

# ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## PARISH LIFE HANDBOOK

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**CORE VOCATION**

**FEEDING SAN ANTONIO WITH THE BREAD OF LIFE**

*Feeding the hungry with real food  
Feeding those who are hungry for knowledge and meaning  
Feeding those who are hungry for beauty and creativity*

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## From the Rector

### Sustaining Ourselves for the Journey — Feeding Ourselves and Feeding Others

When I worked in the budget office of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention they told me it would take three years to fully experience the rhythm of the place. As I enter my third year of ministry here, I think the same holds true in church life. I rejoice in deepening patterns and relationships. The past year saw us fulfilling the dream of a third clergy person when we welcomed the Reverend Matt Wise on the Feast of the Epiphany. His presence is enabling new ministry in the coming year.

We are continuing to discern where the energy of our parish is and how to live more fully into our calling in this place. That discernment continues to be grounded in our core vocation. *Feeding San Antonio with the Bread of Life* requires that we also be sustained and nurtured in our community. The beautiful efficiency of God invites us to serve in places where we are offering life to one another while gaining strength ourselves. It is a strong theology of abundance, and it is something we practice regularly here.

When we think about ministry aligned with our core vocation it means that we discern our practices through a lens that asks how what we do enables us to feed the hungry with real food, feed those hungry for knowledge and meaning, and feed those hungry for beauty and creativity. It is a framework for ministry that allows us to live out our life and service in the name of Jesus Christ. It is a broad enough vocation to give us the flexibility we need in the coming years and also narrow enough to allow the particular vocation of this place to continue to emerge.

This year will see some new and exciting additions to our ministry. During lunch time on Wednesdays in Lent we are planning *Music in the Park* that will include lunch and a time of offering ourselves to the Downtown community. On the Fifth Sunday of Lent we will have a parish-wide *Day of Prayer and Service*, beginning with a combined worship service and then a sending forth of groups to serve in our city.

In response to the requests of our families, there will now be two adult formation offerings on Sundays. One will follow the theme of *Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus - Philippians 2:5*. The classes will look at how we can become more Christ-like in community, our relationships, our actions, and in the City of San Antonio. The second class offering, *Exploring Our Faith Together*, will mirror the same bible stories that our children and youth are learning about to foster more family conversations. We'll also have parenting classes and a hands-on class to allow children to learn more about our worship and Holy Communion.

Musically we are going to continue to expand our reach by offering a *Jazz Eucharist* during the annual Jazz'SALive festival in September. We will expand our afternoon offerings with a *Second Sunday Evening Eucharist* with special musical offerings each month at 5.00pm. Building on the success of last year's Fiesta concert we will again offer a community concert featuring St. Mark's Children and Youth, The Children's Chorus of San Antonio, the choirs of St. Paul's Episcopal Montessori School, and The Youth Orchestra of San Antonio.

Wherever you are on your journey, I hope that St. Mark's has something to offer you. This Parish Life Handbook is meant to be a guide to our new program year. I hope it will allow you to have a sense of what is going to be available and make possible your fullest participation. Feel free to pick up an extra one and pass it on to your friends. I remain grateful to serve in this holy place!

Peace,



The Reverend Elizabeth Knowlton



**Sundays**

Unless otherwise noted, each Sunday service of worship includes the Holy Eucharist, also called Holy Communion or the Lord's Supper, the principal act of worship on the Lord's Day. Both the Liturgy of Word and Sacrament are included, along with a sermon or time of reflection and an opportunity for the faithful to receive Christ. Please check the website for seasonal variations.

**7.45am Holy Eucharist, Rite I**

The Rite I service meets in the church at 7.45am and is a spoken service (no music) using traditional language with an emphasis on reverence, penitence, and silence.

**9.00am Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

9.00am service welcomes all, including families with children. See page 18 for more information. Children's Chapel offers an opportunity for 4 yr olds through 1st graders to experience the lessons in age-appropriate ways. This service is supported by our youth and children's choirs.

**11.15am Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

11.15am Eucharist presents the splendor of the Christian faith in its most glorious Anglican fashion. Our music, prayers, and sermons draw upon the finest sources of our tradition. This service is supported by the St. Mark's choir.

**Second Sunday Evening Service**

This year, we will continue with an evening worship service offering. This **once a month** service will be held on the second Sunday of each month at 5.00pm and will combine a musical offering, such as Taize or Evensong, with Holy Eucharist. Details for each month's service will be available in The Messenger, through the eNews, the weekly Announcements, and the website.

**Weekday Services**

**Wednesday Holy Eucharist, Bethlehem Chapel**

A simple spoken service, without sermon. This service will be preceded by Centering Prayer at 5.00pm in the Dean Richardson Room.

**Thursday, Evening Prayer, Bethlehem Chapel**

The Daily Office from the Book of Common Prayer.

**Special Services**

**Baptism**

*Holy Baptism is the sacrament by which God adopts us as his children and makes us members of Christ's body, the Church, and inheritors of the kingdom of God.* - The Book of Common Prayer, p858

Holy Baptism is full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into Christ's Body, the Church. (Book of Common Prayer, p. 298). If you would like to schedule a baptism, contact the Rev. Carol Morehead at 210-226-2426 or [cmorehead@stmarks-sa.org](mailto:cmorehead@stmarks-sa.org). Instruction is required. Parents and godparents must attend a baptismal workshop. An online baptism reservation request form is located on the St. Mark's website.

Baptism dates are followed by required parents and godparent preparation meetings in parenthesis.

**2016**

- August 28 Homecoming (Meeting August 27 at 9.30am)
- November 6 All Saints' Day (Meeting November 5 at 9.30am)

**2017**

- January 8 Baptism of Our Lord (Meeting January 7 at 9.30am)
- April 16 Easter Day (Meeting April 15 at 9.00am)
- April 30 Feast of St. Mark's (Meeting April 29 at 9.30am)
- June 4 Pentecost (Meeting June 3 at 9.30am)
- August 27 Homecoming (Meeting August 26 at 9.30am)
- November 5 All Saint's Sunday (Meeting August 4 at 9.30am)

**Weddings**

A wedding at St. Mark's is an occasion of worship. We have designed our Wedding Customary to help guide couples through the planning and to ensure that your service provides both a strong sense of celebration and a worshipful experience for all who attend. If you are interested in pursuing a wedding at St. Mark's, contact a member of the clergy, or visit the St. Mark's website.

**Funerals**

Funerals are scheduled in coordination with one of the priests of the parish. Funerals may take place in the Nave or in Bethlehem Chapel. Interment is also available in the St. Mark's Columbarium. For more information about funerals or about columbarium niches, contact the parish office or email The Rev. Carol Morehead at [cmorehead@stmarks-sa.org](mailto:cmorehead@stmarks-sa.org).

## Worship Support

### Acolytes

Youth acolytes, sixth grade and above, assist at the worship services. Training is offered at the beginning of each school year. For information, contact Todd Allison at tallison@stmarks-sa.org.

### Altar Guild

The Altar Guild sets the table for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist for services at St. Mark's and then cleans up after the service. Members usually serve at one or two services per month. For information, please contact Agatha Wade at wadecame@sbcglobal.net.

### Baptism Guild

Baptism Guild members serve on the day of baptisms by greeting families, preparing baptismal records, and assisting the clergy. For information, contact Tim Worley at robert.worley@sbcglobal.net.

### Eucharistic Ministers

Also called chalice bearers, these confirmed members administer the chalice during services. For information, contact James Dennis, OP at tiodennis@gmail.com.

### Eucharistic Visitors

These confirmed members take the Holy Communion from the Sunday services to those who are homebound. Training is required and is offered each year. For information, please contact The Rev. Carol Morehead at cmorehead@stmarks-sa.org.

### Finance Count Teams

These teams are responsible for counting the offering from Sunday morning. Team members often discover a great opportunity for fellowship in this behind the scenes ministry. To volunteer, please contact Priscilla Briones at pbriones@stmarks-sa.org.

### Intercessors

These members lead the congregation in the Prayers of the People during the Sunday morning Eucharist. Training is required and is offered each year. For more information, please contact James Dennis, OP at tiodennis@gmail.com.



### Lectors

These members read the scriptural lessons at the Sunday services on a rotating basis. Training is required and is offered each year. For more information, please contact James Dennis, OP at tiodennis@gmail.com

### Pastoral Care

Parishioners in need should contact a member of the clergy. The Emergency Pastoral Care phone number is 210.507.0256. For hospital visits or visits to the homebound, please contact Pat Hutchison-Noble at hutchison@stmarks-sa.org.

