

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

November 20, 2025

Upcoming Events

**Fishpond Living Residents
Thanksgiving Meal Delivery**
11/25, Tuesday

Thanksgiving Day
11/27, Thursday

Missionary Sunday
11/30, Sunday

Advent Season Begins
11/30, Sunday

**Election of Delegates & Alternates
to Diocesan Council**
12/7, Sunday

**Christmas Pageant & Christmas
Caroling**
12/14, Sunday



From the Rector Fr. Doug Wasinger



This Sunday is known as Christ the King Sunday, a feast day the Episcopal Church adopted from our Catholic brothers. But where did this feast originate?

It was established in 1925 by Pope Pius XI in response to a growing tide of secularism, atheism, and nationalism during the 1920s—a time when leaders like Mussolini and Hitler were rising to power. The Pope feared that Christians were pledging their loyalty to political figures at the expense of their spiritual allegiance to Jesus.

When I read today's headlines, I can't help but think that what Pope Pius XI did in 1925 still matters. Yet, I don't see this as a crisis of faith, but as an opportunity to ask ourselves: As followers of Jesus, who do we recognize as our ultimate leader? Who has the final word on our worth as human beings?

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Sunday Worship Service

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

[Visit our website](#)

Fishpond Living Thanksgiving Meal

Thanksgiving Meal Organization and Delivery Sunday, 11/23, After Church, and Tuesday, 11/25, at 8:30 a.m.



The collection of food items has been an incredible success. Thank you to everyone who participated.

We are able to supply 110 Thanksgiving meals to the residents of the Fishpond Living Apartment Complex. They are always so grateful for these meals and welcome our annual visits.

11/23, Sunday, after the service: Our youth group will organize the food items and write cards for the residents.

11/25, Tuesday at 8:30 a.m.: Youth and adults will arrive to put the meal bags together and finish up the cards, if needed. Once that's complete, they will take the meals to Fishpond Living to distribute.

**Thank you for your help in supplying these residents
with a Thanksgiving meal! It blesses them so much!**

Tell Out My Soul Campaign



Tell Out My Soul Stewardship Campaign

Thank you to everyone who has submitted a ministry support card. Fr. Doug blesses all cards as they come in.

If you weren't able to submit your ministry support card, you may still do so on any Sunday by placing it in the offering basket or by mailing it to the office. There are extra ministry support cards in the sanctuary and in the office.

Thank you to everyone who is supporting St Mark's Church through our Tell Out My Soul stewardship campaign. Your gifts and commitments help to further the Kingdom of God through St. Mark's.

Missionary Sunday

Missionary Sunday November 30th

Fr. Duane and Sharon Miller have prepared a video update on their ministry in the Madrid area, which we'll see on November 30th, our Missionary Sunday. The loose offering and any designated gifts will support their ministry as well as Erin Cottos' ministry. Thank you for your generosity and support of ministry outside the walls of St. Mark's.



2026 Flower Chart



2026 Flower Chart Available

The flower chart for the Sundays in 2026 is available in the entryway to the sanctuary. You may sign up to sponsor the altar flowers for any Sunday you would like to honor a special someone or event in your life. Of course, you are welcome to sign up for more than one Sunday. If you would like to sponsor a Sunday but can't be here to sign up, call Judy at the office at (361) 994-0285 or email her at judy@stmarksgc.org to check if the date you would prefer is available; if so, she will put your name down for that date.

Near the beginning of each month, an email will go out to all who signed up to sponsor a Sunday in that month, reminding them of the Sunday they signed up to sponsor. The email will include a request for a dedication for the flowers and information on how to cover the \$55 cost of the flowers.

Thank you for helping to make our altar beautiful each Sunday!

Youth Ministry

SEEK Youth Group Meets Sundays after the Service



Our Fishpond Living Thanksgiving Meal delivery is next Tuesday!

Please plan to stay after church on Sunday, 11/23, to help organize the food items and work on the Thanksgiving cards that we'll hand out to the residents.

Sunday, 11/23, after church— Organize Fishpond Living meal items and prepare cards
Tuesday, 11/25, beginning at 8:30 a.m. — Package Fishpond Living items and make delivery.

Registration for [Mid-Winter Camp and Summer Camp at Camp Capers](#) is open. Click on the link to the diocesan page to obtain more information and to register.

Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His face continually. (1 Chronicles 16:11)

Books Available



Books Available

Our library is receiving a much-needed cleanup and clean-out. Teresa Bacon and Marlyce Rysavy have been working on it for over a month now. There were lots of books in the library that are no longer needed but are still great to share. So, they are available in the fellowship hall and are free to take. Go over after the service on Sunday to see if any of the titles are of interest to you. Happy reading!

Blood Drive

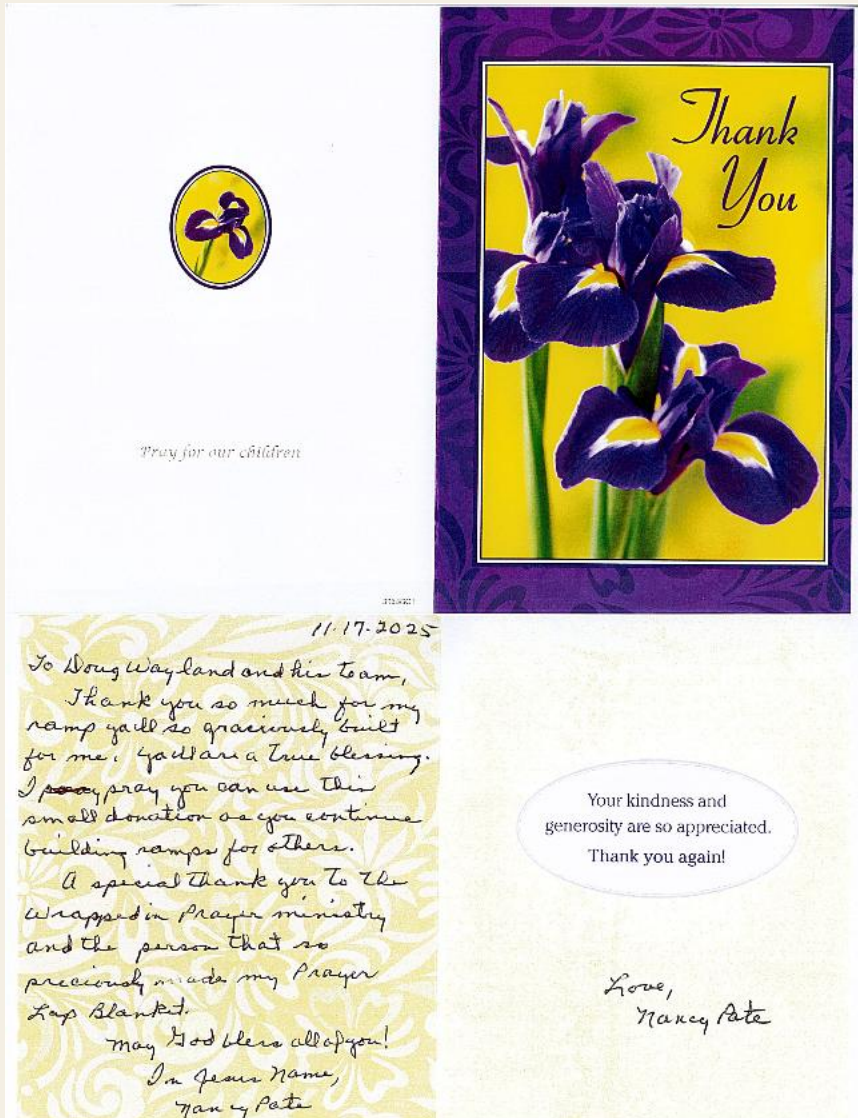
Coastal Bend Blood Center Blood Drive Results

We met our goal of donating 12 units of blood. One of our parishioners was told that of the churches that host blood drives, we are one of the more successful. That's very encouraging!



Coastal Bend Blood Center
Giving so that others may live

Access Plus Thank You



Access Plus Thank You Note

Nancy Pate and her husband Robert were scheduled to have their ramp built this past Saturday, and it was. However, Robert passed away ten days before the build was to take place. Nancy was very appreciative of the ramp because she uses a walker to get around her home, and the ramp will make it easier for her to come and go. She loved her blanket made by the Wrapped in Prayer Ministry, too.

Cimarron Senior Apartments Ministry

**Ministry to the Residents at
Cimarron Senior Apartments
2802 Cimarron Blvd.**

**Conversations with God
Monday, 12/1, at 11:00 a.m.**



Conversations with God Bible Study on the First Monday of Every Month at 11:00 a.m.

