

# St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

August 31, 2023

## Upcoming Events

### Labor Day

9/4/23, Office Closed

### Bring a Friend to Church Sunday

9/10, Sunday 10:00 a.m.

### Worship Under the Oaks

9/17, Sunday 10:00 a.m.

### Youth Group Begins

9/17, Sunday 11:30 a.m.

### Communion Class

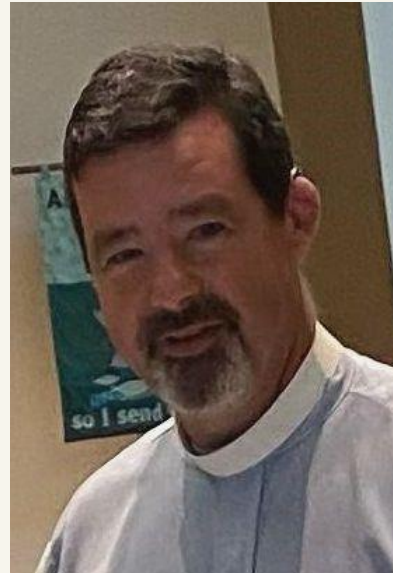
9/23, Saturday 9:00 a.m.

### Blessing of the Animals

9/30, Saturday 10:00 a.m.

## From the Rector

Fr. Doug Wasinger



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### Sunday Worship Service:

10:00 a.m.--Holy Eucharist-Sanctuary

St Mark's has launched its 2023 Strategic Plan – Embracing the Journey. What will be the driving focus for the next three years? The vision is the picture or desired outcome, "That all who connect with St. Mark's experience the unconditional love of Jesus." What will drive St. Mark's toward this expectation is the mission statement, "Prayerfully encouraging real faith for real life by taking Christ's ministry to people." This may sound original. With a review of our scriptures one can rediscover that what St. Mark's is working toward accomplishing has been well established in the early DNA of the Christian Church. Paul, from Tarsus, wrote about this in his letter to the church of Rome.

To read the rest of the article, [click here](#).

[Visit our website](#)

## Crossroads College & Young Adult Ministry

### Crossroads College & Young Adult Ministry begins Thursday, 9/7

**Crossroads**  
Episcopal College Ministry

Crossroads, a new ministry to college age and young adults, begins Thursday, September 7th. Fr. Doug will be out at TAMUCC in University Center in the Tejas Lounge to offer ministry for the students out there. He's calling these Thursday gatherings Table Talk. He'll be available to spend time with students and offer prayer beginning at 7:00 p.m.

This ministry is in its infancy, and there will be opportunities for us all to offer our gifts to these young people. Stay tuned!.

## Bring a Friend to Church



### Bring a Friend to Church Sunday, 9/10

We've got another Bring a Friend to Church Sunday on the calendar for September 10th. There will be small invitation cards in your bulletins this Sunday, and you'll find additional cards on the black guest services desk if

you need more than one.

Travelin' Tom's Coffee truck will be here that Sunday too. They will donate a portion of their sales back to St. Mark's. Isn't that generous! Our first time Sunday guests will receive a ticket for a free coffee from Travelin' Tom's.

The Instructional Eucharist will be a part of the liturgy. Mark Hartlaub will again be our guide.

Be sure to pray about whom you might invite to worship with us, grab a couple of invitation cards, and invite those people Jesus identifies for you. You may even want to offer to pick them up and bring them with you!

## Worship Under the Oaks

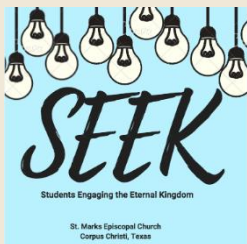
### Worship Under the Oaks Sunday, 9/17

Many of us have fond memories of our worship services under the oaks during the pandemic. We decided to take a trip down memory lane and worship under the oaks Sunday, September 17th at our regular time of 10:00 a.m.



Don't forget to bring a camp or lawn chair. We'll have chairs set out for those who may not have chairs to bring. It'll be a real treat to worship in God's creation.

## Youth Group



### Youth Group begins Sunday, 9/17

Youth group will begin meeting again for the school year on Sunday, September 17th. We will meet right after the worship service, so grab a snack and a drink and bring them with you to the youth room. Come see everyone and catch up!

## Communion Class

### Communion Class Saturday, 9/23 at 9:00 a.m.

Fr. Doug will lead a class on our Holy Eucharist Saturday, September 23rd beginning at 9:00 a.m. The class is open to anyone who would like to know more about this sacrament, especially our children and youth. Those receiving communion for the first time will receive a special acknowledgement Sunday morning 9/24 during the Holy Eucharist liturgy.



## Diocesan College and Young Adult Missions Council



### College and Young Adult Missions

The College Missions Council of our diocese is requesting contact information for our college students to use to get them connected with college ministry opportunities and Episcopal churches in the community where they are going to school.

Here is a link to the [diocese website](#) to find out more and submit contact information.

A fall [College and Young Adult Retreat](#) is planned for September 22-24 at Mustang Island Conference Center. Click the link for details and registration information. The cost is \$50 and scholarships are available.

## Diocesan Events

### Diocesan News



#### Connecting with College Missions--

Click on [this link](#) if you'd like to get connected with the diocesan college ministry.

**Fall College and Young Adult Retreat--**[Click here](#) for details and registration information. It will be at Mustang Island Conference Center.

**Diocesan ENews--**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.

## 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. Though we have experienced limitations for worshiping together, we still 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 [September schedule](#) for our ministries, which is an ongoing work in progress. Please check each week to see if there are any changes. Here's a link to the [St. Mark's September](#) calendar.

**September 3- Sunday**

10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist--Sanctuary  
11:30 a.m. - Coffee Hour--Fellowship Hall

**September 4 - Monday**

**Labor Day--Office Closed**

**September 5 - Tuesday**

9:30 a.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library  
6:30 p.m. - Financial Team--Fellowship Hall

**September 6 - Wednesday**

12:00 p.m. - Prayer Group--Fellowship Hall Library  
6:30 p.m. - Men's Reunion Group--Nolan's Restaurant, 7426 S. Staples St.

**September 7 - Thursday**

7:00 p.m. - Crossroads Table Talk--The Quad--TAMUCC, 6300 Ocean Dr.

**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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[St. Mark's Church Facebook Page](#)

[Diocese of West Texas](#)

[Diocesan Newsletter and Reflection Magazine](#)

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