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# The Good News

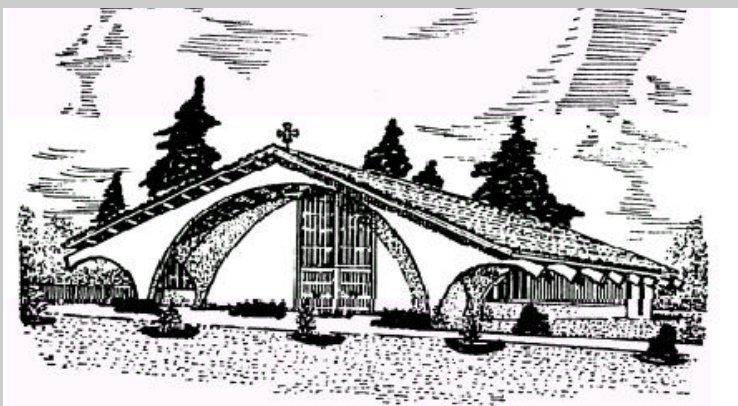


St. Mark's Episcopal Church

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### Sunday Worship Schedule:

Join Us...Everyone is welcome!

**8 am - Holy Eucharist**  
(contemplative, without music)

**10 am - Holy Eucharist**  
(with music)

**10 am - Sunday School**  
for ages 3-12

**11 am - Fellowship Hour**  
Coffee, refreshments, and fellowship

Childcare is offered from 9:45 am to noon

### "O God, our times are in your hands..."

*Book of Common Prayer*

The last few weeks have been for me a time of awareness of the preciousness of each moment of our lives.

In early June, my granddaughters came to spend two weeks with me. It had been almost six months since I had seen them, and I marveled at the ways they have grown and matured during this time away. As we moved through the days together, I experienced a bit of shock at being immersed in their energy once more. For the most part, though, I was very aware of how quickly our time together was passing. I knew that the next time we are together, they will have changed and grown even more, and I was thankful to be able to share this time in their lives.

At the end of Brianna and Katie's two weeks with me, we traveled back to Texas together. During my week there, I spent time with my mother, who has been living in a skilled nursing facility since suffering a massive stroke three years ago. My mother's health is fragile. She is weaker each time I see her, and each time I visit, I am aware of the preciousness of our time together. Each time I see her, I know that it may be the last time, and I give thanks that we are able to touch once more.

I returned from Texas yesterday, just in time to attend a meeting of my spiritual direction peer supervision group. For the past three years, four of us have been meeting for an evening each month. During this time, we have built a strong, caring community, and our time together has been filled with God's grace and the movement of the Holy Spirit. Last night we met to bid farewell to one of the group, who is moving to another state. As we sat together, we talked about the ways this group has enriched our lives and supported our ministries. We shared food, gifts, laughter and tears. Most importantly, we shared the acknowledgement of God's gift to us in our time together over these years. As we sat together for this last time, I realized that one of the gifts has been the way we have been fully in the moment whenever we have been together. Because we have been fully present to each other, our memories of this time are more fully with us, even as we part.

One of my favorite singing groups, The Blind Boys of Alabama, has a song called "This May Be the Last Time." Each time I hear it, I'm reminded that we never know when we will see another person for the last time. Despite the structure we all try to build around us, our lives are filled with uncertainty. Our lives are subject to change at any time. We rarely have advance notice of those "last times". That reality

### LETTER FROM LINDA

leaves us with a choice. We can choose to live in fear of impending loss, or we can choose to savor the moments we have been given.

As we move through this life-filled summer season, I encourage you to be mindful of the richness in our lives. I invite you to stop – perhaps just for a few seconds at the end of the day – to notice and savor the goodness of a particular moment. Notice, savor, and give thanks.

Canon Linda

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## Adult Education Ministry Team

Following is a report of Adult Education offerings since August 2003. In addition to the activities listed below, the Adult Education Ministry Team has supported ongoing Bible Study led by Canon Linda on Wednesdays. As you can see, the topics varied widely, covering liturgical, spiritual and theological topics. If you have any topics that you think might be interesting, please let us know.

—Canon Linda, Debbie Wild, Eloise Blanchard

August 2003	Eloise Blanchard	2-week session on Mysteries: authors and genre
September 27, 2003	Kibbie Ruth	Sexual abuse prevention training (day-long deanery event)
September 14, 2003	Barbara and Don Snyder	Volunteering on Six Continents: Experiences with Habitat for Humanity
September 21, 2003	Barbara Snyder	Thomas the Apostle
September 28-October 26, 2003	Canon Linda, Eloise Blanchard	Ethical Decision Making
November 14-16	Elva Wormley and Canon Linda	Discovery Weekend
November 2-30	Canon Linda and Carol Christian	All Things Come of Thee, O Lord!: Stewardship
January 18-February 8	Carol Christian	Centering Prayer
February 24-March 28	Canon Linda	Psalms for Our Times
February—May 2004	Sharon Martin	New Theological Perspectives: JS Spong—A New Christianity for a New World
June-August 2004	Sharon Martin	New Theological Perspectives: Karen King—The Gospel of Mary

## Pastoral Care Ministry

Convenor: Sharon Martin

The Pastoral Care Team meets to discuss parish needs for pastoral care and to develop plans to meet those needs. The team has not met in several months, but a meeting is planned for mid-summer.

