

Today

This Week at St. Mark's

8:00 am – HE, The Rev. John Weatherly, Preacher
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1:00- 4:00p – Iglesia San Marcos (S,PH,GH)
4:00-8:00 pm – Pan de Vida (S)

Monday, 3/26 7:00-8:30pm – BS Troop 4077 (PH)
Tuesday, 3/27 10:30am -11:30am - Tuesday Morning Bible Study
7-9:00 pm-Pan de Vida (S)
Wednesday, 3/28 10:30 am – HE – The Fairfax – The Rev. John Weatherly
5:00pm – 9:00pm – Nurturing Families
7-9:00 pm – San Marcos (PH)
Thursday, 3/29 9:30 am – Morning Prayer
10:00 am – Holy Folders
6:30pm – Potluck Dinner
7:30pm – Maundy Thursday Service with San Marcos
Friday, 3/30 12noon – Good Friday Service with Stations of the Cross,
Meditation
5:00-7:00pm – San Marcos
8:00 pm – Tenebrae Service
Saturday, 3/31 9:00am – 12noon – Parish Clean-up/Flower Guild to
Decorate Church
1:30pm-4:30pm – True Deliverance Church (S)
Sunday, 4/1 8:00am – HE, –The Rev. John Weatherly, Preacher
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(Note: March 26-30- River Farm Spring Break)

Special Offerings in March

March 29th – Maundy Thursday
March 30th – Good Friday *(for the Anglican Church in Jerusalem
and the Holy Land)*

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

“Opening the doors of Christ’s love:

March 25, 2018

From the Rector’s Desk

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

“Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life.”

Today is the first day of Holy Week and the last Sunday in Lent, known as Palm Sunday or the Sunday of the Passion. The day begins by marking Christ’s triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Many churches participate in the Liturgy of the Palms, first offered in The Episcopal Church in the 1960 *Book of Offices*. In this liturgy, the celebrant blesses palms or other branches, and, following a reading from the Gospels, leads the congregation in procession into their church—often singing “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” or “Ride On! Ride On In Majesty!” This liturgy evokes the early observances of Palm Sunday. By the year 381, the faithful would process from the Mount of Olives into Jerusalem, waving palm or olive branches. As they processed, they sang songs from Scripture – including the exultant antiphon of Psalm 118 sung at Christ’s entrance into the city: “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”
Afterward, the tone of the service shifts noticeably. In contrast to the earlier song of joy, Psalm 31, appointed for today, cries, “For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.” The Gospel reading is likewise sorrowful, recalling the events of Jesus’ Passion (that is, the events and suffering before and during his death). Still, we are reminded throughout the difficult days ahead that this is *not* the end of the story!

Intercessions, Thanksgiving, Prayer Requests

Please pray for those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or adversity, especially in the St. Mark’s Parish: Betty Hughes, Lindsay Drabick, Dick Stockstill, Juliana, Albie, Lou, Janet, Judy, Sarah Derringer, Muriel Hughes, Mary, Caroline Bradford, Jeanette Parris, Kimberly Earle, Carol Farley, John Dell, Kevannah Campbell, Velma Campbell, Emily Davis, Kent White, Rosemarie Beyma & the Lewis family, including Gloria & Karen, Rebecca Carrier, Beth Oakes, Pat Hoppe, Nell Brill.

Extended family: Phyllis Nezart-Biggs, Rod Pearson Sr., Betty Bradley, Sandra Robinson, Elmore, Mike Greenham, Kwan Dae Suk, Jean Blair, Gordon Murchie, Bob Schaeffer & Jenny Crabb, Carol Ostergard, Kevin and Richard Campbell, Baby Iris, Grayson Howard, Isatu Samura, Wendell Patterson, Emmett Sims, Sarif Harding, the Vangroll Family, Carol Rose, Sylvia Beauchamp, Sylvia Wren, David, Ellen, and Erin Mitchell, Roger Ray, Sally Belk, John Sims, Shawn, Daniel Sanders, Sr.

For all military and civilian personnel and those serving in harm’s way, we lift up Colin Maloney, Robert Payne, Tim, Emily and family, Walter Smiley, Andrew Kley, Pat Foughty and Brian Talay. We pray for those of every generation who live with the wounds of war or who have given their lives for this nation.

