

August 1, 2024

Upcoming Events

**Conversations with God at
Cimarron Senior Apartments**

8/6, Tuesday at 12:00 p.m.

Hollen Renewal of Vows

8/10, Saturday

Back to School Blessing

8/11, Sunday

Utreya

8/17, Saturday

Parish Meeting & Potluck

8/25, Sunday

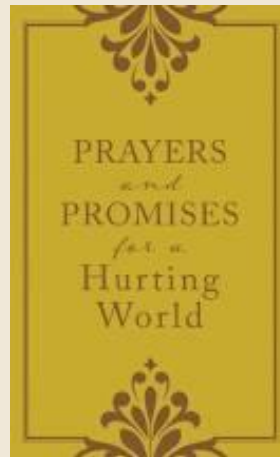
Hooks Baseball Game

8/30, Friday at 7:05 p.m.

Excerpt from

***Prayers and Promises for a Hurting
World***

by Laura Freudig



Respect and Love

Dear Father, we ask Your help today to offer respect and love, not criticism. So often we think we know best about virtually everything: family life, politics, history, domestic policy, international relations, corporate management, Bible interpretation, and everything under the sun. We even think we know all about You. But You are beyond searching out. Much of what we think we understand is beyond searching too. This world and

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Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

its history are so complicated, and to recognize that and the limits of our experience and knowledge is a just humility.

We ask You to remind us of our smallness and give us the grace to accept it. Please, Lord, stop our endless words, our excuses and justifications and defenses of our own virtue and intelligence. Give us respect for other viewpoints and love for those who hold them. Let us be willing not only to say, "I don't know," but also "I was wrong" and "You're right." Let us be willing to praise others. Let us be willing to ask, to listen, to understand. Open our hearts to learn from those around us; give us rest from self-righteousness. We praise You that You can use other fallible, sinful creatures in forming us to be like the Perfect One, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. Proverbs 3:5-6 NLT

[Visit our website](#)

Hollen Renewal of Wedding Vows



**Michael & Cathy Hollen
to Renew Wedding Vows
Saturday, August 10, at 2:00 p.m.**

Michael and Cathy Hollen celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary on July 31st. They want to mark this milestone in their life by renewing their wedding vows, and they would like to share this special event with their church family. So, everyone is invited to come to St. Mark's sanctuary on August 10th to help them celebrate. Reception to follow in the fellowship hall.

Back to School Blessing

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Sunday, August 11

Our annual Back to School Blessing will be the Sunday before school starts. Students, teachers, school staff, and backpacks will be blessed during the service on August 11th to promote a good start to the new school year.



Ultreya Gathering



Make a friend,
Be a friend,
Bring a friend to Christ.



COASTAL BEND AREA ULTREYA



Saturday, August 17th
1:00pm

Trinity by the Sea Episcopal Church
433 Trojan St.
Port Aransas

*please bring
a snack to share!
Beverages
provided!*

*Questions?
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Episcopal Diocese of West Texas
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Growing Christ centered leaders

Ultreya Gathering
Saturday, 8/17,
at 1:00 p.m.
Trinity by the Sea
Episcopal Church

If you've attended a Cursillo weekend, you're invited to an Ultreya meeting at Trinity by the Sea in Port Aransas. Drinks will be provided, but people are asked to bring a snack to share with everyone.

Parish Meeting and Potluck

Parish Meeting and Mexican

Theme Potluck

Sunday, August 25



We'll begin the fall with a potluck and parish meeting to catch up on the year and learn what plans are in store through the end of the year. Lunch will be a potluck with a Mexican food theme. Please sign up on your Connection Card Sunday. You may also call the office Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., or email Judy at judy@stmarkscc.org.

Episcopal Night at Whataburger Field



The Corpus Christi Hooks will take on the Tulsa Drillers

Friday, 8/30, at 7:05 p.m.

