

# St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

July 11, 2024

## Upcoming Events

### Vacation Bible School

7/12, Friday, Last Day  
9:00-11:45 a.m.

### Welcoming Liturgy

7/14, Sunday 10:00 a.m.

### Cimarron Senior Apartments Food Distribution

7/18, Thursday 11:45 a.m.

## From the Rector Fr. Doug



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## Sunday Worship Service

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

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One of the most well-known stories in the Gospels is that of the beheading of John the Baptist. It is a tragic story that includes all the powerful emotions of humanity. It presents an influential public figure, King Herod, who finds himself in an emotional conflict with his wife, his peers, and his own conscience. The opening of the story is simple. Herod was hearing reports about the miracles that Jesus was performing throughout the region that he was responsible for overseeing on behalf of Rome. The reports that Herod was receiving were not in agreement concerning Jesus's identity and his ability to do what he is doing. There were three schools of thought: one said that Jesus was John the Baptist who had been raised from the dead, another was that Jesus was Elisha who was to prepare the way for the return of the king of Israel, and the third was that Jesus was a prophet of old who had returned. All these reports implied that God was acting in the world. Herod concluded that Jesus was John the Baptist, whom he had ordered killed. Herod's personal revelation was an indictment against him.

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

## Cimarron Senior Apartment Ministry

### Ministry Opportunities at Cimarron Senior Apartments 7/18, 11:45 a.m.

The Coastal Bend Food Bank food box distribution is the third Thursday of each month. So, for this month it will be next week on July 18th. If you would like to help, please arrive at the apartment complex at 11:45 a.m. You may contact John deMontel at (361) 815-9498 or the church office at (361) 994-0285 for more information.



## Missionary Update



### Erin Cottos's Ministry in Baja, Mexico

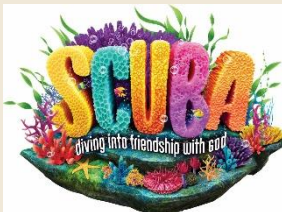
Erin Cottos is been serving the people of Baja, Mexico, through Eternal Anchor, a local ministry. She sent out an ENews with updates about her ministry work. [Click here](#) to read about her latest adventures.

If you'd like to support Erin's ministry, please consider making a donation through St. Mark's. You may write a check or give through our EGiving. Please indicate that your gift is for Erin, and the office will make sure she receives it.

## Vacation Bible School



Vacation Bible  
School Fun!



## Scuba Vacation Bible School

Our Vacation Bible School program, "Scuba, Diving into Friendship with God" will conclude tomorrow, on Friday. The children are having a great time. Twenty-four kids were registered, and we've had around sixteen participating each day.

Many thanks to Sally Buck and her crew of 29 or so volunteers for devoting their time and talents to make this year's event a success. And thanks also to those who helped behind the scene with donations of supplies and funds. It is surely a group effort! Thank you!





## Access Plus Ramp Ministry

### No Ramp Builds in July and August

Due to the extreme heat, it has been decided that we will not build ramps in the months of July and August. The team will resume the ramp builds in September.



## Hurricane Preparedness



### Are You Prepared for a Hurricane?

#### Hurricane Proof your Property

Are you able to hurricane proof your home by boarding up windows, securing outdoor property, etc.? If not, and you don't have family who could help you, please contact the church office at (361)994-0285 so our staff will know who might need assistance

prior to a hurricane. With advance notice, a team of people could come assist those who need help protecting their property.

### **Emergency Contact from Church**

To stay informed of emergency situations, receive information on resources that the church may offer, and to check in with your church family during an emergency, please join the **St. Mark's General Text Group**. You may do so by scanning the QR code below. Fill in your cell phone number and your first and last name; check the box "Verify you are human"; click the "Subscribe" button, and you will automatically be put in the text group.

We will also utilize our **St. Mark's Episcopal Church Family Facebook Group** by providing information about power, supplies, where help may be found, etc., in the event of a natural disaster. If you're not a member, search for the group name and submit a request to become a member.

These are two of the communications channels that at our disposal, so please make sure you have access to both of them.



## **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.



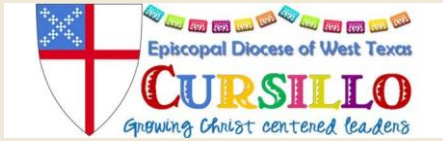
Members of the group have been volunteering their time at Timon's Ministry working in the Clothing Closet organizing items and visiting with people. The group has asked for help with their efforts through any of the following ways:

- . Donating men's shirts, jeans, or athletic shoes
- . Donating travel size deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, bars of bath soap, body wash
- . Donating toothbrushes
- . Donating items for to-go food bags: tuna and cracker packs, granola bars, chips, bottled water, etc.
- . Sorting clothing on Wednesdays from 8:10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

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.

## Cursillo & Women's Reunion Groups



### Cursillo Community Information

New **reunion groups** for women who have completed a Cursillo weekend are being formed. Both daytime and evening times are possible. If you are interested in participating in a group or just being kept informed of upcoming Cursillo events and activities, please contact Pam Cater at (361) 446-4498 or at [pamela.j.cater@gmail.com](mailto:pamela.j.cater@gmail.com).

Looking ahead, two Cursillos are scheduled for the fall: October 3-6 at Mustang Island Retreat Center and November 7-10 at Camp Capers.

## Diocesan Events

### Diocesan News



**Family Camp Sessions**--Family Camp sessions at Mustang Island Conference Center are well underway. If you'd like to have a fun-filled family getaway, click here for information about [Family Camp](#).

**Cursillo Information**--Please use the link below to the diocesan page containing information on upcoming [Cursillo weekends](#).

**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 [July 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 [July calendar](#).

### July 14 - Sunday

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

### July 15 - Monday

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

### July 16 - Tuesday

7:30 a.m. - Women's Reunion Group--Corner Bakery, 4938 S. Staples St.

### July 17 - Wednesday

8:10 a.m. - Clothing Sorting--Timon's Ministries, 10501 S. Padre Island Dr.  
12:00 p.m. - Prayer Group--Fellowship Hall Library  
6:30 p.m. - Men's Reunion Group--Nolan's Restaurant, 7426 S. Staples St.

### July 18 - Thursday

11:45 a.m. - Cimarron Senior Apartments Food Distribution--2802 Cimarron Blvd.

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

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