

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

January 19, 2023

Upcoming Events

Access Plus Ramp Build

1/21 Saturday, 8:00 a.m.

Erin Cottos Visit

1/22 Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

Annual Meeting

1/29 Sunday, 11:30 a.m.

Leaders' Retreat

2/4 Saturday

Installation Service for Fr. Doug

2/10 Friday, 6:00 p.m.

Diocesan Council

2/16-18 Thursday through Saturday

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

2/21 Tuesday

Ash Wednesday Services

2/22 Wednesday,
7:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

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From the Rector



I really don't understand how God works. However, I am amazed at and grateful for how the power of faith can heal and inspire. I was introduced to an author, Susan Hotwatch, who had written a series of six books about a priest in the Church of England. The main character starts off wanting to do the right thing for good reasons. As it happens in life, the right action gets compromised, and so the priest finds himself having to deal with a person he cannot stand and avoids at all costs, either out of shame or fear of reprisal. When the pressure of the guilt or fear becomes too much to bear, the priest confronts the person that he believes is going to berate him, and that individual eventually becomes a source of redemption and healing for the priest. As it often happens, during the final encounter between the two characters, the one who had been shunned also experiences healing and joy. This redemption is an example of how people can experience God's grace and is the best expression of Christian faith. Receiving the act of grace can be hard, and unfortunately in our lives this is not always what happens, yet it is often where we will find salvation; on the other side of what we are attempting to avoid we can find grace. Opposites are redeeming.

Weekly Calendar
Helpful Links

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Sunday Worship Service:

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

Visit our website

Access Plus Ministry



Ramp Build Saturday, 1/21, at 8:00 a.m. 217 Adams Dr.

The next ramp build is scheduled for Saturday, January 21. It will bless a lady who needs help with accessibility to her home.

If you enjoy working with power tools and your hands, consider joining the team on the 21st. **All are welcome!**

Doug will bring the hot coffee and provide any instructions you may need.

Missionary Visit

Erin Cottos Here THIS Sunday, January 22

Each year Erin Cottos returns to St. Mark's to give an update on how God has been moving in her ministry. She will be here this Sunday to share the adventures she's been on during 2022.

For those of you who don't know Erin, she joined St. Mark's in 2004 and became a very active member. In 2009 God began to work in her life to prepare her to enter the mission field. After taking care of many details, she left to begin this chapter of her life in December of 2010 with the people of Haiti, who will always be near and dear to her heart. She hasn't looked back since. Although she cannot serve in Haiti because it is quite dangerous to be there now, God has lead her to other opportunities, which she'll share with us Sunday.



The loose offering and any designated gifts will go to support her ministry. Please prayerfully consider how you can assist Erin in fulfilling God's call on our lives to minister to others.

Annual Parish Meeting



Annual Meeting & Potluck Sunday, January 29

This year's Annual Meeting will be the last Sunday in January immediately after the service. We'll elect new vestry members, hear reports from various ministry

leaders, learn about our financial condition, and view a photo roller that will capture the year 2022 in pictures.

We'll celebrate with a Southern Bar-B-Que potluck. You may sign up to bring your favorite bar-b-que dish on the back of your Connection Card that will be in this Sunday's bulletin.

Make plans to come for great food and fellowship, and learn about how 2022 ended and what is envisioned for 2023.

Installation Service

Installation Service for Fr. Doug Wasinger Friday, February 10th, at 6:00 p.m.

Fr. Doug will officially be installed as our rector in February. The service will be on a Friday evening with a reception to follow. There will be more information available later, but we wanted you to have the date now. Mark your calendars for this historic event in the life of St. Mark's.



All Things Council



Diocesan Council February 16-18

Bishop Reed's final **Holy Eucharist Service** during Council will be Friday evening, February 17th, at 5:30 p.m. in the Henry Garrett Ballroom at the American Bank Center. It's open to everyone. You don't have to register for Council to attend the service. So, we want to encourage everyone to come. It will be a great celebration of Bishop Reed's ministry and service to our diocese.

Prayers for Council--Diocesan Council is fast approaching, and we could use your prayers. Please pray for:

- those who are working and planning for Council
- the Bishop Coadjutor election
- the Pre-Council meetings for our delegates and alternates

- the Walk About Discernment meetings to learn about the three candidates for Bishop Coadjutor

Bishop Coadjutor Candidates--Our diocese is offering a forum to give people a chance to get to know the candidates for Bishop Coadjutor on Saturday, January 28th at 4:00 p.m. at Church of the Good Shepherd located at 700 S. Upper Broadway. Here is a [link to information](#) pertaining to the candidates, the process, and other details concerning the election.

