

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

January 25, 2024

Upcoming Events

Sutanto Concert

1/26, Friday 6:00 p.m.

South Texas Amateur Radio Club Field Day

1/27, Saturday 8:00 a.m.

Annual Meeting & Potluck

1/28, Sunday 11:30 a.m.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

2/13, Tuesday 6:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Services

2/14, Wednesday 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

2/14, Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

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From the Rector Fr. Doug Wasinger



My observations of successful people have led me to believe that they share a common trait, that of self-control. People who seem contented in life have a greater ability to sort out what is important and what is a distraction. People who perform at the highest levels of their chosen profession exhibit a focus on what needs to be accomplished. The truly talented professionals seem to operate with grace and humor. I think what makes leaders outstanding is their ability to make those around them better than themselves.

Please click here for [the rest of the article.](#)

Sunday Worship Service

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

[Visit our website](#)

Sutanto Concert

*The City of
Corpus Christi*

SISTER CITY COMMITTEE



REQUESTS THE PLEASURE OF YOUR ATTENDANCE AT A FUNDRAISING CONCERT FOR THEIR STUDENT EXCHANGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND. PERFORMERS INCLUDE DR. DAVID SUTANTO AND MUSIC FACULTY FROM DEL MAR COLLEGE.

JANUARY 26, 2024, 6 PM

AT THE HOME OF MELODY COOPER

7809 SUNSET COVE DR. [GATE CODE: 5949]
DONATION APPRECIATED BUT NOT REQUIRED
MAKE DONATION PAYABLE TO THE UNITED
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

RSVP TO: [361-774-4170](tel:361-774-4170)

**David Sutanto
and Del Mar
Music Faculty to
Perform
at a Fundraiser
for Student
Exchange
Scholarship
Fund**

**Friday, January
26th,
at 6:00 p.m.**

Annual Parish Meeting & Potluck



Annual Meeting & Potluck Lunch This Sunday, 1/28

Mark your calendars for this important meeting for our parish. We'll learn about how we finished 2023 financially, watch a photo roller capturing 2023 in a video, hear reports from various ministries, look ahead at 2024, elect five new vestry members, share a potluck lunch and more. If you're interested in running for vestry, please contact the church office by calling (361) 994-0285 or emailing Judy at judy@stmarkscc.org.

The theme for the potluck is "barbeque". So, crank up those barbeque pits, or pull out those recipes for side dishes to compliment the meat from the pit. If in doubt about what to make, you may email Judy at judy@stmarkscc.org.

Missionary Erin Cottos

Erin Cottos Back for a Visit Sunday, January 28th

For those of you who haven't met Erin, she is a member of St. Mark's. After Erin was here for a couple years, God called her into the mission field, specifically to Haiti, in 2010. Due to the unrest in Haiti, the Lord led her to the Baja peninsula where she has been working with Eternal Anchor to train local people in physical therapy, teach them how to make adaptive equipment from everyday items, and share her love of God with them. She also teaches students who want to learn how to help children with physical disabilities where there are limited resources. She does this as a faculty member of the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston twice a year.



Erin will be back home with us Sunday, the 28th, to share with us what she's been doing this past year. She usually speaks during the service, but this year since Sunday is also our annual meeting, we've invited her to speak during the meeting. The loose offering and any designated gifts will go to support her ministry work.

**So, mark your calendars for January 28th's annual meeting
in order to hear about Erin's adventures and visit with her!**

Adult Bible Study



Adult Bible Study of the Gospel of Mark

All are welcome to join the Bible study. Come to one week, or come to them all. The class meets in the fellowship hall at noon and ends around 1:00 p.m. Grab a cup of coffee and some snacks, then head over to the designated tables to sit down.

**The group will not meet this Sunday due to the Annual Meeting
but will resume next week.**

Here are links for past study dates and the upcoming Sunday:

[the introduction](#) to the class

[map of the Sea of Galilee](#)

[chapter one](#) study notes

[chapter two](#) study notes

[chapter three](#) study notes

[chapter four](#) study notes

[chapter five](#) study notes

[chapter six](#) study notes

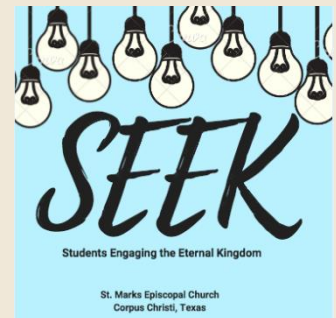
[chapter seven](#) study notes

Youth Group & Children's Ministry

SEEK Youth Group Meets Sundays at 11:30 a.m.

