

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
PROPER 22



OCTOBER 2, 2022

SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
315 EAST PECAN STREET  
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

# WELCOME!

We are so glad you have chosen to worship with the St. Mark's community. Whether you have been here often or not very long, joining us in San Antonio or online from other places, we are grateful for your presence today.

The church website, [www.stmarks-sa.org](http://www.stmarks-sa.org), is regularly updated and your best source of information. Our weekly eNews and parish Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/stmarkssa](https://www.facebook.com/stmarkssa)) also contain helpful information for you to connect with. If you are visiting with us, please let us know by filling out a visitor card in person or [online](#). We would love to help you find ways to have your spirit nurtured in this community, along with ways to offer your gifts in service of others.

When the time comes to share communion, please know that Christians from every part of God's household are welcome to receive the bread and wine. If you want to come forward to the altar during communion but prefer to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest and we will offer a blessing in God's name.

Our Sunday worship services take place at 7:45 am, 9:00 am, and 11:15 am. Nursery care is available each Sunday beginning at 8:30 am, and children 4-12 are welcome to take part in Children's Chapel during the first half of the 9 am service.

We continue to be grateful for the generosity of our community. Our financial gifts support what God is doing at St. Mark's to make ministry possible throughout the week including all of our streaming offerings. Please take a moment now to make a gift to support ministry at St. Mark's.

- Give online. <https://www.stmarks-sa.org/give/>
- Text your gift amount to 210-399-0072
- Mail a check to the church office at 315 E. Pecan St., San Antonio, TX 78205

We give thanks for you and welcome you wherever you find yourself on your spiritual journey!

Peace,



The Reverend Elizabeth Knowlton, Rector  
St. Mark's Episcopal Church, San Antonio, Texas

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I

7:45 AM

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 323

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## GLORIA

BCP 324

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 182

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST LESSON

*2 Timothy 1:1-14*

## THE GRADUAL • *Psalm 37:1-10*

BCP 633

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*Luke 17:5-10*

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The Rev. Matthew Wise

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# THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

9:00 AM & 11:15 AM

OPENING VOLUNTARY • *An Wasserflüssen Babylon*, BWV 653

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

HYMN IN PROCESSION 518 • Christ is made the sure foundation

*Westminster Abbey*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BENEDICTUS ES, DOMINE • S 236

John Rutter (b. 1945)

1. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ Lord

God of our fa - thers; \_\_\_\_\_ you are wor - thy of praise;

glo - ry to you. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Glo - ry to you \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ for the ra - di-ance of your ho - ly Name; \_\_\_\_\_ we will

praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Glo - ry to you \_\_\_\_\_ in the splen - dor of your

tem - ple; \_\_\_\_\_ on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to

you. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ seat - ed bet -

ween the Cher - u - bim; \_\_\_\_\_ we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_

*Descant*

5. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ be -

5. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ be - hold - ing the

hold - ing the depths; \_\_\_\_\_ in the high vault of

depths; \_\_\_\_\_ in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to

hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_

you. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ Fa - ther,

— Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will

Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; \_\_\_\_\_ we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you Glo - ry to you! \_\_\_\_\_

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_

## The Word of God

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON (*the first reading at 11:15 only*)

*Lamentations 1:1-6*

How lonely sits the city that once was full of people! How like a widow she has become, she that was great among the nations! She that was a princess among the provinces has become a vassal. She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks; among all her lovers she has no one to comfort her; all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they have become her enemies. Judah has gone into exile with suffering and hard servitude; she lives now among the nations, and finds no resting place; her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress. The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals; all her gates are desolate, her priests groan; her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter. Her foes have become the masters, her enemies prosper, because the Lord has made her suffer for the multitude of her transgressions; her children have gone away, captives before the foe. From daughter Zion has departed all her majesty. Her princes have become like stags that find no pasture; they fled without strength before the pursuer.

