



SUNDAYS & BEYOND

The Saint Mark's Cathedral weekly newsletter

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT ♦ DECEMBER 8, 2019

SUNDAY FORUM

A Review from Diocesan Convention 2019

TODAY, DECEMBER 8, 10:10 A.M., *Bloedel Hall*

Each year, representatives from congregations across the Diocese of Olympia gather together to conduct the business of the diocese. Join the Saint Mark's delegation as they share some of the key decisions, elections, and memorable experiences from this year's Diocesan Convention. Questions? Contact The Rev. Canon Cristi Chapman (cchapman@saintmarks.org).



SMALL GROUP GATHERINGS at Saint Mark's start in January—RSVP by next Sunday, December 15

Starting the week of January 8, groups of 8–10 people will meet weekly for seven weeks (through Feb. 23). Sessions will include time for shared stories, scripture, reflection, and prayer.

The Radix Project is about



THE RADIX PROJECT
small groups / deep roots

knowing one another and knowing ourselves, just as we are known by God. There is no task to be accomplished, only the invitation to be with each other and with God. To be a part of a Radix group, please RSVP by **Sunday, December 15**, either using the postcard you received in the mail (drop the postcard in the offering plate, at the office, or mail it in), or contacting Dean Thomason directly (sthomason@saintmarks.org). Extra postcards are also available at the back of the nave. Consider being a part of this transformative ministry.

Christmas Memorials & Thanksgivings

Help underwrite the beautiful flowers and music of the season by making a special contribution in honor or memory of someone. You can make your gift online at saintmarks.org/give, or fill out the form inserted in your bulletin today and make your gift by check. Return the form with your check in the offering plate, to the cathedral office, or by mail (instructions may be found on the form.) Contributions received by December 15 will be acknowledged in the bulletins on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.



Alternative Giving and Gift Blessing Celebration

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 10 A.M., *Cathedral Nave*

On the third Sunday of Advent, we will explore and celebrate many ways of rethinking holiday gift giving:

📦 Advent Giving Tree— ONLY A FEW TAGS REMAIN

The Saint Mark's Giving Tree in the nave was filled with tags for you to take and purchase Christmas gifts for children from Casa Latina, Mary's Place, and Lowell School, but they are almost all gone. Next Sunday, December



15, bring your wrapped and tagged gifts (as instructed on the tag you take) to church and place them in front of the altar for the blessing (or, if you can't be at church on Sunday, drop them off at the cathedral office no later than Friday, December 13). Join in this joyful Advent practice and opportunity to share the blessings of the season. Questions? Email Canon Nancy Ross at nross@saintmarks.org.

🧦 Wool-blend Sock Drive for Noel House

Youth, Children, & Family Ministries is collecting 30 pairs of new winter socks for the women of Noel house. Bring new wool-blend socks to church next Sunday and place them before the altar (or, if you can't be at church on December 15, drop them off at the cathedral office no later than Friday, December 13).

📧 Buy a Holiday Card to Benefit Noel House

See more information on page 3.

🛏️ Sheets & Blankets Needed for Mary's Place

Mary's Place needs your help to provide extra shelter during the cold weather season. There is a need for new and gently used twin sheets and blankets. If you can donate those, please bring them to the Gift Blessing on December 15. Questions? Contact Lynne Cobb at: bhs76er@comcast.net.

📦 Alternative Gifts Available on December 15

Next Sunday, December 15, make a donation to one of five organizations in honor of a loved one, and receive a lovely card to slip into your Christmas cards to inform them of your gesture—an alternative gift from the heart for those on your Christmas list.

CATHEDRAL PRAYER LIST

Prayer requests are listed in Sundays & Beyond for approximately four weeks. To add a name to the prayer list, contact 206.323.0300 x314 or prayers@saintmarks.org

THE CHURCH

Justin Welby, *Archbishop of Canterbury*; Michael Curry, *Presiding Bishop*; Greg Rickel, *Bishop*; all the ministries and communities of this diocese, especially St. Paul, Bellingham; and Christ Church, Blaine; the clergy, staff, and vestry of Saint Mark's Cathedral; and all the ministries of the cathedral, especially Education for Ministry and the Jubilee Debt Cancellation Ministry.

THE WORLD

Donald J. Trump, *President*; Jay Inslee, *Governor*; Jenny Durkan, *Mayor of Seattle*; António Guterres, *Secretary General of the United Nations*; Israel, Palestine, Pakistan, North Korea, Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Libya, South Sudan, Zimbabwe, Syria, Turkey, Nigeria, Yemen, Kenya, the Philippines, Sri Lanka.

