Saint Mark's Parish Church

The First Sunday in Advent
November 29, 2026
8:00 am & 10:30 am

Opening Voluntary
Prelude on "Wachet auf" Otto Dienel

All stand.

Advent Wreath Prayer Malcolm Archer

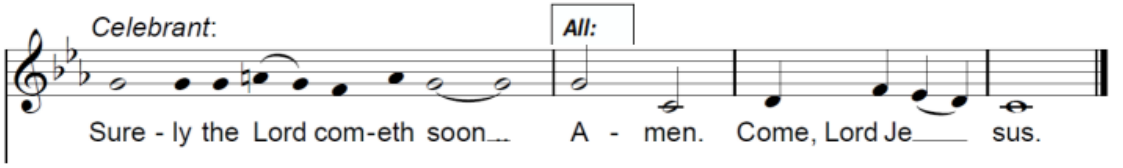
Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors:
To you be praise and glory forever!
You called the patriarchs to live by the light of faith,
and to journey in hope of your promised fulfillment.
May we be obedient to your call and be ready and watchful to
receive your Christ,
a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;
For you are our light and our salvation.
Blessed be God forever.

Processional Hymn
Lo! he comes, with clouds descending Hymnal 57
Charles Wesley (1707–1788) *Helmsley*

ENTRANCE RITE

The Acclamation (BCP, 145)

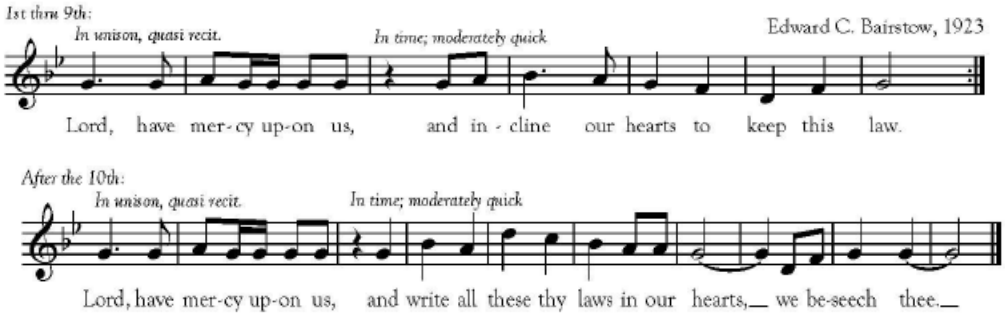
The People standing, the Celebrant says (8:00 am) or chants (10:30 am)



The Collect for Purity (BCP, 106)

The Decalogue (BCP, 100)

Responses to the Decalogue



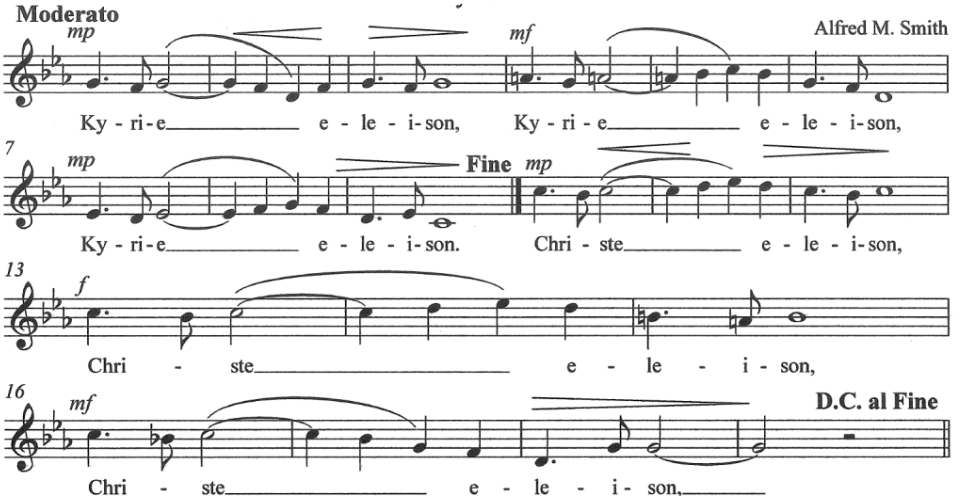
The Exhortation (BCP, 147)

