Saint Mark's Parish Church

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
Proper 28
November 15, 2026
8:00 am & 10:30 am

Opening Voluntary

Prelude on "Ein feste Burg" — Johann Pachelbel

All stand.

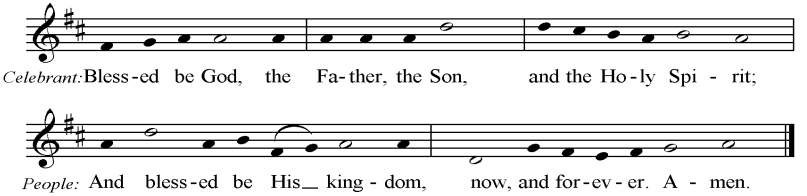
Processional Hymn

A mighty fortress is our God — Hymnal 688
Martin Luther (1483–1546) — *Ein feste Burg*

ENTRANCE RITE

The Acclamation (BCP, 105)

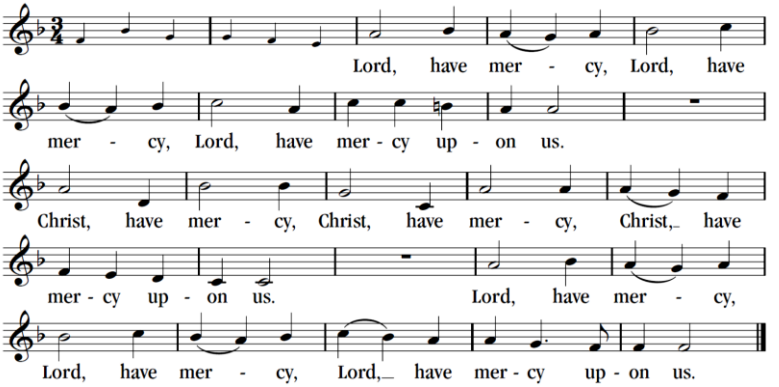
The People standing, the Celebrant says (8:00 am) or chants (10:30 am)



The Collect for Purity and the Summary of the Law (BCP, 106)

The Kyrie

(Spoken 8:00, Sung 10:30) — Richard Shephard, "The Tisbury Service" (SJMP License 7786)



The Gloria in excelsis

(Spoken 8:00, Sung 10:30)

Celebrant and People

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The Collect of the Day (BCP, 623)

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.

STIR up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people, that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded when our Savior Jesus Christ cometh to restore all things; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

All sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Lesson Zephaniah 1:7, 12–18

BE silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are thickening upon their lees, those who say in their hearts, 'The Lord will not do good, nor will he do ill.' Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them." The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the mighty man cries aloud there. A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring distress on men, so that they shall walk like the blind, because they have sinned against the Lord; their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them on the day of the wrath of the Lord. In the fire of his jealous wrath, all the earth shall be consumed; for a full, yea, sudden end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

After the Lesson, the Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 90:1–12 *Domine, refugium*

(Spoken 8:00, Chanted 10:30)

Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



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1 Lord, thou hast been our / refuge, *
from one generation to a-/nother.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever the earth and the world were / made, *
thou art God from everlasting, and world without / end.

3 Thou turnest man to des-/truction; *
again thou sayest, Come again, ye children of / men.

4 For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is / past, *
and as a watch in the / night.

5 As soon as thou scatterest them they are even as a-/sleep; *
and fade away suddenly like the / grass.

6 In the morning it is green, and groweth /up; *
but in the evening it is cut down, dried up, and / withered.

7 For we consume away in thy dis-/pleasure, *
and are afraid at thy wrathful indig-/nation.

8 Thou hast set our misdeeds be-/fore thee; *
and our secret sins in the light of thy / countenance.

9 For when thou art angry all our days are / gone: *
we bring our years to an end, as it were a tale that is / told.

10 The days of our age are threescore years and ten; and though men be so strong that they come to fourscore / years, *
yet is their strength then but labor and sorrow; so soon passeth it away, and we are / gone.