Youth group will not meet this Sunday because we'll stay in the annual meeting to hear about Erin Cottos's missionary work. She'll have a video for us to watch and talk to us about how her God adventure unfolded last year.

We'll resume meeting next Sunday, February 4th.



Shrove Tuesday & Ash Wednesday



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Shrove Tuesday February 13, at 6:00 p.m.

Our men's group will prepare a pancake breakfast feast at our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Event. You'll have the opportunity to visit with people, play some games related to pancakes, and enjoy a good breakfast for supper. Put this fun event on your calendar.

Ash Wednesday Schedule February 14

There will be two Ash Wednesday services: Morning Prayer at 7:00 a.m. and Holy Eucharist at 7:00 p.m.

Fr. Doug will offer Ashes to Go at Del Mar College Heritage Campus from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and at Texas A & M Corpus Christ from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. He and one of our Lay Eucharistic Ministers will offer Ashes to Go from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. here at St. Mark's just prior to the Holy Eucharist service.



New Texting Service



New Church Text Service

Our search is over! We have found a text service that should work for us. A text message went out introducing the new service about two weeks ago. The phone number that it originated from is (361) 326-3599. You might want to add the number to your contact list, so you'll know any messages from this number are from St. Mark's.

If you opted out because you were unsure about the origin of the message, you may still be included in the general text group by contacting the church office at (361) 994-0285 or emailing Judy at judy@stmarksc.org. If you didn't receive the original message but want to receive messages from the church, please contact the church office as well.

This new service will allow us to create ministry text groups which will allow the leaders to communicate with their team members and the members with the leader. We're in the process of setting up those groups and will have more information available soon. So, stay tuned!

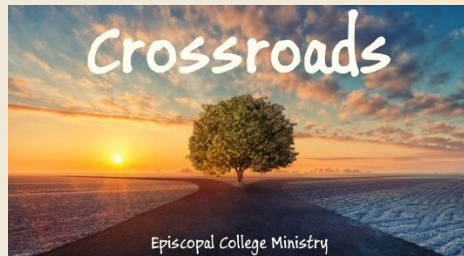
Women's Reunion Groups

Cursillo Women's Reunion Groups



Calling all St. Mark's women who have made their Cursillo! New reunion groups are being formed. (Both daytime and evening times are possible.) Please contact Pam Cater at (361) 446-4498 or at pamela.j.cater@gmail.com if you are interested in participating in a group or just being kept informed of upcoming Cursillo events and activities.

Crossroads Ministry



Crossroads Ministry Resumes at Del Mar Heritage Campus

The Crossroads ministry to college students and young adults resumed today at the Del Mar Heritage Campus. The above QR code is available to connect people to a text group so that those interested in Crossroads may access more information about that ministry.

Interested in Being a Pen Pal?

