

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

October 11, 2024

Upcoming Events

Bishop Suffragan Election

10/19, Saturday

Worship Under the Oaks

10/20, Sunday

Fall Festival

10/26, Saturday

Bring a Friend to Church

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11/3, Sunday

C.P.R. Class (Reservation Required)

11/12, Tuesday

Youth Group & Adult Bible Study

Sundays following the service

From the Rector Fr. Doug



The Gospel of Mark tells of an incident involving a person who rejected the invitation to follow Jesus. While on his journey to Jerusalem, Jesus was approached by a man who may have appeared to be a person of public influence. He asked Jesus a question of great importance: "What do I need to inherit eternal life?" Jesus may have looked upon this honest man and considered carefully how to respond. Jesus replied with the standards: don't murder, stay faithful to your spouse, don't steal, don't bear false witness, don't commit fraud, and honor your parents. Many people have a difficult time following these moral imperatives, yet the man replied that he had adhered to them all from his youth. This man was on solid ethical grounds, which made him a strong candidate to be viewed as a man after God's own heart. Then Jesus took the conversation a step further. He stated that the man lacked one thing and instructed him to go sell all he owned, give the money to the poor, and then follow him. The man was shocked by this command and went away grieving. He couldn't do it and therefore walked away from Jesus.

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Sunday Worship Service

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

[Visit our website](#)

Walk in Love Bringing Faith to Life



Walk in Love Bringing Faith to Life Campaign Begins this Sunday

This Sunday marks the beginning of our Walk in Love Bringing Faith to Life ministry support (stewardship) campaign. Each week for the next five weeks, we'll hear a message from someone and be given the opportunity to respond to a question.

We're going to have a little fun with our campaign this year by offering a couple of different ways to participate. There will be a QR code available to scan, which will open up the question so you may respond. You may also text a key word to (361) 326-3599 to access the question. If you'd rather not use the technology, there will be post-it notes in each Sunday's bulletin to use to vote by placing your post-it on a large post-in that will be located on the wall on either side of the baptismal font. You may place your vote as you leave the service. If you are voting as a family, please write the number of people in your family on the post-it.

The campaign will culminate by placing our commitment cards on the altar to be blessed Sunday, November 17th. Following that service, we'll enjoy our annual Giving and Gratitude Potluck Lunch, which will have a Thanksgiving meal theme.

Fall Festival

Fall Festival
Saturday, 10/26
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



We are partnering with the staff of Kindercare again to host our annual Fall Festival on the last Saturday in October. The event will be free. Chrystal Wilkey is overseeing the event and needs our help to make it a success. We need volunteers to help in several ways:

- Volunteers to help with games and other activities, parking, and the silent auction
- Halloween candy (boxes will be available in the fellowship hall and the sanctuary)

- Child friendly Trunk or Treat vehicles

Please contact Chrystal by calling her at (361) 549-8917 if you would like to help. Signup sheets will also be available in the bulletins this Sunday.

Sundays in October



Mark Your Calendars for our Special October Sunday Focuses

10/20--Worship Under the Oaks

Bring a lawn chair if you'd like.
Hopefully the weather will cooperate.

10/27--Bring a Friend to Church Sunday with an Instructional Eucharist

Youth Group



Youth Group Meets Sundays



Youth Group will meet this Sunday. Join Mrs. Michelle after church for "Jesus is a friend of sinners." That's great news for all of us, isn't it?!! At home this week, think about this...

Have you ever panicked over losing something? Did you go to extreme measures to find it?

When it comes to our spiritual condition, we were lost. And while we tend to say things like, "I found God," that's not how it happened. God found us! He didn't stay in heaven, waiting for people to find him. Jesus left heaven to seek and save us. He went to extreme measures — he even gave his life for us. Take some time to talk to God and thank him for seeking and finding you!

Adult Bible Study

Adult Bible Study Sundays after the service

Participants in the Adult Bible Study Group will meet in the Fellowship Hall for Bible study after the service this Sunday, October 13th. The group will continue the study of the Gospel of Mark . Bring your Bibles if you'd like; however, there will be some available if you need one. Grab some refreshments and join in the conversation.



