Saint Mark's Parish Church

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost, Proper 27
The Bishop's Visitation with Baptism & Confirmation
November 8, 2026
10:30 am

Opening Voluntary
Prelude on "St. Anne" — Ernest A. Dicks

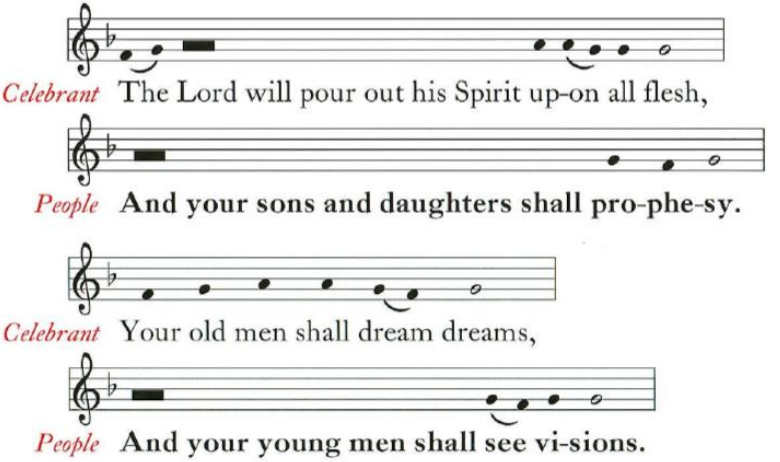
All stand.

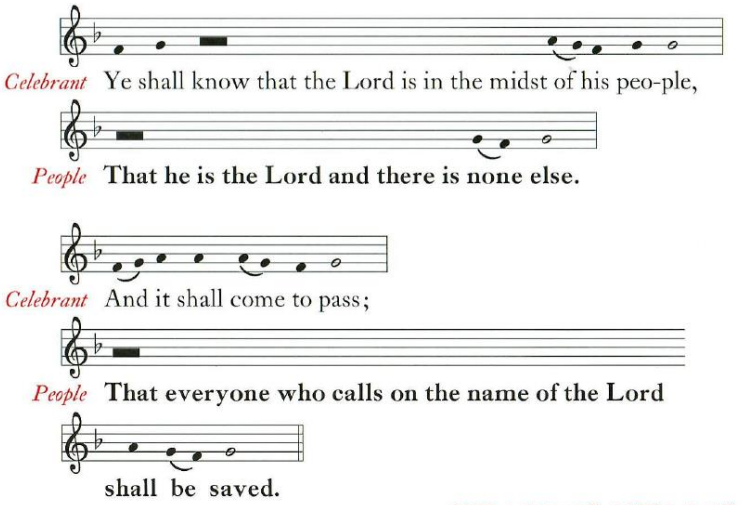
Processional Hymn
O God, our help in ages past — Hymnal 680
Isaac Watts (1674–1748) — *St. Anne*

ENTRANCE RITE

The Acclamation — (BCP, 146)

The People standing, the Celebrant chants





JOEL 2:27-28, 32[T]; ACTS 2:17, 21[T]

The Collect of the Day (BCP, 622)

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.

O GOD, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil, and make us the sons of God, and heirs of eternal life: Grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves, even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

All sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Lesson Amos 5:18–24

THUS says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord: "Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord! Why would you have the day of the Lord? It is darkness, and not light; as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house and leaned with his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him. Is not the day of the Lord darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? "I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and cereal offerings, I will not accept them, and the peace offerings of your fatted beasts I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

After the Lesson, the Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 70 *Deus, in adjutorium*

Chanted



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1 Haste thee, O God, to de-/liver me; *
make haste to help me, O / Lord.

2 Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek after my / soul; *
let them be turned backward and put to confusion that wish me / evil.

3 Let them for their reward be soon brought to / shame, *
that cry over me, There! / there!

4 But let all those that seek thee be joyful and glad in / thee: *
and let all such as delight in thy salvation say alway,
The Lord be / praised.

5 As for me, I am poor and in / misery: *
haste thee unto me, O / God.

6 Thou art my helper, and my re-/deemer: *
O Lord, make no long / tarrying.

The Epistle 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

ST. PAUL writes: But we would not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, shall not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the archangel's call, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first; then we who are alive, who are left, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.

After the Epistle, the Reader says

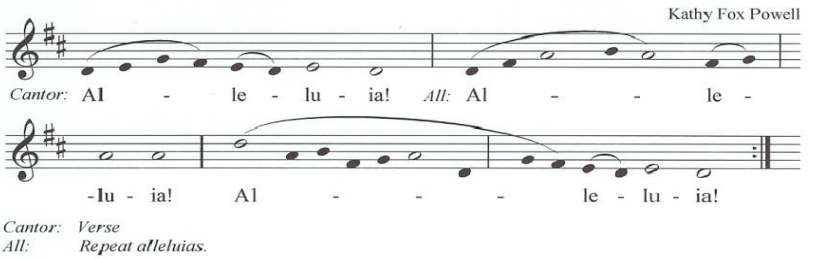
The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand.