An accomplishment arising from this team's collaboration is the identification of need for the presence of Stephen Ministers in our parish. As a result, two members of our parish, Celia Watson and Jani Wild, have attended training this spring and have been commissioned as Stephen Ministers. We hope to help others identify a call to this ministry and to provide for Stephen Leader training in the next year.

## Worship Ministry Team Report

Convenor: Marty Schaefer

The Worship Ministry Team meets on a quarterly basis to plan, discuss and evaluate St. Mark's liturgy. The team is composed of representatives of the various teams who support worship, including Ushers, Music Director, Altar Guild Director, Vergers, Lectors, Eucharistic ministers, Liturgical artists and Clergy. The meetings are open to any interested parishioners, and we welcome any suggestions you may have for our worship.

The meetings are timed to provide an opportunity to identify hopes, dreams, and problems; give feedback about our worship experience; and to plan for and evaluate special seasonal worship. Accomplishments this year as a result of this team's collaboration include the implementation of monthly acolyte training and the development of a customary to guide the Maundy Thursday stripping of the altar.

## July Birthdays

Jeff Jeffery 2  
 Marc DiBenedetto 7  
 Kelly Nix 8  
 Sharon Martin 16  
 Jack Gorham 23  
 Anne Malmquist 28  
 Fiona Pestana 29

## July Anniversaries

Carol and Winston Swaniker 5  
 Bobbie and Alfred Chamberlain 20  
 Jack and Joan Gorham 30



## COVENANT GROUPS

**Looking for spiritual growth and personal transformation?**

**Check out one of our covenant groups to explore your faith in a safe environment.**

**Tuesdays 7-9 pm, David Muller (408) 246-2631, 3589 Constance Drive, San Jose, please call for location.**

**Childcare available.**

**Wednesdays 7-9 pm, Women's Group  
 Contact Kim Hubbard at (408) 246-2631 or  
 Liz Moore at (408) 263-4010 for location and  
 other information.**

## St. Mark's Staff

**Linda Taylor, Rector**  
 (Home phone 866-2321)  
**Joe Bacigalupo, Assisting Priest (retired)**  
**Kate Mikami, Preschool Director**  
**Margie Fait, Preschool Teacher**  
**Bonnie Glass, Parish Administrator**  
**Ray Walters, Chief Verger**  
**Kate Mikami, Verger and Acolyte Mistress**  
**Charles Mendoza, Senior Warden**  
**Eloise Blanchard, Junior Warden**  
**Sherri Heim, Junior Warden**  
**Charlie Cramer, Music Director**  
**Paul Fait, Treasurer**  
**Liz Moore, Recording Treasurer**

## St. Mark's Vestry E-mail

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## Ministry Teams

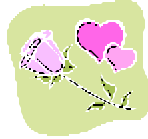
Adult Education	Debbie Wild
Altar Guild	Jennifer Armstrong
Buildings & Grounds	
Children/Youth	David Muller
Fellowship	Peg Reinthaler, Interim
Finance	Jack Gorham
Hospitality Hour	
Music	Charles Cramer
New Members	Junior Wardens
Outreach	Rich Barber
P.I.E.	
Parish Administration	Barbara Campbell
Pastoral Care	Sharon Martin
Worship	Marty Schaefer

## Thank you!...



Charlie Cramer and the St. Mark's Choir for their beautiful music throughout the year!

...all the people who care for the grounds and keep them looking beautiful! A special thanks to Jack Gorham for all the work he's done trimming, weeding, and watering. Thanks to Jeff and Jerrine Jeffery for the bags of bark dust, and for the delicious sandwiches they brought to feed the workers!



...all who helped with Father Joe's birthday celebration, especially Fred Huxham, Rosalie Wilson, and Wilson's Bakery.



John Lindner and Mark Perry for hosting the Father's Day Fellowship Hour again with delicious root beer floats!



Anne Aria and Lilyann Brannon for coordinating with the young wedding couple who had their wedding ceremony at our church.



Sharon Martin for the New and the New New Theological Perspectives groups!

Father Joe, for all you do at St. Mark's with special thanks for your service while Canon Linda is on vacation.