*Reader*      The Word of Lord.  
*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL

*Psalm 37:1-10*

chant: George MacFarren



- 1 Do not fret yourself because of | evil- | doers; \*  
do not be jealous of | those | who do | wrong.
- 2 For they shall soon wither | like the | grass, \*  
and like the | green grass | fade a- | way.
- 3 Put your trust in the | LORD and . do | good; \*  
dwell in the land and | feed | on its | riches.
- 4 Take delight | in the | LORD, \*  
and he shall | give you . your | heart's de- | sire.
- 5 Commit your way to the LORD and put your | trust in | him, \*  
and | he will | bring it . to | pass.
- 6 He will make your righteousness as | clear as . the | light \*  
and your just | dealing | as the | noonday.
- 7 Be still be- | fore the | LORD \*  
and wait | patient- | ly for | him.
- 8 Do not fret yourself over the | one who | prospers, \*  
the one who suc- | ceeds in | evil | schemes.
- 9 Refrain from anger, leave | rage a- | lone; \*  
do not fret yourself; it | leads | only . to | evil.
- 10 For evildoers shall | be cut | off, \*  
but those who wait upon the LORD | shall pos- | sess the | land.

THE EPISTLE LESSON (*the first reading at 9:00 am*)

*2 Timothy 1:1-14*

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN 704 • O thou who camest from above

*Hereford*

THE GOSPEL

*Luke 17:5-10*

*Gospeller*    The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People*      **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

“Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’”

*Gospeller*    The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*      **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Matthew Wise

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate: he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Celebrant* Standing or kneeling, let us offer prayers for the church and for the world.

*Intercessor* For our bishops, clergy and lay leaders, for this holy gathering, and for the people of God in every place, let us pray to the Lord.

For this nation, for our President and his cabinet, for the members of Congress, and for the court system, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* For mercy, peace, and justice among and between all tribes, nations, and people, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* For an increase in kindness, mercy, and empathy in our communities, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* In thanksgiving for all the blessings of this life, and for the spirit of gratitude in all that we do and say, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* For the sick and the suffering, those in prison and those being tortured, and all those in distress, especially..., and for those with long-term concerns...let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* For those who rest in Christ and for all the departed, especially..., let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Lifting our voices with all creation, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

*People* **To you, O Lord.**

*Celebrant* O God who is present in the breaking of the bread, hear the prayers we offer this day and inspire us to honor you and one another in all that we do and say, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Then the Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Celebrant stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

#### THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

#### PARISH NOTICES



# The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY ANTHEM • *O Lord, increase our faith*

Henry Loosemore (c. 1607-1670)

O Lord, increase our faith, strengthen us and confirm us in thy true faith;  
endue us with wisdom, charity, chastity and patience, in all our adversity.  
Sweet Jesu, say Amen.

PRESENTATION HYMN 655 • O Jesus, I have promised

*Nyland*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING • *Eucharistic Prayer A*

BCP 361

*Celebrant*      *People*  
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*      *People*  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*  
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Celebrant*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. [*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*] Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS • S 125

*A Community Mass, Richard Proulx (1937-2010)*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy Name,**

**thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those**

**who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**and the power, and the glory,**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD



## MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

*All are welcome to receive the consecrated bread and wine of the Eucharist. You may receive at the high altar or at the side altars. Stand or kneel and receive the bread (a wafer) in the palm of your hand. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Receive the wine either by drinking from the cup (guiding it to your lips) or by touching the wafer lightly to the wine. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please indicate that by crossing your arms over your chest.*

MOTET • *O Taste and See*

music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

text: Psalm 34: 8

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is:  
blest in the man that trusteth in Him.

## COMMUNION HYMN 660 • O Master, let me walk with thee

*Maryton*

## THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

THE SENDING OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS (*when scheduled*)

*Celebrant* In the name of God, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts,  
that others may share in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

*People* **We who are many are one body, because we are one in Jesus Christ.**

## THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN IN PROCESSION 541 • Come, labor on

*Ora Labora*

## CLOSING VOLUNTARY • Postlude in D-minor

Charles Villiers Stanford (1851-1924)

# SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

## 7:45 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I

**Preacher & Celebrant:** The Rev. Matthew Wise, *Associate Rector*  
**Altar Guild:** Pat Donegan, Tim Worley  
**Lay Minister:** Mike Austin

