



The Feast of Saint Mark

St. Mark, the author of the second Gospel, was the son of Mary whose house at Jerusalem was the meeting place of Christians. He was baptized and instructed by St. Peter. In about the year 42 A.D. he came to Rome with the Prince of the Apostles. There at the request of the faithful he wrote his Gospel about the year 50 A.D. His Gospel is a record of St. Peter's preaching about Our Lord and pays special attention to the head of the Apostles. The Gospel was written for Roman Gentile converts. It rarely quotes the Old Testament, and is careful to explain Jewish customs, rites and words. It excels in portraying the emotions and affections of both Christ and His hearers. St. Mark preached in Egypt, especially in Alex-

andria and was martyred there by the heathen.

According to the 1962 Missal of Bl. John XXIII the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, today is the Feast of St. Mark, and the Major Rogation. While no longer required after Vatican II, Rogation Days can still be observed by the faithful. Fasting and penance were required, and the faithful would especially pray Litanies on this day.

What are Rogation Days?

"Rogation Days are the four days set apart to bless the fields, and invoke God's mercy on all of

creation. The 4 days are April 25, which is called the Major Rogation (and is only coincidentally the same day as the Feast of St. Mark); and the three days preceding Ascension Thursday, which are called the Minor Rogations. Traditionally, on these days, the congregation marches the boundaries of the parish, blessing every tree and stone, while chanting or reciting a Litany of Mercy, usually a Litany of the Saints".

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Special points of interest:

- Church Survey
- Tablecloths, please!

The Feast of Saint Mark, continued

St. Mark

John Mark, later known simply as Mark, was a Jew by birth. He was the son of that Mary who was proprietress of the Cenacle or "upper room" which served as the meeting place for the first Christians in Jerusalem (Acts 12:12). He was still a youth at the time of the Savior's death. In his description of the young man who was present when Jesus was seized and who fled from the rabble leaving behind his "linen cloth," the second Evangelist might possibly have stamped the mark of his own identity.

During the years that followed, the rapidly maturing youth witnessed the growth of the infant Church in his mother's Upper Room and became acquainted with its traditions. This knowledge he put to excellent use when compiling his Gospel. Later, we find Mark acting as a companion to his cousin Barnabas and Saul on their return journey to Antioch and on their first missionary journey. But Mark was too immature for the hardships of this type of work and therefore left them at Perge in Pamphylia to return home.

As the two apostles were preparing for their second missionary journey, Barnabas wanted to take his cousin with him. Paul, however, objected. Thereupon the two cousins undertook a missionary journey to Cyprus. Time healed the strained relations between Paul and Mark, and during the former's first Roman captivity (61-63), Mark rendered Paul valuable service (Col. 4:10; Philem. 24), and the Apostle learned to appreciate him. When in chains the second time Paul requested Mark's presence (2 Tim. 4:11).

An intimate friendship existed between Mark and Peter; he played the role of Peter's companion, disciple, and interpreter. According to the common patristic opinion, Mark was present at Peter's preaching in Rome and wrote his Gospel under the influence of the prince of the apostles. This explains why incidents which involve Peter are described with telling detail (e.g., the great day at Capharnaum, 1:14f). Little is known of Mark's later life. It is certain that he died a martyr's death as bishop of Alexandria in Egypt. His relics were transferred from Alexandria to Venice, where a worthy tomb was erected in St. Mark's Cathedral.

The Gospel of St. Mark, the shortest of the four, is, above all, a Roman Gospel. It originated in Rome and is addressed to Roman, or shall we say, to Western Christianity. Another high merit is its chronological presentation of the life of Christ. For we should be deeply interested in the historical sequence of the events in our blessed Savior's life.

Furthermore, Mark was a skilled painter of word pictures. With one stroke he frequently enhances a familiar scene, shedding upon it new light. His Gospel is the "Gospel of Peter," for he wrote it under the direction and with the aid of the prince of the apostles. "The Evangelist Mark is represented as a lion because he begins his Gospel in the wilderness, 'The voice of one crying in the desert: Make ready the way of the Lord,' or because he presents the Lord as the unconquered King."

