

Rector's Reflections...

You are likely reading this while your delegation from St. Mark's (Fr. Calcote, Mark Mabry, Gary Holcombe, Meredith O'Mara, Vicki Holcombe, Jim Hendricks, Kathe Hendricks and I) gathers for annual Council in the Woodlands. Our most significant work will be electing a Bishop Suffragan to succeed the retiring Bishop Dena Harrison.

A Bishop Suffragan is elected to serve in a diocese with a specific portfolio or position description and the next Bishop Suffragan will continue to have oversight of the western region of the diocese (the Austin area), the Commission on Ministry and the Seminary of the Southwest. While she (the three nominees are women) will have this portfolio and responsibility, she is a bishop for the entire diocese, hence an election by the entire diocese gathered in Council.

The election will be Friday, February 22 and I hope you will offer this prayer from our prayer book for the election:

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on The Episcopal Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a Bishop Suffragan for the Diocese of Texas, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

"Before Death Happens" will be a special five week teaching and information series offered on Sunday mornings during Lent (9:05 to 9:55 AM in Payne Hall, beginning on Sunday, March 10) to help you, your family and friends be better informed about the several (some say upwards to 600!) questions and decisions that surround the end of life.

Although most of us prefer to ignore this topic, the greatest gift you can give your family and friends is pre planning related to your death. And I know this from both personal and professional experience.

Speakers over the five weeks will cover funeral home decisions, end of life medical care, legal issues, financial questions, and guidelines for your burial liturgy at St. Mark's.

Are you new at St. Mark's?

Do you want to learn more about becoming a member of St. Mark's?

Do you want to better prepare yourself for renewal of your Baptismal Vows on Easter Sunday?

If you answered YES to any of these questions then the upcoming Discovery Class is for you!

The Discovery Class prepares adults for *membership* (at St. Mark's), *confirmation* (in The Episcopal Church), *reception* (from the Roman Catholic Church, Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, or the Orthodox Church into The Episcopal Church), and *the reaffirmation of baptismal vows* (Episcopalians transferring to St. Mark's from other Episcopal congregations). Learn about following Jesus and serving your neighbor at St. Mark's, in The Episcopal Church, throughout the Golden Triangle and beyond in the Discovery Class! Starting February 24, at 9:05 a.m. *Location TBD*

Warmest regards,

Fr. Tony Clark
XV Rector

The Weekly Word

February 24, 2019

St. Mark's Calendar

This Week:

February 24

Guild Room class

9:00 a.m.

February 27

Worship and Wisdom

Wednesdays

Save the Date:

March 3

Jazz Brunch

11:30 a.m. – Payne Hall

March 6

Ash Wednesday

March 13

Mary Cecil Lenten Series Begins

March 16

Women's Retreat

March 24

Choral Evensong

6:00 p.m.

April 14

Palm Sunday

April 19

Good Friday

April 20

Easter Egg Hunt

April 21

Easter

April 27

St. Mark's Fest

April 28

Bishop's Visit

St. Patrick's Guild will meet at 6:00 p.m., February 25, at Red Lobster in Beaumont. The guest speaker will be from the Southeast Texas Food Bank.

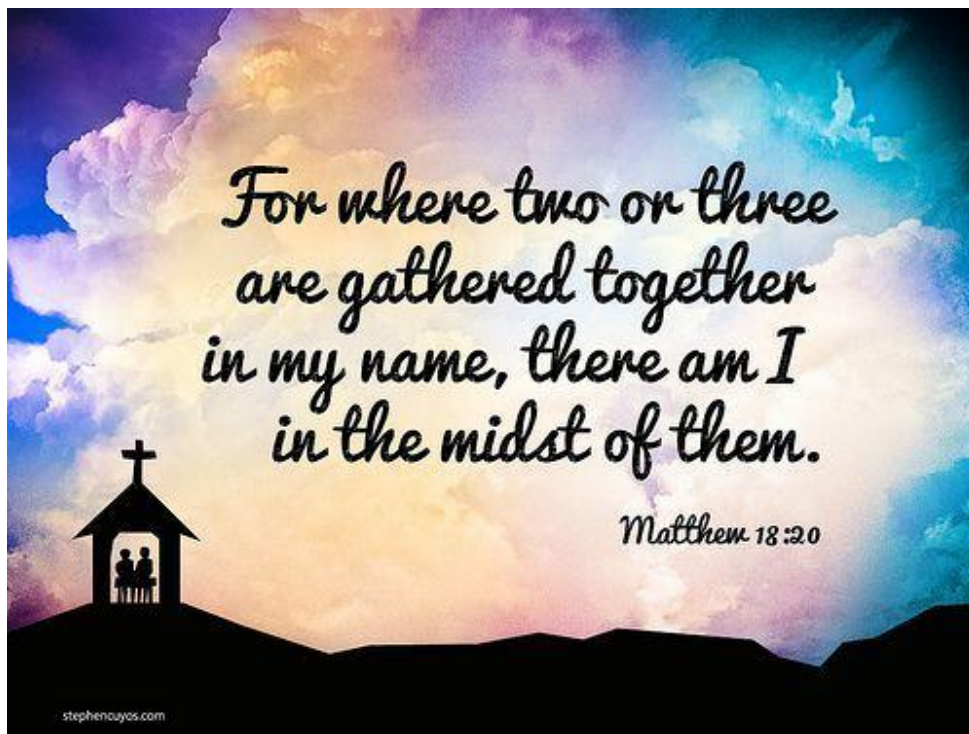
Please Pray For...