## 9:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

**Preacher:** The Rev. Matthew Wise, *Associate Rector*  
**Celebrant:** The Rev. Elizabeth Knowlton, *Rector*  
**Gospeller:** The Rev. Ann Benton Fraser, *Associate Rector*  
**Musicians:** David Lim, *Assistant Director of Music*  
St. Mark's Choristers, Trebles, & Staff Singers  
**Altar Guild:** Tina Kuykendall, Stephanie Pollom, Cindy Stephens  
**Acolytes:** Abby Allison, Katie Allison, Eleanor Bird, Tyler Cobb  
**Lector:** Marisa Peterson  
**Intercessor:** Pat Bridwell  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Blanca Bird, Gordon Dunkley, Bob Cotton, Albert Steves  
**Greeters:** Mark Bird, Ben Haney, Linda Addington, Sarah Joe Le Messurier  
**Ushers:** Maurleen Cobb, Jack Cobb, Bennett Allison, Katrina Bondari, Lawrence Bondari, Emma Bondari, Joey Oliver

## 11:15 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

**Preacher:** The Rev. Matthew Wise, *Associate Rector*  
**Celebrant:** The Rev. Elizabeth Knowlton, *Rector*  
**Gospeller:** The Rev. Ann Benton Fraser, *Associate Rector*  
**Musicians:** David Lim, *Assistant Director of Music*  
St. Mark's Choir  
**Altar Guild:** Betsy Gleiser, Amanda Talaat, Susan Wilson  
**Acolytes:** Maxxon Bartay, Christina Fisher, Max Herrera, Anna Hurd  
**Lectors:** Harold Sager, Webb Morgan  
**Intercessor:** Walter Goodwin  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Barbara Ward, Mike Duffey, Jermane Taylor-Leach, Pam Slocum  
**Greeters:** Lucy Wilson, Dawna Boudreaux, Beth Hawkins, Bill Fisher  
**Ushers:** Brad Oxford, Rudy Lopez, Rosalind Vielma, Thomas Vielma

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD** and in honor of **Caroline Helen Vassar**, on her birthday, by her parents, Jill and George Vassar; and in loving memory of **Kimberly Ann Tillman**, her daughter, by Mardi Dunkley; and **Pauline Gillespie Gossett**, his wife, by Robert F. Gossett Jr.

*We welcome altar flower contributions from anyone in honor of or in memory of a loved one. The suggested donation per name is \$25. Gifts made above this level make remembrances of our loved ones affordable for all in our community. Go online to [stmarks-sa.org/give](http://stmarks-sa.org/give), or write a check and put it in the offering plate with your dedication information.*

# PRAYER LIST

Updated September 28, 2022

## Immediate Needs

Rosalind Alderman  
Susan Beardslee  
Kimberly Harrison Boldrick  
Gordon Dunkley  
Charles Field  
Andrew Grohe  
Beverly Purcell Guerra  
Gloria Guzman  
Vickey Haff  
Ginny Halter  
Mell Jackson  
Patricia Johnson  
Arlen Leeder  
Sherri Lochman  
Nicky Marriott  
Zayden McColley

Megan Monarez  
Clytie Phelps  
Paul Pineda  
Cathy Robinson  
Linda Rowland  
Sarah  
David Solis  
The order of Ursuline Sisters in  
Ukraine  
Mollie Zachry

## Long-term Concerns

Aynslie Baird Brown  
Joseph Brumlik  
Janis De Lara  
Tyler Fakhoury  
Tim Finan

Karim Fodah  
Alice Haney  
Anna Jane Hays  
Kev  
Carolyn Klebaum  
Nicole McNeel  
JD Monk  
Ruth Peyton  
Patsy Warncke  
Kathleen Seale Withers  
Sharon Cotton Wood