ALL WHO SERVE IN THE ARMED FORCES & THEIR FAMILIES

Christopher White Shane Monkman

THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR SUFFERING IN ANY WAY, IN BODY, MIND, OR SPIRIT

Becky Novelli	Patricia de la Fuente
Jonie Pritchard	Bobbie Lord
Jennifer Graichen	Lynne Markova
Deb	Virginia Lenker
Matthew Briggs	Andy Dupree
Patricia Burke	Jeff Hill & his family
John Patrick Burke	Anne Heinz
Moses Ayorinde Adebimpe	Helen Reid
Matthew Briggs	Susie Kundrat
Nancy Cleminshaw	Derrick
Andy and his children	Kevin William
Julia	Dianne Aid
Marilynn McGlashan	Chris S
Marianne Snow	

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Becky Dunn	Louie Crew
Marilynn McGlashan	Tom Jones
Marjorie Ridders	Hunter Dupree
Teresa Marie Cook	Peggy Albers
Ken Donner	Frank Ordonez

THOSE WHO DIED RECENTLY IN SEATTLE WHILE HOMELESS

Michael G. Russell	Wayne Newkirk
Martin Indalecio, Jr	David McElveen
Robert D. Nelson	Jerry Buswell
Richard McBride	Michael Chevalier

IN THANKSGIVING

For the Chaplains of the Week, providing hospitality after morning services.

The nave altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Pieter Vance Wyckoff by his family; and in thanksgiving for her first grandchild, Oona Szwajkos, by Maris Olsen.

Hunger Offering Today

Today is Hunger Offering Sunday at Saint Mark's, where we take a special donation for six partner food banks in Seattle. These organizations help thousands of Seattleites who are struggling with food insecurity and basic living needs, and your donations make a big difference in their lives. Stop by the Hunger Offering table in the back of the nave to learn about what we do, and how you can help.



Never Again Is Now:

China's Uyghur Muslim Community

TODAY, DECEMBER 8, 5-7:30 P.M., *Bloedel Hall*



Once again, the world is seeing religious minorities being demonized, rounded up, and targeted for genocide. This is what Uyghur Muslims are experiencing today in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region of China (also known as Eastern Turkestan). Come for a heartfelt presentation by Dilnur Qurban and other Uyghur guests, as well as anthropologist Darren Byler (University of Washington) to learn more about this crisis and what we can do as individuals and as a community.

Israel Today: How Did We Get Here? Where Are We Going?

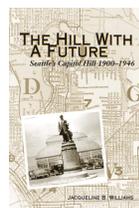
TODAY, DECEMBER 8, 7 P.M., at *Temple de Hirsch Sinai, 1441 16th Avenue, Seattle*

This past September, Israelis went to the polls in their second national election of 2019. And while the election results were inconclusive, the election itself tested the boundaries of Israel's democratic norms. Just as the current U.S. administration has demonized immigrants and people of color here at home to shore up its right-wing base, the Israeli right used the same playbook to demonize Israel's Arab citizens. This election, the very right of Israel's Arab minority citizens to vote—and participate in the democratic process—was under threat. But there are patriotic Israelis who struggle tirelessly on behalf of democracy and equality. Together, Rabbi Daniel Weiner and Dr. David Myers will explore this political moment, how we got here, and the forces in place to build a shared future for Jews and Arabs in a just Israel.



The Hill with a Future Launch Party

TODAY, DECEMBER 8, 5 P.M., at *Vermillion, 1508 11th Avenue, Seattle*



The board of Capitol Hill Historical Society has extended a special invitation to the Saint Mark's community to celebrate the release of *The Hill with a Future: Seattle's Capitol Hill 1900-1946*, the only book solely dedicated to the history of Capitol Hill. Learn more and RSVP at: hillwithafuture.eventbrite.com.

Buy a Holiday Card to Benefit Noel House

DECEMBER 8 & 15, AFTER SUNDAY SERVICES



This holiday season consider buying Noel House greeting cards to send to friends and family. The purchase of a Noel House card goes toward providing a hot meal and a warm place to stay for a woman experiencing homelessness. Cards are available in the coffee corner:

December 1, 8, and 15. Suggested donation per card is \$10. Cash/checks accepted (made out to Noel House Programs). Any questions, write to: noelhouse@saintmarks.org. To order cards directly, visit: <https://ccsww.org/get-help/shelter-homeless-services/noel-house-programs/>.

CATHEDRAL COMMONS

Prepare the Way! Practicing the Way of Advent, Including Christmas Gift Making for Seafarers

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 6:45-8:15 P.M., *Bloedel Hall*. Come early for Holy Eucharist with Service of Light at 5:30 p.m. in *Thomsen Chapel*, and/or optional Community Dinner at 6 p.m., \$7.

Advent is about waiting. It is also about preparing. But what are we preparing for and why? What do our sacred companions in scripture tell us about what it means to get ready? Join us as we explore these questions through scripture and then practice getting something important ready. That something will include preparing Christmas gifts that will be given out to merchant seafarers during the Christmas season. How might our preparation also be an act of incarnation? Bring hearts and hands to this Advent preparation.



THE PAGEANT OF THE NATIVITY

Holy Scripture, multiple choirs, and cathedral finery—a grand retelling of the Nativity story for all ages.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17,
7 P.M.



