

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

May 27, 2022

Upcoming Events.

Baptism of Dawn Oruka

6/5 Sun, 10:00 a.m.

Pentecost Sunday

6/5 Sun, 10:00 a.m.

Zoomerang Vacation Bible School

7/11-7/14 Mon-Thur

9:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

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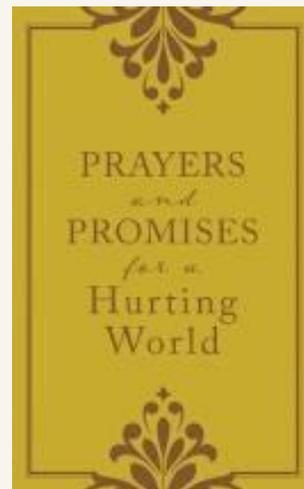
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Sunday Worship Service:

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

[Visit our website](#)

God's Promises



An excerpt taken from
***Prayers and Promises for
a Hurting World***
written by **Laura Freudig**

*"Likewise, two people lying close together
can keep each other warm. But how can
one be warm alone?"*

*A person standing alone can be attacked
and defeated, but two can stand back-to-
back and conquer. Three are even better,
for a triple-braided cord is not easily
broken."*

Ecclesiastes 4:11-12

Dear God, we think there is virtue in doing things on our own, in being independent, in relying on only ourselves. If we ask for help, others will see our brokenness, our need. It seems better to hide and suffer and muddle through alone than to open our lives to scrutiny and the possibility of criticism--and maybe change. We are so full of pride, even in our pain, that sometimes we think we might rather die than ask for help.

Forgive us; help us. We need other people around us, lifting us up, bearing our burdens, offering help and comfort. We need people who will speak hard, holy words with love. We need the warmth of others in this cold world. Help us, Lord, to let Your people in. Give us the courage to open our crossed arms, to look up and out toward others. Remind us that, from the beginning, we were designed for relationship. And our first relationship is with You. You are the Threefold God, the ultimate cord, never to be broken. Let us weave ourselves in--through prayer and meditation--to that eternal strand, where, strengthened by the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we will overcome. Amen.

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

Memorial Day

Memorial Day Monday, May 30

We will never forget those who lost their lives defending our country and our freedom.

The office will be closed Monday to commemorate this holiday.



Prayers for Uvalde

Please keep our brothers and sisters in Uvalde in your prayers.

An offering will be collected to assist the families of Uvalde Sunday, June 5th.
Here's the link to our [diocesan resources](#).

Asked for Financial Help?

Approached by Someone in Need?



Have you ever been approached by someone who asked for financial help? It can be an awkward situation. Did you know that St. Mark's has provisions in place to help those who are in need?

We have teamed up with Mission 911 to offer assistance to anyone who may be in need. You can either refer that person to Mission 911 directly at (361) 882-0911, or have him or her go to the facility at 911 Park Ave. You can also ask him or her to contact Fr. Rick, John deMontel, or Judy at the church at (361) 994-0285. The staff at Mission 911 provided forms to the church office to be filled out to assess how to best meet an individual's need. The forms can be picked up at St. Mark's. After they're filled out, the individual can take them to Mission 911.

New Way to Communicate

New Text Messaging Service

We now have the capability of sending out one-way text messages through our database program ICON CMO. We will use this service primarily to send messages during emergencies, like a hurricane or other important event. The communication is only one-way, so if you respond to the message from ICON CMO, no one will receive it.



The phone number that the text will originate from is 1-844-745-0571. You might want to put that in your phone so you'll recognize it as coming from St. Mark's.

Pentecost Sunday Celebration

Pentecost Sunday June 5th

Our tradition has been that everyone wear red on Pentecost Sunday. We also celebrate by having cake topped with strawberries and whipped cream during coffee hour.



Please consider bringing a pint of fresh, cut, and sugared strawberries that Sunday to be used to top the cake. We could use your help.

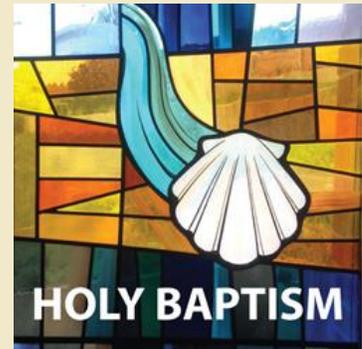
And don't forget to wear something red!

Baptism Celebration

Baby Dawn Oruka will be baptized Sunday, June 5th

During our Pentecost Sunday celebration, we will also be celebrating the baptism of little Dawn Oruka. Come help us welcome her into the family of God while we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit.

There will be a reception immediately after the worship service in the fellowship hall.



Vacation Bible School



Zoomerang Vacation Bible School

July 11-14

9:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

G'day mates!

Zoom around Australia with us to discover amazing animals and breathtaking locations like the Great Barrier Reef. And like a boomerang, we'll return to what the Bible says about the the value of life with games, science, crafts, music, and treats! It's gonna be a hoppin' good time you don't want to miss!

July 11-14, Monday- Thursday
9 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
Age 4- 5th grade

Older than 5th grade?
We love our youth helpers!

Registration information coming next week!

Swim Party Pics



Fun in the sun at the Wandel House even though it poured that morning!

Thank you, John and Molly!

Daily Devotional

Pick Your Free Devotional

Looking for a devotional to use during the week? The Good News Daily Devotional is printed and available each Sunday on the black name tag table in the entryway of the sanctuary. Pick up a copy when you arrive for the service, so you're ready for the week. They are FREE for the taking!



Diocesan Training Opportunity

Join the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas's Christian Formation Committee for a one-day, in-person Bible Study Facilitator training. Taking place at All Saints' Episcopal Church, Corpus Christi on Saturday, June 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the training is open to anyone interested in facilitating a Bible study, Sunday school, small group or other formation classes for adults. Whether you are brand new to facilitating or have years of experience, this class will give you new tools and ideas to bring to your group.

The registration fee is \$20 and includes lunch. [Click here](#) to register.



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

May 29 - Sunday

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

11:15 a.m. - Coffee Hour--Fellowship Hall

NO Kids in Christ or SEEK Youth Group

May 30 - Monday

OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

May 31 - Tuesday

10:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall

6:00 p.m. - Women's Group--Jason's Deli, 1416 Airline Rd.

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

7:00 p.m. - Bible Study & Prayer Group--Online via Zoom

June 1 - Wednesday

11:45 a.m. - Lunch with the Old Guys--Silverado Steakhouse, 4522 Weber Rd.

12:00 p.m. - Noonday 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.**

[St. Mark's Episcopal Church](#)

[Donate to St. Mark's Church](#)

[St. Mark's Church Facebook Page](#)

[Diocese of West Texas](#)

[Diocesan Newsletter and Reflection Magazine](#)

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

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