Announcements

Important Lenten Calendar Dates

- March 25th –Passion or Palm Sunday
- 8:45am-1:00pm - Mission Team Bake Sale
- 6:30pm – Pot Luck Dinner (bring soup, salad or bread)
- March 29th – 7:30pm – Maundy Thursday Service with San Marcos
- March 30th – 12noon – Good Friday Liturgy with the Stations of the Cross, Meditation
- March 30th – 8:00pm – Tenebrae Service
- March 31st – 9:00am-12noon – Parish Wide Clean-up(rakes and leaf blowers are needed/inside work in the event of inclement weather)

Upcoming Adult Forums

- March 25th – Handel’s Messiah
April 1st – Easter Sunday
April 8th – Presentation by Steve Mitchell - The Fourth Book of Ezra
April 15th – Presentation by Steve Mitchell – The Fourth of Ezra (cont’d)
April 22nd – Presentation by Mike Foughty – The Resurrection Experience
April 29th – Presentation by Mike Foughty – The Resurrection Experience (cont’d)

Ministry Leaders: Please submit your 2nd Quarter Worship Schedules to the office no later than March 27, 2018. You may bring them to the office or send them via email.

Easter Flowers: Special envelopes are in the bulletin today. Please indicate who the flowers are in memory of or thanksgiving for. Please be generous in your giving, the cost of flowers are steadily increasing. Please submit the names to the office no later than March 27th so that they may appear in the Easter Sunday (April 1st) Bulletin. Also, the Flower Guild will meet on Saturday, March 31st to decorate the church.

Easter Egg Hunt: Our annual Easter Egg Hunt is coming soon. Donations of small individually wrapped candy and plastic eggs are needed for the hunt. For more information, please contact Pam Hamrin.



Congratulations!!

We extend congratulations to Seminarian now The Rev. Michaelene Miller on her recent ordination. She extends her heartfelt thanks to the St. Mark’s family for all of their encouragement and support. We wish her Godspeed!

Shrine Mont: The mountains are calling. Will you go?? Shrine Mont is looking for Camp Counselors. Whether you used to be a camper or not, they will teach you what you need to know to make a positive impact on kids. Transform your summer. Challenge yourself. Join the team. For more information go to shrinemontcamps.net/counselor-applicants.

Volunteers Needed!: We are still looking for two adults, preferably women, who can accompany our Mission Team to Charleston, S.C., June 23rd to June 30th. You must be able to help drive a 15 passenger van, sleep on the floor, eat food handled by teams of 10 people and smile when feeling grumpy. We will provide an opportunity of a life time and health insurance during the trip. If you are interested, please contact Gaby Pineda or Rev. Weatherly.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: Please join us at our Tuesday Morning Bible Study from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Below is more information on the topic we will be exploring. This Bible study examines six of these names in the context in which they were given, allowing us to see the infinite character of our loving God.

Last Session title below:

6. Our Righteousness (Jeremiah 33:3-8,14-16) March 27th

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! The Parish Wide Clean-up is Saturday, March 31, 2018. Come out and help us beautify our Sanctuary and our church grounds. Let’s make it a “Family Affair”. If you have rakes, leaf blowers, etc., please bring them!!

VIC Meeting: The next VIC meeting will be held on April 4, 2018, 11:30am at the historic Bethlehem Baptist Church, 7836 Fordson Road, Alexandria, Va. The topic will be “Homelessness in Our Area”. Lunch will be provided. See Rosemary Kley or Rodney Fisher for more information. Also, the observance for the 50th Anniversary of the March on Washington will be held April 3rd and 4th beginning with a gathering at the MLK Memorial at 9am for a silent walk to the mall. Activities will be held throughout the day.

Reminder: Don’t forget the Bake Sale today to benefit the Mission Team.

Outreach: Please check board in the Narthex to see upcoming opportunities. As St. Mark’s parishioners, positively engage our community by reaching out!

E-giving –Getting started with online giving is easy. Visit stmarksalex.org and click the “Donate Now” link to create an account and make your donation.

Please wear your name tag! If you need one, please let us know.



Upcoming Birthdays

- 3/27 – Margaret Duczakowski
3/30 – Earl Winsor
3/31 – Quincy Dominic/Ben Miles/Hailey Johnson