



THE MANE LION

FEBRUARY 8, 2024

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 to you this last full week before Lent. A parishioner said to me this week that she must be getting older because it seems like Lent came faster this year. I assured her that Lent is starting early this year because Easter is early this year (March 31st), regardless of how old she is! This week's notes will really be more of a combination of announcements and updates, but it is all good information and some of it will help with our transition into the [early] Lenten season.

Thank you to Nancy Semmens for the reminder to bring Palm branches so that I might burn them for use of our liturgies on Ash Wednesday. I should have announced it earlier, so you only have this coming Sunday to bring them to the church. Of course, you may bring them during the week if that is convenient for you. I have put out baskets in the narthex and the parish hall to collect them. Thank you, Nancy! Better yet, exchange your last year's palm branches for a mite box, in which to save the funds you would have used to purchase whatever you are giving up for Lent. These extra funds will be collected for the Anglican Church Women (ACW), for their work throughout the diocese and the province.

And speaking of Ash Wednesday, there will be two identical services this coming Wednesday consisting of a Low Mass and imposition of ashes: 12:15 and 6:30. If I remember correctly we go a bunch of snow last year on Ash Wednesday. Please plan on attending this official beginning of the Lenten season.

The clergy of the Diocese were notified this week that our Ordinary, Bp. Ashman, has returned to the hospital. This is his second time there with a particularly bad case of COVID. The doctors are optimistic about his return to good health, but he is weak and exhausted. Bp. Hansen, the Coadjutor of the Diocese, has taken over the daily operations of the Diocese in order for Bp. Ashman to get some much-needed rest. Please pray for a return of his strength on the way to a full recovery.

I have been notified that Ron Hylton has returned home from his procedure earlier this week. He is tired, but feeling good, and the doctors are happy with how things went. Please pray for his continued recovery, and another "thank you" to Nancy Nickel for ably covering for Ron in the organ loft while he is away.

I visited Lois Larson today. While she is doing well herself, she had to have her dog of 15 years, Sophie, put down recently. As those of you with pets know, they can become an integral part of our lives. In addition, Sophie was her late husband John's dog before he passed away. Sophie always kept track of me when I came to visit, even though she could hardly see. Please pray for Lois, as she has lost a faithful friend.

I wanted to end with good news: You may recall that Karolyn Harding had to vacate her apartment in Milwaukee due to flooding during the storm and was forced to stay in a motel until things could be cleaned. I am happy to report that Mrs. Harding has moved into a new apartment (same building but new unit) and is busily unpacking. She has many books, but she has reported to me that she now has a view of the river instead of the parking lot. It is fortunate that something good came out of a horrible situation. I shall be blessing her new apartment next week.

Please consider sending a note to our bishop or one of these parishioners to let them know you are thinking about them. They all pray for our parish on a regular basis. I am happy to provide contact information to anyone who desires it.

I apologize for not including the statistics last week. Here are two week's worth:

January 28th:

8:00 attendance: 14

10:00 attendance: 38

Total Attendance: 52

Collection: \$1,525

February 4th:

8:00 attendance: 10

10:00 attendance: 28

Total Attendance: 38

Collection: \$1,998

Blessings to you all!

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Hart+

Upcoming Events and Announcements

- **Sunday, February 11: Outreach Committee Meeting** at 9:00 in the Parmenter Room
- **Monday, February 12: Inquirers Class** after 6:00 Evening Prayer
- **Wednesday, February 14: Ash Wednesday**, Low Mass with imposition of ashes at 12:15 & 6:30

Like/Follow St. Mark on Social Media

- **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>
- **Instagram:** follow St. Mark's page at [TheAnglicanParishofStMark](https://www.instagram.com/TheAnglicanParishofStMark)

Food for Lift UP in January

During the month of February, Lift UP is collecting **canned meats (tuna/chicken/turkey/etc)**

The Parish of St. Mark
FEBRUARY 2024 KALENDAR

1. *Parish Office closed; NO MASS*
2. **Presentation; Mass at 12:15**
3. St. Blaise, M; Mass at 8:00 AM
4. Sexagesima; Mass at 8 and 10
5. St. Agatha, M; Mass at 12:15
6. St. Titus, B; Mass at 7:00 AM
7. Monthly Parish Requiem; Mass at 6:15 PM
8. Feria; Mass at 12:15
9. St. Cyril; Mass at 12:15
10. St. Scholasitica; Mass at 8:00 AM
11. Quinquagesima; Mass at 8 and 10
12. Feria; Mass at 12:15
13. Feria; Mass at 7:00 AM
14. **Ash Wednesday!; Mass & Imposition of Ashes at 12:15 and 6:30 PM**
15. Lenten Mass; Mass at 12:15
16. Lenten Mass; Mass at 12:15
17. Lenten Mass; Mass at 8:00 AM
18. Lent I; Mass at 8 and 10
19. Lenten Mass; Mass at 12:15
20. Lenten Mass; Mass at 7:00 AM
21. Ember Wednesday; Mass at 6:15 PM
22. Lenten Mass; Mass at 12:15
23. Ember Friday; Mass at 12:15
24. Ember Saturday; Mass at 8:00 AM
25. Lent II; Mass at 8 and 10
26. St. Matthias, ApM (tr.); Mass at 12:15
27. Lenten Mass; Mass at 7:00 AM
28. Lenten Mass; Mass at 6:15 PM
29. Lenten Mass; Mass at 12:15

Mass underlined indicates a Sunday.

Mass in bold indicates a Prayer Book Feast Day

Important!! New St. Mark Facebook, Instagram & Emails

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

Instagram

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