



The Good News

Sunday, April 2, 2023

St. Mark's Episcopal Church: A Community of Grace

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

Celebrate Easter Day with Us

Sunday, April 9, 2023, 8 and 10AM

Easter Brunch, Egg Hunt, and Bunny following the 10AM service

Sunday School at 9:50AM

From Fr. Konrad White, Rector Emeritus

Greetings from Savannah, Georgia.

I'm sure you have seen on the news the tornado devastation in Mississippi, especially that in Rolling Fork. Chapel of the Cross was my first church as rector. I received a picture of it from a friend of what was left of it. Needless to say, Janie and I are heartbroken.

However, living in California, you are not immune to disasters. Mother Nature rules!

Faithfully,

Konrad

See story in [Episcopal News Service](#). Donate to [Tornado Relief](#).

Preparing the Church for Palm Sunday, Saturday, April 1

Help prepare the church for Palm Sunday. Decorate the church with palm branches or help with some light spring cleaning. Contact Christy Hyder at flowers@stmarks-upland.org.

Thank You Katherine Abdolhosseini, Business Manager and Controller

St. Mark's is grateful for the ministry and service of Katherine Abdolhosseini who stepped up to become the Business Manager and Controller for St. Mark's Episcopal Parish in 2018 when the position became open unexpectedly. Katherine was a member of the School Board and an active school parent. She ran her own business as a CPA and was a devoted parishioner.

Katherine has been instrumental in the application and forgiveness of crucial credits and loans, clean financial audits, and smooth transitions with former staff and families. Administration, employees, and volunteers knew how much Katherine cared and supported them, in particular, the staff and families of the preschool.

Contributions towards a Thank You gift check may be made to St. Mark's with "Katherine" in the memo line. Please join me in gratitude to Katherine for her service and leadership during these critical years in the life of St. Mark's.

Week at a Glance at St. Mark's

Office Hours: Monday–Thursday 9 AM to 3 PM (closed for lunch 12:30-1 PM); Friday 9 AM to 12 PM

Sunday worship: 8 AM and 10 AM Holy Eucharist in-person and streaming online on YouTube and Facebook. Bulletins are available by e-mail, and on the website. Hymnals are available for home use.

Monday–Friday 9 AM Zoom Morning Prayer and Bible Study.

Go to <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/93780545256>.

Wednesday 9 AM St. Peter's Guild. Card games and other activities in person. For info, email stpeters@stmarks-upland.org.

Wednesday 10:30 AM Men's Coffee Fellowship. Meet at Bad Ass Coffee of Hawaii in Rancho Cucamonga. For info, contact John Flasher.

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.

WORSHIP

Palm Sunday: A Complex and Merry Liturgy

Liturgy of the Palms:

The service begins at the north entrance – the 16th Street sidewalk (at 10AM) or north porch (at 8AM). Those remaining seated in the sanctuary will be able to follow along via the wireless sound system.

After the Liturgy of the Palms (please see the Sunday Worship bulletin) we will go into the church. Please take your time so that everyone is safe. Those closest to the church may enter the church first. No need to follow the cross. Just go into the church. The donkey will be last and will go to the prayer chapel where Sunday School will be offered for children. Please note that a safe and careful procession from 16th Street may cause a slight delay in the start of the opening hymn.

The Parking Guild will direct/stop traffic for a safe walking/processional experience. To those who only want to pick up a palm (Palms in Palms, Palm & Proceed ala Ash & Dash) their traffic route will be redirected to the south parking lot to avoid unnecessary vehicles crossing pedestrian paths. Extra palms will be available by the foot of the cross.

Stripping of the Altar:

Following the distribution of Holy Communion and before the postcommunion prayer aspects to Holy Week will be incorporated. The members of the Altar Guild strip the altar, lectern, and credence table. The clergy wash the altar. The reserved sacrament is carried to the prayer chapel and placed on the altar of repose. The wood cross is carried to the prayer garden. You may pound your nail in at anytime before Easter. These actions and spaces represent the events of Holy Week – Jesus' prayer in the garden, the disciples praying/sleeping, the stripping of Jesus at the crucifixion, and the preparation and laying of Jesus' body in the tomb. The stripping of the altar will only take place at the 10AM service.

Holy Week at St. Mark's and Deanery 6

Apr 2, Palm Sunday, 8&10 AM, St. Mark's Upland

Apr 3, Holy Monday, Holy Eucharist, 7 PM, St. Mark's Upland

Apr 4, Holy Tuesday, Holy Eucharist w/Anointing of Hands, 7PM, St. Mark's Upland

Apr 5, 7PM, Tenebrae, St. John's LaVerne

Apr 6, 7PM, Maundy Thursday, St. Paul's Pomona

Apr 6-7, Overnight Prayer Vigil, St. Mark's Upland

Apr 7, Good Friday Stations of the Cross, 12 noon, St. Mark's Upland

Apr 7, 7PM, Good Friday, Christ Church Ontario, 7PM

Apr 8, Holy Saturday, Greening of the Church & Morning Service, 9AM, St. Mark's Upland

Apr 8, 8PM, Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil, St. Ambrose Claremont

Sign-Up To Join The Maundy Thursday Vigil

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, 'Sit here while I go over there and pray.' He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began

to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, 'I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me. (Matthew 26:36-38)

On **Thursday, April 6**, we keep vigil with Jesus throughout the night at the altar of repose in the chapel. It is a time for personal devotion and prayer. Sign up for a one-hour shift (or more) as an individual, a couple, or as a family. Shifts overlap and there should always be at least two persons present in the chapel. There will always be two men of the parish about the grounds to insure the safety of the participants. Those participating in the Vigil will receive a text or email reminder on Tuesday, April 4, listing the time chosen and the name and contact information of the person they are relieving and the person relieving them. Vigil participants are asked to park in the front of the church, to enter through the north doors and proceed directly to the chapel. For additional information, speak to Karin Brown.