Tom Reinthaler, Light Bulb Man!, for inventorying our light bulb needs and lighting up our lives...in many ways!

...the phantom light bulb changer who changed the lights in the choir room!

Charlie Mendoza for changing the light bulb in the FISH room and replacing the outdoor globe by the playground!

Don Snyder, for evaluating the electrical support for the sprinkler system and for assessing building repair needs.

Charlie Cramer, Jean Platner and Tom Reinthaler for your musical support for the 5 pm service.

Marge Huxham for picking up the Albertson's food vouchers for the needy.

Joan Gorham and Marge Huxham for your ongoing service with Santa Maria Urban Ministry.

Thank you to the Swaniker family for fellowship on June 6.

Ronnie Tavares for continuing to help care for the stations in the meditation gardens.



Frank and Jan La Fetra, Bill Athas and Steve Michalske for playing the role of photographer!

Correction: It was Jean Platner, not Charlie Mendoza who installed the new toilet seat last month! Thank you, Jean!

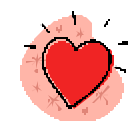
### Pentecost Brunch

Special thanks to the Youth Group for the festive brunch they served us on Pentecost! Under the direction of Sherri Heim, the youth planned and shopped for the fundraiser event, and did such a great job of planning that they only had 2 pounds of bacon and 3 eggs left over! Thanks to the team, including Cat Erickson, Anna Flot, Anais Heim, Carmen and Vivienne Muller, Joy Okafor, Eric Pestana, and Jacob Reinthaler. Thanks also

to the adults who supported the youth: Peggy Heim, Sherri and Andrew Heim, Harold Pestana and Dave Muller. Last but not least, thanks to all the St. Mark's folks who attended and helped the Youth Group raise over \$200 for their activities.

### Playground Project

Thank you to Bill Athas; Eloise and Dennis Blanchard; Ed Filangeri (preschool dad); Pat and Ryan Flot; Bonnie Glass; Andrew, Sherri and Robert Heim; Walter Hunter (preschool dad); Christa Ivancovich (preschool mom); Steve Michalske (intern with Bill Athas); CY and Chinedu Okafor; and Tom and Peggy Reinthaler for helping to take down the playground structures, to make room for new ones.



Thank you also to Debbie Pavao (preschool mom), for providing water for us! Thank you to Christin Heintz (preschool mom) for letting us borrow your wheelbarrow!

—Kate Mikami



## Outreach Ministry

### Outreach Mission Statement

St. Mark's Outreach Ministry strives to actively involve our congregation in programs that address the needs of the people in our community. We support programs that fit the following criteria:

- are caring for people in need
- have demonstrated effectiveness
- have low administrative costs
- avoid replicating existing programs

New members are welcome. Our meetings are typically the first Monday of the month. The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. on September 7th in Canon Linda's office (a Tuesday due to the Labor Day holiday). Contact Rich Barber rbarber@scu.edu for details. Donations can be made by using the outreach envelopes in the pews.

### Santa Maria Urban Ministry Update

July 25<sup>th</sup> and August 1<sup>st</sup> are the collection dates for our annual school supplies drive for Santa Maria Urban Ministry. Needed items include: backpacks, binders, folders, binder paper, pens, pencils, crayons, washable felt markers, rulers, calculators, protractors, compasses, and lunch boxes. *Please avoid the colors, pale blue, royal blue, and red for binders, lunch boxes, and backpacks.*

Thank you for your continuing generosity. In June, we donated seven bags of clothes/shoes, one bag of food, 40 combs, five packages of razors, two - tubes of

toothpaste, four toothbrushes, one roll of dental floss, three tubes of antibiotic ointment, seven boxes of band-aids, 26 bars of soap, 11 sticks of deodorant, seven containers of body lotion, seven containers of shampoo.

Donations of food and clothing are always welcome. Simply leave food and clothing in the outreach box at the back of the church. To donate other items, please contact a member of the outreach team.

### Summer Outreach Event at CHAM

Our next CHAM dinner at First Christian Church will be on Tuesday July 6th. We'll need contributions of time and effort to prepare and serve and will meet at First Christian Church at 4:30 pm. Also, if you can't make the time that day, you could bake cookies and put a few each in small plastic bags for distribution for dessert. Please contact Rich Barber if you are interested in participating.

### Your Outreach Dollars at Work

Due to your generous contributions, we continue to provide bus passes for the needy and food vouchers for the hungry. Also, we have sent a donation of \$200 to Santa Maria Urban Ministry to support their operations.

Stay tuned this summer for information on camperships. We hope to sponsor several young people who would otherwise not be able to attend a summer camp.