### Ushers

Both men and women serve on usher teams to greet and welcome members and visitors, distributing worship leaflets, assist in the seating of our worshippers, and be attentive to those who need assistance. During Holy Communion they assist people moving to and from the altar rail. Usher teams serve for a month at a time on a rotating basis, usually two months out of the year. Ushers are also needed at special services. For information, contact Craig Donegan at craig.donegan@gmail.com

**24 hour pastoral care  
emergency phone  
210-507-0256**

### Wedding Guild

These members assist the clergy and families during the wedding rehearsal and ceremony. Members serve several times per year. For information, please contact Jody Kelly at jkelly@globalimage.net.

### Weekday Lay Readers

These confirmed members lead the Daily Office. There are currently plans to expand the days when these prayer services are offered. For more information, please contact The Rev. Carol Morehead at cmorehead@stmarks-sa.org.

### Let the Same Mind be in You as in Christ Jesus

For the 2016-2017 program year, our Adult Formation theme will be *Let the Same Mind be in You as in Christ Jesus -- Phillipians 2:5*. We have several opportunities to dive more deeply into what it means to have the mind of Christ.

On Sunday mornings, we will have two tracks each week from which you may choose. Track 1 will be the *Rector's Forum*, which will feature classes centered specifically around the Mind of Christ theme for the year. These classes will be led by the Rector, assisting clergy, and guests. We will look at the Mind of Christ – in community, in relationships, in action, and in the broader life we share in our city. Track 2, called *Exploring our Faith Together*, is designed to build on the Core Competencies identified at the Children and Youth Formation Summit held earlier this year. This unique formation opportunity ties the programming in our Children's Ministry into our Adult Formation, allowing families to find common ground. Throughout the year, this track will spend several weeks studying the same Bible stories that the children's formation classes study, looking at the stories through an adult lens and offering families a chance to explore common themes in age-appropriate settings. While this second track will be geared toward families and parents, all are welcome to attend. Interspersed with the blocks of Bible stories will be topics of particular interest to families, including a look at parenting in the fall and instruction about the Eucharist especially for families in the spring. The class will be facilitated by The Rev. Matt Wise and The Rev. Carol Morehead.

During the week, there are several offerings throughout the year which will continue to build on our theme of having the Mind of Christ. *Time Out Bible Study* will continue on Thursdays; the *Gift of Years Book Study* will hold sessions in the fall and spring; and the *Daughters of the King Book Study* will continue on Wednesdays. New additions to this year's offerings include a weekly time for *Centering Prayer* each Wednesday at 5.00pm, *Education for Ministry*, and a *Life After Loss* class this fall.

In addition to the weekly schedules, we will continue the invitation to follow the rhythm of the liturgical calendar with several offerings. In Advent, Adult Formation will join forces with our Music and Children's programs to offer inter-generational activities for all. With combined services at 10.00am during Advent and formation at the 9.00am hour, this time will allow all members of the parish to join together in expectation and waiting for the coming Christ. Spring will include *Adult Confirmation* classes. Both Advent and Lent will have *Quiet Days* for reflection and retreat. Other offerings may also be added throughout the year.

### During the Week

#### Time Out Bible Study

Led by The Rev. Dr. John Lewis and The Rev. Carol Morehead

Meeting on Thursday mornings from 10.00am-11.30am in the Youth Suite. Class resumes this fall on September 1 through December 1 and then in 2017 will run from January 12 through May 4. Please join us as we continue our close reading of The Gospel of Luke. No prior participation in the class is required. Childcare available.

#### Education for Ministry

This year St. Mark's will begin a new Education for Ministry class. The Education for Ministry (EFM) program provides people with the formation to carry out lay ministry. EFM offers an opportunity to discover how to respond to the call to Christian service. A unique four-year distance learning certificate program in theological education that uses seminar groups as its format, EFM helps the faithful encounter the breadth and depth of the Christian tradition and apply it to their experiences of the world as they study, worship, and engage in theological reflection together. Classes meet for 36

weeks from September through May.

#### Wednesday Daughters of the King Book Study

This group of women meet weekly at 5.00pm to study a book. The group decides at their first meeting what to read so that it is a true group discernment. Meetings begin August 24th in Room 305.

#### Group Centering Prayer

This weekly offering is a time prior to the Wednesday Eucharist during which people can gather in the Dean Richardson Room for quiet reflection as they center in prayer. Prayer time will begin at 5.00pm and last for 20 minutes. Facilitated by The Rev. Beth Knowlton.

#### Gifted Years Book Study

The Gifted Years Book Study will continue this year. It will meet this fall from October 11th to November 8th and in the spring of 2017 from March 7th - April 4th from 10.00am to 11.30am in the Dean Richardson Room. See page 7 for more.

*Life After Loss* See page 7 for description.

## **Sunday Mornings, Track 1: The Rector's Forum**

"Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." - Philippians 2:5

### **The Mind of Christ in Community, Fall 2016**

The Reverend Beth Knowlton and The Reverend Dr. Jane Patterson

Class meets: Sept 11, 18, 25; October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; November 13, 20

This ten week class will look at Christian Community as an embodied practice of the ways of Jesus. We will have four major themes: conversation and discernment; care for the suffering; freedom and holiness; and justice and generosity.

To have the mind of Christ Jesus is to engage traditions and practices of conversation and community discernment. We will look at how the early church viewed moral conversation and how scripture currently informs a moral life. We will look at our community tradition of care for the suffering. What does scripture have to say to us about how we care for one another? Do changing scientific understandings of illness impact how we embody this care? As incarnate people, how do we understand a call to freedom and honoring the body? Finally, when we think of generosity and the use of our resources, how does having the mind of Christ Jesus impact our decision making?

The format of the class will include short essays available for study, group conversation, and practices during the week to inform the study materials. Please see the eNews and weekly Announcements for detailed class information.

### **The Mind of Christ In Relationships: Engaging the Holy Trinity, Epiphany 2017**

The Reverend Mary Earle and The Reverend Beth Knowlton

Class meets: January 15, 22, 29; February 5, 12, 19, 26

This seven week class will look at the Doctrine of the Trinity as an essential way of understanding the Mind of Christ. Rather than looking at the Trinity as an abstract doctrine, something beyond our comprehension because of its mysterious nature, or simply an antiquated concept, this class will delve into the deep relational nature of God. How does the Second Person of the Trinity, in particular, form our experience of God? How does actively engaging God as dynamic relationship, instead of an abstract concept, have the possibility of inviting us into a place of deep transformation. Drawing on wisdom from mystics across the centuries and specific invitational practices during the class and throughout the week, we promise you will never be afraid to call yourself a Trinitarian again!

### **The Mind of Christ in Action: Use of our Money and Possessions, Lent 2017**

The Reverend Beth Knowlton and The Reverend Dr. John Lewis

Class meets: March 5, 12, 19, and 26.

This four week class will look at what the scriptural witness has to say to us about how we use our money and our possessions. It will engage the deep challenges that are contained in the biblical witness and whether or not these are even relevant standards to how we manage our money in daily life. We will also look at the strong currents in our culture that are encouraging a very different way of engaging with money and possessions. At the heart of the class will be the invitation to look at use of our money and possessions as an active spiritual discipline. What are the fruits of such practices?

### **The Mind of Christ in the Wider Community: Faith in the City, Eastertide 2017**

The Reverend Beth Knowlton and invited guests

Class meets: April 23; May 7, 14, and 21

This four week class will host faith and civic leaders from San Antonio who will discuss how their faith is lived out in their specific settings. Leaders will be from a variety of religious settings and will discuss important civic topics. Conversation and discussion will also include ways that religious communities can collaborate across theologically diverse perspectives to engage in holy work with one another.

## Sunday Mornings, Track 2: Exploring our Faith Together

**Exploring our Faith Together** is made up of three course offerings (below) as well as periodic pauses for gathering and conversation on October 9, November 20, and January 29. In addition, the season of Advent will feature multi-generational offerings each Sunday, including Advent Wreath Making, Las Posadas, the Christmas Pageant with Living Nativity, and Procession of Carols.