Need Singers--Gay deMontel is leading the music for the Eucharist worship service at Council on Friday, February 17th. She needs singers for the choir. If you love to sing, please reach out to her to get information. There will be two practices: the first is Saturday, February 11th at 10:00 a.m. at Church of the Good Shepherd and the second will be Wednesday, February 15th, at 6:00 p.m. at the American Bank Center. Please consider helping out!

Calling all Cookie Bakers!

We need your help with the cookie project for Diocesan Council. We are supplying over 500 dozen cookies, but we're not responsible for baking all of them. Thank goodness!



We invited the eleven churches in our area to help. A second request for help went out to them last week. St. Bartholomew's and St. Andrew's have said they would contribute cookies, and we're confident that some of the other churches are baking cookies but haven't notified us yet.

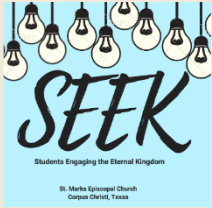
Several of you have asked how many more dozen we need. Since many could be baking at home and freezing them, we have no way to really know where we are in the count. So please, just keep on baking! If we have extra, we'll freeze them for Coffee Hour.

Here's a shout-out to our Men's Reunion Group; they have baked 169 dozen cookies to date and are planning to bake more soon. Way to go, guys!

Here are the instructions:

- All types of cookies are encouraged.
 - Please package your cookies in quart-size freezer Ziplock bags.
 - Write the type and quantity on the bag.
 - Freeze them.
 - Freezer storage space at the church is almost completely full, so please keep your cookies in your freezer. If you don't have enough space, call the office at (361) 994-0285 to see what other options are available.
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SEEK Youth Group



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Cookie Baking Event

Join youth and acolytes on Saturday, January 21st, at the Wandel house to bake cookies for Council, have lunch, and swim (if it's too cold, we'll play games or watch a movie inside). Bring your swimsuit and a towel, if you plan to swim. Cookie makings will be provided. Text Molly at (214) 762-8792, if you have questions!

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (come when you can)
Saturday, January 21
44 Hewit Place

Summer Camp at Camp Capers

Registration for Camp Capers camping opportunities are now open:

Summer Camp:

Senior High (10th-12th grade)
Junior High (8th-9th grade)
Intermediate (6th-7th grade)
Primary (3rd-5th grade)

Here's a link to the [diocesan website](#) for registration and additional information.

Flowers

Flower Chart Available in the Sanctuary

You may sign up to sponsor the altar flowers on a special Sunday in 2023 by writing your name by the date on the flower chart which is now available in the entryway to the sanctuary. Several dates have already been selected. Here are the dates that are still available:



April 16
May 7
May 21
July 16
October 29
November 12
December 31

The flowers cost \$55. An email requesting your dedication information will be sent at the beginning of the month you sign up for.

Diocesan Events



Diocesan News

Nominees for Bishop Coadjutor Election Announced--Click on [the link](#) for more information.

Youth/Children's Camp at Camp Capers--For [information and registration](#), click here.

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 worshipping 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.
- 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 [January schedule](#) for our ministries, which is still a work in progress. Please check each week to see if there are any changes.

January 22 - Sunday

10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist--Sanctuary
11:15 a.m. - Coffee Hour--Fellowship Hall
11:15 a.m. - SEEK Youth Group

January 23 - Monday

5:30 p.m. - Pre-Council Meeting--Online via Zoom

January 24 - Tuesday

10:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library
6:00 p.m. - Women's Group--Fellowship Hall Library

January 25 - Wednesday

11:30 a.m. - Lunch with the Old Guys, Silverado Smokehouse, 4522 Weber Rd.
12:00 p.m. - Prayer Group--Fellowship Hall Library
6:30 p.m. - Men's Reunion Group--Nolan's Restaurant, 7426 S. Staples St.

January 28 - Saturday

8:00 a.m. - South Texas Amateur Radio Club Winter Field Event--Grounds
4:00 p.m. - Discernment Forum for Bishop Coadjutor Candidates--Church of the Good Shepherd, 700 S. Upper Broadway

Helpful Links

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

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

[Donate to St. Mark's Church](#)

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

[Diocese of West Texas](#)

[Diocesan Newsletter and Reflection Magazine](#)

[Denison Forum--News Discerned Differently](#)

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