## Deaths

Eleanor Johnson  
Ric Meador

# MEMORIALS

Memorials given October 2022

## **In Memory of:**

John Younger by Sandra Cauthorn  
John Younger by Mary Margaret Mueller  
John Younger by Sidney & Kaye Wilkins  
John Younger by Tookie & David Spoor (St. Cecilia)  
John Younger by Carol McGuire  
John Younger by Pauleen & Conrad Netting  
John Younger by Ronald & Judy Woodson  
Don Doyle by Joey & Patrice Oliver (Bereavement Fund)  
John Younger by Joey & Patrice Oliver (Garden Fund)  
John Younger by Kay & Alan Byrd  
John Younger by Dr. & Mrs. Joe McFarlane  
Leo Perron & John Younger by Molly Webster  
John Younger by Linda & Philip Jacobs

John Younger by Martha Moore  
John Younger by Fred Corley  
Fernando Guerra by George & Polly Spencer  
John Younger by Earl Fae Eldridge  
Marilyn Koontz by Jill & George Vassar  
Muriel Leafstedt by Carl & Ann Leafstedt  
John Younger by Nancy Allen  
Muriel Leafstedt by Amy & David Phipps  
John Younger by Mr. & Mrs. Dan E. Butt

## **In Honor of:**

Tookie Spoor on her birthday by Molly Webster (St. Cecilia)

# PARISH NOTICES

## **Today at St. Mark's**

### **Worship Services**

Masks are now optional at St. Mark's worship services and events. Join us for Rite I at 7:45 am and Rite II at 9 and 11:15 am. Nursery opens at 8:30 am for infants through pre-K; for the safety of your small children, all nursery workers are required to be fully vaccinated.

### **Children's Chapel and Godly Play**

#### **9 am Sundays in the Jerusalem Chapel on the 2nd floor of the Parish House (ages 4-12)**

In Godly Play, we enter into parables, silence, sacred stories, and sacred liturgy in order to discover God, ourselves, one another, and the world around us. This year in Children's Chapel (during the first half of the 9 am liturgy), we are using Godly Play to explore the mysteries of God.

### **Formation Classes in the Parish House | 10:10 am**

Children—second floor

Youth—Youth Suite

Adults—Gish Hall

*Sundays through Oct. 9*

Our sabbatical activities this summer have been a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and community building while living into the branches of our core vocation as St. Mark's. Please join us in the newly renovated Gish Hall as we continue our sabbatical work of intentionally reflecting on our experiences. Trained lay facilitators will lead us in some meaning making, and we will hear reflections and offerings of her sabbatical learnings and experiences from the Rev. Beth Knowlton. These classes will help shape and form where our community is headed next as we move into the next chapter of "feeding San Antonio with the Bread of Life." Can't make it to the Sunday-morning class? Go to [stmarks-sa.org](http://stmarks-sa.org) and click on Watch Live. You can see the recording of last Sunday or watch this week live.

### **Blessing of the Animals | 4 pm**

Bring your furry (or feathered, or scaly) friends to church in celebration of St. Francis Day. At 4 pm you can get a drive-through blessing in the main parking lot (enter and exit on Jefferson St.). At 5 pm, come to the Pecan Street Courtyard for an in-person blessing and treats. Children can participate in the Stuffed Pet Adoption again this year. There will be blessings for everyone in your family!

**Youth Group | 5-7 pm** (middle school and high school)

## **Announcements**

### **Curiosity Street**

**Wednesday, October 5 | 6:30 – 8pm**

We'll delve into some timely ideas with the help of Kevin Wilson's short story, "Tunneling to the Center of the Earth." Fair game for this conversation: direction, ennui, student loans, overparenting, and how and why we dig. Curiosity Street is an occasional Wednesday evening gathering to explore current ideas in the context of our faith through book discussions, games, and conversation, facilitated by the Rev. Ann Fraser.

### **Little Hands at the Altar**

**Sunday, October 9 | 10:10 am in the nave**

This is an interactive learning experience designed especially for young children and their families. This brief class dives into the rhythms and meaning of the Holy Eucharist. Together we will discuss the different parts of the service, handle and learn about the "holy hardware," and better understand our sacred space. While certainly not a requirement, this class helps our children to be active participants on Sundays and prepares them to receive the bread and wine during the liturgy.