### **Bible Stories: Stories for the Journey**

The Reverend Matt Wise and The Rev. Carol Morehead

Class meets September 11, 18, 25; October 2; January 15, 22; March 5, 12, 19, 26; April 23; May 7, 14, 21

Throughout the program year, this series will take a look at the same bible story that the older children's classes are studying the same day, only through a different lens. The class will travel through major stories in both the old and new testaments, including creation and the road to Egypt in the fall and moving into the life of Jesus in the spring.

### **Parenting: Heart and Soul**

The Rev. Carol Morehead and invited guest presenters

Class meets October 16, 23, 30; November 13

This four week series will offer parents a space in which to explore together the joys and challenges of being a parent in today's world. We will explore moral and spiritual development in children, have an open conversation with professionals from the child development world, and have a panel of seasoned parents share their insights from their years as parents.

### **Eucharistic Instruction For Families**

The Reverend Matt Wise and The Reverend Carol Morehead

Class meets February 5, 12, 19, 26

This four week series is designed to help younger children enter into the mystery of Holy Eucharist. We will spend time looking at the Liturgy of the Word and Table, touch and handle the holy hardware, make communion bread, and talk about the deep mystery of joining with angels and archangels each Sunday as we gather in praise and thanksgiving.

### **Gifted Years Book Study**

October 11th to November 8th, 10.00am-11.30am and in the spring from March 7th - April 4th

In the fall we will discuss *Mystical Hope: Trusting in the Mercy of God* by the Rev. Cynthia Bourgeault. According to The Rev. Alan Jones, former dean of Grace Cathedral in San Francisco, "This is a grace - filled book for those who are learning to swim in the deep waters of God's mercy and love - waters in which we already swim but hardly know it. Cynthia Bourgeault shows us the road to deep and lasting hope." The group will be led by Lillian Morris and Lou Taylor. Everyone is welcome.

### **Life After Loss**

Mondays, October 3 – November 7, 11.30am – 1.00pm, Dean Richardson Room

Life After Loss is a six week program designed to give members an opportunity to understand the process of grief, assess where they are in this process, discover how loss can transform one into becoming a better person, and plan for how to continue to heal and live a good life. Life After Loss programs are particularly helpful for those who have lost loved ones in the past year. This series is offered in conjunction with Porter Loring Mortuaries and will be facilitated by Mary Olive Judson, LPC.

# St. Mark's Calendar

## August

Wednesday, 8/24      5.00pm      Centering Prayer Group at 5.00pm in the Dean Richardson Room (followed by Eucharist at 5.30 in Bethlehem Chapel)

5.00pm      Boy & Girl Choir Novices, meets weekly

5.00pm      Boy & Girl Choristers, meets weekly

5.00pm      Daughters of the King Book Study Room 305

5.00pm      Cafe Kairos, offered weekly (ends at 6.30pm)

5.00pm      Youth Wednesday Night Fellowship, meets weekly

5.30pm      Eucharist in Bethlehem Chapel, meets weekly

7.00pm      Youth Choir practice meets weekly

Sunday, 8/28      Homecoming Sunday (regular schedule resumes) with Ministry Fair at 10.10am

## September

Sunday, 9/4      Labor Day, no formation

Sunday, 9/11      Formation for Adult, Children, and Youth resumes, meets weekly

Sunday, 9/11      5.00pm      Second Sunday Evening Eucharist: Taize service on 15th anniversary of 9/11

Sunday, 9/18      9.00am      Jazz Mass (part of Jazz'SALive festival)

11.15am      Jazz Mass (part of Jazz'SALive festival)

Friday-Sunday, 9/16-18      Youth Leadership Retreat

## October

Sunday, 10/2      5.00pm      Blessing of the Animals Eucharist in Tucker Courtyard

Sunday, 10/9      5.00pm      Second Sunday Evening Eucharist: Choral Evensong

Friday-Sunday, 10/16-18      New Beginnings #3 (6th-8th grades)

Wednesday, 10/26      6.00pm      Halloween Parade and Blessing of the Costumes



**Halloween Parade and Blessing of Costumes**  
October 26

Join us for an evening of family fun! Wear your costume and be ready to get silly. We will meet in Gosnell Hall for food and games. Our clergy will bless the Halloween costumes and lead a costume parade through the grounds of St. Mark's.



## Parish Meeting and Vestry Election

**November 6**

Between services, we will hold a Parish Meeting during which you will hear from the Rector, Senior Warden, and Treasurer about our accomplishments as a parish, our challenges, and our plans for the future. Come hear about how we, as a community, use our resources for the well-being of this congregation, our neighbors, and our city. We will also hold our Vestry elections to identify the incoming class of 2018.

A printed St. Mark's Annual Report will also be distributed during the parish meeting containing more detail on the financial and programmatic health of our community. And if that's not enough, Kitchen Ministries is offering their annual pie tasting and first day orders will be accepted for holiday treats!



### Outreach Answers for the 'So You Know St. Mark's' Quiz (Ministry Fair)

19% of our annual budget is spent on outreach - including apportionment, outreach grants, direct support to helping ministries and non-profits, and direct assistance to those in need. And 8% of our annual revenues come from the St. Mark's Endowment and funds established by estate gifts.



## Stewardship: Living God's Vision

*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*  
-- Psalm 119:105

Stewardship is a year-round discipline to which we are called as members of the body of Christ. We invite you to develop this practice by participating in formation classes, attending the Parish Meeting, and making your pledge on Stewardship Ingathering Sunday, November 13th. In the weeks leading up to the Ingathering, you'll be hearing from many at St. Mark's as they share their thoughts on engaging in community and becoming equipped to go into the world to do the work God has given us to do.

When we are asked to make a monetary pledge and to participate in the work of this church, we are being called upon to have confidence that we are giving of God's abundance to us and that there will be enough. Gifts and pledges make possible the worship, formation, music, community building, and outreach activities of St. Mark's. Your support is essential as we continue to live into our Core Vocation: Feeding San Antonio with the Bread of Life.

Bring your offering on Sunday, November 13 in a shared experience of God's abundance and the blessings we experience in our daily lives.

## November

Tuesday, 11/1	7.00pm	Vespers for the Feast of All Saints
Sunday, 11/6		Feast of All Saints', Daylight Savings ends, Parish Meeting with Vestry Election at 10.10am, Start of holiday pie sale
Friday, 11/11	11.00am	LIVE radio broadcast of St. Mark's choirs featuring music and readings for Armistice Day
Sunday 11/13	5.00pm	Stewardship Ingathering at all services Second Sunday Evening Eucharist: Remembrance Day, Requiem by Gabriel Faure
Wednesday, 11/16	5.30pm	Cafe Kairos Thanksgiving Dinner
Tuesday, 11/22		Pie Pick-up
Wednesday, 11/23		No Cafe Kairos or evening programming
Sunday, 11/27	10.00am	Advent I: <b>Combined Worship Service</b> (takes the place of 9.00am and 11.15am services) Wreath Making at 9.00am



## December

Saturday, 12/3	9.30am	Advent Quiet Day at St. Benedict's Workshop 9.30am-2.00pm
Sunday, 12/4	10.00am	Advent II: <b>Combined Worship Service</b> (takes the place of 9.00am and 11.15am services) Las Posadas at 9.00am
Sunday, 12/4	5.00pm	Advent Lessons and Carols sung by choirs of St. Mark's
Wednesday, 12/7	11.30am	Women's Christmas Luncheon 11.30am-1.30pm at the home of Barbara Cummings
Friday, 12/9	9.00pm	Christmas to the Street Lock-In for youth and No Ties Allowed BBQ preparation
Saturday, 12/10	9.00am	Christmas Pageant rehearsal
Saturday, 12/10	11.00am	Christmas to the Street BBQ
Saturday, 12/10	6.30pm	St. Cecilia Guild presents a concert of seasonal music for organ, brass, and choir. Featuring a musical version of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas'
Sunday, 12/11	10.00am	Advent III: <b>Combined Worship Service</b> (takes the place of 9.00am and 11.15am services) Christmas Pageant at 9.00am No Second Sunday Evening Eucharist
Sunday, 12/18	10.00am	Advent IV: <b>Combined Worship Service</b> (takes the place of 9.00am and 11.15am services) Britten's Ceremony of Carols at 9.00am
Saturday, 12/24		Christmas Eve services 4.00pm, 7.00pm, 10.30pm
Sunday, 12/25	10.00am	Christmas Day, Navity of Our Lord (one combined worship service)



## January

Sunday, 1/1	10.00am	First Sunday After Christmas (one combined worship service)
Sunday, 1/8		Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord and Daughters of the King Epiphany Baby Shower. All are invited to celebrate Epiphany by bringing gifts for children in need in our community. All gifts are donated to Good Samaritan Community Services.
Sunday, 1/8	5.00pm	Second Sunday Evening Eucharist: An Epiphany Procession -- A service of readings and music for the season.
Wednesday, 1/11	6.00pm	New Connections - Part II

## Enlarging Our Hearts to Embrace the Love of God: An Advent Quiet Day

December 3 at St. Benedict's Workshop  
Led by The Rev. Beth Knowlton

Plan to take time out of your busy schedules to engage deeply in the themes of Advent. Advent is a time to prepare and wait, yet it is also a time when we feel burdened by extra activity and pressures of family life.