The Confession of Sin and Absolution (BCP, 112)

The Comfortable Words (BCP, 113)

The Kyrie

(Spoken 8:00, Sung 10:30)



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The Collect of the Day (BCP, 598)

The Celebrant says to the People

The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant prays the Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

All sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Lesson Isaiah 64:1-9a

O THAT thou wouldst rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at thy presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make thy name known to thy adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at thy presence! When thou didst terrible things which we looked not for, thou camest down, the mountains quaked at thy presence. From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides thee, who works for those who wait for him. Thou meetest him that joyfully works righteousness, those that remember thee in thy ways. Behold, thou wast angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one that calls upon thy name, that bestirs himself to take hold of thee; for thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast delivered us into the hand of our iniquities. Yet, O LORD, thou art our Father; we are the clay,

and thou art our potter; we are all the work of thy hand. Be not exceedingly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity for ever.

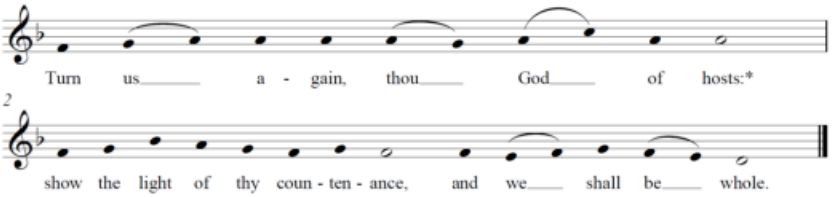
After the Lesson, the Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80 *Qui regis Israël*

(Spoken 8:00, Chanted 10:30)



1 Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; *
show thyself also, thou that sittest upon the Cherubim.

2 Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up thy strength, and come and help us. *Antiphon*

3 Turn us again, O God; *
show the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

4 O Lord God of hosts, *
how long wilt thou be angry with thy people that prayeth? *Antiphon*

5 Thou feedest them with the bread of tears, *
and givest them plenteousness of tears to drink.

6 Thou hast made us a very strife unto our neighbours, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn. *Antiphon*

7 Turn us again, thou God of hosts; *
show the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

The Epistle 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sos'thenes, To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to God always for you because of the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him with all speech and all knowledge— even as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ; who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

After the Epistle, the Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand.

Sequence Hymn

Rejoice! rejoice, believers Hymnal 68

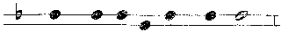
Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722) *Llangloffan*

The Gospel St. Mark 13:24-37

All standing, the Deacon reads or sings the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.



JESUS said, "In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of

heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away before all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Of that day or that hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Take heed, watch; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Watch therefore—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning— lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Watch."

After the Gospel, the Deacon says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.



Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon — The Rev. Father Thomas Hightower, SSC

The Nicene Creed — (BCP, 109)

All stand to recite the Nicene Creed.

The Prayers of the People — (BCP, 110)

All kneel. After each prayer, the Reader says:

Lord, in thy mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

The Peace — (BCP, 114)

The Celebrant says to the People

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

THE LITURGY OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

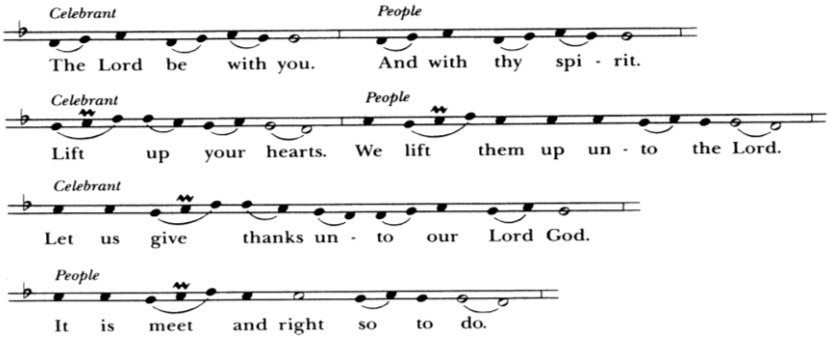
"E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come — **Text: Revelation 22, adapted by Paul Manz**
Music: Paul Manz