Margo Abshire	Carol Bayard	Michael Boyer	Wilbur Butler	Angela Broussard	Tom Broussard	Gabriel Carreon
Richard Clark	Hal Clarke	Ann Cobb	Howard Cobb	Rebecca Couverette	Marty Craig	Brenda Davis
Chris Dobson	Nicholas Edwards	Carleen Faucett	Chad Ferguson	Tracy Mabry Fink	Misty Ford	Bill Gajeske
Katherine Gardner	Tommy Gaspard	Mary Anna Glasgow	Elizabeth Gwin	Cherie Ball-Harding	Cindy Harland	Margie Nell Harris
Pryce Haynes	Brittney Henslee	Bridget Hoke	Jessie Hoke	Jeannie Hood	Lauren Johnsen	Harrison Jordan
Kevin Kabelle	Betty Kirwin	Wanda Lawhorn	Eileen Monte	Emilie Neild	John Nelson	Neal Nielson
Clare Parker	Sherry Perkins	J. T. Richard	Joyce Richardson	Dale Robinson	Shirley Salisbury	Chris Sherman
Sue Simcox	Melissa Miller Sitos	Katie Smith	Sheila Smith	Larry Talley	Millisent Taylor	Anne Thomas
Charlie Thompson	Sharon Wagner	Margaret Wheelus	Melinda Williams	Kelly Wilson	Ben	Beverly
Raphael						

For those who have died...

For those serving in the Military...

Joe Alexander	Danny Anders	Christian Bornefeld	Justin Clark	Tony Clark+	Stephen Davis	Travis Goodwin
Isaiah Grant	Brad Holton	Jimmy Howell	James Fredericks	Kaffrey Jacobs	Erwin Jasmin	Madison Johnsen
Michael Kobiljak	Lucas Low	Joseph Lynch	Joshua Lynch	John Matlock	Colton Means	Collin McBride
Logan Nunez	Will Odham	Tony Ogden	Stephen Ricker	Gavin Ritchie	Donnie Romero	Jesse Russell
Grady Salisbury	Adam Schlegal	Brian Shajari	Daniel Lee Smith	Matthew Smith	Morgan Smyth	Gary Tipton
Tim Uncapher	Stuart Williams	Roland Zech				



Happy Birthday!

Feb 24 – Gary Williams
 Feb 25 – Betty Schluter
 Feb 26 – Billie Harland, William Piepenhagen
 Feb 27 – Buffy Gajeske, Rachel Grove, William O’Mara, Patrick Tiller, Pat Walker
 Feb 28 – Whitney Harding, Betty Kirwin
 Mar 1 – Patty Pittman, Ellen Schulz, Jolyn Tiller

Parish Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday
 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
 Friday
 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Weekday Worship:

Holy Eucharist -
 Tuesday 12:00 Noon
 Thursday 9:45 a.m.
 Friday 7:00 a.m.

Morning Prayer -

Monday-Thursday
 9:00 a.m. (The Abbey Room)

Sunday Worship:

Holy Eucharist at
 8:00 a.m., 10:15 a.m. and
 6:00 p.m.

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 Monday – Friday 10:30 a.m. -
 6:00 p.m.

IN HIS HANDS

St. Mark’s Episcopal Church
 and Daughters of the King
 680 Calder, Beaumont, TX
 Saturday, March 16, 2019
 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

You are invited to come and learn more about the Heavenly Father by exploring a word picture He provides in His Word. Discover the richness of the layers of meaning in the portrayal of the potter and the clay by observing the work of a potter firsthand. You will be awed and amazed by the insights into the hand of God in your own life through this experience.

WORKSHOP LEADER
RACHEL NORRIS

REGISTRATION

Register on line at stmarksbeaumont.org or pick up a form at the church

COST is \$25.00
Light Continental Breakfast
and Box Lunch included
Jeremiah 18:6

Worship and Wisdom on Wednesdays

February 27...Last night until the Mary Cecil Speaker Series begins March 13!

5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer in the Chapel

6:00 p.m. Supper in the Parish Hall
 (\$5 per person, \$15 per family)

6:30 p.m. Classes