### **Liturgy for Pregnancy and Infant Loss: Lament and Remembrance**

**Wednesday, October 12 | 5:30 pm**

The loss of an anticipated child tumbles us from joyful expectation of new life into grief and sorrow. This liturgy is meant to welcome those who have suffered loss in this tender realm, to make space for lament, to pour out grief to God who hears and comforts us. Participants are invited to join in this liturgy in Bethlehem Chapel. If you would like to know more, please email the Rev. Ann Fraser.

### **Come and See: A Festival of Rededication**

**October 15-16**

"Come and See" how God is at work in our St. Mark's community. We will gather to celebrate the renewal of our building and ministries with a weekend of festival fun.

### **SATURDAY FESTIVAL (2-5 pm; dinner at 5:30 pm)**

We'll enjoy music, cheese straw and pie tastings, time with outreach partners, lots of children's activities, a look back at the parish's history in the fabulously refurbished Gish Hall (with state-of-the-art A/V), and professional photos of your family, emailed to you and used in the Parish Directory. The day concludes with a good old South Texas BBQ dinner with vegetarian-friendly options (sign up to attend). Get involved as a volunteer for a 30- to 45-minute shift on Saturday (sign up at <https://bit.ly/3RGyRAD>) and have fun the rest of the day.

**Parents:** Please go to the registration form to let us know if you're bringing kids under 4 who will need nursery care.

We will also be collecting new reading glasses of all strengths and styles for our partner I Care SA—bring your donations when you come to enjoy the weekend.

### **SUNDAY REDEDICATION**

At our Sunday-morning reception, we'll formally rededicate our newly restored spaces and unveil a surprise or two. The celebration weekend concludes with a recital at 3:30 pm followed by Choral Evensong (including a special dedication) at 4 pm, then a reception in Tucker Courtyard. Don't miss the festivities!

### **Make a Difference—Become a Mentor or Tutor**

Research has shown that the presence of a caring adult in the life of a young person helps them to thrive and succeed. You can be that person for a student at our adopted school, Crockett Academy, by mentoring or tutoring. Mentors serve as a positive role model and develop a one-on-one relationship with a student. They offer support and guidance while emphasizing the value of education. Tutors help students achieve academic success through support and encouragement. The time commitment for either role is one hour weekly. Our partner, Communities in Schools of San Antonio, provides training and support to all mentors and tutors. For more information, contact Amy Phipps at [adhipps@att.net](mailto:adhipps@att.net). Learn more about Communities in Schools at <https://youtu.be/wBxTIMfemQE>.

### **In the Diocese of West Texas**

New process for bishop elections underway; see full letter from the Standing Committee and timeline at [dwtx.org](http://dwtx.org).

Plaza de Paz assists migrants in San Antonio—volunteer at [www.givepulse.com/group/624245-Plaza-de-Paz-Respite-Center](http://www.givepulse.com/group/624245-Plaza-de-Paz-Respite-Center).

Camp Capers 75th Anniversary | October 7-9, Camp Capers (registration deadline tomorrow)

51st Annual Diocesan Silent Retreat | October 13 - 16

Bishop's Golf Classic | November 4

*Find information on all these and more at [dwtx.org](http://dwtx.org).*

## **Weekdays at St. Mark's**

### **Monday Morning Lectionary Bible Study**

Mondays, 7 am [via Zoom](#)

### **Art Group**

Tuesdays, 10:00-11:30 am, Room 212—2nd floor of the Parish House

### **NAMI Family Support Group**

First Tuesday of each month | 6:30-8 pm, Room 305—3rd floor of the Parish House

A group for families impacted by mental-health issues to gather to share and support one another. Contact Doug Beach at [dougbeach7897@gmail.com](mailto:dougbeach7897@gmail.com) or at (210) 602-5733.

### **Café Kairos**

Wednesdays, 5-7 pm (menus in the weekly eNews)

### **Holy Eucharist**

Wednesdays at 5:30 pm, Bethlehem Chapel

### **Rector's Bible Study**

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm, Dean Richardson Room—2nd floor of the Parish House

### **Time Out Bible Study**

Thursdays, 10:00 am, Room 212—2nd floor of the Parish House

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