Below are the links to the previous study guides for chapters one through twelve if you'd like to review them or catch up. The group will continue with chapter 13 this Sunday.

Previous Chapters 1-10:

[Chapter 1 Mark](#)

[Chapter 2 Mark](#)

[Chapter 3 Mark](#)

[Chapter 4 Mark](#)

[Chapter 5 Mark](#)

[Chapter 6 Mark](#)

[Chapter 7 Mark](#)

[Chapter 8 Mark](#)

[Chapter 9 Mark](#)

[Chapter 10 Mark](#)

[Chapter 11 Mark](#)

[Chapter 12 Mark](#)

New Chapters 13-16:

[Chapter 13 Mark](#)

[Chapter 14 Mark](#)

[Chapter 15 Mark](#)

[Chapter 16 Mark](#)

Inquirer's Class



The Next Inquirer's Class will be Sunday, 11/3, at 11:30 a.m.

If you are new to St. Mark's or would like to know about the church family, please make plans to attend our next Inquirer's Class scheduled for Sunday, 11/3. Fr. Doug will facilitate the class. You may sign up on the Connection Card, which will be found in your bulletin this Sunday. You may also contact Judy at the church office by calling (361) 994-0285 or emailing her at judy@stmarksc.org.

C.P.R. Class

C.P.R. Class
Tuesday, 11/12,
6:00-8:00 p.m.



A C.P.R. class has been scheduled for Tuesday evening, 11/12 . We need a minimum of ten people to sign up for the class. We currently have seven. We need an additional instructor for every ten people registered. A headcount must be turned in by 11/4 to ensure another instructor can be scheduled if needed.

You may sign up on the Connection Card, which will be found in your bulletin this Sunday. You may also contact Judy at the church office by calling (361) 994-0285 or emailing her at judy@stmarksgcc.org.

Timon's Ministry



Ministry in Partnership with Timon's Ministry

Over the course of many years, St. Mark's has partnered with Timon's Ministry 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 Ministry working in the Clothing Closet organizing items and visiting with people. The group has asked for help with their efforts through any of the following ways:

- Donating band aids, bandages, and gauze
- Donating clothing, especially men's shirts, jeans, or athletic shoes
- Donating travel size deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, bars of bath soap, body wash
- Donating toothbrushes
- Donating items for to-go food bags: tuna and cracker packs, granola bars, chips, bottled water, etc.
- Sorting clothing on Mondays from 8:15 - 10:30 a.m.

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 & National Church News



Suffragan Bishop Election News--

Meet the Candidate forums have been held. [Click here for more information](#) on the meetings and the process. The election is scheduled for Saturday, October 19th. Our delegates will vote for the candidate they feel will best represent the core beliefs of St. Mark's. Please keep this election in your prayers.

Relief for Victims of Hurricane Helene--For more information how to donate funds to help those affected by Hurricane Helene, [click here](#).

Cursillo Information--Please use the link below to the diocesan page containing information on upcoming [Cursillo weekends](#).

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 in it.



**Pray for the Suffragan
Bishop Election**

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 the [October schedule](#) for our ministries. The schedule is an ongoing work in progress. so please check each week to see if there are any changes. Here's a link to the [October calendar](#).

October 13 - 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

October 14- Monday

8:45 a.m. - Clothing Sorting--Timon's Ministry, 10501 S. Padre Island Dr.

9:30 a.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library

October 15 - Tuesday

7:30 a.m. - Women's Reunion Group--Corner Bakery, 4938 S. Staples St.

October 16 - Wednesday

11:45 a.m. - Lunch with the Old Guys--Cafe Italia, 4117 S. Staples St.

12:00 p.m. - Prayer Group--Fellowship Hall Library

6:30 p.m. - Men's Reunion Group--Nolan's Restaurant, 7426 S. Staples St.

October 17 - Thursday

12:00 p.m. - Food Distribution--Cimarron Senior Apartments, 2802 Cimarron Blvd.

October 19 - Saturday

8:30 a.m. - Suffragan Bishop Election--Church of the Good Shepherd,
700 S. Upper Broadway

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

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