



THE MANE LION

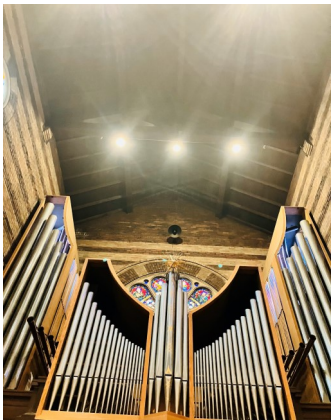
NOVEMBER 16, 2023

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works.

A Note from Fr. Hart

My Dear People of the Parish of St. Mark,

Greetings as we begin to prepare for Thanksgiving Week! As a reminder, I am flying to Wisconsin on Sunday afternoon, so the parish office will be closed and there will be no Masses Monday through Friday. If you have a pastoral emergency, please text or phone my cell phone or contact the Senior Warden. There are at least two priests who are available if you are in need of one.



A special "thank you" goes out to Cody Wilson and Junior Warden Harvey Barkley! As you may recall, the professionals who changed the lights in our nave were not willing to tackle those in the organ loft. Last Sunday after church Cody and Harvey replaced the uncooperative bulbs using a very long pole from Cody's place of business. Many thanks!

Which brings me to this Saturday's all-church clean-up day: I know several of you were hoping to be the ones to climb a rickety ladder and change the lightbulbs in the organ loft, but I hope you will still consider joining the crew this Saturday at 10:00 AM. Lunch will be provided for all workers! Remember, there are jobs of all sorts, including those for folks who would rather sit. (I wanted only jobs that would take me up on the roof, but Harvey said I had to share those jobs with others...)

I am going to start adding some new information to the Mane Lion: the attendance of the previous Sunday and the collection. Most parishioners attend either 8:00 or 10:00 exclusively. There are a few of you whose attendance varies between 8 and 10, but most of you do not ever see the other service. I hear all kinds of wild rumors ranging from huge attendance to practically no attendance at the other service, to not understanding what the service is like liturgically. This is a start by at least telling you how many of you were at the other service on a given day.

Sunday the 12th:

8:00 attendance: 11

10:00 attendance: 37

Total attendance: 48

Collection: \$1,031 (both services)

Attendance includes all human beings present at any given service, regardless of age, visitor status, where they sit, whether they commune, or how many services they attended. So I get counted twice every Sunday. The collection is not broken down by service because it includes my offering as well as what gets mailed in during the week from people who do not attend either service.

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This also gives me an opportunity to talk about stewardship: most parishes have some sort of a stewardship campaign during the fall, encouraging parishioners to make their pledge and discussing the theology of giving to the Church at all. Often times, a couple of members of the parish will write a letter to their fellow members explaining why the Parish is important to them, so it is not just the Rector making the case. When I arrived last year, it was really too late to start such a campaign, and this year I wanted to see where the budget ended up after a full year. It has become clear however, that this parish is definitely running in the red. Our 2023 budget includes \$110,000 in pledge and plate offerings (separate from any grants or the endowment), which would average to \$2,115 per week. The Vestry has had to dip into our endowment twice in 2023 to continue to pay our bills. "Yes, Father, but we did some major capital improvements," you might argue. Yes, we did, but we still would have needed to take from our principal even without making those. At least two other congregations in our area use the entire amount they get from interest for outreach. That is without touching the principal! Obviously we are nowhere near doing that, but we cannot continue to live beyond our means indefinitely. We need \$2,115 per week to meet our current budget. Please keep that in mind as you look at the collection in the *Mane Lion* each week. As you celebrate Thanksgiving next week, consider whether God's blessings to you would allow you to increase your pledge to the Parish in 2024.

I wish you all a blessed Thanksgiving,

Fr. Hart+

Upcoming Events and Announcements

- **Saturday, November 18th: Clean-up Day** and volunteers are needed to help rid the basement of junk and clean the Parish Hall. The work kicks off at 10:00 AM, and lunch will be provided. Contact Michelle Connor if you need more information.
- **Monday, November 20th: NO Inquirers Class**
- **Monday the 20th—Friday the 24th: NO MASSES**
- **Monday, November 27th: Inquirers Class** following Evening Prayer
- **Reminder: St Mark's has a new Facebook page!** If you are on social media please follow and like our page: <https://www.facebook.com/TheAnglicanParishofStMark> Simply click on the link and when the page opens, click **Like** on the top, right-hand side of the page.
- **Reminder: Lift UP is collecting nut butters during the month of November.** On your next trip to the grocery store, please add some **nut butter** to your cart for God's Poor and put them in one of the food barrels. There is one in the narthex and there is one in the parish hall by the coat rack.



