

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

December 30, 2021

Upcoming Events.

Church Office Closed

12/22-12/30

Annual Meeting Potluck

1/30 Sun, 11:30

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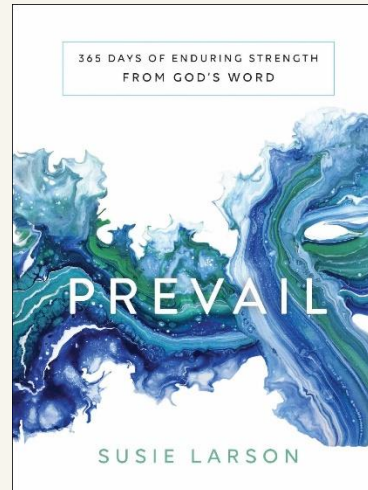
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Sunday Worship Service:

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

[Visit our website](#)



An excerpt taken from "Prevail," a devotional by Susie Larson.

*"Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of
you who are weary and carry heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest..."*

*For my yoke is easy to bear, and the
burden I give you is light."*

Matthew 11:28-30

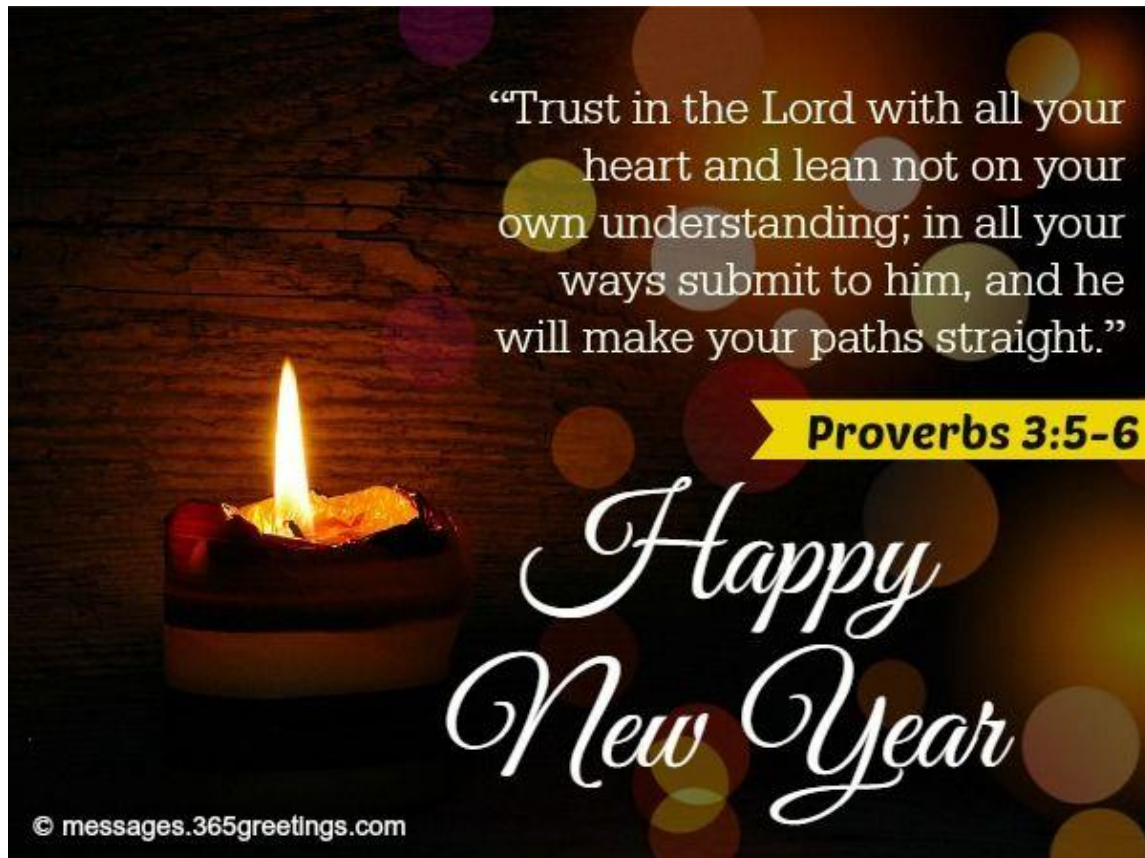
Imagine the Pharisees' dismay when Jesus confronted them and debunked the religious traditions and manmade laws that exhausted people and left them worn out with nothing to show for it. Jesus has incredible compassion for the weary soul. And He'll never ask us to grind our gears to the point of exhaustion.