At its best, it can be a time to deeply reflect on our expectations of God. Often our hearts can feel cut off or unable to sense the depth of God's love for us. Our theme for this day will help focus us on the ways in which we can continue to expand the boundaries of our images of God in ways to more fully experience the love that is already present and available to us. Using scripture, poetry, silence, guided meditation, and journaling, we will prepare for the arrival of the Christ child. All are welcome.

## Sundays in Advent

Starting November 27

Morning worship services will be held at 7.45am and 10.00am every Sunday in Advent.

Programs begin at 9.00am preceding the combined worship service at 10.00am in Gosnell Hall. Breakfast will be provided.

The 7.45am worship service will be held as usual.

- Advent I** Intergenerational wreath-making with teaching
- Advent II** Las Posadas
- Advent III** Christmas Pageant and Living Nativity
- Advent IV** Britten's Ceremony of Carols



## Christmas Eve

December 24

3.45pm Prelude, 4.00pm Holy Eucharist  
7.00pm Holy Eucharist with St. Mark's Choir  
10.00pm Prelude, 10.30pm Holy Eucharist with St. Mark's Choir (with incense)

## Christmas Day

December 25

One Combined Holy Eucharist at 10.00am

## First Sunday After Christmas

January 1

One Combined Holy Eucharist at 10.00am



## Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord

January 8

Regular Holy Eucharist Schedule  
7.45am, 9.00am, 11.15am

Daughters of the King Epiphany Baby Shower at 10.10am  
Second Sunday Evening Eucharist: With Epiphany Procession at 5.00pm

## February

Sunday, 2/5	5.00pm	Feast of the Presentation: Sung Eucharist for the Candlemas
Sunday, 2/12	5.00pm	Second Sunday Evening Eucharist: St. Cecilia Guild presents vocal recital featuring German Lieder (Ana Hernandez, Soprano)
Wednesday, 2/15	7.00pm	St. Cecilia Guild presents a Guest Artist Organ Concert: James O'Donnell
Wednesday, 2/22	5.00pm	Dinner and Lecture at St. Mark's to precede Tobin event
Wednesday, 2/22	7.30pm	St. Cecilia Guild presents Mozart C Minor Mass at the Tobin Center
Tuesday, 2/28	5.30pm	Pancake Supper and Shrove Tuesday Talent Show (Talent Show at 6:00)

## March

Wednesday, 3/1		Ash Wednesday services at 7.00am, 12.00pm, 7.00pm (no evening formation)
Saturday, 3/4	9.30am	Lenten Quiet Day at the Bishop Jones Center from 9.30am - 2.00pm
Sunday, 3/5	5.00pm	Concert of Lenten Music at the University of The Incarnate Word
Wednesday, 3/8	10.00am	Lenten Offering: Music in the Park with lunch to follow, mid-day
Sunday, 3/12	5.00pm	Second Sunday Evening Eucharist: Choral Evensong
Wednesday, 3/15	10.00am	Lenten Offering: Music in the Park with lunch to follow, mid-day
Wednesday, 3/22	10.00am	Lenten Offering: Music in the Park with lunch to follow, mid-day
Saturday, 3/25	5.00pm	St. Cecilia Guild presents A Community Concert Featuring St. Mark's children and youth choirs in collaboration with YOSA, the Children's Chorus of San Antonio, and the children's choir of St. Paul's Montessori School hosted at St. Mark's.
Wednesday, 3/29	6.00pm	New Connections – Part I from 6.00pm - 8.00pm
Wednesday, 3/29	10.00am	Lenten Offering: Music in the Park with lunch to follow, mid-day

## April

Sunday, 4/2	10.00am	Combined worship service and Lenten Offering followed directly by outreach to the community, a <b>Day of Prayer and Service</b>
Wednesday, 4/5	10.00am	Lenten Offering: Music in the Park with lunch to follow from 10.00am - 2.00pm
Sunday, 4/9		Palm Sunday with Reception and live animals at 10.10am! (Regular Service times)
Sunday, 4/9	5.00pm	Second Sunday Evening Eucharist: Service of Lessons and Carols for Passiontide
Monday, 4/10	12.00pm	Holy Monday service
Tuesday, 4/11	12.00pm	Holy Tuesday service
Wednesday 4/12	12.00pm	Holy Wednesday service
Thursday, 4/13		Maundy Thursday (see page 13)
Friday, 4/14		Good Friday services (see page 13)
Saturday, 4/15	11.00am	Easter Egg Hunt and Picnic at Bishop Jones Center
Saturday, 4/15	12.00pm	Holy Saturday service
Sunday, 4/16		Easter Day services 6.00am Vigil, 9.00am, 11.15am (childcare during Vigil and 9.00am service) Breakfast served after 6.00am service
Friday-Sunday, 4/21-23		Youth Retreat
Sunday, 4/30		Feast of St. Mark's, Confirmation Sunday, 9.00am Youth, 11.15 Adults
Sunday 4/30	5.00pm	Fiesta Concert of English Cathedral Music for Choir and Organ (25th anniversary of Music from St. Mark's concerts)



**Lenten Quiet Day:  
Listening to Our Lives**  
Saturday, March 4, 9.30am – 2.00pm  
Led by The Rev. Carol Morehead  
Bishop Jones Center

Lent is an invitation to stop and reflect on the year that has passed, to lay our lives open before God as we prepare to celebrate the promises of new life and resurrection. Join with us as we spend a day in quiet reflection at the beginning of Lent, listening to the lessons our life has to teach us. What has the past year offered? What things have been done and left undone? We will use art and literature to help us reflect on what we can learn as we dig deep and till the soil of our souls.



### Worship for Holy Week and Easter

#### Sunday, April 9 - Palm Sunday

7.45am Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
9.00am Liturgy of the Palms, Holy Eucharist Rite II  
10.10am Palm Sunday Festival with live animals!  
11.15am Liturgy of the Palms, Holy Eucharist Rite II  
5.00pm Service of Lessons and Carols for Passiontide

#### Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday, Holy Wednesday

12.00m Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Bethlehem Chapel

#### Thursday, April 13 - Maundy Thursday

7.00pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
9.00pm Gethsemane Overnight Prayer Vigil, Bethlehem Chapel

#### Friday, April 14 - Good Friday

7.00am Good Friday Liturgy with Communion from the Reserve Sacrament  
12.00pm Good Friday Liturgy  
1.00pm Stations of the Cross

#### Saturday, April 15 - Holy Saturday

1.00pm Holy Saturday service

#### Sunday, April 16 - Easter Day

6.00am The Great Vigil, Lighting of the New Fire, Holy Baptism, and First Eucharist of Easter, with incense. Breakfast to follow.  
9.00am Holy Baptism & Festival Eucharist, Rite II  
11.15am Holy Baptism & Festival Eucharist, Rite II (with incense)

**May**

Friday, 5/5	11.30am	Bookstore Lecture and Luncheon
Sunday, 5/7	9.00am	High School Seniors and Choir Recognition during the service
Wednesday, 5/10	6.00pm	New Connections – Part II from 6.00pm - 8.00pm
Wednesday, 5/10	5.30pm	Last Café Kairos until September
Sunday, 5/14	5.00pm	Second Sunday Evening Eucharist: Choral Evensong
Thursday, 5/25	7.00pm	Feast of the Ascension, Sung Eucharist
Sunday, 5/28		Summer Worship Schedule begins, 7.45am, 10.00am.

**Bookstore Lecture  
and Luncheon**

Friday, May 5, 2017  
11.30am

**Author Greg Garrett**  
*Stories That Find Us*

Award Writer, teacher, speaker,  
novelist, and theologian of 20 books

Professor of English,  
Baylor University

Resident Scholar,  
Gladstone's Library, Wales

*Join Greg to hear how stories about  
home, sacrifice, community, and  
gratitude can remind us how to shape  
meaning from the seeming chaos  
of life.*

Look for copies of Greg's books in  
the St. Mark's Bookstore.