SEQUENCE ALLELUIA

10:30 mass only



The Gospel St. Matthew 25:1-13

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

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.



JESUS said, "The kingdom of heaven shall be compared to ten maidens who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, 'Behold the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those maidens rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'Perhaps there will not be enough for us and for you; go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast; and the door was shut. Afterward the other maidens came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you,' Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

After the Gospel, the Deacon says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.



The Sermon The Rt. Rev. Ryan S. Reed, SSC, D.D.

HOLY BAPTISM *with* CONFIRMATION

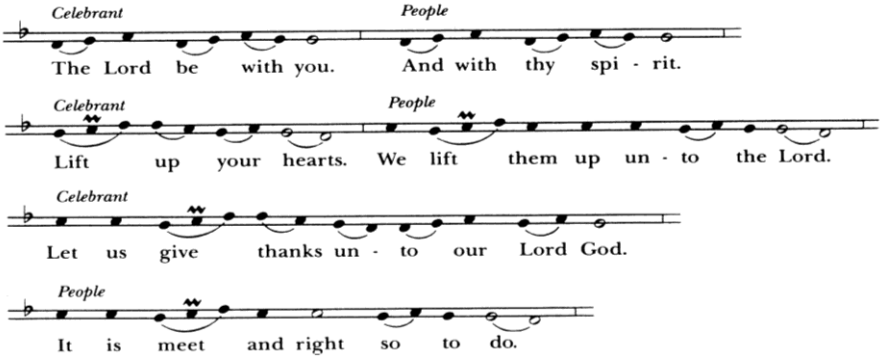
The Presentation (of Baptismal Candidates) (BCP, 183)

The Presentation (of Confirmation Candidates) (BCP, 185)

The Profession of Faith (BCP, 185)

Prayer for the Candidates (BCP, 187)

Thanksgiving Over the Water (BCP, 187–188)



The Baptism (BCP, 189)

The Confirmation (BCP, 190)

Concluding Prayer After the Laying on of Hands (BCP, 192)

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

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" Text: Liturgy of St. James, tr. Gerard Moultrie
Music: "Picardy", arr. Healey Willan

(The text of the anthem can be found in Hymn 324.)

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 chants.

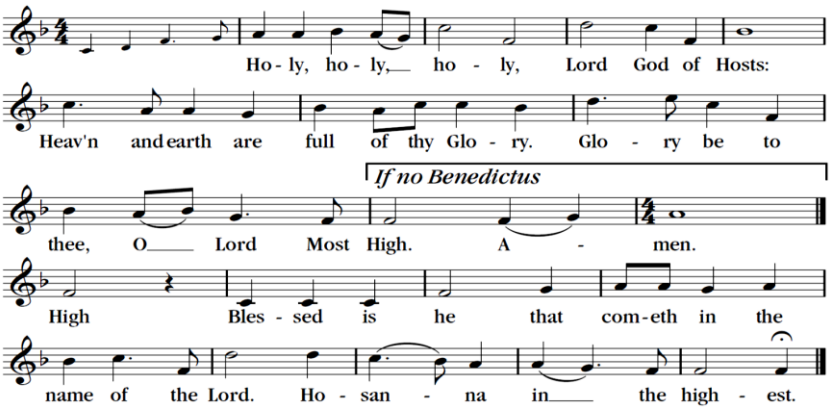


The Celebrant continues with the Preface.

The Sanctus and Benedictus

Celebrant and People

Richard Shephard, "The Tisbury Service" (SJMP License 7786



The Prayer of Consecration (BCP, 115)

The Lord's Prayer (BCP, 118)

