



The Lion's Roar

St. Mark's on the Campus Episcopal Church
— APRIL 2006 —



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Holy Eucharist

Sunday — 8:30 & 10:30

Tuesday — 12:30 (Lady Julian Chapel)

The Rt. Rev. Joe G. Burnett Bishop
The Rev. Jerrold Thompson Rector
The Rev. Sidnie White Crawford

Priest Associate

Christine Grosh Deacon
Roger Wait Deacon

John Flint Senior Warden

Susan Musick Junior Warden

Richard Toren Treasurer

Suzi Lore Asst. Treasurer

Mary Murrell Faulkner Music Director

Natalie Shepard Christian Education

Ben Carlisle Interim Admin. Assistant

St. Mark's on the Campus strives to be a Eucharistic Community of reflection and action, acceptance and growth, Gospel and word.

— SERVICE SCHEDULE —



SUNDAY OF THE PASSION — PALM SUNDAY —

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Blessing of the Palms

Holy Eucharist

Reading of the Passion

— HOLY TUESDAY —

12:30 p.m.

Holy Eucharist LJC

— MAUNDY THURSDAY —

7:00 p.m.

Choral Eucharist

Stripping of the Altar

“The Watch” until Friday 8 a.m.

— GOOD FRIDAY —

8:00 a.m.

Prayers for Closing

“The Watch”

12:00 p.m.

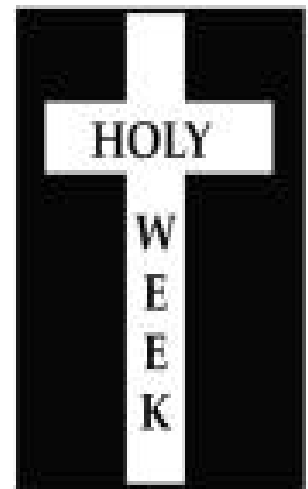
Stations of the Cross

7:00 p.m.

Solemn Good Friday Liturgy, followed by

The Seven Last Words of Christ, Franz Joseph Haydn, Chiara

String Quartet



— HOLY SATURDAY —

11:00 p.m.

Great Vigil of Easter

— EASTER SUNDAY —

8:30 a.m. **NO SERVICE**

10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist



April Ministry assignments will be posted on the Web, and on the bulletin board outside the office door. In addition, reminders will be sent by email, or phone if you do not have an email account.

From the Rector

by Father Jerry Thompson

Dear Friends,

As some of you already know, we are welcoming Ben Carlisle into the office as the Interim Administrative Assistant. Ben and his wife, Kelly Grey, have been parishioners of St. Mark's on the Campus for about five years. They both sing in the choir and, if you don't know him, as I said to my children, "Ben is the one who plays the harpsichord in church." Ben is currently completing his doctoral work at UNL in harpsichord with a related area in conducting, and he will be searching for a teaching job when that is finished.

I am delighted to have Ben working in the office. He brings excellent qualities to the position, including both a high level of technical skills and a pleasant personality. He's a joy to have around! In addition, as an interim, he consciously will be getting the office prepared for the person who follows him when the time is right.

As a gentle reminder, Ben doesn't work in the office on Sundays; please respect him and his time, and conduct church "business matters" Monday through Friday. If you haven't met Ben, stop by and say hello!

Yours in Christ,

From Christine Grosh . . .

Greetings from Gwen Fischer-Hustvedt! Gwen called recently to let us know she is defending her doctoral dissertation in May and she has signed a contract at Texas State at San Marcos. Her position is assistant professor of fashion merchandising. She will be teaching product analysis, textiles and costume history. She will be moving this summer and I plan to host a farewell party this spring. More information to follow!



April Birthdays

3 Don Burge	21 Stan Sipple
4 Ruth Armstrong	23 Beth Suter
7 Joe Kraus	25 Grant Clough
14 Jim Karas	27 Mitchell Karas
15 Anne Puls	29 Jeanne Vannorsdall
17 Diana Stock	29 Julee Lowe
20 Nathan Karas	

Sermons

are available on the St. Marks Web site and also in the narthex of the church.

Please Tour
by David Pitts

The Undercroft

As St. Mark's embarks on the process of considering which projects to undertake, I very much hope the Undercroft, which is the portion of our church directly underneath the main sanctuary, and is where the Jr-Sr High School Youth Group meets each Sunday morning, will become a high priority for renovation.

If you have not been downstairs to visit the Undercroft recently, I invite and encourage you to go downstairs and experience the space.

What follows is a letter I wrote to the vestry a few months ago about the space. I hope you will read it, tour the Undercroft and see whether you agree with my remarks.

October 31, 2005
Vestry and Rector
St. Mark's on the Campus
13th & R Streets
Lincoln, NE

Dear Members of the Vestry and Father Thompson:

The Junior-Senior High youth meeting space in the east portion of the basement at St. Mark's is un-welcoming and in desperate need of renovation. Presently, there are two main areas – a small enclosed space on the south end, and a large open area which constitutes the remainder of the space. The small area is serviceable, but the youth find it somewhat confining and prefer the openness of the large area. Moreover, the heating system is very loud in the small area.

The large area can fairly be described as the "church garage." It is a dingy, poorly lighted space with quite a bit of old, broken-down furniture, residue from various projects, quantities of unused junk, etc. The area is seldom cleaned, and the single trash barrel rarely is emptied. The walls and ceiling are in need of painting. There is much, much, more which can be said in describing the needs of the space, but I'll end my list with the fact that NONE of the wall outlets in either portion of the space work.