Peace be to you and grace from Him who freed us from our sins,
who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be.
Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God, who was and is and is to come;
Sing Holy, Holy, Lord! Rejoice in heaven,
all ye that dwell therein, rejoice on earth, ye saints below,
for Christ is coming, is coming soon! E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly
come, and night shall be no more;
They need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their all!

The Doxology — Hymnal 380 (v.3)
Isaac Watts/Thomas Ken — *Old 100th*

The Sursum Corda and Proper Preface — (BCP, 115, 152)

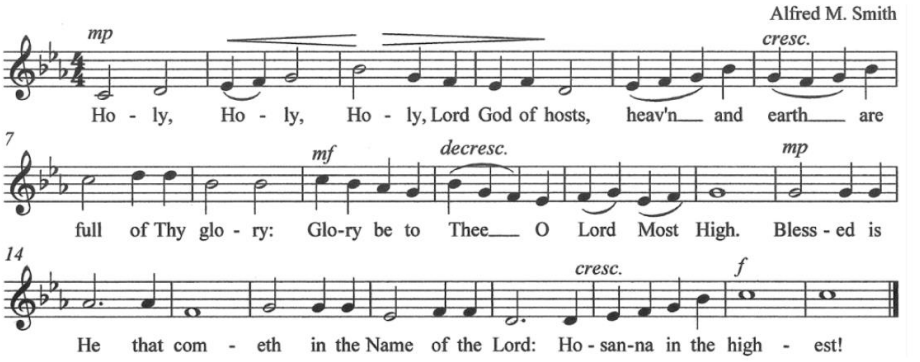
The People remain standing. The Celebrant says (8:00 am) or chants (10:30 am).



The Celebrant continues with the Preface.

The Sanctus and Benedictus

Celebrant and People



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The Prayer of Consecration (BCP, 115)

The Lord's Prayer (BCP, 118)

(Spoken 8:00, Chanted 10:30)

