

# St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

March 5, 2026

## Upcoming Events

### Time of Contemplation & Healing Service

3/5, Thursday

### Food Delivery

3/16, Monday

### Time of Contemplation & Healing Service

3/19, Thursday

### Hosanna Chalk Art

3/26, Saturday

### Church Cleanup Day

3/26, Saturday

### Palm Sunday

3/29, Sunday

### Holy Week Services

3/30-4/1--Evening Services

4/2--Maundy Thursday

4/3--Stations of the Cross

### Resurrection Easter Sunday

4/5, Sunday



## Reflections from the Rector



For twenty-two years as a priest, I have been humbled by the trust people place in me for their spiritual well-being. A common topic among church leaders is how to grow the church. Like leaders in any organization, clergy often rely on numbers—attendance, number of ministries, size of the budget—to measure progress and determine next steps. Yet I struggle with using these metrics as the primary indicators of success.

We are taught that good leaders and successful organizations have measurable outcomes. I am inspired, like many others, when I hear about a new church plant that attracts more people every week. I listen closely to what they're doing, hoping that perhaps I, too, can replicate their success.

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## Sunday Worship Service

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

[Visit our website](#)

## Time of Contemplation & Healing Prayer

### Time of Contemplation & Healing Prayer THIS EVENING at 5:45 p.m.

During Lent, we will offer a “Time of Contemplation and Healing Prayer” this evening and on Thursday, March 19th. Both will be at 5:45 pm and last 30-40 minutes. This time can be a way to enhance our relationship with our Creator and Savior.



Have you ever heard about Contemplative or Centering Prayer? Do you have any idea what it's all about? There probably are many theological answers, but in layman's terms, the answer might be that it consists of a couple of themes. It is a time to quietly contemplate your relationship with God through prayer to Him. And, more importantly, it is a chance to spend time listening to what He wants to tell you or have you hear.

[For more information, click this link.](#)

## Easter Lily Plants



### Easter Lily Dedication Form Available THIS Sunday

Please consider sponsoring a lily plant or two to help decorate the altar for Easter Sunday. It's a wonderful way to honor a special someone or a special event in your life. The dedication forms for lily plants will be available in the worship bulletins this Sunday. You can also click here to [print a dedication form](#) to fill out to bring with you. The plants cost \$12. Please fold the form and place your payment inside it. If you would like to take care of your lily order using our

eGiving, please write that on your dedication form. The deadline for the Easter lily plants is Sunday, March 29th.

## Lenten Soup & Study

### The Lenten Soup and Study *The Chosen* Series Season 4 Week 3 Wednesday, 3/4, at 6:00 p.m.



Our Lenten study began last week. The evening begins with a soup supper followed by a discussion of the fourth season of *The Chosen*.

Please let the office know if you didn't sign up earlier but would like to attend, so we have enough soup for everyone. You can call the office at (361) 994-0285 or email Judy at [judy@stmarkscc.org](mailto:judy@stmarkscc.org).

Please watch the episodes assigned each week before the Wednesday gathering. There will be scripture to reflect on, items to watch for when you view the episode, and a Lenten practice.

Here is the information for this coming week:

- **Watch:** Episodes 4 "Calm Before" and 5 "Sitting, Serving, Scheming" before Wednesday.
- **Reflect on:** Matthew 16:21
- **Watch for:** Resisting the way of the Cross  
Disappointment as a doorway to deeper faith  
Leaning obedience through trust
- **Lenten practice:** Pray honestly about one disappointment you need to surrender to God.

### Four Ways to Watch *The Chosen*

Below are four ways to watch *The Chosen*. *The Chosen App* is free, but the streaming services may have a cost.

**Install *The Chosen App* on your smart TV.**

Go to the main menu, locate **SETTINGS**, use the **SEARCH** option to search for *The Chosen* app, then select **DOWNLOAD**. Log in as **GUEST** or set up a free account. Open the app on your smart TV and search for *The Chosen*.

**Amazon Prime Video – You will need a Prime Membership.**

Open Prime Video, then search *The Chosen*.

**Peacock – You will need a subscription to use Peacock**

Open Peacock, then search *The Chosen*.

Use your phone to scan the code to install the apps, then open the same app on your TV.

**QR Code to *The Chosen* App**



**QR Code to Peacock streaming service**

## Palanca Party



**JOIN US FOR A PALANCA PARTY!**

**Come enjoy pizza & fellowship as we work together to create special Palanca gifts as tokens of our prayers, support and of God's love for future Cursillo candidates.**

**Tuesday, March 10  
6:00p-8:00p**

**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church  
Corpus Christi, TX**



**Palanca Party  
St. Andrew's  
Episcopal  
Church  
13026  
Leopard St.**

Come join the fun to make palanca for the upcoming Cursillo. If you are able, please bring some palanca to work on.

## Cimarron Senior Apartments Ministry

**Ministry to the Residents at  
Cimarron Senior  
Apartments  
2802 Cimarron Blvd.**

**Conversations with God  
Monday, 3/16, at 11:30 a.m.**



**Conversations with God Bible Study on the First Monday of Every Month at 11:00 a.m.**

Once a month, John deMontel, Fr. Doug Wasinger, and others provide snacks and a Bible study they call "Conversations with God" for the residents. It generally lasts an hour. If you'd like to help with this ministry, please contact John at (361) 815-9498.