11 But who regardeth the power of thy / wrath? *
or feareth aright thy indig-/nation?

12 So teach us to number our / days, *
that we may apply our hearts unto / wisdom.

The Epistle — 1 Thessalonians 5:1-10

AS to the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When people say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as travail comes upon a woman with child, and there will be no escape. But you are not in darkness, brethren, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all sons of light and sons of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. But, since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we wake or sleep we might live with him.

After the Epistle, the Reader says

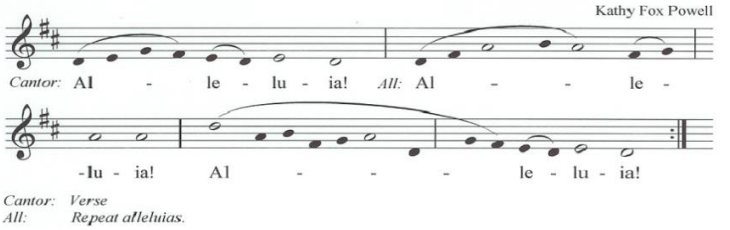
The Word of the Lord.

People — Thanks be to God.

All stand.

Sequence Alleluia

10:30 mass only



The Gospel — St. Matthew 25:14–30

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 will be as when a man going on a journey called his servants and entrusted to them his property; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them; and he made five talents more. So also, he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.' And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.' He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not winnow; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed, and gather where I have not winnowed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to every one who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.'

After the Gospel, the Deacon says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.



The Sermon — The Rev. Canon H.W. Herrmann, SSC, D.D.

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 Confession, Absolution of Sin, and Comfortable Words (BCP, 112)

After the Deacon invites the People to Confession (still kneeling).

The Celebrant alone stands and says the Absolution and the Comfortable Words.

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

"O Salutaris Hostia" — Jean-Baptiste Faure

Cheryl Livesay, soprano

O saving Victim, opening wide
The gate of heaven to man below!
Our foes press on from every side;
Thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.

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).

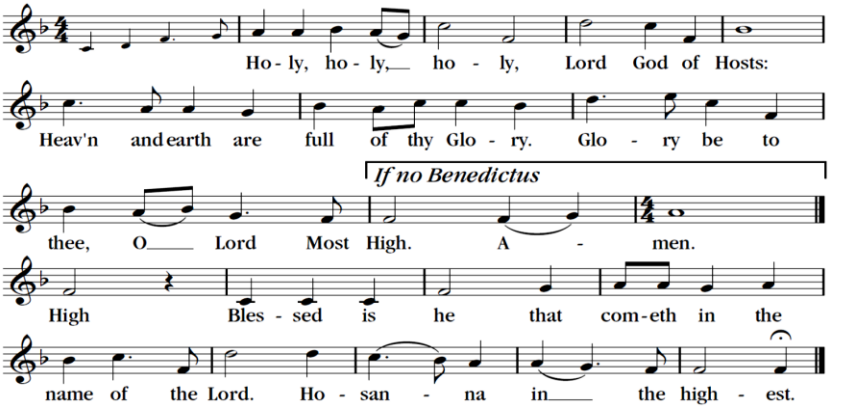


The Celebrant continues with the Preface.

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)

