

This Week at St. Mark's

Today	8:00 am – HE/ - The Rev. John C.N. Hall 10:00am – HE/ - The Rev. John C.N. Hall 11:15am – Adult Forum 11:15am – Vestry Meeting 1:00pm -4:00pm – Iglesia San Marcos (S, PH, GH) 4:00pm-8:00 pm – Pan de Vida (S, PH)
Monday, 3/ 18	7:00pm-8:30pm – BS Troop 4077 (PH)
Tuesday, 3/19	7:00pm-9:00pm – Pan de Vida (S)
Wednesday, 3/20	10:30am – The Fairfax 7:15pm – Wednesday Lenten Program
Thursday, 3/21	9:30am – Morning Prayer 10:00am – Holy Folders 4:00pm – Nurturing Families 7:00pm – Girl Scouts
Friday, 3/22	No Activities Scheduled
Saturday, 3/23	1:30pm – 4pm – Truth Deliverance Church (S, PH) 4:30pm – Birthday Celebration (POC- Francisco Robles) 6:00pm-9:00pm – Pan de Vida (PH)
Sunday, 3/24	8:00am – HE – The Rev. John C.N. Hall 10:00am – HE - The Rev. John C.N. Hall



“Enter to Worship.....Exit to Serve”

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

“Opening the doors of Christ’s love:

March 17, 2019

From the Desk of the Interim Rector

I remember trying to learn to juggle three balls. For hours, it was the same routine – toss, toss, toss, drop, drop, drop. Toss, toss, toss, drop, drop, drop. It seemed impossible, and for a day or two, I gave up. Yet, I continued to think about the process, playing the motions over and over again in my head. I realized that my goal of juggling was a matter of having my movements become natural, almost second nature, and that would take practice. Then, one day it happened. Toss, toss, toss and toss, toss, toss and toss, toss, toss. Feeling connected to God is like that for us. It takes practice. If we want to train our spiritual selves to be in closer touch with God, we need to work on our spiritual rhythm, and to have it become natural and almost second nature. So, thank God for the Christian Season of Lent. It’s a time to tune our devotion and to develop a natural flow of connection with God and God’s people. Lent is our time to practice self-examination and repentance, and to train our hearts to draw close to God.

Fr. John Hall

Intercessions, Thanksgiving, Prayer Requests

Please pray for those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or adversity, especially in the St. Mark’s Parish: Lindsay Drabick, Juliana, Albie, Lou, Janet, Judy, Sarah Derringer, Muriel Hughes, Mary, Caroline Bradford, Kimberly Earle, Kevannah Campbell, Velma, Emily Davis, Kent White, the Lewis family, including Gloria & Karen, Pat Hoppe, Nell Brill, Hailey Heyse, Irrsula Mpouma, Richard Sparks, Jeff Gray, Mary Magnini, Eloida Reyes, Sheyla Cornwall, Nihal Masih, Wally and Terry Tienken and Jeanne Shafer.

Extended family: 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, Sarif Harding, the Vangroll Family, Sylvia Beauchamp, Sylvia Wren, David, Ellen, and Erin Mitchell, Roger Ray, Sally Belk, John Sims, Warren Sims, Shawn, Arlene Washington, Barbara, Robin Groome, Peter Butler, Janis Becker, Richard, Reed, Josh, Steve Ellis, David Haggard, Ron Graves, Sook Ja You, Kimberlee, Mary and Patty Klosky and Bob and Maggie Hohnberger, Kevin Lopez, Brandon Lane, James Hall and Tim Shaub and family.

For all military and civilian personnel and those serving in harm’s way, we lift up Tim, Emily and family, 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

Rector Search Prayer: Please continue to pray that the Holy Spirit will direct our paths and open our hearts to hear God's will and to discover where God is leading us to be in the future.

We thank you Lord for the community of St. Mark's church. For the love among us, and the ministries we do. Be with us now as we prepare to call a new Rector.