Lift UP! Reverse Advent Calendar

Help support NW Portland's Food Insecure through Advent Giving

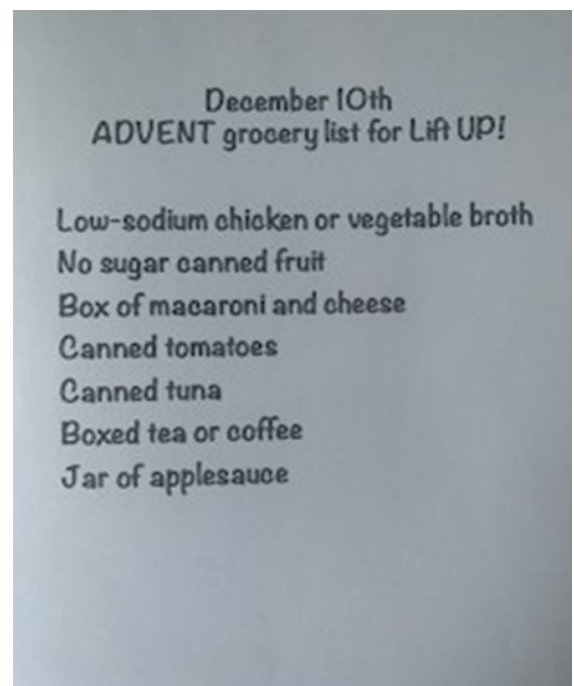
Here's how the program works... Each day in Advent has a corresponding food item listed. These are the items needed most at Preston's Food Pantry and for the monthly food boxes provided by Lift UP and delivered to residents living in various housing projects throughout NW Portland. Each Sunday in Advent (**December 3, 10, 17, and 24**) you are asked to bring any or all items from the daily Advent Calendar for that week. We will provide a weekly grocery list which you can pick-up the Sunday before so you'll know just what to shop for throughout the week. You bring your item(s) or bag of groceries to the Parish Hall on the corresponding Sunday and pick-up the following week's grocery list. Below is the list of the daily items during Advent and an example of what your grocery list will look like for the week of 12-4 to 12-10.

December 1—box of whole grain cereal
December 2—low-sodium peanut butter
December 3—low or no-sugar snacks
December 4—low-sodium chicken or vegetable broth
December 5—no syrup canned fruit
December 6—macaroni and cheese
December 7—canned tomatoes
December 8—canned tuna
December 9—boxed tea or coffee
December 10—jar of applesauce
December 11—canned sweet potatoes
December 12—spaghetti sauce

December 13—canned beans
December 14—box of crackers
December 15—package of brown rice
December 16—box of oatmeal
December 17—package of whole wheat pasta
December 18—canned chili or pork and beans
December 19—low-sodium canned soup
December 20—tomato soup
December 21—canned corn
December 22—canned mixed vegetables
December 23—canned carrots
December 24—canned green beans



For more information about Lift UP, go to lifturbanportland.org. *"At Lift UP we believe that everyone deserves healthy and nutritious food. We take great pride in ensuring our neighbors have access to the quality of food they deserve. Ninety-eight percent of those surveyed said they eat more fruits and vegetables and that their health has improved because of Lift UP."*



The Parish of St. Mark
NOVEMBER 2023 KALENDAR

1. **All Saints' Day; Mass at 6:30 PM**
2. All Souls' Day; Mass at 12:15
3. St. Winifred, VM; Mass at 12:15
4. St. Charles Borromeo, BC; Mass at 8:00 AM
5. Trinity XXII; Mass at 8 and 10
6. St. Leonard, Ab; Mass at 12:15
7. St. Willibrord, BC; Mass at 7:00 AM
8. All Anglican Martyrs & Saints; Mass at 6:30 PM
9. St. Theodore, M; Mass at 12:15
10. St. Elisabeth, Mother of John the Baptist (tr.); Mass at 12:15
11. St. Martin, BC; Mass at 8:00 AM
12. Trinity XXIII; Mass at 8 and 10
13. St. Britius, BC; Mass at 12:15
14. The Bestowal of the American Episcopate; Mass at 7:00 AM
15. St. Albert the Great, BCD; Mass at 6:30 PM
16. St. Edmund Rich, BC; Mass at 12:15
17. St. Hugh of Lincoln, BC; Mass at 12:15
18. St. Hilda, VAbs; Mass at 8:00 AM
19. Trinity XXIV; Mass at 8 and 10
20. *Parish Office closed; NO MASS*
21. *Parish Office closed; NO MASS*
22. *Parish Office closed; NO MASS*
23. *Parish Office closed; NO MASS*
24. *Parish Office closed; NO MASS*
25. St. Katherine of Alexandria; VM; Mass at 8:00 AM
26. Sunday Next Before Advent; Mass at 8 and 10
27. St. Congar of Congresbury, Ab; Mass at 12:15
28. St. Elisabeth of Hungary (tr.), QW; Mass at 7:00 AM
29. Vigil of St. Andrew the Apostle; Mass at 6:30 PM
30. **St. Andrew the Apostle; Mass at 12:15**

Mass underlined indicates a Sunday. **Mass in bold indicates a Prayer Book Feast Day**

Important!! New St. Mark Facebook Page & Emails

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<https://www.facebook.com/TheAnglicanParishofStMark>

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