**June**

Friday-Sunday, 6/2-6/4		Youth Summer Outreach Weekend
Monday-Friday, 6/5-6/9		Vacation Bible School Pentecost, Parish Picnic in Travis Park
Sunday, 6/11	11.00am	Altar Guild Installation and Luncheon



## Becoming a Member

If you are interested in becoming a member of St. Mark's, please contact Dina Aboul Saad at [dsaad@stmarks-sa.org](mailto:dsaad@stmarks-sa.org), call 210-226-2426, or fill out a membership form online. All baptized Christians are welcome to join St. Mark's in this way.

If you have not been baptized, please contact The Rev. Carol Morehead at [cmorehead@stmarks-sa.org](mailto:cmorehead@stmarks-sa.org) to meet with other adults in an enriching process leading to baptism. If you choose to become a baptized member, we encourage you to attend the Adult Confirmation Class.

There are several different categories of membership. The word "member" denotes either a confirmed communicant, baptized member, or an active participant whose letter remains elsewhere.

### Confirmed Communicants

Confirmed communicants are baptized persons who have been confirmed in, or received into, the Episcopal Church and whose names are enrolled in the parish register. Names are enrolled either by confirmation, reception, or letter of transfer from another Episcopal Church. One must be listed in the parish register to be eligible to vote in parish elections and to hold various offices in the church.

### Baptized Members

All baptized persons of any age may be enrolled in the parish register. Names are enrolled either by baptism, letter of transfer, or personal request.

### Associates

Associates are persons who are active in the life of this congregation, but whose official membership remains elsewhere.

### Mailing List and Database Updates

If you would like to receive the electronic version of the St. Mark's weekly eNews, please fill out a visitor card or subscribe on our website at [stmarks-sa.org](http://stmarks-sa.org). Have you recently moved, married, added a new member to your family, or changed your email address or phone number? Call us at (210) 226-2426.

## New to St. Mark's? Come to New Connections

This is a two-part program designed especially for people newer to St. Mark's and for those who are considering whether to become a member of the community. The evening is designed to get to know one another as well as to provide you with a clearer picture of how to connect at St. Mark's. We begin with dinner at 6.00pm and then gather in the Dean Richardson Room for conversation with clergy and staff of St. Mark's. It is offered twice a year. The next two start dates are October 12 and March 29. Contact Dina Aboul Saad for more information at [dsaad@stmarks-sa.org](mailto:dsaad@stmarks-sa.org).

## Adult Confirmation

Adult Confirmation classes will be held February 5, 12, 19, 26, March 5, 19, and April 23 during regular Christian Formation time at 10.10am, and on Saturday, April 8th, from 9-2. This class is open to those seeking to be confirmed, received, or would like a refresher!

Confirmation will be on Sunday, April 30 at the 11.15am service. For more information, contact The Rev. Carol Morehead, [cmorehead@stmarks-sa.org](mailto:cmorehead@stmarks-sa.org).

## Youth Confirmation

**My Faith, My Life** is for 8th grade youth, and those older who wish to be Confirmed join the weekly Youth Confirmation Class that meets during the formation hour on Sunday mornings, starting September 11. Confirmation will be on Sunday, April 30 at the 9.00am service. See page 19 for more information.



## Music at St. Mark's

More than 125 people make up the choirs at St. Mark's, including volunteers, staff singers, and four choral scholars, high school students who commit to spending a year of musical formation with the St. Mark's music program. Together they provide music for the many services that are offered throughout the year. In addition, St. Mark's music program invites the San Antonio community to experience the beauty of worship and creativity through the monthly Music From St. Mark's offerings. Sponsored by the St. Cecilia Guild, these monthly programs are free to all.

### St. Mark's Choir

The St. Mark's Choir (adults) sings the 11.15am service each Sunday during the academic year. The choir, consisting of 60 women and men, rehearses every Thursday evening from 6.30 to 8.45pm. In addition to its Sunday morning duties, the choir regularly sings Evensong and a major choral work with orchestra each April (as an official event of the San Antonio Fiesta celebration).

### Youth Choir (grades 7th-12th)

St. Mark's Youth Choir (grades 7-12) is a dedicated group of young musicians that commit to team-work, and developing music reading and singing skills. Youth Choir rehearses on Wednesdays from 7.00-8.00pm in the Choir room (3rd floor of parish house).

### Treble Choir (grades 4th-12th)

St. Mark's Treble Choir is for boys (with unchanged voices) and girls in 4th-12th grades. Auditions for this choir are held as needed. This choir rehearses on Thursdays from 5.30-6.30pm.

### Boy & Girl Choristers (grades 3rd-6th)

St. Mark's Boy & Girl Choristers is a highly committed group that provides music for the 9.00am worship service throughout the academic year. These children learn about liturgy and the seasons of the church year as they rehearse service music, hymns and anthems. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays 5.00-6.00pm in the Choir room (3rd floor of the parish house).

### Boy & Girl Novices (grades 1st-2nd)

This training choir consists of boys and girls in 1st and 2nd grades. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 5.00-6.00pm. This group is a preparatory group that utilizes the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) training curriculum.



Direct your questions about music to Joe Causby at [jcausby@stmarks-sa.org](mailto:jcausby@stmarks-sa.org)





## Music Outreach to the Broader Community

While we warmly welcome all to every service and event hosted at St. Mark's, these offerings are designed to intentionally partner with the broader San Antonio community.

**September 18 at 9.00am and 11.15am**  
Jazz Mass as part of the Jazz'SALive Festival

**February 22 at 7.30pm**  
St. Cecilia Guild presents Mozart C Minor Mass.  
St. Mark's choirs join with the San Antonio Symphony, Trinity University, and the Choral Society of San Antonio at the Tobin Center for Performing Arts

**March 25 at 5.00pm**  
St. Cecilia Guild presents Community Concert of Music for Children's Voices and Chamber Orchestra with St. Paul's Montessori School, Children's Chorus of San Antonio, YOSA, and St. Mark's children and youth. The program will include Benjamin Britten's *Friday Afternoons*, American folk hymn arrangements for harp and voice, and Peter Warlock's *Capriol Suite* for strings.

**April 30 at 5.00pm**  
St. Cecilia Guild presents Fiesta Concert of English Cathedral Music for Choir and Organ featuring music for the July 2017 choir residency at Durham Cathedral and St. Alban's Abbey in London.



## Children and Youth Formation

Through weekly programming, as well as special events and activities throughout the year, we strive to provide a loving, safe environment in which children can grow in faith and in their relationships with others. Our Children and Family Ministries serve children from birth to 5th grade. Registration for Sunday School is available online at [stmarks-sa.org](http://stmarks-sa.org). Navigate to Ministries/Children. You can also register on Sunday when you arrive at church.

### Nursery

Sundays 8.30am-12.30am and during special events/committee meetings as specified in the Announcements, eNews, Messenger, and website. Located in the Parish House on the 1st floor for ages 6 weeks - 5 years old.

We believe that children learn to worship by participating in worship services, so children of all ages are always welcome in church. We also know that young children need a time and place to play, so our nursery is available throughout all Sunday morning activities. Our trained nursery staff will lead children in age-appropriate lessons and activities, play and snack time while parents participate in the worship service and adult formation.

Direct your questions about Children’s Ministry to Shea Pollom and Rachel Doyle at [children@stmarks-sa.org](mailto:children@stmarks-sa.org)

Direct your questions about the Nursery to Janet Carrizales at [jcarrizales@stmarks-sa.org](mailto:jcarrizales@stmarks-sa.org).

### Children’s Chapel

Gathers just before the 9.00am worship service, located in the Parish House on the 2nd floor. Recommended for children age 4 years old through 3rd grade.

The Children’s Chapel service provides an opportunity for pre-school and elementary-aged children to worship in a way that is fun and meaningful for them. Beginning Sunday, September 11th, pre-school and elementary-aged children can be dropped off at Children’s Chapel (2nd floor atrium) before the 9.00am service. Here, they will listen to a Bible story based on a reading from the liturgy and participate in prayer, activities, and songs that reinforce the lesson of the day. This extended time will allow children to follow a full children’s service with activities, as well as participate in music with our choir directors. Children will be led back to their families in the worship service during the Passing of The Peace.

