

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

April 4, 2025

Upcoming Events

Hosanna Chalk Art

4/12, Saturday

Church Work Day

4/12, Saturday

Holy Week

4/13, Sunday-4/20, Sunday

Easter Sunday

4/20, Sunday

Adult Bible Study & Youth Group

Sundays after the service

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Sunday Worship Service

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

From the Rector Fr. Doug Wasinger



As we approach Easter, I picture in my mind the conversation that Pilate had with Jesus prior to Jesus being crucified. I imagine Pilate in his chair that is elevated, sending a signal of superiority and strength over whomever is standing below. Pilate is looking intensely at Jesus in a mocking way as to remind Jesus that he is in an inferior position. He is making it clear that he has the ability to control Jesus's life and wants to see if Jesus will beg for mercy. The entire scene is designed to communicate the power of the state over that of the individual. Yet, that was not what took place.

[Click here for the rest of the article.](#)

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Lenten Soup & Study



Lenten Soup & Study Wednesdays, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

The last Lenten Soup and Study is next Wednesday. You may come even if you haven't been able to attend before. Each is independent of the other.

Key points about Season 3:

- Each apostle faces unique challenges, including Matthew's family estrangement, Simon Peter's marital issues with Eden, and Little James's unhealed disability.
- The season tackles themes like forgiveness, grief, the nature of faith, and the consequences of power.
- New characters like Veronica and Jairus, as well as the expansion of Jesus's ministries to different regions, are introduced.
- Major miracles are featured, like the feeding of the 5,000 and Jesus walking on water.
- Further exploration is provided into the backstories of characters like Simon the Zealot and his past with the Zealots.

People may watch *The Chosen* series by downloading *The Chosen App* from the Apple or Google store. *The Chosen App* may also be downloaded to your Roku, Firestick, or other devices.

Fr. Doug will provide a Guiding Question to keep in mind while watching each week's episode as well as the name and number of the episode to watch.

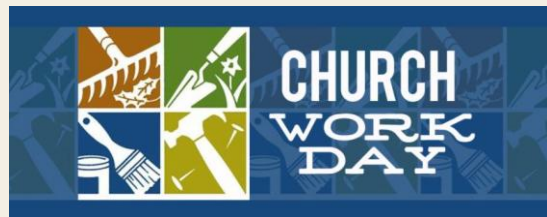
April 9, Session 5: Please watch Season 3, Episode 7, called "Ears to Hear."

Guiding Question: When you think of the Body of Christ, do you think nationally or globally? How should our view of the Body of Christ affect how we think politically?

Church Work Day

Church Work Day Saturday, April 12th

A church work day has been planned for Saturday, April 12th, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Bill Wright, our Junior Warden, made a list of



tasks that need to be done to make our property, inside and out, beautiful for our Easter Service:

Grounds: Trim trees, cut grass, edge, clean leaves off the patio, and spruce up as you feel led to do.

Buildings: Inside cleaning such as dusting pews and other items, vacuuming, etc.

Please put this date on your calendar to come help beautify our church home. You may bring your gloves and/or any supplies or tools that you think would help get the job done.

Easter Egg Filler Donations



Easter Egg Fillers Due Sunday, April 13th

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Easter Sunday morning. We need your help to make this a fun event for our children. Please consider picking up some stickers, small egg fillers, or candy to put in the eggs. There will be designated boxes in the sanctuary and the fellowship hall where you may leave your donations. We do not need any plastic eggs. Thank you for your help in making this a special event for our children.

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Week Flyers

Flyers will be available in your bulletins on Sunday. You may use them to invite friends and family to join us for our Holy Week services, especially Easter Sunday.



Join us for Holy Week April 13 through April 20

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Palm Sunday

Monday—Wednesday 12:15 p.m.
Noonday Prayer

Thursday 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service
9:00-10:00 p.m. Hour of Prayer

Friday 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Easter Resurrection Service
Flowering of the Cross
Alleluia Banner Hunt
11:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt & Celebration

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Invitation Postcard



Invitation Postcard

In your bulletins this Sunday, you will find a postcard. A parishioner has sponsored this postcard, and over 500 of them were mailed to the 78414 zip code this week. If people new to you visit in the next few weeks and say they came because of a postcard, you'll know what they are referring to. There will be more cards available in the Narthex if you want to take extras to give out as your

personal invitation to join us in Worship.

Youth & Children's Ministry

SEEK Youth Group

Youth Group--The group meets on Sundays after the service in the youth room in the fellowship hall. If you are in middle school or high school, consider joining the group to talk about the highs and lows from the week before and pray for each other.



Children's Ministry

Hosanna Chalk Art Event--Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 12th, at 11:00 a.m. to come help decorate the sidewalks and the entryway to the sanctuary for Palm Sunday. All are welcome to participate.



Adult Bible Study



Adult Bible Study Sundays after the Service

The Adult Bible Study Group meets in the Fellowship Hall library at 11:45 a.m. You may 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.

The group began the study of Philippians last Sunday. You may join in at any time.

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, shorts, athletic shoes, flip-flops, belts and women's jeans, shorts, undergarments, and purses
- Donating sleeping bags, backpacks, tote bags, and recyclable plastic bags
- Donating travel size deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, bars of bath soap, body wash
- Donating toothbrushes and new or used shoelaces
- Donating items for to-go food bags: tuna and cracker packs, granola bars, chips, bottled water, etc.
- Sorting clothing on Mondays from 8:45 - 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 & National Church News

Cursillo Weekends--Cursillo weekends are spiritual retreats for adults. There is a Cursillo planned for May 1-4 at **Mustang Island Conference Center**. For more information, please [click this link for May](#).

Summer Camp at Camp Capers--The schedule for kids' summer sessions for Camp Capers is available. [Click here for more information.](#) Just scroll down until you find the camp that you are interested in.

Discovery Weekend at Camp Capers--This weekend is designed to help both lay and ordained persons discern a deeper call to ministry and is scheduled for November 14-15. [Click here 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 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. 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 [April schedule](#) for our ministries. Click here for the [April](#) church calendar.

April 6 - 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 Library

April 7 - Monday

- 8:45 a.m. - Clothing Sorting--Timon's Ministry, 10501 S. Padre Island Dr.
- 1:30 p.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library

April 8 - Tuesday

- 7:30 a.m. - Women's Reunion Group--Corner Bakery Café, 4928 S. Staples St.

April 9 - Wednesday.

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

April 12 - Saturday

- 8:00 a.m. - Church Workday--Fellowship Hall, Sanctuary, & Grounds
- 11:00 a.m. - Hosanna Chalk Art--Sidewalk area near Sanctuary

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

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