

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

January 8, 2026

Upcoming Events

Access Plus Ramp Build

1/17, Saturday

Ultreya

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Adult Bible Study to Resume

1/18, Sunday

Food Distribution

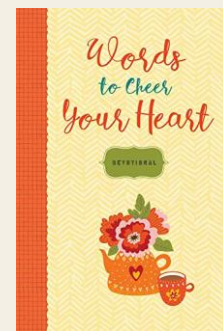
1/23, Friday

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An Excerpt from *Words to Cheer Your Heart* by Ellie Claire



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Sunday Worship Service

Morning Prayer at 10:00 a.m.

"For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, "In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength." Isaiah 30:15

It seems endless, doesn't it? That "to do" list for today or this week or this month? We say yes too often, then promise others far too much, and never seem to give each task the time and effort it deserves. Mornings start before dawn, and work extends long past dusk. The treadmill of work isn't just about making more money. Sometimes it's just making enough to cover all the bills. But more often than that it's about feeling needed and knowing you've accomplished something valuable.

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But there's a price. Exhaustion and stress change us. Our health deteriorates. Our tempers flare as our patience wears thin. This is a situation that can damage relationships, even the ones dearest to us.

So what do we do? We must find the word no in our vocabulary. Easier said than done...but it can be done. We may need to turn down valuable opportunities. Or refuse to add another activity to our children's week. But what's more important is to say "yes!" to time for God, for our families, and for rest.

Even God rested. It's one of His most vital gifts to us. To sit still and embrace Him and our loved ones. To give ourselves grace.

Prayer: Lord, You gave us the miracle cure: rest. Help us to take time in each day to be with you so that our spirit and mind can be refreshed and renewed. Amen.

Access Plus Ramp Build



Access Plus Ramp Build Saturday, 1/17, 8:00 a.m. 4801 Easter Dr.

The Access Plus January ramp build is for a lady named Maria. She and her family will be very happy to gain better access to her home.

If this ministry is of interest to you but you don't feel like you have the skills to participate, please don't let that stop you. Doug Wayland and his

team are happy to train people. Just bring a willing heart!

Ultreya

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

PLEASE JOIN US...



COASTAL BEND AREA
ULTREYA



Saturday, January 17th

1:00p-3:00p

Please bring a snack or potluck dish to share!

St. Christopher's By the Sea Episcopal Church
820 Wildcat Drive
Portland, TX



Episcopal Diocese of West Texas
CURSILLO
Growing Christ centered leaders

Saturday, 1/17, at 1:00 p.m.

St. Christopher's by the Sea Episcopal Church

Please bring a snack or dish to share.

Annual Meeting



Annual Meeting and Potluck Lunch Sunday, 1/25, after the Service

Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 25th, after the service. We will have an Italian-themed potluck lunch before the meeting begins. Make plans to attend as we'll elect three new vestry members, watch a photo recap of events in 2025, hear how the year ended financially, hear from some ministry leaders, and learn about plans for 2026.

Please sign up on the back of your Connection Card to bring a dish to the potluck lunch. You may also email Judy at judy@stmarkscc.org or call her at (361) 994-0285 to let her know what you'd like to bring.

Youth Ministry

SEEK Youth Group Meets Sundays after the Service

Registration for [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)

Cimarron Senior Apartments Ministry



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

**Food Distribution
Friday, 1/23, at 11:30 a.m.
Please note, this is a date
change.**

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 Resumes on 1/18 at 11:45 a.m.

The Adult Bible study class will resume meeting on Sunday, January 18. The group will continue to meet in the fellowship hall library. If you'd like to join in the study, head to fellowship hall after the service, grab some refreshments, and then go to the library. Bibles will be available if you need one.



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



Summer Camps at Camp Capers--

Registration for Summer Camps has opened up for campers. [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 [January ministry schedule](#). Click here for the [January church calendar](#).

January 11 - Sunday

10:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer--Sanctuary

11:30 a.m. - Coffee & Conversation--Fellowship Hall

January 12 - Monday

8:45 a.m. - Clothing Shop--Timon's Ministry, 10501 S. Padre Island Dr.

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

January 13 - Tuesday

7:30 a.m. - Women's Reunion Group--Corner Baker Restaurant, 4928 S. Staples St.

January 14 - 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.

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

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