**Food Delivery to Residents on the Third Monday of Every Month at 11:30 a.m.**

The Coastal Bend Food Bank delivers food to the Cimarron Senior Apartments once a month. A team of dedicated St. Mark's volunteers helps distribute the food to the residents after it has arrived. If you have an hour or so to give, please consider helping with the monthly food distribution.

## Youth Ministry



### SEEK Youth Group Meet after worship on Sunday!

**Summer Camp**--Registration for [Summer Camp at Camp Capers](#) is open. Click the link to the diocesan page for more information and to register.

Youth are invited to attend the **Soup and Study** on Wednesdays during Lent. After dinner, we will move to the youth room for our own time of prayer and study. If too much homework is keeping you from attending, consider bringing it with you so you can still join us for a meal!

*Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His face continually.* (1 Chronicles 16:11)

## Adult Bible Study

### Adult Bible Study Class Sundays at 11:45 a.m.

The Adult Bible study class meets each Sunday in the fellowship hall library. If you'd like to join in the study, head to fellowship hall after the service, grab some refreshments, and then go to the library. Bibles will be available if you need one.



## Timon's Ministry



### Ministry in Partnership with Timon's Ministries

Over the course of many years, St. Mark's has partnered with Timon's Ministries in various ways. Timon's goal "is to provide a hand up, empowering individuals to regain their strength, dignity, and ultimately, their place in the workforce." Our women's reunion group has discovered several ways to serve this community.

Members of the group have been volunteering their time at Timon's Ministries, working in the Clothing Closet, organizing items, and visiting with people. The group has asked for help with their efforts in any of the following ways:

- Donating band aids, bandages, gauze, etc.
- Donating clothing, especially men's shirts, jeans, shorts, athletic shoes, flip-flops, socks, and belts, and women's jeans, shorts, undergarments, socks, and purses
- Donating sleeping bags, backpacks, tote bags, suitcases, and recyclable plastic bags
- Donating travel-size deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, bars of bath soap, body wash, bath towels
- Donating toothbrushes and new or used shoelaces
- Donating laundry supplies
- Donating items for to-go food bags: tuna and cracker packs, granola bars, chips, bottled water, etc.
- Sorting clothing and helping clients on Mondays from 8:45 to noon

You may leave your donations in designated boxes located in the entryway to the sanctuary and in the fellowship hall. Contact Pam Cater at (361) 446-4498 for more information.

**Thank you for your help with this important  
ministry opportunity.**

## Diocesan Events

### Diocesan News



**Cursillo Weekend**--Registration for the March 12th-15th weekend held at Camp Capers closes on March 9th. [Here is a link for more information.](#)

**Summer Camps at Camp Capers**-- Registration for Summer Camps has opened up for campers. [Here is a link for more information.](#)

**Diocesan ENews**--To stay informed on what is happening in our Diocese, you may sign up for the [Diocese of West Texas ENews](#) by clicking the link. Scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on a white button that has "Let's Connect" written on it.

## Ways to Support God's Kingdom through St. Mark's

# THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORT ST. MARK'S CHURCH!



## Thank You for Your Generosity

Is the Lord blessing you? Are you grateful for what He has done in your life? Remember His Church. We have ministries to support and salaries and bills to pay. Give out of faith, thanksgiving, and generosity, and never out of guilt. If you are blessed to be able to give, here are several ways to do that:

- Online through our website. There is a blue "Giving" button at the bottom of each page. Just click on that, and it will take you to our online EGiving page. You will need to set up a user profile, and then you can set up a one-time gift or recurring gifts. You can also give through the ["Donate to St. Mark's"](#) link.
- Through your cell phone using the app, **Vanco Mobile**. To get the app, go to the app store and search for "Vanco Mobile". The icon background is dark purple with a white circle and a purple letter "V" in the center. Download the app and follow the prompts. You can use it to set up a one-time gift or recurring gifts.
- You may also use the QR code below.
- Mail in your check to: St. Mark's Church, 2727 Airline Rd, CC, TX 78414. We have a drop-in mailbox that is locked at all times. We check the mail every day, so your check will be secure.
- Drop your check off at the church. Just put it in the locked mailbox to the left of the red doors at the fellowship hall.
- Bequest giving is another way to give to St. Mark's with a gift through your estate. Simply list St. Mark's in your will.

**THANK YOU** for helping spread the Kingdom  
through your continuing support  
of St. Mark's Church.



## Weekly Calendar

### Calendar & Ministry Schedule

Here is the link to our [March ministry schedule](#). Click here for the [March church calendar](#).

#### **March 8 - Sunday**

- 10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist--Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. - Coffee & Conversation--Fellowship Hall
- 11:30 a.m. - SEEK Youth Group--Fellowship Hall Youth Room
- 11:45 a.m. - Adult Bible Study--Fellowship Hall Library

#### **March 9 - Monday**

- 8:45 a.m. - Clothing Shop--Timon's Ministry, 10501 S. Padre Island Dr.
- 9:30 a.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library

#### **March 10 - Tuesday**

- 8:00 a.m. - Women's Reunion Group--Corner Baker Restaurant, 4928 S. Staples St.

#### **March 11- Wednesday**

- 12:00 p.m. - Prayer Group--Fellowship Hall Library
- 6:00 p.m. - Lenten Soup & Study--Fellowship Hall

**Below you will find several links to websites or Facebook Pages that you might find helpful.**

[St. Mark's Episcopal Church](#)

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[Diocese of West Texas](#)

[Diocesan Newsletter and Reflection Magazine](#)

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