Excerpted from *The Church's Year of Grace*, Pius Parsch

<http://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2013-04-25>

Check This Out!!!

JOIN THE THEOLOGICAL INQUIRY CLASS LED BY FR. MARK USING FREDERICK BUECHNER'S BOOK "WISHFUL THINKING: A THEOLOGICAL ABC". THE CLASS IS HELD IN STEWART LOUNGE (IN ST. MARK'S) BETWEEN SUNDAY SERVICES FROM 9:00 TO 10:00.



Lectio Divina will be held on April 6th at 9 AM



Do you have any white tablecloths to fit the 6'-8' tables in Douglas Hall that Stephanie may borrow for her wedding on June 1st?! Please contact—
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Vestry Clerk—NEEDED
Members—NEEDED

SOUP'S ON, EChO Stone Soup



Soup Ministry

Homemade soups in the freezer are available for parishioners and friends that are sick, shut-in or need some TLC. Feel free to give soup to someone you see at church that is hurting, or take soup to someone you are going to visit. The soups are in the freezer on the east wall of the kitchen.



Help make lunch for the community.....COT will be making soup to give to EChO for those in need on April 21st. We need volunteers to help in the preparation and purchase of ingredients (see below) for this worthy cause.

Please contact Stephanie Harris if interested and willing to help!
303-564-0210

Stephanie's Easy Potato Soup



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| 3 lb bag of potatoes, cubed | 1 onion |
| 1 package bacon, cooked crisp | 3 cups Chicken stock |
| 1 cup Milk | chopped parsley |
| 2-3 cups water | Salt & pepper |

Cube potatoes and place in pot with chicken stock and water. Chop onion and add to stock. Cook bacon until crisp and add. Cook until potatoes are almost fully cooked. Add milk and parsley. Salt and pepper to taste. Serves 8.

REMEMBER TO MULTIPLY BY EIGHT FOR EChO STONE SOUP!!!

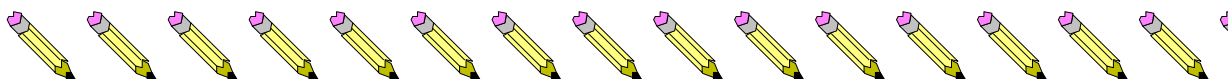
STEPHANIE WILL BE OUT OF TOWN—PLEASE CONTACT IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO LEAD THIS FUN COOKING EVENT!!

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY 2013 AT EVERGREEN LAKE

April 20th—10 -4

THE 24TH ANNUAL MOUNTAIN AREA EARTH DAY FAIR WILL BE THE FEATURE EVENT IN A NEARLY MONTH LONG COUNT-DOWN TO EARTH DAY CELEBRATION WHICH WILL ENCOMPASS A SERIES OF VARYING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES INCLUDING THE FESTIVITIES AT THE LAKE HOUSE. THIS YEAR'S THEMES OF EARTH, WATER, AIR AND SPIRIT **WILL TIE** ALL

EVENTS AROUND THE HEART OF THE MATTER: "OUR EARTH, OUR CHANCE", OUR MOUNTAIN COMMUNITIES' NEW RECURRING EVENT SERIES TO LOOK FORWARD TO ANNUALLY.

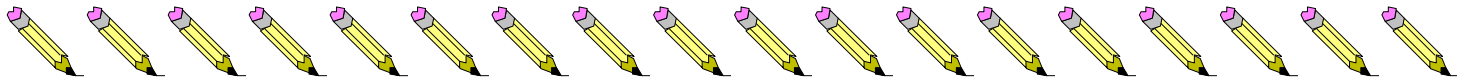


March 18, 2013

- The survey was approved and sent to the congregation*
- We will have meetings/open forums at various times in order for all congregants to be able to participate*



ALL PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME TO SIT IN ON THE OPEN SESSIONS OF THE VESTRY MEETINGS.