Do you enjoy watching our local Hooks baseball team play? Then plan to come to the Episcopal Night at Whataburger Field at the end of August.

Fr. John Blackburn from St. Christopher's by the Sea in Portland has 150 free tickets that he's offering to our local Episcopal churches' parishioners. If you would like to attend, you may sign up on your Connection Card that will be in your bulletin the next several Sundays or let the church office know by calling (361) 994-0285 Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., or by emailing Judy at judy@stmarkscc.org. The final deadline is 8/23.

Be sure to sign up soon to secure your tickets.

Youth Group News

Youth group entering 6th grade and up!

Remember to bring you backpack to receive a blessing on Sunday, August 11th during the service. Then stay after church for coffee hour. We'll have ice cream and games!



Access Plus Ramp Ministry



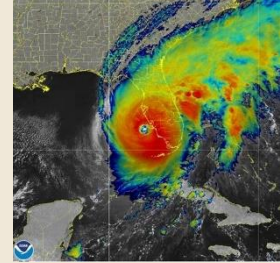
No Ramp Builds in July and August

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 Info

Hurricane Preparedness

Our diocese has made available a helpful disaster preparedness checklist for those of us living near the Gulf of Mexico. [Here's a link to it.](#)



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 band aids, bandages, and gauze
- Donating clothing, especially 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.

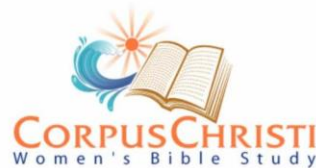
You may leave your donations in designated boxes located in the entryway to the sanctuary and in the fellowship hall. Contact Pam Cater at (361) 446-4498 for more information.

Thank you for your help with this important ministry opportunity.

Corpus Christi Women's Bible Study

Community Bible Study Opportunity for Women begins September 18th

Be sure to register by September 11th.



Celebrating 20 Years of Fellowship and Learning

COME FOR COFFEE

Information • Registration
 Wednesday, September 11, 10:00 AM
 First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall • 900 S. Shoreline Blvd.
 (Main Entrance facing Water Street)
 Nursery provided

CLASSES BEGIN WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

9:30-11:30 AM
 First United Methodist Church
 Sanctuary
 Music • Small Group Discussion • Message
 Nursery provided

Teaching Directors

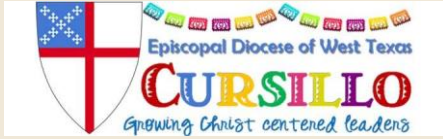
Jan Ayliffe • Judy Hamrick • Gwen McMath • Brenda Tollett

Curriculum: Gospel of Mark

Gwen McMath, Author

Registration fee \$40 payable to "Corpus Christi Women's Bible Study"
 Pay fee and get your book at the Registration Coffee
If you cannot attend the Coffee, mail your check to:
 47 Lake Shore Drive, Corpus Christi, TX 78413
 Questions: Susan Lewis, susanlewis846@gmail.com

Cursillo & Women's Reunion Groups



Cursillo Community Information

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.

Looking ahead, two Cursillos are scheduled for the fall: October 3-6 at Mustang Island Retreat Center, which is tailored to those who speak Spanish, 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](#). The Cursillo in October is intended for Spanish speakers.

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 [August 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 [August calendar](#).

August 4 - Sunday

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

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

August 5 - Monday

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

August 6 - Tuesday

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

12:00 p.m. - Conversations with God--Cimarron Senior Apartments, 2802 Cimarron Blvd.

August 7 - Wednesday

8:10 a.m. - Clothing Sorting--Timon's Ministries, 10501 S. Padre Island Dr.

11:30 a.m. - Lunch with the Old Guys--Catfish Charlie's Restaurant, 5830 McArdle 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.

August 10 - Saturday

2:00 p.m. - Michael & Cathy Hollen Renewal of Vows--Sanctuary

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

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

[Diocese of West Texas](#)

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