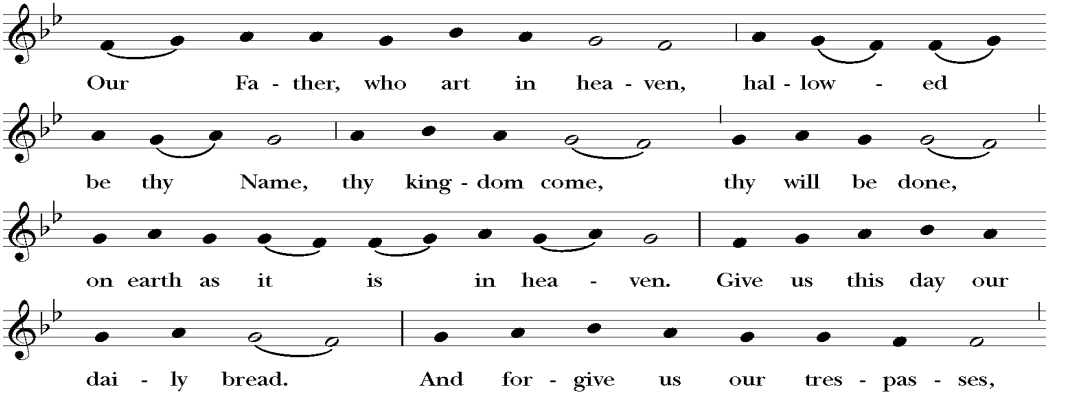
The Celebrant then says

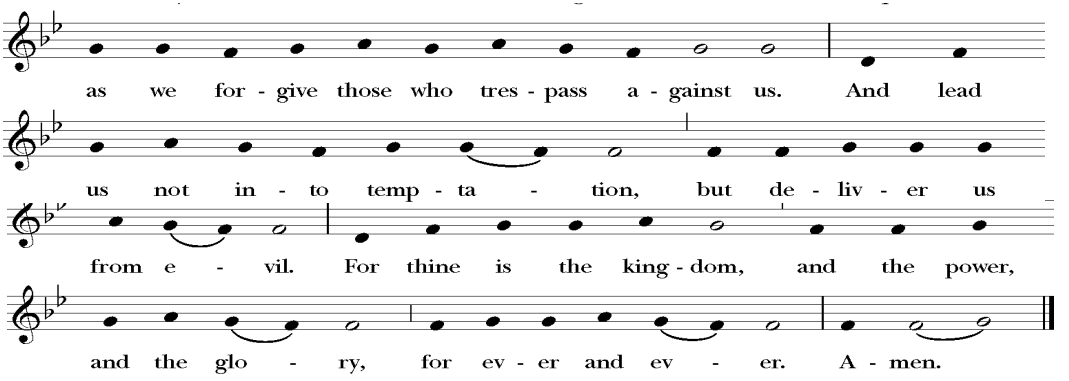
And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Celebrant and People together

The Lord's Prayer S-119

Plainsong; adapt. Charles Winifred Douglas





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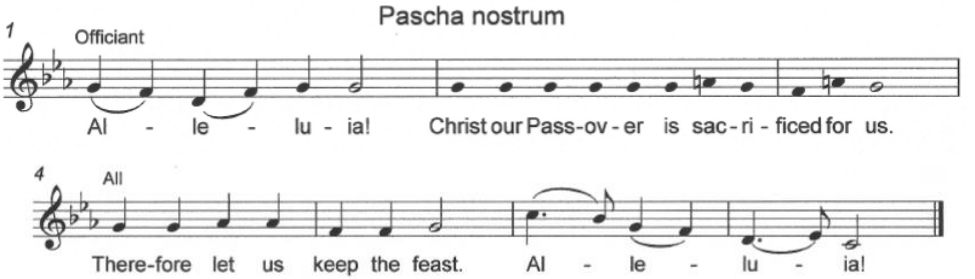
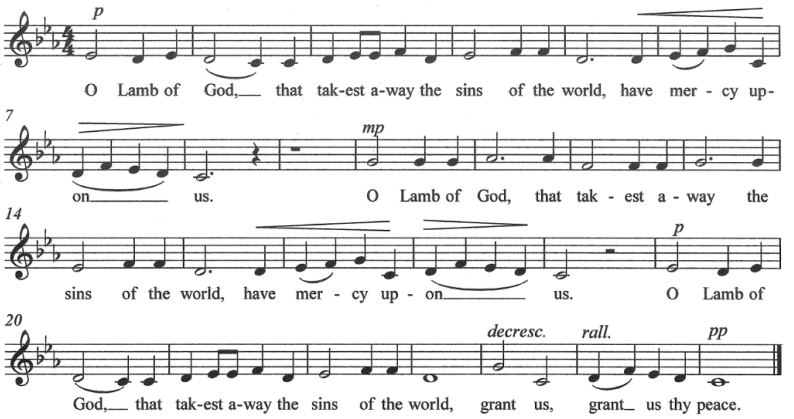
The Fraction (BCP, 118)



The Prayer of Humble Access (BCP, 119)

The Agnus Dei

The following anthem is said (8:00 am) or sung (10:30 am):



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The Ministration of Communion (BCP, 120)

Facing the People, the Celebrant says the following invitation

✠Behold the Lamb of God, behold him that taketh away the sins of the world. Blessed are they that are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

The People respond

Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

All baptized and believing Christians in good standing in their local congregation, recognizing the Real Presence of Jesus Christ, are welcome to share in receiving Communion. All those who are 'seeking after God' are welcome to come forward to receive God's blessing from the Priest, so indicated by crossing your arms over your chest as the priest arrives before you.