The Transfiguration Book Club

Monday, April 22nd from 6:30—9:30 PM in the Church

The April Book is: *Old Cape Magic* by Richard Rousseau

All are invited to join in on this fun and interesting group—ladies AND gentlemen!

Even if you have never come to any of the meetings before, please come.....and bring friends!

Please bring a snack and drink to share

If you have question or concerns, email

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Bring your friends! -- we would like to grow our attendance to include others in the Evergreen community.

EDS Waste Solutions Recycling Tour

Our Earth, Our Chance Event: Get behind the scenes of Evergreen's own recycling center!

Tours at 10am and 3pm
EDS Transfer Station, 5801 Hwy 73, Evergreen

<http://www.OurEarthOurChance.weebly.com>

Announcements

- ✓ The Evergreen Area Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce an all-new event, A Taste of Evergreen: Four Seasons, Five Senses. The evening will highlight how to create sensual events year-round. Join us on April 26th, 2013 from 5-9pm, at the Evergreen Lake House for a night of fun and festivities.
- ✓ Come meet local restaurants, event service providers and artists while sampling the talent in our area. There are still a few vendor spaces available, starting at just \$100 per booth. You can purchase tickets and register as a vendor online at www.Evergreenchamber.org or by calling 303-674-3412.
- ✓ Please join us for A Taste of Evergreen: Four Seasons, Five Senses, celebrating the sights, sounds, smells, touches and tastes of our mountain community.



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ACOLYTES, USHERS, LECTORS, READERS, VESTRY MEMBERS, CHOIR MEMBERS, SUNDAY SOCIAL TIME LEADERS, BREAD BAKERS, ALTAR GUILD



Prayers



Anointing and Healing

Prayers Anointing and healing prayers are offered by Father Mark and the Daughters of the King during the 10:15 service on the last Sunday of each month. All are welcome to come to the front of the church after communion for this special offering. This month the prayers will be on April 28th.

Morning Prayer Service

sponsored by the Daughters of the King and in fellowship with EDSE is offered on **WEDNESDAY** mornings at 8:30 AM in the church. The Daughters and Friends of the Episcopal Day School extend an invitation to all to attend this wonderful service. Please feel free to walk the Labyrinth after.

Evening Prayer Service

also sponsored by the Daughters of the King is offered on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 5:30 pm in the Chapel of St. Mary and St. Joseph. The next Evening Prayer services will be April 8th and 22nd.

March 2013



Dear Fellow Parishioners,

As you know the Church of the Transfiguration is currently going through a discernment process. The Vestry would like your help. Attached please find a Parish Survey. We invite your participation in filling out this form. You are not limited to one response per family. We want to hear from all of you! You may complete this online or pick up a hard copy in the back of the church. You may turn paper copies into the church office or place them in the collection plate. We ask that we receive your prayerful responses by April 14, 2013.

The Vestry will be working with Rev. Lada Hardwick after surveys are completed. We will offer parish meetings at the end of April or beginning of May depending on Lada's availability.

Thank you for input. If you have questions, please direct them to a Vestry member.

Church of the Transfiguration

Parish Survey



Would you care to provide your name and email address?

(This is optional, you may keep your survey anonymous if you prefer.)

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

1. Age:

18 - 29 years old

30 - 40 years old

41 - 50 years old

51 - 65 years old

65+ years old

2. How important to you are these aspects of church life? (Place a check mark in the appropriate box.)

	Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important At All	No opinion
Administration/Stewardship	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Christian Formation/Education	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Church Growth/Development	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Evangelism	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fellowship	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Interfaith Outreach	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Liturgy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Music Ministry	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Outreach/Giving	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Social Justice Advocacy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pastoral Care	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Preaching	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Youth Ministry	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

3. As the Church of the Transfiguration grows and becomes able to offer expanded programs and ministries, where would you like to see us focus our attention? (Place a check mark in the appropriate box.)

	Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important At All	No opinion
Administration/Stewardship	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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4. Pastoral Specialties: the following categories are used by clergy to designate their pastoral specialties. RANK ORDER them in order of their level of importance to you, 1 being the most important and 10 being the least important.