April Easter Blessings Series

April 16: Discerning Thomas & Blessing of Scholars, non-medical Doctors, and Teachers
April 23: Road to Emmaus & Blessing of Mobility Aids and More
April 30: Good Shepherd Sunday & Blessing of Clergy Friends

Loving Our Neighbor: Masking

Masking is strongly encouraged. Masks are worn by those serving people face-to-face in close proximity—for example, hospitality hosts, ushers, greeters, Sunday School teachers, and Eucharistic ministers. Masks may be removed at the lectern, altar, or presiders' chairs.

COMMUNITY & FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Lawrence Goddard to be Music Director and Organist

The Music Director Search Committee is pleased to announce that, after a long and prayerful search process, we have selected Lawrence (Larry) C. Goddard to become our new Music Director and Organist at St. Mark's. Lawrence has accepted our offer and will begin meeting with our clergy, staff, and volunteer musicians the week of May 1, 2023. His first service to direct and play will be May 7. We are also thrilled that he is relocating to this area and has expressed interest in becoming a part of our parish family. Thank you to all of you who participated in the surveys and listening forums, and especially to those who served on the Search Committee, which included the following: Nick Adams, Canon Serena Beeks, Kimberly Cortner (Chair), Lisa Drew, John Flasher, Marcia Godwin, Garrett Kennehan, Barbara Nalbach, Kathy Osterkamp, and Michael Schinler, and Rev. Keith Yamamoto

Easter Hospitality, Parish Hall, Sunday, April 9

Members and visitors are invited to join us in the Parish Hall for celebratory refreshments after the 8 AM service, and after the 10 AM service, members and visitors are invited to join us in the Parish Hall for more Easter Brunch and the children's Easter Egg Hunt on the south lawn.

St Mark's Book Club, April 15

The club will meet on Saturday, April 15, 10:00 AM, at the home of Sally Drake. We will be reading the book, *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge. Please join us as the giraffes travel across the Atlantic during a hurricane and then across the country in a big truck. Please let Sally know if you plan to attend. We hope to see you there.

Helping the Easter Bunny with the Great Egg Hunt by April 2

Please help the Easter Bunny prepare for the Great Easter Egg Hunt by donating commercially prefilled eggs. Thank you for helping us keep our children as safe as possible.

Dedications for Easter Flowers Due by April 2

Remember a loved one by making a memorial offering to help cover the cost of Easter flowers and decorations. Look for special offering envelopes. For questions, contact the Parish Admin.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Monthly Healing Prayer for April

For the month of April only, the monthly healing ministry offered by the Sancta Sophia Daughters of the King will be offered on the third Sunday of the month, which is April 16, during the 10:00 AM service Eucharist.

Prayer Requests

Please send your prayer requests to prayer@stmarks-upland.org.

OUTREACH

Foothill Family Shelter needs food items

The Foothill Family Shelter's food pantry stock is very low. Please consider donating a canned or packaged food item each Sunday as part of your Lenten discipline. Place your donations in the Foothill Family Shelter drop off baskets in the Narthex until April 2, and Daughters of the King will collect all donations and deliver them to the shelter office. See the attached flyer.

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.

Recovery Ministries at St. Mark's

Compulsive Eaters Anonymous meets in Room 30 on Saturdays, 9-10:30 AM.
Al-Anon meets in Room 30 on Tuesdays, 6:30-8 PM.

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 to the ERD [Ukraine response](#).

FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP



Your Generous Contributions are Appreciated

Thank you for keeping current with your pledge or donating to St. Mark's. Please send in your contribution to St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 330 E. 16th 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. Please consider remembering Saint Mark's in your estate planning.

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.

DEANERY, DIOCESE, AND BEYOND

First Saturday Sales at Pilgrim Place

Pilgrim Place will be open to the public the first Saturday of each month from 9am -11am. The residents will be selling furniture, books, and miscellaneous merchandise. The Peterson Museum of Intercultural Art will also be open. Please see the attached flier.

PLEASE NOTE:

The deadline for article submissions is every Tuesday and must be emailed to
parishadmin@stmarks-upland.org.

Please do not send them via Constant Contact. Please make sure to include "Good News" in the subject line. Good News articles will be published every Thursday afternoon.

The Pilgrim Place Festival Committee announces

FIRST SATURDAY SALES

AT PILGRIM PLACE

9 AM TO 11 AM

ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

FEATURING:



Furniture Barn | Miscellaneous | Book Place | Coffee & Donuts

LOCATION:

625 MAYFLOWER RD.
CLAREMONT, CA

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