Chanted

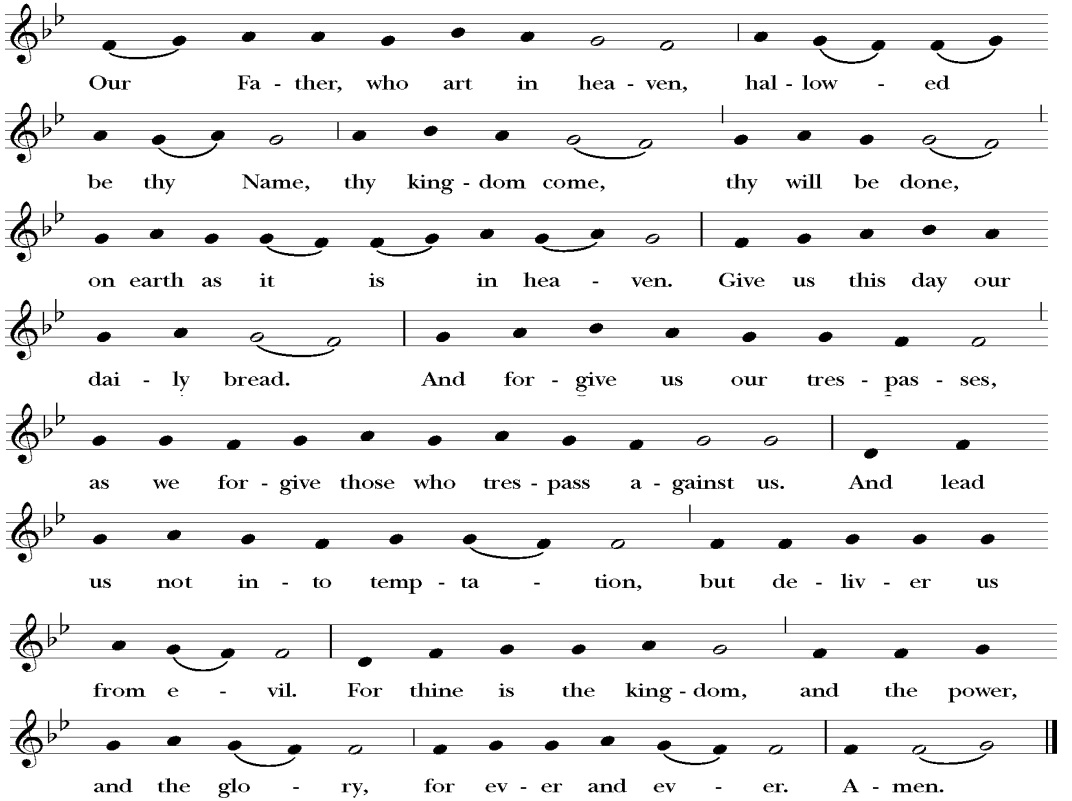
The Celebrant then says

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

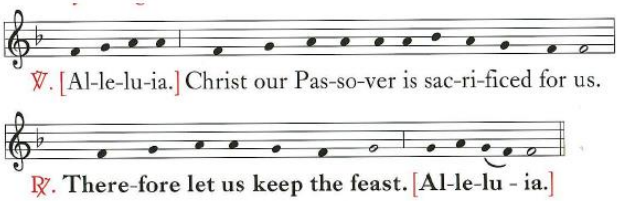


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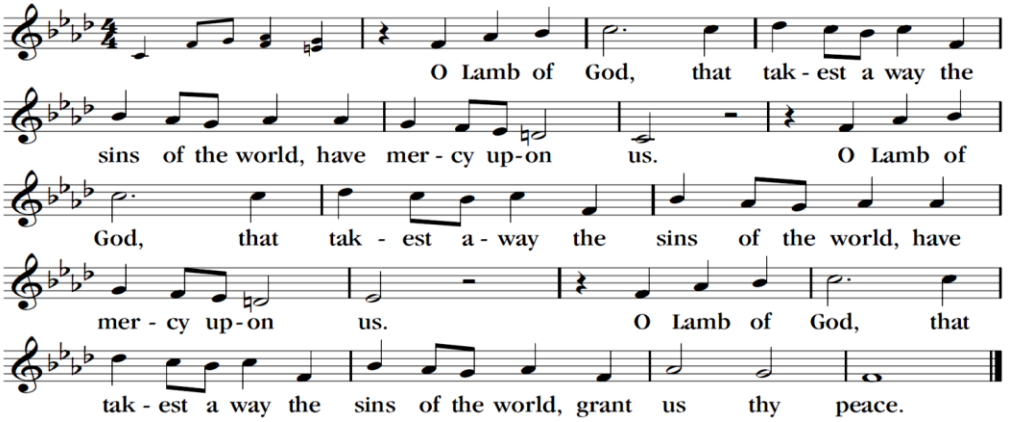
The Celebrant breaks the host. A period of silence is kept. Then is sung:



The Prayer of Humble Access (BCP, 119)

The Agnus Dei

The following anthem is sung:



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 "Rockingham" — Frederick H. Candlyn