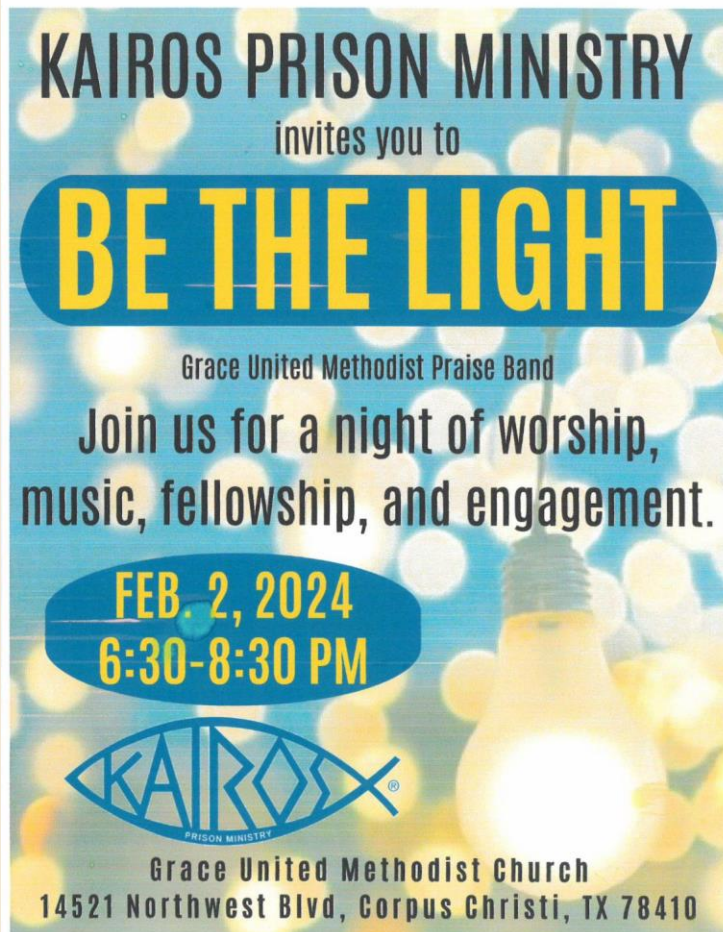
An Inmate is Seeking a Pen Pal


A man imprisoned in Maryland stumbled upon our website and felt led to call the church office recently. He is a Christian and is seeking to correspond with another adult Christian man while he serves the rest of his sentence, which is a little less than three years. He has already sent a letter to share with whomever would like to correspond with him.

Adult Men: Please pray about whether you should be the person who walks through this part of life with him. If you are led to do this, please let Judy know and she will give you his first letter and his address.



Kairos Event

A promotional poster for a Kairos Prison Ministry event. The background features a glowing lightbulb and bokeh lights. The text is as follows:

KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY
invites you to
BE THE LIGHT
Grace United Methodist Praise Band
Join us for a night of worship,
music, fellowship, and engagement.
FEB. 2, 2024
6:30-8:30 PM

Grace United Methodist Church
14521 Northwest Blvd, Corpus Christi, TX 78410

**Music, Fellowship,
and Engagement at
Grace United
Methodist Church
Friday, 2/2
6:30-8:30 p.m.**

Diocesan Events

Diocesan News



Council News-Diocesan Council will take place in San Marcos this year. We are sending Fr. Doug and three delegates and three alternates to represent St. Mark's. The Pre-Council meetings will begin next week. Please keep Council, our representatives, and all who will participate this year in your prayers.

At each Council, the host churches choose a Council in Action Project to support. All of the churches are encouraged to participate where they can. Below is information for this year's project.

Council in Action Project: Good Samaritan Community Services-Each year Council host churches choose a community ministry to support as the Council in Action Project. Here's a link to [more information](#). Here are links to their [Amazon Wish List](#) and [Walmart Wish List](#).

Diocesan ENews--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 in 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. 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 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 the [January schedule](#) for our ministries, which is an ongoing work in progress. Please check each week to see if there are any changes. Here's a link to the [January calendar](#).

January 26 - Friday

6:00 p.m. - Student Exchange Scholarship Fund Concert (David Sutanto),
7809 Sunset Cove Dr.

January 27 - Saturday

8:00 a.m. - South Texas Amateur Radio Club Field Day--Fellowship Hall & Back Area

January 28- Sunday

10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist--Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. - Annual Meeting and Potluck--Fellowship Hall

January 29 - Monday

9:30 a.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library
5:30 p.m. - Pre-Council Meeting--Online via Zoom

January 30 - Tuesday

7:30 a.m. - Women's Reunion Group--Corner Bakery, 4938 S. Staples St.

January 31 - Wednesday

11:30 a.m. - Catfish Charlie's Restaurant--5830 McArdle Rd.
12:00 p.m. - Prayer Group--Fellowship Hall Library
6:30 p.m. - Men's Reunion Group--Nolan's Restaurant, 7426 S. Staples St.

February 1 - Thursday

9:00 a.m. - Community Collaboration Meeting/Mission 911--Fellowship Hall

**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](#)