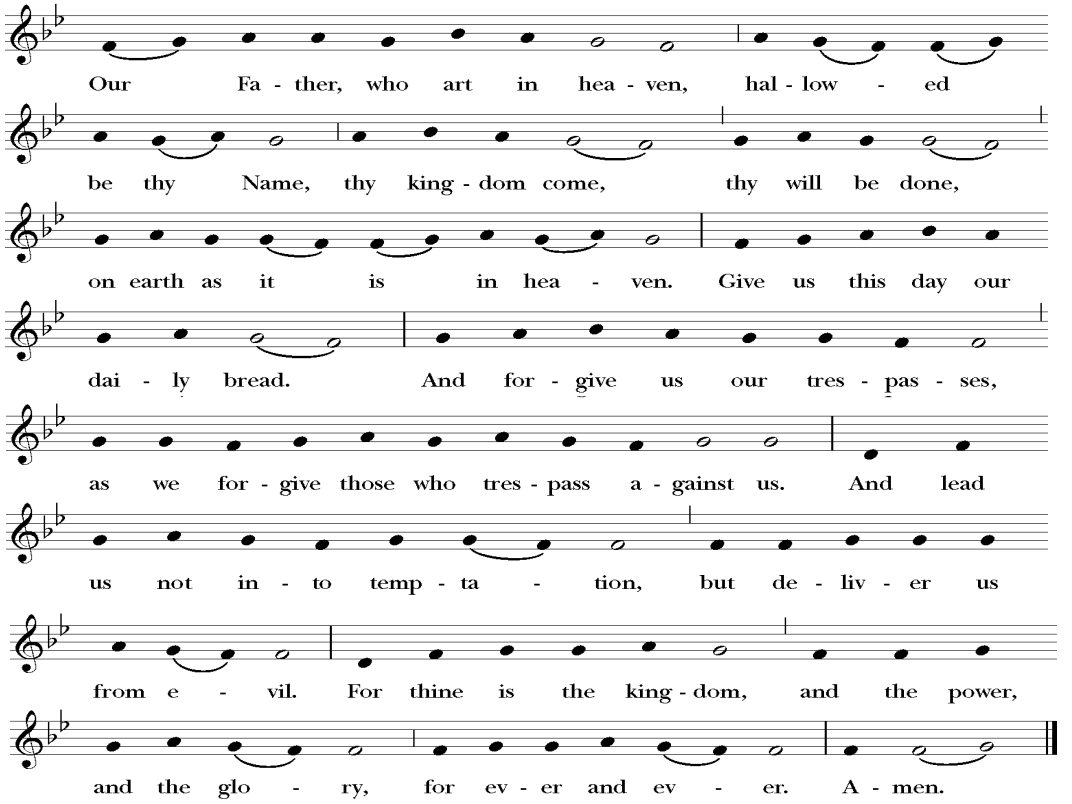
The Celebrant then says

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

Celebrant and People together

The Lord's Prayer S-119

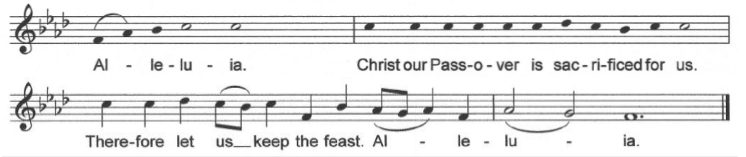
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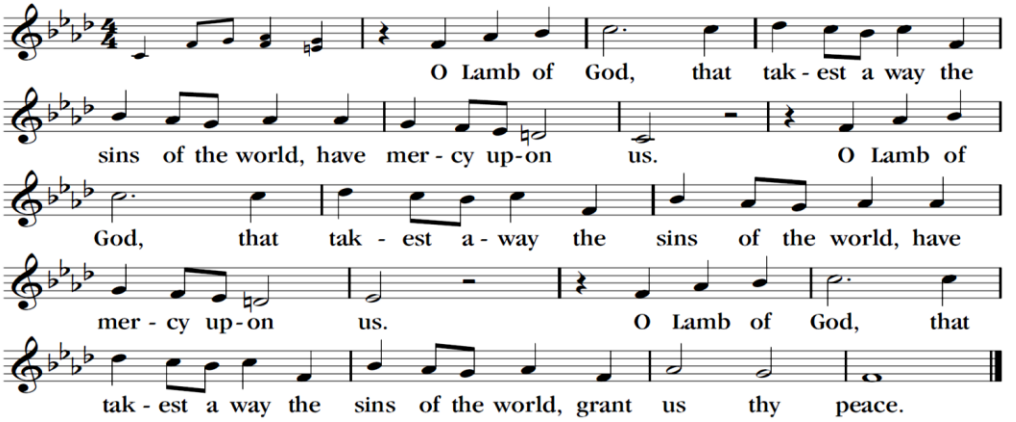
The Celebrant breaks the bread. Silence is kept. Then he says (8:00) or chants (10:30 am):