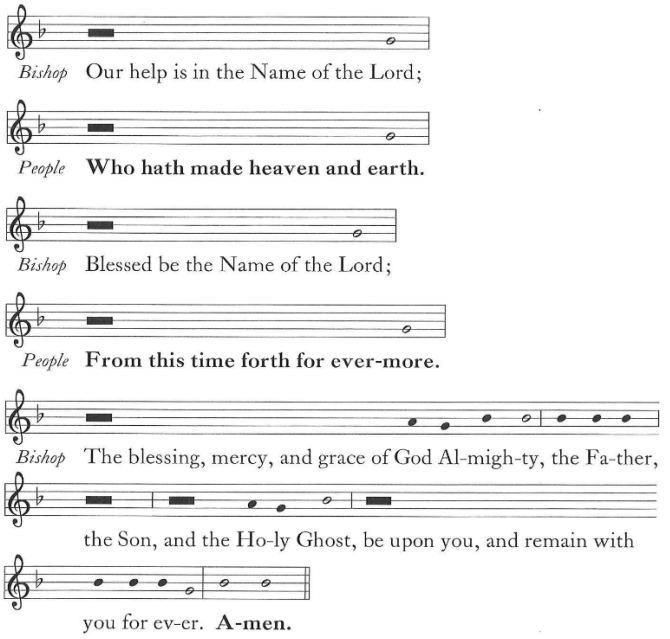
Ablutions Hymn
My God, thy table now is spread — Hymnal 321
Doddridge (1702–1751) & Watts (1674–1748) — *Rockingham*

The Post Communion Prayer — (BCP, 121)

The People may be seated.
Announcements

The People kneel.
The Blessing — (BCP, 121)

All stand.

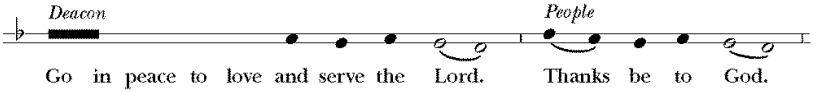


The Dismissal (BCP, 122)

The Deacon dismisses the People with these words
(Chanted)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



Closing Hymn
Life up your heads, ye mighty gates Hymnal 436
Georg Weissel (1590–1635) *Truro*

Closing Voluntary
Toccata on "Truro" Linton Powell

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*

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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, Cristina, 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

For the faithful departed, especially Robert Edwards (Oct. 9).

On the anniversary of their deaths, especially Derek Woodland, Arda Tole (*Nov. 8),* Bill Poorman *(Nov. 10),* Cecily Bauer, Mary Jo Roberson *(Nov. 11),* and James Odero Okello *(Nov. 14).*

For all celebrating birthdays, especially Hyacinth Oyeka (*Nov. 9),* Zera Shauri (*Nov. 10),* Onyinyeolisa Akpom *(Nov. 11),* Alex Chukwunyere, Jr. *(Nov. 13),* and Joliet Okoronkwo *(Nov. 14).*

For all celebrating anniversaries, especially Ken & Stephanie Korenek *Nov. 11),* and Kenneth & Nkemdilim Ekpe (*Nov. 12).*

From the Organist

Our closing hymn today, "Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates," was written by the German composer Georg Weissel, originally associated with Advent but has broader usage also and was based on Psalm 24. The composer of the very martial hymn tune "Truro" has not been identified but may have been composed by Isaac Smith around 1789. Truro is the name of a city in Cornwall, though the tune has no known association with the place. (*The Hymnal 1982 Companion*, Raymond F. Glover, editor)

Upcoming Events

Please welcome Bishop Reed as our guest celebrant and preacher today at the 10:30 am Mass.

Welcome the Newly Baptized & Confirmed

Baptized

Finn Ridley Fox

Confirmed

Paul Caesar Camarillo
Austin Obumneme Okoye, Jr.



The second event, the wine tasting, will be held at a later date.

Food Pantry

Saturday, November 21, 2026

Bagging will begin at 8:00 a.m., and food items will be distributed beginning at 9:30 a.m. We also plan to donate children's snacks to local adopted schools for distribution. More details will follow as plans are finalized.

Thanksgiving Eve Mass

Wednesday, November 25, 2026

Low Mass to be held at 7:00 pm in the church
Fr. Michael S. Brooks, celebrant & preacher

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)

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From the Parish Office

Clergy Available in Parish Office
Wednesday, 10 am-2 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.

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

November 9 – 15

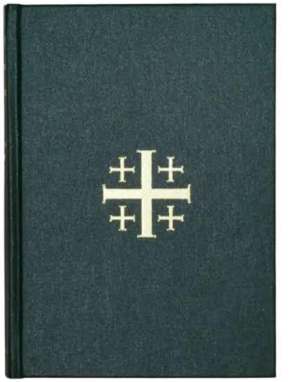
Monday – Friday
8:00 am, Morning Prayer (live-streamed)
5:30 pm, Evening Prayer (live-streamed)

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, Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost, Proper 28
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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