

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

March 3, 2022

Upcoming Events.

Courses to Prepare for Youth Confirmation Begin

3/6 Sun, 11:15 a.m.

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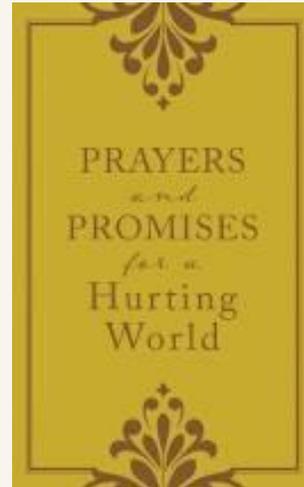
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Sunday Worship Service:

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

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God's Promises



**An excerpt taken from
*Prayers and Promises
for a Hurting World,*
a devotional by Laura Freudig.**

"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church."
Ephesians 5:25-27

Dear Lord,
We are so often blind to our own sin and blinded by it. We can't see it, and we can't even see the way it compromises our vision. Even David--who is called a man after God's own heart--dug himself deeper and deeper in sin, blind to its hideousness, until Nathan pointed at him and said, "You are the man!"

We praise You for Nathan and others like him who are willing to speak the truth. Surround us with truth tellers, Lord. We praise You also for the Spirit that lives in us that can awaken us to our sin before it's too late. Unrepentant sin leads to death; Your Word is clear about that. We say

we don't want that, yet every day we make choices that lead us in that direction. We rail at the sin in the world, yet we ignore the sin in our own hearts. We pray that the Spirit will sharpen our senses to our own sin, that we will feel the specks that pain us and cloud our sight, and that we will welcome the washing of water through Your Spirit, the Word of truth, and the Spirit speaking through other believers. Amen.

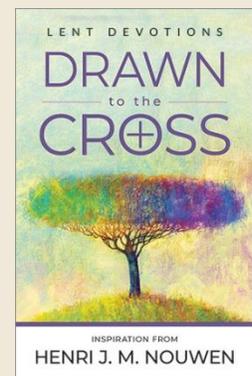
**Seek God! Pray!
Give it ALL to Him!**

Lenten Group Discussion

Lenten Devotional Discussion

Choosing a discipline to utilize during the season of Lent can be challenging because there are so many options. One of our St. Mark's families wanted to make that choice a little easier, so they ordered a Lenten devotional for each of us. It is written by well known Christian author Henri J. M. Nouwen and is titled *Drawn to the Cross*. We'd like to encourage everyone to pick up a copy to use.

To add to the experience, each Sunday during coffee hour we're going to have a group discussion of the readings from the week before, beginning this Sunday, March 6th. The discussions will be facilitated by various people. So, after the service, come over to the fellowship hall, grab some refreshments, look for the table that has a display of the title pictured here, and join the group.



Search Process

Links for Search Process Resources

Hi Folks,

The Search Committee did not meet this week in consideration of Lent and instead supported our St. Mark's Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Ash Wednesday Services.



We ask everyone to please continue serious prayer and discernment time in your Lenten discipline this year. Lent is also a perfect time to practice self-control and fast in preparation of celebrating the Lord's Resurrection at Easter.

From our Lenten Devotional by Henri Nouwen, *Drawn to the Cross*, Ash Wednesday is a day for a "Contrite Heart." The verse for the day is: "The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise." Psalm 51:17

God's Peace and Blessings,
John D.

Scripture for the Week

Matthew 14:15-18

As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food." Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered. "Bring them here to me," he said.

Here is a list of useful links to use during the search process for our new rector:

Parish Profile on St. Mark's [website](#)

Diocese of West Texas website [churches in transition](#)

Prayers during the search process: [prayers](#)

Mingle/Hollingsworth Wedding

Wedding Bells Were Ringing

We have a newly wedded couple in our midst. Anne Cecile Mingle and Colby Hollingsworth were married a week ago Tuesday on 2/22/2022 in Dallas. That's quite a memorable wedding date!

Be sure to congratulate them the next time you see them.



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



Family, Fellowship and Fun

Our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper was so much fun! There was a wonderful pancake meal complete with lots of wonderful toppings, great fellowship, a

hysterical skit featuring John Wandel and Dan Rios, and games. On a more serious note, we also wrote down our Lenten disciplines and prayers and put them in the Alleluia banner to be buried until Easter morning. Fr. Rick talked about





why we celebrate Shrove Tuesday, the importance of the Season of Lent, and what our focus should be during this season. It was truly a night of family fun.

A big thank to our Men's Group for cooking and all who made it a special night.

Check out these pictures of games involving pancakes, courtesy of Luke Markert.



Youth and Children's Ministry

SEEK Youth Group and Kids in Christ

Kids in Christ

We'll meet at our regular time this Sunday after the service, until about 12:00 p.m.



SEEK Youth Group

The confirmation class *I Will With God's Help* for our youth starts this Sunday, March 6th. Cindy Prowse is leading the course. They will gather in the fellowship hall and then head to the youth room for their class.

Youth Group will meet at our regular time this Sunday at 4 p.m. for Bible study, prayer, snacks, and more. Your friends are always invited!

Let's remember to keep all our youth and former youth in our prayers wherever they are--away at college, overseas, or right here at home!



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 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 the four 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.
- **NEW APP**----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.

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

March 6 - Sunday

10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist--Sanctuary
11:15 a.m. - Coffee Hour--Fellowship Hall
11:30 a.m. - Kids in Christ--Fellowship Hall
Youth Confirmation Class--Fellowship Hall
Drawn to the Cross Group Discussion--Fellowship Hall
4:00 p.m. - SEEK Youth Group--Fellowship Hall

March 8 - Tuesday

10:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. - Women's Group--Jason's Deli, 1416 Airline
6:30 p.m. - Men's Reunion Group--Nolan's Restaurant, 7426 S. Staples
7:00 p.m. - Bible Study & Prayer Group--Online--Zoom

March 9 - Wednesday

11:30 a.m. - Lunch with the Old Guys--Location to be determined
12:00 p.m. - Noon Prayer Group--Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m. - Search Committee Meeting--Fellowship Hall

Helpful Links

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

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[Diocese of West Texas](#)

[Diocesan Newsletter and Reflection Magazine](#)

[Denison Forum--News Discerned Differently](#)

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