

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

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Happening Retreat

8/5-7 Fri-Sun

Backpack Blessing Sunday

8/7 Sun, 10:00 a.m.

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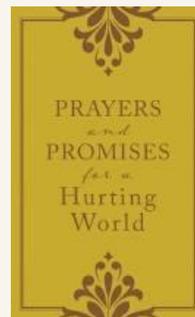
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Sunday Worship Service:

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

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God's Promises



Excerpt from *Prayers and Promises for a Hurting World* by Laura Freudig

"Everything that the Father has is Mine. That is what I meant when I said that He (the Spirit) will take the things that are Mine and will reveal (declare, disclose, transmit) it to you"
James 16:15

Dear Father, Adam and Eve walked with You in the garden of Eden in the cool of the day. Sometimes we're jealous of that closeness. We long to walk with You too. But what was lost has been redeemed with something greater, and we repent of our sinful nostalgia.

We don't have You walking beside us in the physical sense Adam and Eve did; nor can we see Jesus' face and dusty feet next to us on the road the way the disciples did as they walked from Bethany to Jerusalem. But again, Lord, we praise You for doing an even greater work through the redemption offered by Your Son. Now You live in us. You can speak to our hearts wherever we are. Now we have Your very Word. We can carry it in our pockets. We can read it wherever we go, and if we memorize it, we can never lose it. Help us to live not with a misplaced longing for what is past, but with an attitude of continual praise and celebration for

what has been given us. You are living in us now, Lord. Give us ears to hear Your Spirit speak. In praise and expectation, we lift Your name. Amen.

Seek Him and His Word!

Backpack Blessing

Backpack Blessing Sunday, August 7th

School starts early this year for students in the Corpus Christi and Flour Bluff school districts. They will begin the week of August 8th-12th. So, our annual Blessing of Backpacks and prayer for the students, teachers, support staff, and administrators will take place during the service Sunday, August 7th. Be sure to have your children bring their backpacks next week.



New Bus Stop



New Bus Stop Opens New Outreach Opportunities

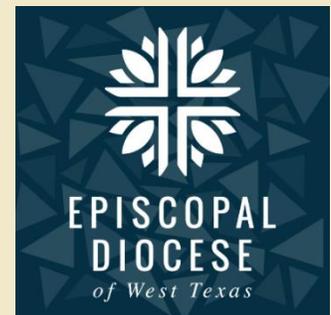
The City Transportation Department installed a bus stop immediately to the right of St. Mark's driveway as you drive into the property. We've been wanting this to happen for a number of years. It will open up opportunities for outreach to our community that we haven't been able to consider because of our location and the fact that there wasn't a bus stop closer to us.

Diocesan Council 2023 Planning

Diocesan Council February 16-18

Bishop Reed announced at Diocesan Council in February that St. Mark's would be co-hosting the 2023 Council with St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Rockport and St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Calallen at the American Bank Center (ABC). There are fourteen sub-committees that have been divided between the three churches. We will share the sub-committee work for the Holy Eucharist Worship Service.

Most of the volunteer time slots cover several hours, so we can split that up by having people serve for blocks of time, possibly two hours.



St. Mark's is responsible for the following sub-committees:

Hotels—(We need a chairperson.) Volunteers act as liaison to hotels, provide onsite check-in assistance, and welcome guests. We need two people to serve in each time slot Thursday 3-6 p.m., Friday 7-9 a.m., and Saturday 7 a.m.-1 p.m.

Transportation—(We need a chairperson.) Volunteers provide assistance for people getting on and off shuttle service. We need 6-8 helpers to serve Friday around noon until 2 p.m. starting at the ABC where people will be picked up to go to the Omni for the luncheon and then afterward when they return to the ABC.

Hospitality—(We need a chairperson.) We need to have 584 dozen (6,000) cookies available. Volunteers will work with ABC staff to keep beverages well stocked, man serving tables, keep cookies trays full, and keep area clean. We need two people to serve per shift Thursday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m., and Saturday 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Nursery/Childcare—Chairperson: Chrystal Wilkey. Volunteers must have a current Safeguarding God's Children certificate. We need to set up space for 6-15 children, serve snacks and meals, provide age appropriate activities, and keep children safe. We need 4-6 caregivers to serve in shifts Thursday 12 p.m.-8 p.m., Friday 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m., and Saturday 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Worship Service—Bishop Reed will plan and oversee the Holy Eucharist service. Volunteers from all area churches and surrounding area will participate. The Eucharist will either be Thursday or Friday evening.

A sign-up list with time slots to volunteer for each day of council for all of the sub-committees will be created and available soon.

The next planning meeting via Zoom is Wednesday August 10 11 a.m.-1 p.m. All sub-committee chairs need to attend. Please call Judy at (361) 994-0285, or email her at judy@stmarksgcc.org if you are available to help in any of these areas.

Search Process Update



The Search Process Continues...

Hi St. Mark's Faithful,

Please continue to pray for the search process, for St. Mark's, for our future rector and family, and for God's promises and purpose to be fulfilled here!

- Pray for the search committee members and their families.
- Pray that they will have the mind of Christ as they make progress.
- Pray that God would increase our next rector's passion for preaching the Word of God.
- Pray that God would give our next rector a love for our church.
- Pray for the formation of new relationships at our church.
- Pray for our next rector's family.
- Pray as the Spirit leads you.

Keep Praying!!

Happening #151

Diocesan Youth Spiritual Retreat August 5-7

Happening is a spiritual Renewal weekend retreat for youth who are rising 10th graders through graduating 12th grade youth. It is led by peers with the support of lay and clergy from our diocese.



Happening #151 will be hosted by St. Francis Episcopal Church in Victoria beginning Friday evening, August 5th, at 7:00 p.m. and concluding Sunday afternoon at 4:00 p.m.

Scholarships are available to cover the \$60 cost of registration. [Click here](#) for more information.

Ways to Support God's Kingdom through St. Mark's

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORT ST. MARK'S CHURCH!

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 the 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 July schedule for our ministries, which is still a work in progress. Please check each week to see if there are any changes.

July 31 - Sunday

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

11:15 a.m. - Coffee Hour--Fellowship Hall

August 2 - Tuesday

10:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting--Library

6:00 p.m. - Women's Reunion Group--Jason's Deli, 1416 Airline Rd.

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

August 3 - Wednesday

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

August 4- Thursday

5:30 p.m. - Finance Committee Meeting--Online via Zoom

Helpful Links

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

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

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

[Diocese of West Texas](#)

[Diocesan Newsletter and Reflection Magazine](#)

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