It is important to me that you experience the space, for I think it will tell you a great deal. Therefore, I request that you have at least one of your next two vestry meetings in the large space, and perhaps another one in the smaller space. (I completely understand if you prefer not to meet downstairs, but failure to do so will make my point more loudly.)

The space is an embarrassment to St. Mark's. It is disrespectful to the youth (and to a lesser extent, their teachers) to have them meeting there, and I fear gives the youth a subtle message that the St. Mark's community does not value them. I think the space creates barriers to the establishment of a vibrant youth community. It is conceivable to me that some families might find the space so un-welcoming, that they might consider moving to or visiting other churches.

I recognize that St. Mark's has many needs. But I don't think the youth program should be low priority. In fact, I think the program and its space should be among the top priorities: as the old cliché says, "youth are the future of the church." I don't think the congregation has much awareness of

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
SUNDAY SERVICES/ADULT FORUM/SUNDAY SCHOOL 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m. Adult Forum & Church School 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Choir							1 DST BEGINS Set your clocks ahead 1-hour tonight
2 LENT 5 11:45 a.m. Confirmation Class 2:00 p.m. Inquirer’s Class	3	4	5 5:30 p.m. Choir	6	7	8	
9 PALM SUNDAY 11:45 a.m. Confirmation Class 2:00 p.m. Inquirer’s Class	10 Monday in Holy Week	11 Tuesday in Holy Week 12:30 p.m. Eucharist LJC	12 Wednesday in Holy Week 5:15 p.m. LAST Evening Prayer 5:30 p.m. Choir	13 Maundy Thursday 7:00 p.m. Eucharist Stripping of Altar The Watch	14 Good Friday 8:00 a.m. Closing the Watch 12:00 p.m. Stations 7:00 p.m. GF Liturgy	15 Easter Vigil 11:00 p.m. Great Vigil of Easter	
16 EASTER DAY 8:00 a.m. NO SERVICE 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist	17 OFFICE CLOSED	18 <i>ROAR</i> Deadline	19 5:30 p.m. Choir	20	21	22	
23 EASTER 1 Celebrating ST. MARK’S DAY 8:30 NO SERVICE 10:30 Eucharist and CONFIRMATION and Reception	24	25 ST MARK THE EVANGELIST	26 5:30 p.m. Choir	27	28	29	
30 EASTER 2 2:00 p.m. Inquirer’s Class	WEEK DAYS 12:30 p.m. – Every Tuesday – Holy Eucharist -- LJC 5:15 p.m. – Every Week-Day – Evening Prayer M-T-Th-F in the Church [Wed. in Lady Julian Chapel]						

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the condition of the space and it seems to me that for a number of years, the space (as well as the youth program) has effectively been "out-of-sight, out-of-mind."

A renovated space will go a long way towards making the youth program an attractive feature of St. Mark's, and one in which the whole church community can take pride. Thus, I request and hope there will be near-term planning for renovation. I, and I expect others who work with youth, would very much appreciate your views on whether renovating the downstairs space can be made a high priority.

Sincerely,
David R. Pitts



CONFIRMATION

at St. Mark's on the Campus will be held Sunday, April 23 at the 10:30 a.m. service

with The Rt. Rev. Joe G. Burnett, Bishop, officiating. St. Mark the Evangelist Day (from April 25) will be celebrated. A reception for the Bishop, the Confirmands and their families will follow the service.

Evening Prayer

Evening Prayer services being held each evening at 5:15 p.m. will continue through Wednesday (April 12) in Holy Week. THANK YOU to those persons who have officiated at and to those who have attended the Evening Prayer.

Looking Ahead

The final concert of the 2006 *I Nomi Nuovi* concert series will take place **Tuesday, May 2**, at 7:30 p.m. Soprano Wanda Yang Temko will join Ben Carlisle to perform *Cosmopolitan Cantatas: Sacred and Secular Cantatas from France and Italy*. Wanda is from Atlanta, where she sings professionally as a soloist and in several choirs. She is also an on-air radio

personality at WABE, Atlanta's NPR affiliate. The 18th century music historian Charles Burney complained even in the 1770s that this "dramatically complete — that is, with a beginning, a middle, and an end" genre had fallen out of favor amongst performers, and it is quite possible that some of the works heard in this concert are heard for the first time since the 18th century. Suggested donation is \$10.00, \$5.00 for students. For more information, contact Ben in the office.



Treasurer

Year to February 28, 2006	Actual	Budget
INCOME		
Plate	5,137.24	2,166.00
Pledge	30,654.50	31,268.00
Diocese	3,416.66	3,416.00
Miscellaneous Income	238.24	600.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$39,446.64	\$37,450.00
EXPENSES		
Diocesan Asking	4,623.00	4,622.00
Outreach	137.50	0.00
Salaries & Benefit	28,711.44	25,985.00
Utilities	2,733.22	2,007.00
Property & Insurance	2,447.04	604.00
Travel	1,200.00	1,242.00
Office	3,802.02	4,006.00
Altar & School Supplies	1,058.94	826.00
Congregational Life	475.66	1,132.00
Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$45,188.82	\$40,424.00

Our financial year runs from January 1 to December 31.

Income continues to be slightly ahead of our budget. Expenses are also ahead of budget, primarily due to some quarterly and annual bills paid early in the year. Hopefully, these will fall back to the budget levels as the year progresses.

Sincerely,
Richard Toren

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