

# St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

June 15, 2023

## Upcoming Events

### Access Plus Ramp Build

6/17 Saturday, 8:00 a.m.

### Father's Day

6/18 Sunday

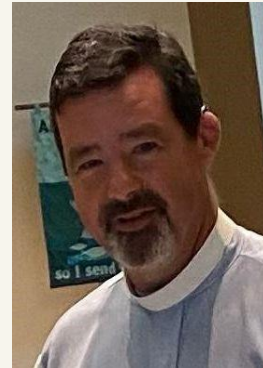
### Fourth of July

7/4 Tuesday

### Stellar Vacation Bible School

7/10-14

## From the Rector Fr. Doug Wasinger



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### Sunday Worship Service:

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

Visit our website

Calling stories in the Bible provide formative information about the person who is being called, and they also express the nature of God. The familiar story of Abraham's calling has been an informative story for me this past year. When I received a phone call the day after Easter asking if I would consider exploring the possibility of joining St. Mark's in Corpus Christi in ministry, the image of Abraham came to mind. In the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter of Genesis, God tells Abram to go from his country because God had in mind to make Abram a great nation. It was time for Abram to leave the familiar and discover God's purpose for his life. Wyoming was familiar to me, and I am grateful for the memories and experiences. It is still a part of who I am and still a place I know well. Yet, it was time for me to come to Corpus Christi and experience another chapter of my ministry. As it is with God, such blessings are meant for our benefit and growth. What I remind myself of daily is that when it comes to matters of faith, an attitude of adventure with humor is an effective guiding principle.

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

## Access Plus Ramp Build

### Access Plus Ramp Build THIS Saturday, June 17th, at 8:00 a.m. 4501 Haverhill Ln



The ramp build for June is for a man named Fernando. This ramp will enable him to have better access to his home, which will be a huge blessing to him and his family.

Doug Wayland will have coffee and donuts ready for the team bright and early at 8:00 a.m. If you haven't been involved in a ramp build, please consider joining them and learn along the way. No experience is necessary; Doug and the other builders would be happy to train you.

## Father's Day Offering



### Father's Day Offering Immigration & Refugee Ministries

The loose offering and any designated gifts given on Father's Day, June 18th, will go to support the Immigration and Refugee Ministries in our diocese. Here's a link to more information about [these ministries](#).

## Children & SEEK Youth Group



### Stellar Vacation Bible School July 10-14 9:00--11:45 a.m.

V.B.S. is coming! Mark your calendars for our upcoming Vacation Bible School where kids will have a blast shining Jesus's light to the world.

## Registration for Children:

Register children to attend the Stellar Vacation Bible School to learn about shining their light for Jesus using [this link](#) and selecting "**Participant Registration**". The cost is \$10 per child with a maximum of \$20 per family. Click here to submit [your payment](#). Scholarships are available.

## Registration for Volunteers:

We need volunteers in the seven areas listed below. The program provides all the teaching curriculum. Please consider joining other volunteers to provide a fun-filled week for the children who attend. You may register through [this link](#) where you should select "**Volunteer Registration**".

1. **Galactic Snacks**- Set out snacks and play music. Tell the children the Bible Verse and discuss Why It Matters Today.
2. **Imagination Station**- Help the children explore Bible Verses, with Bible Insights, and Why It Matters Today through crafts that will be made each day.
3. **All Star Games**- Lead outdoor activities that tie in with the Bible Verses of the day.
4. **Spotlight VBS**-Take specific photos and videos of the children in their groups each day.
5. **KidVid Cinema**- Run short videos for the children to watch of the Bible lessons of the day.
6. **Bible Basics**- Teach the Bible lessons for each day using the curriculum.
7. **Sing and Blast Off/Closing**- Open and close each day with songs.

Youth 6th grade and up and of course adults may serve as helpers in any of these areas. There is something for everyone. If your schedule only allows for you to help one day, that's great. We will also need help with decorating the weekend before, on July 8th and 9th. If you have any questions, you may call Sally Buck, our V.B.S. Director, at 361-813-5732.

## Donation Registry for Specific Program Supplies:

Would you like to help our Vacation Bible School but can't volunteer and maybe aren't sure what else is needed? One way to help is to purchase something from our registry! Click on [this link](#) and search St Mark's. You will see our registry and may choose what you'd like to purchase for us. Group's Gift Registry will keep track of all our purchases in one place, including monetary gifts. Easy breezy!