Once a month, John deMontel, Fr. Doug Wasinger, and others provide snacks and a Bible study they call "Conversations with God" for the residents. It generally lasts an hour. If you'd like to help with this ministry, please contact John at (361) 815-9498.

Food Delivery to Residents on the Third Monday of Every Month at 11:30 a.m.

The Coastal Bend Food Bank delivers food to the Cimarron Senior Apartments once a month. A team of dedicated St. Mark's volunteers helps distribute the food to the residents after it has arrived. If you have an hour or so to give, please consider helping with the monthly food distribution.

Adult Bible Study



Adult Bible Study Class Sundays at 11:30 a.m.

The Adult Bible Study group meets on Sundays after the service. Tom Curry is leading the study entitled **"Understanding the Old Testament in Jesus's Time."** Bring your own Bible, or use one of the several that will be available. Pick up some refreshments, and join the class in

the fellowship hall library.

Quiet Day: Women's Call to Prayer

**Quiet Day:
Women's Call to Prayer
at
St. Bartholomew's
Episcopal Church
622 Airline Rd.
December 6th,
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

The Daughters of the King group at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church is offering a day of prayer for women. The event will include worship, prayer, and fellowship. Please RSVP to Helana Barmore at (713) 449-4543 if you plan to attend.

Please join us!!

**Quiet day:
Women's Call to
Prayer**

**Saturday, December 6
9:00 am – Noon**

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church
Parish hall
622 Airline
Corpus Christi, TX 78412

Casual dress with light refreshments
Worship – program – prayer – fellowship

RSVP (713) 449-4543 text/call
Helana.barmore@gmail.com

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Saving Grace Chapter
Daughters of the King

St. Mark's History Books



The Story of St. Mark's Books From 1986 to the Present in the Fellowship Hall

We have several books that depict the history of our church. They are usually kept in the library, but we found that people don't know that they're there.

So, for several weeks they continue to be on a table in the entryway for you to look through. There is a mix of photos, text, articles, certificates, and more that chronicle our history beginning in 1986. Next year, we will celebrate our 40th year of ministry. What a milestone!

Year-End Giving

Year-End Giving Information

As the year comes to a close, many people want to bless others with a year-end gift. Here is a flyer that explains some of [the opportunities](#) that are available to us and what needs to be considered.



Timon's Ministry



Ministry in Partnership with Timon's Ministries

Over the course of many years, St. Mark's has partnered with Timon's Ministries 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 Ministries, working in the Clothing Closet, organizing items, and visiting with people. The group has asked for help with their efforts in any of the following ways:

- Donating band aids, bandages, gauze, etc.
- Donating clothing, especially men's shirts, jeans, shorts, athletic shoes, flip-flops, socks, and belts, and women's jeans, shorts, undergarments, socks, and purses
- Donating sleeping bags, backpacks, tote bags, suitcases, and recyclable plastic bags
- Donating travel-size deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, bars of bath soap, body wash, bath towels

- Donating toothbrushes and new or used shoelaces
- Donating laundry supplies
- Donating items for to-go food bags: tuna and cracker packs, granola bars, chips, bottled water, etc.
- Sorting clothing and helping clients on Mondays from 8:45 to noon

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.

Diocesan Events

Diocesan News



Mid-Winter Camps and Summer

Camps at Camp Capers--Mid-Winter I, for youth 6th through 12th grade, begins on January 2nd. Mid-Winter II, for kids in 2nd through 5th grade, starts on January 9th. Registration for Summer Camps has also opened. [Here is a link for more information.](#)

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 on 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 our [November ministry schedule](#). Click here for the [November church calendar](#).

November 23 - Sunday

- 10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist--Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. - Coffee & Conversation--Fellowship Hall
- 11:30 a.m. - SEEK Youth Group--Fellowship Hall Youth Room
- 11:45 a.m. - Adult Bible Study--Fellowship Hall Library

November 24 - Monday

- 8:45 a.m. - Clothing Shop--Timon's Ministry, 10501 S. Padre Island Dr.
- 9:30 a.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library

November 25 - Tuesday

- 8:30 a.m. - Fishpond Living Complex Thanksgiving Meal Delivery--Fellowship Hall

November 26 - Wednesday

- 10:30 a.m. - Johnny Wilkey Memorial--Sanctuary

November 27 - Thursday

THANKSGIVING DAY!

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

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