

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

September 17, 2026

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9/19, Saturday

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Reflections from the Rector



I do not know which is harder: asking for forgiveness or offering forgiveness when someone asks it of us. Both require risk and vulnerability. We may hesitate to admit fault because we fear that someone will use our honesty against us. We may hesitate to accept an apology because we fear that forgiveness will be mistaken for weakness or a failure to hold someone accountable. We do not want to be taken advantage of, but neither do we want to live in constant fear that one mistake will permanently damage the relationships that matter most to us. So, what are we to do?

Peter asks Jesus a similar question: "Lord, if another member of the church

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Sunday Worship Service

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" (Matthew 18:21). Peter probably believes that seven times is quite generous. Jesus's answer, however, disappoints those of us who want a clear number. Really, Jesus? How many times must we forgive? When have we finally done enough? Jesus refuses to give us a limit we can use to keep score. Welcome to the kingdom of God. God's mercy cannot be contained by the limits we try to place upon it.

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40th Anniversary Celebration



*40 Years of
Bringing Faith
to Life!*

**40th Anniversary
THIS Saturday,
9/19
at 6:00 p.m.**

Our 40th Anniversary celebration is THIS Saturday. Bishop David Read and his lovely wife, Jacqui, will join us for the party!

Here is the menu for the dinner:

Brisket
Turkey
Potato Salad
Beans
Rolls
Hot Dogs (for the kids)
Desserts
Drinks
Beer and Wine (one per person)

We had a wonderful response to the bench project. A total of eight benches were donated!

Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard to make this celebration special and to those who donated the benches!

Access Plus Ramp Build

Access Plus Ramp Build Saturday, 9/19, at 8:00 a.m. 421 Troy Dr.

The September ramp build is for a lady named Leanna. She and her family are looking forward to having better access to her home.

If you are interested in helping with this ministry but are concerned you may not have the skills needed, please don't let that stop you. Doug Wayland and his team would be happy to train you. If you'd like more information about the ramp ministry, please contact Doug at (361) 813-1781.



Bishop's Visit



The Rt. Rev. Bishop David Read Annual Bishop's Visit & Confirmation Sunday September 20th

After spending an evening celebrating our 40th anniversary, Bishop David Read will be with us for our annual bishop's visit THIS Sunday. He will confirm four people as they officially join the Episcopal Church.

Our Confirmands:

Jill Crain
Niki Hollen
Rebecca Markert
Livi Wandel

Come be a part of all the celebrations this weekend!

Pictorial Directory

Pictorial Directory

Thank you to everyone who participated in the pictorial directory. We especially owe a huge thank you to Luke Markert and Britt Thompson for the time and effort they put into making this project happen.



We are still in the process of putting the directories together. We hope to have them available on Sunday. If we are successful in completing them, they will be in the sanctuary on the blue table and in the fellowship hall. If not, they'll be available the following Sunday.

Thank you for your help with this project!

Come Make Chrismons



Come Help Make Chrismons for Our Trees for Advent Fridays in September

Chrismons are white and gold ornaments that are symbols of Christ and the meaning of Advent. They will be used for decorating our sanctuary trees for Advent. "Chrismon" means Christ Monogram.

We want them to be lovely and durable, so we are using materials that will last for many years. If you like to embroider, needlepoint, do beadwork, paint on wood, or

otherwise craft with long-lasting materials, please consider joining us.

We have some patterns and a variety of materials/supplies for this project, but you are welcome to use others as you wish.

We will meet on the two remaining Fridays in September, **the 18th** and **the 25th**, from 1:00 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

There is no requirement to attend all sessions. Come as you are able. We will have more get-togethers later, dates and times to be determined.

For questions, contact Paula Baen by calling her at (832) 289-9842 or emailing her at paularupp57@gmail.com.

Youth Group

Youth Group Information

Youth group will not meet this Sunday because it is Confirmation Sunday, and there will be a reception for the confirmands after the service. The youth will meet next Sunday, September 27th.



Middle School Event--The diocese is offering an event for middle school youth hosted by three different churches. Trinity by the Sea Episcopal Church in Port Aransas is one of the hosts. Use this [link to register](#) and get more information. The event is scheduled for Saturday, 9/26, from 10:00 am to 2:00 p.m.



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of West Texas



Diocesan Middle School Event

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 10AM-2PM
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

OPEN TO STUDENTS IN GRADES 6-8

FOOD, GAMES, BIBLE STUDY, AND OUTREACH

LOCATIONS:
TRINITY-BY-THE-SEA, PORT ARANSAS

ST. DAVID'S, SAN ANTONIO

ST. PETER'S, KERRVILLE



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Cimarron Senior Apartments Ministry



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

**Food Delivery
Monday, 9/21, 11:15 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 11:15 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 residents. If you have an hour or so to give, please consider helping with the monthly food distribution.