Music During Communion

Prelude on "Wachet auf" John Ferguson

Ablutions Hymn

Sleepers wake! A voice astounds us Hymnal 61

Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608) *Wachet auf*

The Post Communion Prayer (BCP, 121)

The People may be seated.

Announcements

The People kneel.

The Blessing (BCP, 121)

All stand.

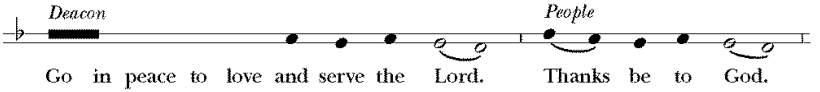
The Dismissal (BCP, 122)

The Deacon dismisses the People with these words

(Spoken 8:00; Chanted 10:30)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



Closing Hymn

The King shall come when morning dawns Hymnal 73

Greek, tr. John Brownlie (1859–1925) *St. Stephen*

Closing Voluntary

Postlude on "Wachet auf" Heinrich Schmidt

Saint Mark's Parish Church

The Rt. Rev. Ryan S. Reed, SSC, D.D., *Bishop*
The Rt. Rev. Keith L. Ackerman, SSC, D.D., Assisting *Bishop*
The Rev. Father Thomas Hightower, SSC, *Interim Assisting Priest*
The Rev. Canon H.W. Herrmann, SSC, D.D., *Assisting Priest*
The Rev. Father Terence N. Jordan, SSC, *Assisting Priest*
The Rev. Father Michael Brooks, SSC, *Assisting Priest*
Dr. Linton Powell, *Organist*
Kathy Fox Powell, *Choirmaster*
Amber N. Ahart, *Parish Administrator*

Parish Bulletin – November 29, 2026

Memorials.....

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God Almighty.

The Sanctuary Candle is given to the Glory of God Almighty.

Prayers.....

FOR Trinity, John, Kay, Ken, Jack, Sandi, Sheila, Ashlee, Pat & Tim, Pauline, Linda, Terry, Spencer, Eric, Bob, Bruce, Lenore, Sandra, Cristine, Paul, JM, Michael†, Ani, Shane, Afredo, Jimmy, Jeannie, Debbie, Jerrod, Tony, Eliza, Stephen, Maria, Ashley, Avery, Jane, Rob, Evelyn, Barbara, Jared, Mike, Josh & Chloe, Lloyd, Sharon, Jill, Michele, Jane, Leigh, Daniel, Lois, Anne, Kakra, Gary, Kathy, Fran, Caroline, Will, Ken, Phil, William, Caryn, Susan, Thomas, Dick, Bill, George, Joanne, Carlletta, Robert, Andrew, Carolyn, Helen, Richard, Ann, Gloria, Taffi, Jerry, Steven, Aria, Scott, Nick†, Peggy, Doyle, Jinmary, Haley, Jessica, Mary, Niki, Judy, Mike, Jacob, Cheryl, Jana, Shawn, Sandy†, Natalie, Robin, Ken, Jimmy, George, Daylnn, Chris, Niki, Suzann, Larry, Isabella, Sophia, Christie, Eileen, Marshall, Shaun, Gayle, Lyinn, Linda, Barbara, Gerald, Margaret, Cindi, Katie, Tyler, Owen, Dakota, Kevin, Gary, Andrew, and Ben.

