

# St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

May 11, 2023

## Upcoming Events

### Mother's Day

5/14 Sunday

### Youth Sunday

5/21 Sunday

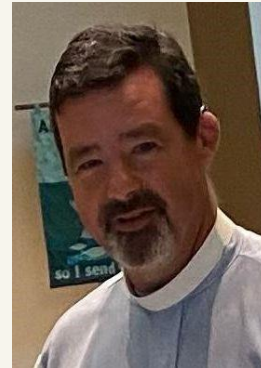
### Sunday Funday

5/21 Sunday

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5/28 Sunday

## From the Rector Fr. Doug Wasinger



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### Sunday Worship Service:

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

A topic of conversation that is commonly brought up when I talk to people about Christianity is the idea that Jesus suffered before he died. It is very hard to believe that a loving God would require that a person suffer for any reason. I agree that the concept of a loving God who calls us to love others as He loves us does not align well with the idea of Jesus's suffering. However, what makes the Gospels and Scriptures real is their openness to what people experience in their lives; we suffer from time to time. What I find meaningful in scripture is, that as I live, I find purpose in my defeats, disappointments, and grief. God makes it clear that living does not mean the absence of suffering but the ability to endure for love's sake; in other words, suffering ends and love continues.

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

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## Mother's Day

### Happy Early Mother's Day!

This Sunday's Mother's Day offering will support the world mission department of our diocese. This year it will specifically go towards building a one room cinder block house for a widow and her children in Guatemala. Through the Mother's Day Offering and other giving opportunities, World Missions'

goal is to build the home and include solar lights, water filter and bucket, bunk bed, a pila for water collection and washing, an ONIL block stove, basic family staples, and other items. Please consider a gift to help this widow. Here's a link for [more information](#).



## Strategic Planning Help



### Need Your Input with Weekly Strategic Planning Questions

We need your help in answering four questions that will help guide the strategic planning process. Each week a question will be presented in the ENews, which will then be addressed during the following Sunday service.

Fr. Doug will give us a few minutes before the end of the service to write our responses on small post-its that will be in the bulletins. After you write your response on a post-it, you may place it on one of the large white post-it sheets that will be on the walls on each side of the baptismal font as you leave the service.

The question this week is: **What do you want to see at St. Mark's in the next 3-5 years?** Here are some ideas to get you thinking: provide hot meals for those who are in need, create an outdoor worship space in King's Forest, offer a food pantry, etc. Dream Big!

**Thank you for your help with this project!**

## Need a Ladder?

### Wooden Ladder Available

We are replacing our wooden ladder with an aluminum ladder. If you need an eight foot ladder, we're giving the wooden one away. Contact the church office by phone at (361) 994-0285, or email Judy at [judy@stmarksc.org](mailto:judy@stmarksc.org) to see if it's still available.

**First come, first served!**



## Access Plus Ramp Build



### Ramp Build Saturday, May 20th, at 8:00 a.m. 120 Softwood

May's ramp build is for a lady named Linda, who lives in a trailer park. If you like working with your hands and power tools, come join the team. You don't need to have any experience. Doug Wayland, who oversees the ramp ministry, would be happy to train you.

Linda's address is 120 Softwood, but Google Maps will not get you to her address. So, please use the entrance at 138 Candlewood St. to get into trailer park, then look for her home.

## Sunday Funday

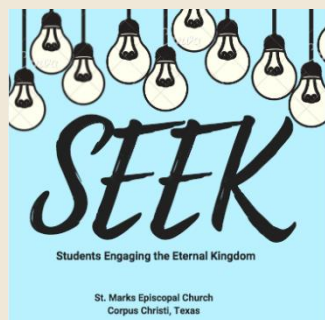
### St. Mark's Sunday Funday May 21st

Please join us Sunday, May 21, at 44 Hewit Place, from 3:00-6:00 p.m.. We'll play ping pong, swim, snack, and enjoy being together.

Bring a snack to share and a towel, if you plan to swim. Drinks will be provided. All are invited!



## Children & SEEK Youth Group



### Children & SEEK Youth Group

#### Summer Camp Opportunities at Camp Capers

Registration is now open for:

##### 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.

## Youth Sunday

We will celebrate Youth Sunday on May 21st. All youth are invited to be thinking about where they might like to serve!



## Pentecost Sunday



### Pentecost Sunday May 28th

It's been our tradition to wear red clothing and enjoy strawberry shortcake on Pentecost Sunday. Our hospitality team will supply the cake. We'll need your help with the strawberries. Please bring a quart of strawberries that are cut up and sugared to share that Sunday.

**Don't forget to wear something red!**

## Volunteer Opportunity



### Beach to Bay Volunteer Team May 20th

Every year Mission 911 helps with the Beach to Bay Relay Race. The team directs people to parking for the first leg of the race. Volunteers need to be onsite at 5:00 a.m. that morning, and they may leave between 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Approximately seven additional helpers are still needed. More information can be obtained by contacting Mission 911, if you are interested in volunteering. Please let the staff at Mission 911 know that you would like to help by calling the office at (361)882-0911 or emailing Justin at [justin@ccmission911.org](mailto:justin@ccmission911.org).



## Diocesan Events



**Diocesan News**

## Emergency Request for Volunteers and Supplies from the Plaza de Paz Respite Center for the Diocesan Immigration and Refugee Ministries--[Click here](#) to read more about this request.

**A Letter to the Diocese Regarding the Bishop Transition**--Click on [this link](#) for an update for the transitions from Bishop David M. Reed to Bishop Coajutor-Elect David G. Read.

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

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

**May 14- Sunday--Mother's Day**

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

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

**May 15 - Monday**

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

**May 17 - Wednesday**

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.

**May 20 - Saturday**

8:00 a.m. - Access Plus Ramp Build--138 Castlewood St. is the entrance to the trailer park; the address is 120 Softwood.

## 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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