**Thank you for your support!!!**

## Remind Texting System

### Remind Church Texting Service

We will begin using REMIND as a communication tool. It is utilized by 80% of national school districts. REMIND will give us the ability to send text messages directly to your phone, and it will allow you to respond



with a message if necessary. Another positive aspect of this platform is that your phone number is protected.

We are using the free version and are limited on the number of groups we may create. Below is a list of nine groups that have been created for our ministries, some of which have been combined. If this works well for us, we may expand our plan to include more ministry groups.

Please be sure to sign up for every ministry group you're involved in. We're asking everyone to sign up for the "**General Announcements**" group because this group will be used for event reminders and emergency related information. The group will be one-way texting only.

To sign up for important updates from your ministry group, please text **@(the code for the ministry you are signing up for)** to **81010**.

- **General Announcements @stmarkgen**
- **Youth and Children's Ministry @739d77**
- **Ushers and Greeters @6hed62**
- **Sunday Worship Services** (This includes Presentation Managers / Livestream / LEM's / Lectors / Security Officers / Newcomer Ministers) **@a8c8d8**
- **Outreach Team / Access Plus @82fghdh**
- **Hospitality /Coffee Hour @7c8g6k**
- **College Ministries @69f48hh**
- **Altar Guild @6g9b847**
- **Acolytes @gkf737**

We are excited about having another tool to help with our communications.

## Strategic Planning Help



**We want to thank everyone  
who shared their input  
regarding the four strategic  
planning questions!**

## Diocesan Events

### Diocesan News



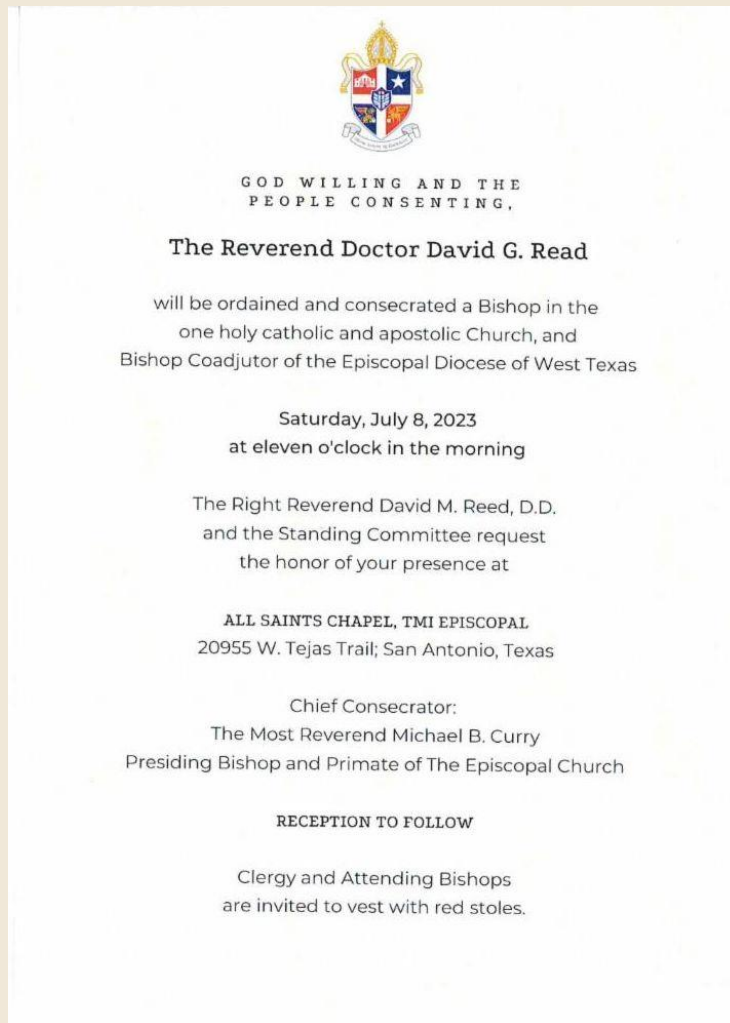
#### Connecting with College Missions--

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

**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.

#### The Consecration and Ordination of Bishop David G. Read--

Please see the invitation below. Here's a link to [diocesan website](#) for additional information.



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

**June 17 - Saturday**

8:00 a.m. - Access Plus Ramp Build--4501 Haverhill Ln.

**June 18- Sunday--Father's Day**

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

11:30 a.m. - Coffee Hour--Fellowship Hall

**June 19 - Monday**

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

**June 21 - Wednesday**

11:30 a.m. - Lunch with the Old Guys--Silverado Smokehouse, 4522 Weber Rd.

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

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

## 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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