

Sunday, June 21, 2026 Announcements

Today - Welcome to Michele Maia, Our New Family Minister!

Come introduce yourself to Michele at Agape! She is looking forward to getting to know everyone. Young friends, please join Michele on the Courtyard during the adult forum to make some ice cream together and enjoy a sundae on Sunday!

Today - Episcopal Impact Fund Forum

Today's forum will be offered by Canon for Social Ministries Christina Alvarez, who is Executive Director of Episcopal Impact Fund with Peter Kidder (former Board member of EIF). Come learn about EIF's work throughout the Bay Area and the impact that this important ministry is having. Contribute to EIF's work at tiny.cc/giveSTM

June 26 - James Welch Organ Recital

On June 26, 7:30 p.m., St. Mark's Organist Emeritus James Welch will perform a recital with works by Johann Sebastian Bach, Komm Heiliger Geist from the 18 Leipzig Chorales and the six Schübler Chorales. Admission & Reception is free (donations gratefully received at tiny.cc/giveSTM).



June 27 - Special "Spread the Chips" B&G Workday

Saturday, June 27 is the Building and Grounds Commission special workday, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We will focus on spreading wood chips. Any amount of time you can give is appreciated. Questions? Contact info@saint-marks.com.

Pride Month Parish Read (with Discussion Forum on June 28)

June is Pride month! As a parish, we will read *From Sin to Amazing Grace: Discovering the Queer Christ* by Patrick Cheng. The book discussion is on June 28 at forum hour.

June 28 - Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve Tour and Hike

Join us for a tour of Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve ('Ootchamin 'Ooyakma) on Sunday, June 28 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. We will meet at St. Mark's then head over to Jasper Ridge, a 1.0 to 2.5 miles of trails and gravel roads. Folks with limited mobility are welcome to join - there is quite a bit to learn and see at the field station and you are welcome to do art, play cards, or take time for contemplative practice while others hike. Sign up at tiny.cc/JRBP



Interested in Leading a Summer Forum?

Would you like to lead a spiritual topic forum this summer? Send proposals to info@saint-marks.com with a title and a two-sentence description.

New Vestry Members and Junior Warden Elected

At the June 2 meeting of the Vestry, Diane Guinta and Cheryl Miller were elected by the Vestry to fulfill partial Vestry terms. Many thanks to the nominating committee for their work in putting forward these candidates. Stuart Sailer was elected to serve as the Junior Warden for the 2026/27 Vestry year. See their biographies at bit.ly/4auRC5F.



Stanford Blood Drive

St. Mark's partnered with a student club at Palo Alto Senior High School and the Stanford Blood Center to host a blood drive on May 26th. We offered our parking lot to a bloodmobile that welcomed 25 donors, for a total of 25 productive blood units, which can be used for 63 patients!

Register Now for Monthly "Vote Faithfully" Networking Calls

On the first Thursday of each month from June through November, 10:30–11:00 a.m., the Episcopal Church's Public Policy and Witness team hosts a series of "Vote Faithfully" calls to share resources to promote voting and civic participation while remaining nonpartisan. Register at tiny.cc/votefairfully



Faith, Justice, and Community: An Invitation to Attorneys at Saint Mark's

Iain Greensides, a parishioner who is an attorney, invites St. Mark's members who are attorneys to gather for a shared meal and conversation about ways we may be able to support the work of the Becoming Beloved Community Taskforce. It's an opportunity to share ideas helpful in advancing the ministry. Contact info@saint-marks.com. We will find a time in coming weeks to gather.

Jail Ministry - Composition Books and Writing!

Our Jail Ministry team will be starting the next round of the Men's Writing Group in July. Our latest booklet from the last round will be published in June! We are seeking donation of black (black only, please) lined composition books (Mead or similar, no staples or metal parts). Questions? Contact info@saint-marks.com.

Aug 16 – Forum on Language Partner Program with Rosalie Rendu Center

We will have forum speakers—Maria Lozano, Executive Director, and Sister Trinitas Hernandez (Sister T), Founder of the Rosalie Rendu Center in EPA—who will speak to us about their successful language partner program. Learn more about them at www.rosalie-rendu-center.org.

Food Closet

Food Items Needed: 15 oz cans of canned veggies, diced tomatoes; soups; ramen noodles; instant coffee; jam/jelly; and dry cereal. The Food Closet is looking for a volunteer for Tuesdays from 12:30 to 2:30. Must be able to work well with the public. Please contact Shirley at (650)704-9813 by phone or text.