That's not to say we won't experience seasons of hard work, long hours, and exhausting opposition. But always, amidst such times, God offers provisions of grace, exit ramps for rest, and His shoulders to help carry the weight of our burden. No matter if you're exhausted because you've committed to more than God asked of you, or if you're in a battle through no fault of your own, bring your weary self to Jesus.

Find rest for your soul. If the weight of your burden is more than you can bear, ask Him to hold it for you. He'll do the heavy lifting. It's not

only possible to experience replenishment right in the midst of these trying seasons, *it's essential*. Take Jesus up on His offer to fill you back up again. Your need for rest is natural. God's provision for you is supernatural.

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



Holiday Office Closure

Office Closed Until Monday 1/3/2022

The office will be closed for the holidays Wednesday 12/22 at noon through the end of December. We will be checking email and voicemail during that time. If there is an emergency, please contact Judy on her cell phone at (361) 425-8249.



Flowers

Flower Chart for 2022

Sponsoring the altar flowers on a Sunday is a great way to honor a special someone or event in your life, as well as add more beauty to our altar. Each year a flower chart is available for people to sign up on for a particular Sunday. The flower chart for 2022 is currently available in the entryway to the sanctuary.



After you sign up, an email will be sent out at the beginning of the month of the date that you requested. You will be asked how you would like the dedication on the back of the bulletin to read and whether you want to take the flowers after the Sunday service or have them donated. The cost is \$55.

Thank you to those who have signed up to sponsor the flowers during 2022. Here are the dates that are still available:

Jan 9 July 17
Jan 16 Aug 7
April 17 Aug 21
May 1 Aug 28
May 8 Oct 16
May 5 Nov 20
May 22 Dec 25

You may also indicate a date you would like to sponsor by either calling Judy at the church office (361) 994-0285 next week or emailing her at judy@stmarkscc.org.

Poinsettia Plants

The altar guild and those who volunteered to help decorate the sanctuary for our Christmas Eve services did an amazing job. It was beautiful!

If you sponsored one of the poinsettia plants, thank you! You may pick yours up after the service this Sunday.



Thank you for your help!

Warden's Corner

Opportunity to Serve

Typically, three **vestry members** rotate off the vestry each year and are replaced by three new members. However, this year only two vestry positions will be vacated. Jon Reily was scheduled to step down from the vestry but has graciously agreed to serve as Senior Warden one more year as we continue to go through the search process for our new rector. So we will have two positions to fill instead of three at our annual meeting in January. Vestry members typically serve a three year term, which means three positions are normally open each year to ensure both continuity and opportunities for fresh ideas. If you'd like more information about serving on the vestry, please contact Jon or any vestry member to get answers to your questions.



Our **delegates** for Diocesan Council in San Marcos this February are:

- Jon Reily
- Paul Baen
- Teresa Bacon
- Jane Helm

Thanks everyone!

Camp Capers Mid-Winter Camps

Camp Capers will be hosting its weekend overnight Mid-Winter Camps this year in January. Camp offers the opportunity for our kids to experience new friends, campfires, outdoor games, singing, worship, growth in faith, and so much more. Scholarships are available.

- Mid-Winter Camp I--Jan 7-9 for 9th through 12th graders
- Mid-Winter Camp II--Jan 14-16 for 6th through 8th graders
- Mid-Winter Camp III--Jan 21-23 for 3rd through 5th graders

Here's [the link](#) to the registration and information page.



Search Process

Links for Search Process Resources

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

Parish Profile on Mark's [website](#),
Dioceses of West Texas website [churches in transition](#)
Prayers during the search process: [prayers](#)
Scripture to study: [Ephesians 4](#)



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

December 30 - Friday--OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

January 1 - Saturday--HAPPY NEW YEAR!

January 2 - Sunday

10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist--Sanctuary
NO SEEK YOUTH GROUP OR KIDS IN CHRIST

January 4 - Tuesday

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

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

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

January 5 - Wednesday

11:30 a.m. - Lunch with the Old Guys--Location to be determined

12:00 p.m. - Noon Prayer Group--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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