### Sunday School

Sundays 10.10am-11.00am  
Located in the Parish House in classrooms on the 2nd floor, available for children 3 years old through 5th grade. These classes are currently using the Spark curriculum, which is a comprehensive, Bible-based program. Spark gives children a broad experience of Bible Stories, while providing fun activities that engage all types of learners at every level of learning.

**Children age 3yrs-3rd grade** will use the Spark Classroom curriculum, which allows kids to explore key stories from the Old Testament in the Fall, and the New Testament in Winter and Spring. The lessons are designed to give children a broad experience of Bible Stories, while providing fun activities that engage all types of learners at every level of learning.

September 11	Adam and Eve/Genesis 2.4-25	January 29	Jesus Goes to Nazareth/Luke 4.14-30
September 18	The First Sin/Genesis 3.1-24	February 5	The Disciples/Luke 5.11-17
September 25	Joseph and His Brothers/Genesis 37.1-28	February 12	Four Friends/Luke 5.17-26
October 2	Joseph Helps His Family/Gen. 45.1-15, 50: 5-21	February 19	The Good Samaritan /Luke 10.25-37
October 9	Baby Moses/Exodus 2.1-10	February 26	The Lost Sheep and Lost Coin/Luke 15.1-10
October 16	The Burning Bush/Exodus 3.1-15	March 5	The Prodigal Son/Luke 15.1-3, 11-32
October 23	Deborah - Judges 4.1-5, 31	March 12	Mary and Martha/Luke 10.38-42
October 30	God Calls Samuel/1 Samuel 3.1-20	March 19	The Last Supper /John 13.1-20
November 6	David is Chosen/1 Samuel 16.1-13	April 23	Early Believers/Acts 2.43-47
November 13	Solomon Builds the Temple/1 Kings 6	May 7	Peter Heals /Acts 3.1-16
November 20	Queen Esther/Esther 2. 5-18, 3.1-6, 8.1-17	May 14	Paul and Silas/Acts 2.1-4
January 15	Simeon and Anna/Luke 2.22-40	May 21	The Holy Spirit/Acts 2.1-4, 36-42
January 22	The Boy at the Temple/Luke 2.41-52		

**4th and 5th graders** will use the Spark Lectionary curriculum, which follows the Bible stories that are taught in the worship service each week - helping kids get more out of worship services and Sunday School.

September 11	The Lost Sheep and Lost Coin/Luke 15.1-10	January 29	The Beatitudes/Matthew 5.1-12
September 18	Two Masters/Luke 16.1-13	February 5	Salt and Light/Matthew 5.13-20
September 25	The Parable of the Rich Man/Luke 16.19-31	February 12	Jesus Teaches About Anger/Matthew 5.21-37
October 2	A Seed of Faith/Luke 17.5-10	February 19	Love Your Enemies/Matthew 5.38-48
October 9	Ten Men Healed/Luke 17.11-19	February 26	The Transfiguration/Matthew 17.1-13
October 16	Jacob Wrestles/Genesis 32.22-31	March 5	The First Sin/Genesis 3.1-24
October 23	The Pharisee and Tax Collector/Luke 18.9-14	March 12	Abram's Call/Genesis 12.1-9
October 30	Zacchaeus/Luke 19.1-10	March 19	Woman at the Well/John 4.5-42
November 6	The Sadducees' Question/Luke 20.27-38	April 23	Doubting Thomas/John 20.19-31
November 13	God's Love is Forever/Luke 21.5-19	May 7	Early Believers/Acts 2.43-47,4.32-37
November 20	The Day Jesus Died/Luke 23.33-43	May 14	God's House/John 14.1-14
January 15	The Lamb of God/John 1.29-42	May 21	The Promise of the Holy Spirit/John 14.15-21
January 22	The Disciples /Matthew 4.12-23		

St. Mark's is committed to bringing all people to a transformative relationship with Christ, through diverse and creative worship, education, and ministry. This is clearly evident in the Youth Ministry program. Through weekly programming and numerous events throughout the year we seek to create an inclusive, hospitable, compassionate, and nurturing community where youth from all backgrounds share relationships that can grow into the full stature of Christ by being empowered for ministry in their daily life; and by practicing mutual accountability through creative Christian formation programs, participate meaningfully in ministries, missions, and outreach in the San Antonio community and beyond.

### Youth Wednesday Night Fellowship

Wednesday Night Fellowship is for youth grades 6th-12th grades and meets Wednesday nights (as scheduled) during the school year from 5pm-7pm in Youth Youth Suite located on the 3rd floor of the parish house. The evening provides an opportunity to break away from the week and gather in fellowship, fun, food, worship and discussion. Dinner at 5:30pm in Gosnell Hall provided by Café Kairos for \$8.00. Our discussion and worship hour will start in the Youth Suite at 6pm. WNF will wrap up at 7pm.

**God Talks** is our Wednesday Night topic-based curriculum for youth which examines themes over a week period of time. The goal is to address the characteristics of spiritual development as it relates to our youth's daily lives through a wide range of topics that will focus on the needs and concerns of the youth as we seek a connection with God and the world around us and the role Christ has for us.

Direct your questions about Youth Ministry to Todd Allison at [tallison@stmarks-sa.org](mailto:tallison@stmarks-sa.org)

### Youth Sunday Formation (6th-7th, 9th-12th)

Sixth and 7th graders and all high school students join together each Sunday morning during the formation hour in the Youth Suite, located on the 3rd floor of the Parish House. After an introduction to the day's lesson, the group will divide into two groups to take a closer look at 'Making it Real and Relevant', a lectionary based program that will use music, movies, and videos to connect the youth to the lectionary in their daily lives.

### Youth Confirmation (8th grade)

**My Faith, My Life** is for 8th grade youth and those older who wish to be Confirmed. Join the weekly Youth Confirmation Class that meets during the formation hour on Sunday mornings, starting September 11. 'My Faith, My Life' is a book that invites us to ask deeper questions and explores topics from baptism to the development of faith from the early church to postmodern culture while reflecting and gaining a deeper understanding of our own church history. For more information on the upcoming Youth Confirmation Class please contact Todd Allison [tallison@stmarks-sa.org](mailto:tallison@stmarks-sa.org) or Rev. Matt Wise [mwise@stmarks-sa.org](mailto:mwise@stmarks-sa.org). Confirmation will be on Sunday, April 30 at the 9.00am service.

## Outreach Partners and Opportunities

### Supported through the Outreach Grants Committee of St. Mark's

Assistance League of San Antonio  
Children's Chorus of San Antonio  
Children's Shelter  
Chrysalis  
Communities in Schools  
Haven for Hope  
I Care San Antonio  
Lifetime Recovery  
Morningside Ministries  
San Antonio Christian Dental Clinic  
Society of St. Vincent De Paul  
Threads of Blessing  
Youth Orchestra of San Antonio

**The Assistance League** operates eight philanthropic programs: Operation School Bell, Togs for Togs (similar to Operation School Bell but for children from birth through age four), I'm In Charge (a personal safety program and booklet for school children), Watch Me Grow (a child developmental booklet for parents), CAPS (decorated hats for seriously ill children and adults), Adopt A Resident (companionship to nursing home residents), Scholarships (for college students who demonstrate hardship and motivation), and Enhanced Learning Awards (supplemental funds for teaching supplies or activities at selected schools. Volunteers help is needed to prepare for their gala. They receive lots of donations of items for their biggest fundraiser, which is their thrift shop, and can use help with sorting an marking items to get them ready to go into the shop. For their CAPS (Caps Art Promotes Smiles) project, they seek help decorating baseball caps which are given to children and other patients in local hospitals who are undergoing chemotherapy. Phone: (210) 732-1200, Email: kemmerzhel02@aol.com

**Christian Assistance League (CAM)** seeks to share the love of Christ by providing immediate assistance and encouragement to people in crisis, just like a triage or emergency room. CAM provides many items

to meet clients' immediate physical needs and is also a vital connection for clients who need long-term support by providing referrals and advocating for the client to other nonprofits and/or government agencies. Volunteer opportunities at: <http://www.christianassistanceministry.org>

**The Children's Chorus of San Antonio** was founded in 1983 to bring the highest quality of choral music education and performance opportunities to young people ages 8-22 in greater San Antonio. Comprised of more than 450 young artists, CCSA serves the city's diverse and vibrant community through year-round programming, various concerts, and collaborations with the San Antonio Symphony, YOSA and others. Volunteer Opportunities include service on the board of directors, service on the board committees, administrative functions, and coordinate special events. Phone: (210) 826-3447, Email: [office@childrenschorussa.org](mailto:office@childrenschorussa.org)

**The Children's Shelter** is a private, nationally accredited nonprofit corporation provides a safe haven for child survivors of abuse, neglect, and abandonment in San Antonio and Bexar County. Volunteer Opportunities include child care, special projects, mentoring at the Residential Treatment Center, administrative tasks, rocking babies, and hosting kid friendly events. Contact: Karen Sanchez at (210) 212-2508 or [volunteer@chshel.org](mailto:volunteer@chshel.org).