Youth Leader: ability to inspire youth and incorporate them into the full life and ministry of the church. _____

Teacher: ability to help persons of all ages understand and live the Christian faith. _____

Pastor: ability to care for people so that they are nurtured and challenged for growth within the community of faith. _____

Administrative/Stewardship Leader: ability to manage the affairs of the congregation. _____

Evangelism Leader: ability to train and lead others to present Jesus Christ in such a way that persons may be led to Him and follow Him. _____

Ecumenical Leader: ability to lead and work in programs sponsored interdenominationally or jointly by a number of churches. _____

Outreach Leader: ability to enable the congregation to become aware of and respond to persons in need. _____

Community Leader: ability to organize community groups to meet stated needs, e.g. drug problems, fair housing, school issues. _____

Theologian: ability to demonstrate a disciplined understanding of biblical and historical revelation and the perception of God's activity in the world. _____

Preacher: ability to preach with clarity and to make the Gospel relevant in people's lives. _____

5. I would like a priest most comfortable with a worship style that is:

- Similar to our current style of worship
- More contemporary than our current style of worship
- More formal than our current style of worship
- Varied
- No preference

6. The on MOST important quality in a priest for me is:

- Pastoral care (individual, personal involvement with parishioners)
- Quality of sermon/preaching
- Active involvement in outreach
- Ability as an evangelist
- Ability as a teacher/educator/biblical scholar
- Active involvement in issues outside the church (social, political, ecumenical)
- Active role with youth

7. I would like a priest whose sermons are:

- Personal and applicable to daily life
- Theological, interpretation of lectionary
- Evangelistic
- Focused on social and political issues
- Suitable for and comprehensible to children

8. *If your participation in church activities has increased, why?*

9. *If your participation in church activities has decreased, why?*

10. *What are three things you like most about the Church of the Transfiguration?*

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

11. *What are biggest challenges facing the Church of the Transfiguration?*

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

12. *Additional Comments:*



Taize: A Pilgrimage of Trust on Earth

A Message from the Diocese:

I'm excited to share with you a unique opportunity for young adults, age 18-35 to participate in a wonderful spiritual retreat. The Lakota people of Pine Ridge, South Dakota, are welcoming the brothers of Taize, France in hosting "Taize: A Pilgrimage of Trust on Earth" on May 24-27, 2013. The outdoor gathering will include meditative prayer together three times a day, Bible study, workshops, small group sharing, and meals together, provided by the local Lakota people. The event is meant for young people aged 18-35, a voice rarely heard in the church or in society. Young adults, mentors, and clergy from the Diocese of Colorado have coordinated efforts to provide an opportunity for any young adult, within the Episcopal Church and beyond, to attend this gathering as part of a larger community.

Individuals can register to attend on their own, and individual groups can do so as well. However, our hope is that both individuals and groups would choose to be part of our diocesan contingency in order to foster community among each other that we may grow and develop after the event. Plus, we take care of the logistics!

To register for "Taize: A Pilgrimage of Trust On Earth" as part of our diocesan contingency, please visit <http://tinyurl.com/YATAize13>. The registration deadline is April 1, 2013, though we encourage early registration, as the event is predicted to fill up. The cost of \$80 includes the \$50 retreat fee plus a \$30 travel expense per person. Scholarships are available if the cost is prohibitive. Please just contact Catie Greene (cgreene@coloradodiocese.org) for more information.

For more information on the event, please visit http://www.taize.fr/en_article14640.html. This web page includes links to the schedule for the weekend and its own independent registration page, should participants choose to register to attend on their own.



