

# St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

January 4, 2024

## Upcoming Events

### Ann Rogers's Memorial Service

1/13, Saturday 10:00 a.m.

### Access Plus Ramp Build

1/20, Saturday 8:00 a.m.

### South Texas Amateur Radio Club Field Day

1/27, Saturday 8:00 a.m.

### Annual Meeting & Potluck

1/28, Sunday 11:30 a.m.

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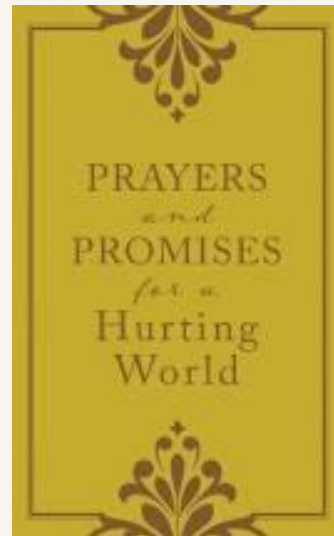
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## Sunday Worship Service

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

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## Meditation



An excerpt entitled  
"Do You Hear What I Hear" from  
***Prayers and Promises for a  
Hurting World*** by Laura Freudig

*A third time he asked him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt that Jesus asked the question a third time. He said, "Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you." Jesus said, "Then feed my sheep." John 21: 17 NLT*

Dear Jesus, we are Your sheep, the people of Your pasture, loved and precious and known. Thank You for that pastoral metaphor, which is both humbling and comforting. For we are just like sheep: foolish, weak, small, and easily led astray. We are prone to wander; we feel it every day in the way our minds tend to things other than You. We are prone to complain with an irritating repetition and a blindness to the blessings around us. Hours or even days go by without us pricking our ears to the sound of Your voice, without looking up

to see where we are in relation to where You are. And when we find ourselves in a predicament--far from home, far from the flock, far from You--we cry out and You are there.

But, Lord, we want to be able to feed Your sheep too, just like You commanded Peter to do. We don't want to be so continually lost that we're no help to the other lost sheep around us. Help us to persistently reorient our minds on You and Your loving voice, and keep our wooly ears open to the cries of others. **Amen.**

## Adult Bible Study



### Adult Bible Study of the Gospel of Mark Will Resume THIS Sunday, 1/7/24

All are welcome to join the Bible study. Come to one week, or come to them all. The class meets in the fellowship hall at noon and ends around 1:00 p.m. Grab a cup of coffee and some snacks, then head over to the

designated tables to sit down.

Here are links for past study dates and the upcoming Sunday:

[the introduction](#) to the class

[map of the Sea of Galilee](#)

[chapter one](#) study notes

[chapter two](#) study notes

[chapter three](#) study notes

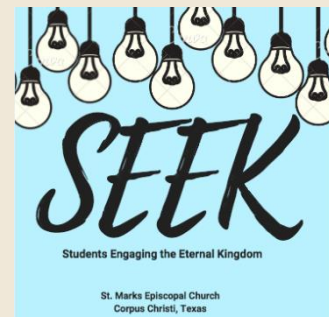
[chapter four](#) study notes

[chapter five](#) study notes

## Youth Group & Children's Ministry

### SEEK Youth Group Meets Sundays at 11:30 a.m. Will Resume THIS Sunday, 1/7/24

Youth group will begin meeting THIS Sunday, right after the worship service, so grab a snack and a drink, and bring them with you to the youth room. Come see everyone and catch up!



## Annual Parish Meeting & Potluck



### Annual Meeting & Potluck Lunch Sunday, 1/28

Mark your calendars for this important meeting for our parish. We'll learn about how we finished 2023 financially, watch a photo roller capturing 2023 in a video, hear reports from various ministries, look ahead at 2024, elect five new vestry members, share a potluck lunch and more. If you're interested in running for vestry, please contact the church office by calling (361) 994-0285 or emailing Judy at [judy@stmarkscc.org](mailto:judy@stmarkscc.org).

The theme for the potluck is "barbeque". So, crank up those barbeque pits, or pull out those recipes for side dishes to compliment the meat from the pit. You may sign up on the Connection Card found in your bulletin this Sunday, or contact the church office at (361) 994-0285, or email Judy at [judy@stmarkscc.org](mailto:judy@stmarkscc.org).

## Diocesan Events

### Diocesan News



**Day of Deeper Understanding and Diocesan Ultreya**--All Cursillistas, sponsors, and team members are invited to the upcoming "Day of Deeper Understanding" and Diocesan Ultreya Saturday, January 20th at St John's, New Braunfels, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 312 S Guenther Ave. Please join us to welcome the new Cursillistas from **Cursillo #289** and **#290** and enjoy a day of fellowship in community. Please bring a potluck dish to share (from the H.E.B. deli is fine) and your songbook.

**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 worshiping 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 [January 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 [January calendar](#).

### January 7- Sunday--Epiphany Sunday

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

11:30 a.m. - Coffee Hour

11:30 a.m. - SEEK Youth Group--Fellowship Hall Youth Room

12:00 p.m. - Study of the Gospel of Mark--Fellowship Hall

### January 8 - Monday

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

### January 9 - Tuesday

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

### January 10 - Wednesday

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

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

### January 13 - Saturday

10:00 a.m. - Ann Rogers's Memorial Service--Sanctuary

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

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