**Chrysalis Ministries** (formerly Bexar County Detention Ministries) an interfaith agency, began in 1941 with a small group of local pastors who provided worship services and pastoral counseling at the County Jail. Chrysalis Ministries staff and volunteers provide religious services, support groups, and/or educational classes in adult and juvenile detention and treatment facilities in the San Antonio Metropolitan and Karnes City areas. Our Family Renewal Center, located at 503 San Pedro, serves as our outreach center and administrative offices. Volunteer Opportunities include clerical, child care provider for Women's Evening Class, spiritual guidance volunteers, and other opportunities. Contact: Shelly Power at (210) 299-4540, ext. 123 or [spower@chrysmmin.org](mailto:spower@chrysmmin.org)

**Communities In Schools of San Antonio** was established to address our city's high dropout rate by providing a positive environment for at-risk students, insuring their access to educational opportunities, social services and support services. St. Mark's volunteers working with CIS would be required to undergo the appropriate background checks. St. Mark's volunteers could help with school-based mentoring and tutoring or special events support, particularly during CIS's annual Stuff the Bus school-supply drive. Another option is for St. Mark's to adopt a specific school and work directly with the CIS site coordinator to arrange volunteer opportunities. Call (210) 520-8440

**Good Samaritan Community Services** is a catalyst for change, supporting individuals and families by providing excellent community services to overcome the impact of poverty. services include a child development program, afterschool and summer youth enrichment programs, a college readiness program, family services, and the only nationally accredited senior center in South Texas. began as a ministry of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in downtown San Antonio moved to the west side in 1951 and now reaches more than 4,600 individuals and families across seven (7) sites in South Texas. Volunteer opportunities: [www.goodsamaritancommunityservices.org](http://www.goodsamaritancommunityservices.org), (210) 435-6841

**Haven for Hope** is on a 22-acre campus just west of downtown San Antonio providing case management, job training, residential facilities, education and coordination of partners' services. To address the root causes of homelessness, we partner with 93 organizations; 35 are on our campus. Many volunteer opportunities exist at Haven for Hope. To help you find the right way to serve, contact St. Mark's Haven for Hope Network, contacting Pat Bridwell ([pbridwell@att.net](mailto:pbridwell@att.net)) or Patsy Jordt ([patsyjordt@sbcglobal.net](mailto:patsyjordt@sbcglobal.net)).



**I Care San Antonio** The mission of I Care San Antonio is to provide complete eye care, including exams, glasses and surgeries, to low income and homeless children, adults and seniors, in San Antonio and the surrounding contiguous ten counties. Every other month, volunteers gather to put together surgical kits for eye care medical mission trips. This work involves meeting at the I Care SA office, which is adjacent to Haven for Hope, and working with other volunteers to put together surgical kits. I Care SA sponsors one mission trip per year. Their trip this year is to Arequipa, Peru, July 22-August 6, 2016. No special skills are needed to volunteer. Phone: (210) 220-2370

**Lifetime Recovery** The mission of Lifetime Recovery is to treat the medically and financially underserved persons of Bexar and surrounding counties. Our program includes chronic relapse and hard-core substance users. Most of these clients have attended treatment facilities before Lifetime, and now may have limited access to these services. Clients admitted to Lifetime Recovery's residential and outpatient treatment are from Bexar and surrounding counties and make up more than 80% of overall admissions. The majority of our clients are transfers from hospitals, counselors, or other non-profits that do not offer residential drug treatment programs. They are requesting volunteers to help with the annual picnic, and for special projects that come up during the year. Drivers are also needed. Some Tuesday evening volunteer needs are also available. Board membership is another avenue for support. Phone: (210) 734-6362

**Morningside Ministries** communities are home to more than 800 residents. Volunteer Opportunities include movie volunteer, craft leader, historian, catholic Mass assistant, manicure volunteer, unit decorator, calendar/bulletin board coordinator, monthly birthday party coordinators, musical entertainment, and sewing assistant. Phone: (210) 734-1000, <https://www.mmliving.org>

**SAMMinistries** is an interfaith ministry whose mission is to help the homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless attain self-sufficiency by offering, with dignity and compassion, shelter, housing, and services. SAMMinistries also provides volunteers opportunities to be renewed and fulfilled as they serve. SAMM serves the largest percentage of families in the city and has programs that work with veterans as well. Volunteer opportunities at: <https://www.samm.org>

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**Additional Outreach Ministries  
and Agencies Supported directly  
through the Annual Budget**

Diocesan Apportionment  
Christian Assistance Ministries  
Good Samaritan Community Services  
SAMMinistries  
St. Paul's Montessori  
Christmas to the Street  
Habitat for Humanity  
Haven for Hope (food)  
Youth Outreach Projects

## St. Benedict's Workshop

Saturday Bible Workshop Series, 2016-2017

Saturdays, 8:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

*"Our Citizenship is in Heaven":*

*Exploring the Contours of Life Shaped by the Kingdom of God*

### **"Our Citizenship is in Heaven": Practicing Faithfulness in a World of Conflicting Standards**

September 24, 2016 (Seminary of the Southwest, Austin)

Paul tells the members of his church in Philippi, a city in Greece colonized by Roman citizens and military veterans, that they should walk worthily of their citizenship, which is in heaven. We explore what it means to live as citizens of heaven while we inhabit the modern world, with its nationalistic expectations and civic responsibilities, which include voting in November in this important presidential election.

### **"To You Has Been Given the Mystery of the Kingdom": Recognizing and Seeking the Presence of the Kingdom**

October 1, 2016 (Chapel House, Diocese of West Texas)

The early Christians understood and acknowledged that Jesus Christ had inaugurated the reign of God on earth. The presence of God's kingdom was harder to identify and describe. In this workshop we will reflect on ways to recognize the presence of the kingdom and practical strategies for seeking the kingdom in our daily life experience.

### **"Binding and Loosing": Discerning the Scriptures to Shape Life in the Kingdom**

November 5, 2016 (Chapel House, Diocese of West Texas)

Some writers of the New Testament addressed the role of scripture for discerning faithfulness in the kingdom of God. In this workshop, we pay close attention to a particular perspective and set of practices associated with the community reflected in the Gospel of Matthew. We consider how this point of view might impact our own discernment and that of our faith communities.

### **"He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother": Thriving Family Life in the Kingdom of God**

February 4, 2017 (Chapel House, Diocese of West Texas)

The family, or household, was the fundamental unit of Roman society in the first-century world of Jesus and Paul. So it's no surprise to read that Jesus had a lot to say about thriving family life in God's kingdom. It may surprise us, however, to hear what Jesus had to say about abundant life in the families of God's kingdom. We examine some narratives and parables about family life in the early church, and compare them with our contemporary views of family life.

### **Being "Rich Toward God": Participating in God's Recession-Proof Economy**

February 11, 2017 (Seminary of the Southwest, Austin)

The Gospels are filled with parables about the nature of God's economy that shapes and supports abundant life in the Kingdom of God. We review several of these parables and reflect together on ways to invest in God's economy by storing up treasures for ourselves in heaven.

### **Being "Rich Toward God": Participating in God's Recession-Proof Economy**

March 25, 2017 (Chapel House, Diocese of West Texas)

The Gospels are filled with parables about the nature of God's economy that shapes and supports abundant life in the Kingdom of God. We review several of these parables and reflect together on ways to invest in this economy and store up treasures for ourselves in heaven.

### **"He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother": Thriving Family Life in the Kingdom of God**

April 8, 2017 (Seminary of the Southwest, Austin)

The family, or household, was the fundamental unit of Roman society in the first-century world of Jesus and Paul. So it's no surprise to read that Jesus had a lot to say about thriving family life in God's kingdom. It may surprise us, however, to hear what Jesus had to say about abundant life in the families of God's kingdom. We examine some narratives and parables about family life in the early church, and compare them with our contemporary views of family life.