The Prayer of Humble Access (BCP, 119)

The Agnus Dei

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



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

Variation on "Ein feste Burg" Jan Zwart

Ablutions Hymn

For the bread which you have broken — Hymnal 341

Louis F. Benson (1855–1930) — *Omni die*

The Post Communion Prayer — (BCP, 121)

The People may be seated.

Announcements

The People kneel.

The Blessing — (BCP, 121)

All stand.

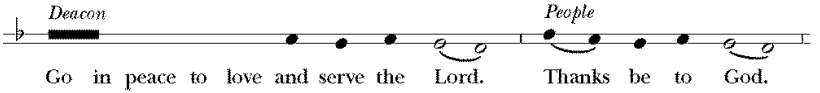
The Dismissal — (BCP, 122)

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

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim — Hymnal 535

Charles Wesley (1707–1788) — *Paderborn*

Closing Voluntary

Postlude on "Ein feste Burg" — Wilhelm Rudnick

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 15, 2026

Memorials.....

The Altar Flowers are given in thanksgiving for our anniversary *(Bill & Olivia Albright).*

The Sanctuary Candle is given in thanksgiving for our anniversary *(Mike & Jan Tettleton).*

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, Paul

For the faithful departed.

On the anniversary of their deaths, especially Queenie Woodland (*Nov. 18)* and Paula Redmon *(Nov. 20).*

For all celebrating birthdays, especially Sophia Haas (*Nov. 16),* Larry Clayton (*Nov. 17),* Ben Hamman, Anne-Cecile Hollingsworth *(Nov. 19),* Nebeolisa Akpom *(Nov. 20),* and Jim Johnson, Sean Nwachukwu *(Nov. 21).*

For all celebrating anniversaries, especially Ken & Stephanie Korenek *(Nov. 11),* Kenneth & Nkemdilim Ekpe *(Nov. 12),* Bill & Olivia Albright (*Nov. 16)* and Mike & Jan Tettleton *(Nov. 21).*

From the Organist

Our opening hymn today, "A mighty fortress is our God," was written by Martin Luther. The first appearance of the complete hymn in print, both text and melody, was probably in the first edition of Luther's congregational hymn book, Wittenberg, Germany, 1529. It is a paraphrase of Psalm 46. The hymn tune, "Ein feste Burg," was composed by Luther and can be seen in its original version in Hymn 687. That more complex rhythmic version eventually gave way to a simpler form for congregational singing, Hymn 688. (*The Hymnal 1982 Companion*, Raymond F. Glover, editor) All of the organ music today is based on this famous hymn tune.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 22nd

At 2:30 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, be sure to attend the concert by our friends Mount Vernon Music, back with us for our annual concert! MVM is bringing this lovely concert to St. Mark's with no admittance fees, and we are very grateful for their making these concerts available to us each year!



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.

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

November 16 – 22

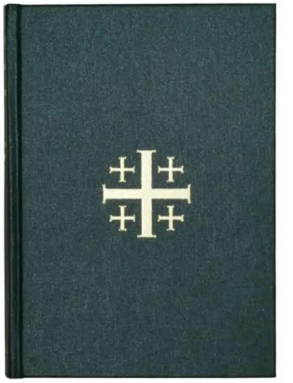
Monday – Friday
8:00 am, Morning Prayer (live-streamed)
5:30 pm, Evening Prayer (live-streamed)

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, Last Sunday After Pentecost, Christ the King
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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