Guide the search committee as they help us to discern our future and how we may continue to know Your will for our parish family. Strengthen us as we look to a new future built on the foundation of the past. Help us to know what to keep and what to let go. Enlighten the heart of the person who will be our new Rector that they will hear Your call. Give us all courage and faith to trust You to lead us to a new and exciting future.



RECTOR
SEARCH

Thank you for sharing your views on the parish during the focus group sessions and survey. Your input has given us the basis for describing St. Mark's to prospective candidates, discerned our priorities as a parish, and identified the gifts and qualities we want in our next rector. A list of some of your concerns identified during the focus groups has been shared with the vestry. Your Discernment Committee is busy finalizing the Community Ministry Portfolio that will be placed on the national Episcopal Church database to call our next rector. We ask your continued prayers during this time of transition and trust that the Lord has our next rector already lined up.



The Rector Discernment Survey Results. The results of the survey are still available on our website and in the tract rack in the narthex over the name tags. Look for the "Rector Search Corner" sign on right hand side of the tract rack.

Seeking Education Committee Members: We are forming a committee to assist the Vestry liaison with various education activities at St. Mark's. We would like to have one or more members willing to participate and lead in an area (e.g., adult education/forum, children's education, confirmation, etc.). There will be a meeting after church on Sunday, March 31, in the Parish Hall to discuss further. Please see Pam Hamrin if you have an interest or any questions.

Pastoral Care Committee: The Pastoral Care Committee is making changes to the policies governing St. Mark's Prayer List. Going forward, St. Mark's is requesting that individuals submit names to be on the prayer list for a period of 30 days at a time. Once a name is added to the prayer list, it will remain on the list for one month. After 30 days, the name will be removed. However, the name may be resubmitted for additional prayers – one month at a time – simply by contacting the Church Office. Privacy is extremely important to us at St. Mark's. To increase the confidentiality of those seeking prayers for themselves or for friends or family members, each person appearing on the prayer list will be listed by his or her first name only. This will allow parishioners to seek the support of church-wide prayer while maintaining a greater level of privacy. Remember that all information provided to St. Mark's is used for administrative purposes only. In order for a name to be added to the prayer list, we will need the following information: 1. Requester's full name and contact information. 2. Prayer recipient's full name and contact information. 3. General reason for prayer request. If you have any questions regarding the Prayer List, please reach out to Father John.

Easter Egg Hunt: Please bring plastic eggs and individually wrapped candy (no nuts) for our annual Easter egg hunt. There will be a collection box in the Narthex starting March 24.

Vacation Bible School: If you would be willing to lead or co-lead VBS this summer (date TBD) please let Pam Hamrin know. This is a great opportunity for outreach in our community. Many of our youth are willing to volunteer, so we need someone to organize and lead.

Farewell Luncheon: On Sunday, March 24th, St. Mark's choir is hosting a farewell to Earl and Kathy Hughes at the coffee hour following the 10:00 am service. We thought there would be a longer time to say good-bye but they sold their house and have to move by the end of this month. With all their joint contributions to the church over more than 20 years, we owe them a blowout brunch. The choir is providing main dishes and hope that other members of the church will prepare salads, breads and desserts. Please contact Sidoux Mitchell at sidoux.mitchell@gmail.com, if you would like to help. There will be an opportunity to baste (not roast them) so save your best stories.

Way of Love Topics and Dates:

March 20th – Learn – reflect on Scripture each day

March 27th – Pray & Worship – Dwell intentionally with God daily/Gather to thank, praise and dwell with God

April 3rd – Bless – Share faith and unselfishly give and serve.

April 10th – Go & Rest – Cross boundaries, listen deeply and live like Jesus/Receive the gift of God's grace, peace and restoration.

Adult Forum

TODAY – Reflections on the Way of Love, David Walton, Presenter
March 24th – Overview of the Focus Group Results – Ashley Bryda, Presenter

Happy Birthday !!

3/23 – Kevannah Campbell