Direct your questions and RSVP to Katherine Buzizini at 210-599-4224 or kbuzzini@theworkshop-sa.org

**20's-30's-40's**

The group gathers people - married, single, with or without kids --in this age group for studies, dinners, and other activities. The Rev. Matt Wise, mwise@stmarks-sa.org

**Attitude of Gratitude**

Thanking members for their ministry at St. Mark's. Trinka McGee trinkam@gmail.com

**Bookstore**

The bookstore is part of Christian Formation at St. Mark's and is here for you. It is open every Sunday from 8:30am to 11:00am. You will find it across from the entrance to the cafeteria line on the first floor. Carla Pineda carlaleedpineda@gmail.com

**Kitchen Ministires**

Volunteers help with special events and with Cafe Kairos on Wednesday evenings. Leah Thomas lthomas@stmarks-sa.org

**Caregivers Support Group**

This ministry provides emotional, practical and spiritual support for those caring for loved ones with long-term illness. Annabelle McGee and Lillian Morris abelle39@gmail.com/ lillian.morris@hotmail.com

**Commission on Ministry**

COM supports current ministries and facilitating the process of establishing new ministries. The Commission is a vehicle for communication, recruitment, and accountability. Lisa Uhl eu7238@att.com

**Daughters of the King**

An order for laywomen who are communicants of the Episcopal Church, or churches in communion with it, or churches who are in the Historic Episcopate. Members undertake a Rule of Life, incorporating the Rule of Prayer and the Rule of Service. Laura Stokes lloncaric@stokeslawoffice.com

**Dorcas Stitchers**

The Dorcas Stitchers carry on the tradition of creating linens for use at worship services since the founding of the church. Group members create and embroider baptismal towels as well as altar linens, priests' vestments and tend to altar linen mending as necessary. Pat Donegan pdonegan@aol.com

**Funeral Receptions**

Provide hospitality for grieving families and friends attending a funeral at St. Mark's. The team prepares Gosnell Hall for funeral receptions including food, beverages and décor. Anne Church angleroom@aol.com

**Gardens**

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**Habitat for Humanity**

This ministry works to increase awareness of the mission to build simple decent homes for people in need. We encourage participation in work days at Habitat for Humanity sites and ongoing financial support of the mission through membership in the Carpenter's Club. Mike Kuykendall mike.kuykendall@gmail.com

**Greeters**

Exhibit hospitality to all who come to St. Mark's on Sunday by greeting everyone with a warm welcome. Hosts are positioned at the main entry points to the church. Susan Thompson sthomp303@hotmail.com

**Haven for Hope Volunteer Network**

An entry point for St. Mark's members wanting to volunteer. Pat Bridwell or Patsy Jordt pbridwell@att.net/ patsyjordt@sbcglobal.net

**Newcomers**

The Rev. Carol Morehead and Dina Aboul Saad cmorehead@stmarks-sa.org/ dsaad@stmarks-sa.org.

**Outreach Grant Committee**

Responsibly allocates outreach funds. Jaret Lozano and Flor Hernandez, jaret@vpracingfuels.com/ florsfolio@yahoo.com

See **Worship Support** on p. 4 for infomation on Acolytes, Altar Guild, Baptism Guild, Eucharistic Visitors, Count Teams, Intercessors, Lectors, Pastoral Care, Wedding Guild, and Weekday Lay Readers.



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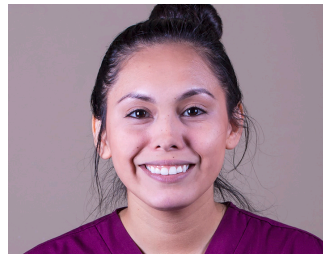




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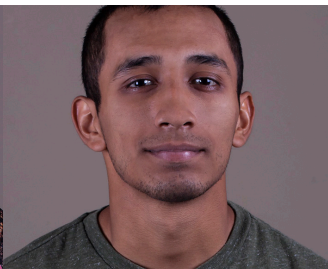
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Ivan Vargas  
Sexton

## Cafe Kairos

### Dinners on Wednesdays and Thursdays

Mid-week dinners are served at St. Mark's to make it easy to attend events and activities in the evenings. Open from 5.00pm - 6.30pm. No reservation required! Menus are posted on the website under About Us, in the Messenger, and in the weekly eNews.

Cost: \$8.00 adults | \$6.00 children (under 6 yrs)  
\$28.00 family of four  
For to go containers, add \$1 per person



### Café Kairos To Go

Want a bite to eat but no time to cook? Tired of grabbing fast food on the road? Well have no fear, Café Kairos is here! Take out is available on Wednesday evenings. Ruby, Chuy, and Leah are planning on serving some tasty dishes this year so stop by! There are plenty of opportunities for volunteers. If you are interested in helping this wonderful ministry, contact Leah Thomas at 210-226-2426 or [lthomas@stmarks-sa.org](mailto:lthomas@stmarks-sa.org)!

### Catering

If you would like to have Café Kairos cater your next event, contact Leah Thomas at [lthomas@stmarks-sa.org](mailto:lthomas@stmarks-sa.org).

## Vestry

The Vestry is the governing body of the church that determines policy issues, sets goals, and provides stewardship of the St. Mark's operations. The Vestry reviews the church's financials on a monthly basis. Each year, a Vestry Discernment Committee identifies candidates for the vestry based on the goals and future direction of the parish. Members are elected at the annual parish meeting in November for a three-year term.



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Class of 2016



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Class of 2017



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Class of 2017



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Class of 2016



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Jill Vassar  
Class of 2016



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Class of 2017



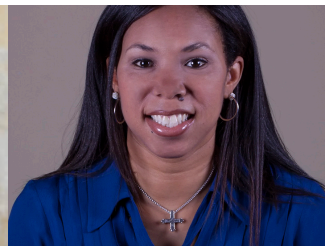
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**San Antonio Christian Dental Clinic** seeks to improve the health of low-income Bexar County adults by providing free dental care to underserved adults. Volunteer Opportunities include administrative functions, dental staff, development and Marketing: graphic designers, special events coordinators, fund-raising, social media champions, and business administration. Phone: (210) 220-2312, Email: [info@sachristiandental.org](mailto:info@sachristiandental.org)

**The Society of St. Vincent de Paul** is an international organization of Catholic lay persons drawn from every ethnic and cultural background, age group, and economic level who seek in the spirit of justice and charity, by person-to-person involvement of its members, to help those who are most in need. Volunteer Opportunities include serve at the SVDP kitchen at Haven for Hope; Teens and Tweens Food Drive, Become a Vincentian, and Adopt-A-Meal. Phone (210) 220-2452, Email: [volunteer@svdpsa.org](mailto:volunteer@svdpsa.org)

**St. Paul's Montessori School** Now in its 12th year, the school stands as a jewel of the Eastpoint neighborhood, serving 120 students who reflect San Antonio's unique ethnic, cultural, and socioeconomic makeup. Each year they commit approximately 10% of its operating budget to financial aid to ensure that a high quality Montessori education is available to all students, regardless of ability to pay. Their mission is to educate a diverse community of children, nurturing mind, body, and spirit through a Montessori education in the Episcopal tradition. This year, they are looking for volunteers in several areas, including administrative help, facilities maintenance and improvement, landscaping, and much more. For more information on volunteering, please contact Casey Weed, Development Director, at (210) 271-2861 or [advancement@stpaulsmontessori.org](mailto:advancement@stpaulsmontessori.org).



**Threads Of Blessing** Anyone can join in the talented work of the ladies of Threads of Blessing - no experience in sewing or embroidery is required! Meetings are held at the Diocese of West Texas on Wednesday mornings from 10.00am-12.00pm. In addition the group expressed a need for a "good" used sewing machine - anyone interested in providing for this need may get in contact with them for the specifics. Call Linda Jones at 830-980-4978 for more information.

**Youth Orchestras of San Antonio (YOSA)** is made up of young musicians and their families, of the faculty who lead them to create amazing music, and of many friends, donors, and volunteers who support the organization. Volunteer Opportunities include administrative functions, ushering at concerts, prepare direct mail efforts, and fundraising event help. Phone: (210) 737-0097, Email: [volunteer@yosa.org](mailto:volunteer@yosa.org)

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Love taking photos? Contact Dina Aboul Saad at [dsaad@stmarks-sa.org](mailto:dsaad@stmarks-sa.org) if you are interested in documenting parish events.

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