—Rich Barber

## Feed Those in Need...

July 6, 4:30 pm

First Christian Church

Join the Outreach Ministry Team on Tuesday, July 6th at 4:30 pm at First Christian Church to feed the homeless and those in need. Contact Rich Barber for more information.



## SAVE THE DATE!

Santa Clara Art & Wine Festival  
Sept 18 & 19, 2004

See Jack Gorham for more information.

## Tending the Flock

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your continued support for the ministry of *Tending the Flock*. Your generous donations, prayers and participation in the Chevy's fundraiser is making a difference to the people we serve.

The fundraiser at Chevy's was a great success. It was a terrific opportunity for fellowship as we gathered for our meals, and the 15% of each purchase that Chevy's donated to Tending the Flock will make a difference to children we serve. Thanks to your generosity, four children will be able to go to summer camp.

As an organization, we help needy people who have fallen through the cracks of local agencies. For further information, please consult our pamphlet or speak to Lilyann Brannon or Michelle Spreadbury. Watch for more updates!

—Michelle Spreadbury, Secretary,  
*Tending The Flock*

# Fellowship Ministry

## Annual Fourth of July Potluck BBQ!! Sunday, July 4th 3 pm-???

Everyone is invited to the Sunday 4th of July Potluck BBQ.!

Home made ice cream!  
Games for kids (from 8 to 80)!

Bring:

1. A dish to share
2. Something to throw on the grill for yourself
3. Wine or beer (if you wish any)

3:00 PM to ????

at Sharon Martin's house  
**566 Robin Drive, Santa Clara**  
(1/2 block off Saratoga Ave  
between Los Padres and Scott/  
Newhall)

RSVP: Sharon Martin  
(408-243-1504)



## Afternoon at the Ballpark Sunday, August 8, 1 pm

Join a group from St. Marks at the San Jose Giants Game on Sunday afternoon, August 8<sup>th</sup>. Andrew Heim is organizing this fun-filled event that will begin after the second service for any and all baseball lovers and novices alike, kids and grown-ups. Tickets for the San Jose Giants are: \$8 adults, \$4 seniors (65 and older), \$4 kids (under 12), kids under 4 are free. Please contact Andrew at 243-2675 or a.heim@comcast.net for more information.



## The Parish Record

April-June 2004

### Baptism

*Nicholas Bobby Sowards*  
April 11, 2004

*Albert Richard Unger*  
May 11, 2004

*Andrew James Bittancourt*  
May 27, 2004

*Cordelia Isabel Athas*  
June 6, 2004

## Stewardship

Average attendance for Sundays  
in June

2003	2004
110	98

### Pledges and Loose Plate Contributions to Support St. Mark's

June 2003 \$ 12,946	June 2004 \$ 12,354
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Year to Date \$ 80,620	Year to Date \$ 90,296
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July 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>4</b> 8-9 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 10-11 am Choral Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10 am Youth Group 3 pm 4th of July Potluck BBQ— Sharon Martin's House!	<b>5</b> St. Mark's Preschool Summer School Begins	<b>6</b> 4 pm CHAM Dinner 7-9 pm David's Covenant Group	<b>7</b> 10 am Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayer 11 am Bible Study 7-9 pm Women's Covenant Group	<b>8</b> 10:30 am-11:30 am Morning Prayer/ Villa Serena	<b>9</b> 10:30-11:30 am Morning Prayer, Skyline	<b>10</b> Morning Prayer, Skyline
<b>11</b> 8-9 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 10-11 am Choral Holy Eucharist, Rite II 11:30 am Finance Committee Meeting 2 pm Deanery Meeting, St. Edward's	<b>12</b> 7:15 pm Vestry 7:15 pm New Theological Perspectives	<b>13</b> 7 am Prayer Breakfast 7-9 pm David's Covenant Group	<b>14</b> 10 am Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayer 7-9 pm Women's Covenant Group	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 10:30-11:30 am Morning Prayer, Skyline	<b>17</b> Morning Prayer, Skyline
<b>18</b> 8-9 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 10-11 am Choral Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10 am Youth Group	<b>19</b> Good News Deadline 7:15 pm New Theological Perspectives	<b>20</b> 7-9 pm David's Covenant Group	<b>21</b> 10 am Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayer 11 am Bible Study 7-9 pm Women's Covenant Group	<b>22</b> St. Mark's Preschool Summer School Ends	<b>23</b> 10:30-11:30 am Morning Prayer, Skyline 11:30 am Out to Lunch Bunch	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 8-9 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 10-11 am Choral Holy Eucharist, Rite II Outreach Back to School Collection for Santa Maria Urban Ministry	<b>26</b> 7:15 pm New Theological Perspectives	<b>27</b> 7-9 pm David's Covenant Group	<b>28</b> 10 am Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayer 11 am Bible Study 7-9 pm Women's Covenant Group	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>