected by the Zoom updates. Thank you.

## Baptism, Confirmation, Inquiry, and Membership Class, Sundays at 9 AM, Room 16

We will be using the book *Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs & Practices* by Scott Gunn and Melody Wilson Shobe. This class is open to those who have questions, want a refresher course, are reconstructing their faith, open to meeting new people, or are interested in a safe space to share their spiritual journey. This 5-session series covers the Bible, Holy Eucharist, the Church, and Discipleship. The fifth session is an orientation to review the different rites. It loops so that a missed session can be made up the following month.

## Book Club, August 19

We are reading *The Song of Achilles* by Madeline Miller, which is a retelling of the myth of Achilles by Patroclus, a young man close to Achilles. For more information, please contact the host Joel Bolton or the church office.

## Soccer Shots

Soccer Shots has been postponed until further notice.

## Your Summer Contribution is Appreciated

Summer is often a time for rest, recreation, and renewal. Please remember to keep your pledge up to date. St. Mark's wages, utilities, and property expenses do not take a summer break. We also invite you to stay engaged with our ongoing programs and ministries and plans for the future. Thank you for your gift.



### From the Buildings and Grounds Committee:

The church building has been getting several false alarms. Either a door is not securely closed, or the door gets opened somehow after hours. This triggers an alert to Upland Police Dept., and we get a bill for the false alarm. We want to alleviate false alarms.

If you open a door, make sure it is securely closed. If you unlock a door, make sure you lock it before you leave the building. If you have a problem with a door not closing securely or an issue with the lock, the B&G Committee needs to know about it. For any comments/suggestions, there will be a clip board in the parish hall. In addition, you can always call the office to report an issue.

## Sharing Our Events, Moments, and Ministries

In order to improve communication about our events, activities, and ministries, please consider taking the following photos: 1) a group photo of your church ministry members; 2) a photo of a regular meeting; and/or 3) a photo of an annual event. These images will help tell the story of who you are, what you do, and who to talk to for more information. Short videos are welcome, too. Our hope is to use them for social media, the website, and the photo board. Please send your images to Guen Vinnedge at [dodgers@stmarks-upland.org](mailto:dodgers@stmarks-upland.org). For larger files try using the free mobile app WeTransfer (no paid subscription necessary).



## Creation Care

### Diocesan Climate Change Summit, September 16

"The summit is a great opportunity to bring our diocesan community together to do what we can to address this issue which affects our whole world. It's not easy work but it is necessary work. The church has tremendous potential to make a difference. I firmly believe we can do anything we are called to do when we are working in community and with God's help. The issue of climate change needs our concerted, intentional, and communal attention." -Rev. Canon Melissa McCarthy  
Summit topics include priorities of reducing carbon footprints, use of fossil fuel while adopting green technologies, news of Commission partnerships, including the "Climate Connections" disaster resilience plan - a pilot project, engaging congregations in strategic, collaborative response to crises including earthquakes

and heatwaves.

If you are interested in participating or ride sharing, please contact Nancy Kinney or the church office.

Read more <https://diocesela.org/news/diocesan-climate-change-summit-announcement/>.



## Outreach

### Disaster Relief for Hawai'i

Episcopal Relief & Development will continue to work with the Diocese of Hawai'i and other agencies after the initial response period to support redevelopment efforts. To donate, click **here**.

In addition, the Diocese of Hawai'i is working through A Cup of Cold Water, its community outreach program, to distribute toiletries, food and pet food, bottled water, clothing and other necessities to displaced people. Donations to the relief effort may also be made through the Hawai'i diocese's **Bishop's Pastoral Fund** or directly to A Cup of Cold Water, **here**. (Read more about diocesan relief efforts **here**.)

### Successful school supply donation drive for Foothill Family Shelter

The Sancta Sophia chapter of the Daughters of the King thanks all of you who donated so generously to the school supply drive for the children who are benefited by the Foothill Family Shelter. We were able to supply the Shelter with 297 school supply items, including pencils, pencil sharpeners, pens, markers, erasers, notebooks, binders, paper, pencil bags, rulers, scissors, and other helpful items. There were also two backpacks and two lunch boxes donated, as well as 20 items of food and a package of underwear. Well done, St. Mark's!

### Blood Drive, Wednesday, August 30, 1-7 PM

Our next blood drive will be held on Tuesday, June 27 from 1-7pm. Please pick up a flyer or a few to pass out, located in the Narthex. Other 2023 Dates: October 26.

**Register through the Red Cross**

### Our Biggest Outreach

When a person gives to St. Mark's Upland, they also contribute to diocesan and global ministries. Learn more about how your gift makes the world a better place: **Subscribe** to the Episcopal News Update.

### Recovery Ministries at St. Mark's

Compulsive Eaters Anonymous meets on Saturdays from 9-10:30 AM.

Al-Anon meets on Tuesdays from 6:30-8 PM. Recovery meetings in room 16.



## Stewardship & Finance

### Zelle is here! New option for online giving to St. Mark's

Zelle is a convenient, no-fee way to directly give to St. Mark's. Zelle is a collaborative effort by banks to allow customers to directly transfer funds without a



wait and without the fees charged by vendors like PayPal. You can set up Zelle once you log into your bank account. There also is a mobile application, although we recommend making sure that password protection and other security features are enabled. St. Mark's donations can be made by using [give@stmarks-upland.org](mailto:give@stmarks-upland.org). Donations will go directly to the operating fund to pay for our regular costs (including our nice air conditioning) unless you designate otherwise.

## Mid-Year Giving Statements Distributed

January - June 2023 giving statements have been emailed through our Breeze membership database. Please check your spam folder if you did see it in your inbox. Printed statements for members without emails were distributed in sealed envelopes at our August 6 service and any remaining statements have been mailed. Please contact Rose Barraza at [parishadmin@stmarks-upland.org](mailto:parishadmin@stmarks-upland.org) or call the church office at (909) 920-5565 if you have any questions. You can also look up your giving information via Breeze at any time.

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Thank you for your generous gift.  
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