Healing Prayer

**Time of Contemplation and
Healing Prayer
Wednesday, 9/23, 5:45 p.m.**



If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, this service is for you. The first part of the service includes hearing scripture, listening to worship music, being quiet before the Holy Spirit, and praying for people as a group. The second part is a time for individual prayer with prayer ministers.

The services are scheduled for the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Please consider joining us for prayers for yourself or for others you know.



Personal Prayer Sessions

If you would ever like personal prayer, just let Judy know; prayer ministers can be available to pray with you individually. They usually pray in pairs. Just call the office at (361) 994-0285 to set up a time. If you can't set up a time, just come into the office, where Judy and Fr. Doug would be happy to pray with you.

Volunteer Hours App

MyTimeTithe App to Track Volunteer Hours

The time we serve in ministry at St. Mark's, in the community, or in any other capacity matters and has economic value. Wouldn't it be interesting to know how much time we serve? Jeremy Wilkey developed an app for us to use to log those hours. You can [click on this link](https://mytimetithe.org/stmarkscs) to get started.

Enter your name in the space provided. If it's your first time, click "Don't see your name? Add yourself" to enter your name. Then fill in the page that opens up. You will select the date, the number of hours you served, which ministry the hours were for, and you may add a note about your service if you'd like.

A dark blue rectangular graphic with white and light blue text. At the top, the text 'MyTimeTithe' is in a large, bold, white sans-serif font. Below it, in a smaller white font, is the tagline 'Track Your Volunteer Hours. Celebrate Your Service.' Further down, in a light blue font, is the description 'A simple app for St. Mark's volunteers to log hours and stay connected with your church community.' Below that, in a bold light blue font, is the call to action 'Scan the QR Code to Sign Up!'. Underneath that, in a smaller white font, is the URL 'MyTimeTithe.org/stmarkscs'. At the bottom, in a very small white font, is the text 'Created by Jeremy Wilkey'.

Adult Bible Study



Adult Bible Study Class Resumes September 27th

The Adult Bible Study class will resume meeting after the service on Sunday, 9/27. The group will begin a study of the book of Romans. All are welcome to join!

Spiritual Growth Resources

Tools for Spiritual Disciplines



Here are some online resources to use for spiritual growth. Each one also has an app that you can download on your phone. Just search your app store to find them. Most of them are free; two have subscription fees, which are noted below.

YouVersion Holy Bible--Here's a [link to it online](#). You'll have access to the Bible in several different versions. There are Bible reading plans available. You can also search for a specific subject, such as prayer, and receive reading plans that span several weeks.

Forward Movement Day by Day Devotionals--Here's a [link to it online](#). Once you're on the site, you'll see many resources that you might enjoy.

The Daily Office--Here's a [link to it online](#). If you enjoy the Daily Office, this app makes it easy to access each day.

Centering Prayer--Here's a [link to it online](#). If you enjoy centering prayer, this app offers various ways to participate, including chimes and other sounds, that help you get to a place of inner peace and quiet.

Abide--Here's a [link to it online](#). This site includes meditations set to music, which are especially helpful to use before bed. There is a subscription fee for this one.

She Reads Truth--Here's a [link to it online](#). This one is specifically for women. There is a subscription fee for this one too.

Diocesan Events



Diocesan News

Cursillo Weekends-- There are two Cursillos planned for the fall: one at Mustang Island Conference Center, October 8-11, and a Spanish Cursillo at Camp Capers, November 5-8. [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 [September ministry schedule](#). Click here for the [September church calendar](#).

September 20 - Sunday--Confirmation Sunday

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

11:30 a.m. - Confirmation Reception--Fellowship Hall

September 21- Monday

11:15 a.m. - Food Distribution--Cimarron Senior Apartments, 2802 Cimarron Blvd.

September 22 - Tuesday

8:00 a.m. - Women's Reunion Group--Corner Bakery Restaurant, 4928 S. Staples St.

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

September 23 - Wednesday

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

5:45 p.m. - Time of Contemplation & Healing Prayer--Sanctuary Chapel

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

September 24 - Thursday

7:00 p.m. - South Texas Amateur Radio Club--Fellowship Hall

September 25 - Friday

1:00 p.m. - Chrismon Project--Fellowship Hall

September 26 - Saturday

9:00 a.m. - Financial Review--Fellowship Hall

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

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[Diocese of West Texas](#)

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