For the faithful departed, especially Nancy LeZotte and Paul Vavro *(Nov. 16).*

On the anniversary of their deaths, especially Georgiana Schott, Fred Deremer (*Nov. 30),* and Nancy Hays *(Dec. 5).*

For all celebrating birthdays, especially Julianne Wheeler (*Dec. 1)* Michelle McCarty *(Dec. 2),* Scott Huang *(Dec. 3),* and Rowan McCullars *(Dec. 4).*

For all celebrating anniversaries, especially Larry & Suzann Haas-Clayton *(Nov. 29)* and Lloyd & Sandi Dietert *(Dec. 1).*

From the Organist

Our Communion hymn today, "Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us," is one of the great classics of German religious song. It was written by Phillip Nicolai with numerous biblical allusions, especially a reference to the parable of the wise and foolish maidens. Nicholai also wrote the hymn tune, "Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme," which appeared in print in Frankfurt, Germany, 1599. It is referred to as the King of Chorales and was used by J. S. Bach in his Cantata 140. Mendelssohn also used it in his oratorio St. Paul. (*The Hymnal 1982 Companion*, Raymond F. Glover, editor) All of the organ music today is based on this famous German Chorale melody.

Kids' Sunday School

There will be no Kids' Sunday School TODAY, 11/29 due to the Thanksgiving holiday. May your holiday gatherings and travels be blessed.

Stewardship

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven." Malachi 3:10

Mid-Week Bible Study

Bible Study has *returned* on **Wednesday, at 2:00 pm** in the conference room. *Please check with Fr. Hightower regarding each week's schedule.*

Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast group meets every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month at 7:30 am. Bring a friend and join us for good food and fellowship.

Vestry

Walter Virden, III, Sr. Warden ('27)
Ben Hamman, Jr. Warden ('26)
Mike Tettleton, Treasurer ('27)
Tommy Thompson, Jr., Clerk ('28)
Vicente Camarillo, ('27)
Stephanie Korenek ('28)
Cheryl Livesay ('27)
Margaret Lutton ('28)
Ijeoma Oda ('28)
Paul Okello ('26)
Georgiana Thompson-Bowen ('26)

St. Mark's Parish
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From the Parish Office

Clergy Available in Parish Office
Wednesday, Noon - 3 pm – Fr. Hightower
Thursday, 10 am – 2 pm – Fr. Brooks
Friday, 10 am – Noon Mass – Fr. Jordan

Note: Let the Parish Office know of any changes to the Parish Prayer list. Please remember to ask the person for permission prior to submitting their name. If a birthdate, anniversary or remembrance is missing, that probably means we do not have it in our records. Please contact the Parish Office at admin@smatx.org .

All updates/additions to the bulletin must be received by noon on Tuesdays.
All information is printed as received at time of submission & is subject to change.

Parish Office Hours:
Mon-Fri, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

November 30 – December 6

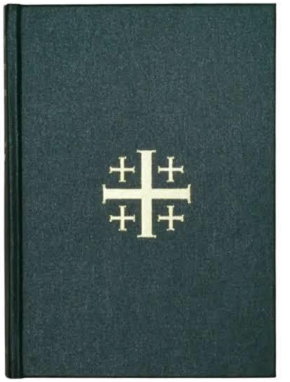
Monday – Friday
8:00 am, Morning Prayer (live-streamed)
5:30 pm, Evening Prayer (live-streamed)

Friday
12 Noon, Said Mass (Not live-streamed)

Saturday
9:30 am, Healing Prayer Mass (Not live-streamed)
4:30 pm, Evening Prayer (live-streamed)

Sunday, The Second Sunday in Advent
8:00 am, Said Mass (Not live-streamed)
10:30 am, Solemn Mass
(sung, w/incense, live-streamed, see website for bulletin)
4:30 pm, Evening Prayer (live-streamed)

St. Mark's is getting new 2019 Traditional Language Edition Prayer Books!



This is a great opportunity to remember loved ones. Please consider having a prayer book(s) dedicated in memory or honor of someone. Simply return this form along with $30 to the parish office. *Checks made to church with prayer books listed in memo line.*

Your Name_____

Circle one: In Memory of In Honor of

Honoree(s)_____

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