FOOD BANK



Evergreen Christian Outreach

Needs List-April 2013

Small Peanut Butter

Toothpaste

Hearty Soups

Canned Refried Beans

Mac & Cheese

Toilet Paper

Spaghetti Sauce

Sugar

Cold Cereal

Razors

Canned fruit

Laundry Detergent

Tooth Brushes

Dish Liquid Soap

Helper Meals

Canned Kidney Beans

Bar Soap

Stuffing Mix

Instant Potatoes

Ravioli/Spaghettio's/Chili



Other Items for St. Raphael's House*

Coffee Makers

Telephones

Pots & Pans

Mens Jeans

Spoons & Forks

King & Queen Bedding

Vacuum Cleaners

Blenders, Toasters, Microwaves

Tarps

Blankets

Winter Clothes

Hats, Gloves, Scarves

Note: *No after hours donations accepted due to fire and safety requirements. Thank you for your cooperation and your donations.*

Volunteers Always Needed!

Call: 303-670-1796

Open Mondays 10-6

Open Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 10-4

Celebrate!!!

April Birthdays

Shelley Black	April 4
Jerri Avery	April 13
Liz Hallas	April 16
Claire Terry	April 26



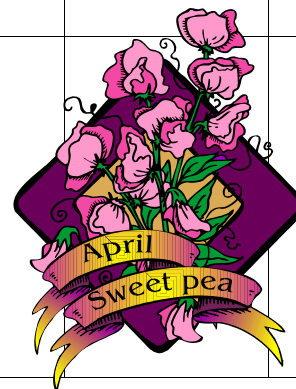
April Anniversaries

Steven & Vivian Peters	April 1
Jim & Valerie Malone	April 5
David & Shelley Black	April 20
Bob & Liz Jones	April 24
Wayne & Kathi Grider	April 28



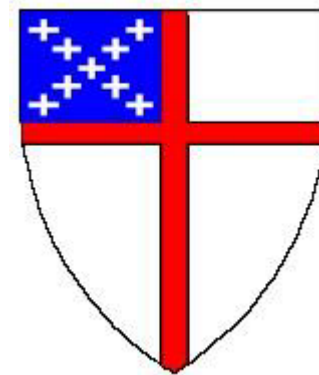
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><i>Church</i></p> <p><i>Douglas Hall</i></p> <p><i>St. Mark's</i></p> <p><i>Meadow</i></p> <p><i>Chapel</i></p> <p><i>Stuart Lounge</i></p>	1	2	3	4	5	6
						8 am <i>AA</i> 9 am <i>Lectio Divina</i> 1:30-6 <i>Recital</i>
<p>7 8 am <i>Holy Eucharist</i></p> <p>9 -10 <i>Theological Inquiry</i></p> <p>10:15 am <i>Holy Eucharist, Sunday School</i></p> <p>1:30-6 <i>Recital</i></p>	8	9	10	11	12	13
	9-3 <i>EDSE</i> 5:30 <i>Evening Prayer</i>	9-3 <i>EDSE</i> 6-7 <i>Property Committee</i> 6-10 <i>EChO Board Mtg</i>	8:30 <i>Morning Prayer</i> 9-3 <i>EDSE</i> 1-3 <i>Evergreen Interfaith</i> 7:30 pm <i>AA</i>	9-3 <i>EDSE</i> 7 pm <i>Choir</i>		8 am <i>AA</i>
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	9-3 <i>EDSE</i> 5:30 <i>Vestry</i>	8-4 <i>EChO Workshop</i> 9-3 <i>EDSE</i> 6-10 pm <i>Friendship Bridge</i>	8:30 <i>Morning Prayer</i> 9-3 <i>EDSE</i> 7:30 pm <i>AA</i>	9-3 <i>EDSE</i> 9-10:30 <i>EChO</i> 7 pm <i>Choir</i>		8 am <i>AA</i> 3:30-5:30 - <i>Recital</i>
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Newsletter Submissions

Please contact Stephanie Harris with ideas, suggestions and monthly reports for the newsletter. Monthly reports to be submitted no later than the 22nd of each month.

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**Have something to add to the newsletter?!?!
Please contact Stephanie (see contact information to the left).**

**Upcoming ideas for pages: recipe exchange,
community coupons, trivia and games**

**ALL IDEAS WELCOME AND
ENCOURAGED!!!**