CREATION CARE MINISTRY

Saint Mark's is considering how it can reduce its carbon footprint, both as an institution and as a community. Take a first step personally and **estimate your own carbon footprint** at <https://werenew.net/kingcountywa>.

Here's a tip for this season of plentiful food and celebrations: **reduce your use of single-use plastics by storing leftovers in reusable containers with lids**. Avoid using ziplock plastic bags and plastic wrap. Go to www.earthdaynw2020.org for more ideas and to pledge to make a difference in your own small way.

Holy Folders Stuffing Event

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1 P.M., *Bloedel Hall*



Come join the "Holy Folders" as we meet on Friday, December 20, in Bloedel Hall to insert Christmas information into the Christmas Eve and Christmas

Day service bulletins. This is a great gift to the parish and to all those who come through our doors to celebrate the season. Please contact Barbara Erickson at bje46@msn.com to sign up.

Joseph Adam plays Messiaen's *La Nativité* on the Mighty Flentrop

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 4:30 P.M., *Cathedral Nave*

In 2018, Saint Mark's presented Messiaen's Christmas cycle for piano, *Vingt Regards sur l'enfant Jesus*. This year we present his Christmas cycle for organ, *La Nativité du Seigneur*.



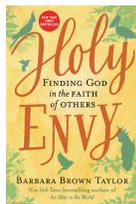
Take advantage of the rare opportunity to hear this truly profound Christmas music! Joseph Adam is Director of Music and Organist of Saint James Cathedral, Seattle, and Resident Organist of the Seattle Symphony Orchestra.

SAINT MARK'S BOOK CLUB

Finding God in the Faith of Others

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 12:30 P.M., *Cathedral House 210*

In *Holy Envy*, Episcopal priest Barbara Brown Taylor writes about what she tried to teach her students about "world religions," what she learned from them, and what she came to envy in religions that were not her own. She insists that you can't just poach from other religions. Learning from other religious traditions requires more respect than that. Questions? Contact: Pearl McElheran, pmcelheran@comcast.net.





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Weekday Service Times

MONDAY-FRIDAY, 6:30 P.M.

Evening Prayer in Thomsen Chapel

MONDAY, 7:15 P.M.

Centering Prayer in Thomsen Chapel

WEDNESDAY, 5:30 P.M. (note new time)

Holy Eucharist in Thomsen Chapel

THURSDAY, 7 A.M.

Holy Eucharist in Thomsen Chapel

Cathedral Office Hours

MONDAY-FRIDAY, 9 AM-4:30 P.M.

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Sunday, December 8, 2019 ♦ The Second Sunday of Advent

HOLY EUCHARIST, 8 A.M., Thomsen Chapel

Preacher: The Rev. Canon Cristi Chapman

HOLY EUCHARIST, 9 A.M., Cathedral Nave

Preacher: The Rev. Canon Cristi Chapman

Children's Chapel is offered during 9 a.m. service this week.

SUNDAY FORMATION, 10:10 A.M., St. Nicholas Building: Godly Play

(ages 3-8); Jesus and His Kingdom of Equals (ages 9-11). Youth Room:

Donuts & Discussion (junior high/high school). Bloedel Hall Sunday

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HOLY EUCHARIST, 11 A.M., Cathedral Nave

Preacher: The Rev. Canon Cristi Chapman

CHINA'S UYGHUR MUSLIM COMMUNITY, 5-7:30 P.M., Bloedel Hall.

See p. 2.

CATHEDRAL YOGA, 6 P.M., Cathedral Nave

A spiritual practice open to all.

CONTEMPLATIVE EUCHARIST, 7 P.M., Thomsen Chapel

COMPLINE, 9:30 P.M., Cathedral Nave

Ancient nighttime prayers, sung by the Compline Choir. A Seattle tradition since 1956; broadcast live on KING 98.1 FM, and streaming online at king.org.

Following in Celtic Footsteps Pilgrimage Is Now FULL



The pilgrimage is now at capacity. You may contact Canon Cristi Chapman at cchapman@saintmarks.org to submit your name to be added to a wait list in the event someone cancels. You will be contacted in the event that happens.

"Blue Christmas" Service

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 7 P.M., Thomsen Chapel

We are told that this is "the most wonderful time of the year." But for many who are experiencing or have experienced loss, grief, or hardship, the festive season can in fact be particularly painful and alienating. The "Blue Christmas" liturgy is a special service of Holy Eucharist in Thomsen Chapel. It is intended to hold a space for whatever you may be going through, while offering the hope of light and peace. All are welcome.



Mother Sperry's Plum Pudding



If your Christmas tradition was to buy Mother Sperry's Plum Pudding from the Cathedral Shop (now closed), Winnie Sperry wants you to know you can still get her pudding! Call her at 206.329.8631, or go to mothersperrysplumpudding.com.

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