

# St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

April 10, 2025

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### Hosanna Chalk Art

4/12, Saturday

### Church Work Day

4/12, Saturday

### Holy Week

4/13, Sunday - 4/20, Sunday

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## From the Rector Fr. Doug Wasinger



There is a party going on. All are welcome to come and join in. The Savior of the World is coming to town, and even the stones are celebrating.

That sounds extreme, over the top, and unrealistic. Yet, that is what happened when Jesus arrived in Jerusalem for the Passover on that fateful week thousands of years ago. I have always been struck by who started the party. It was those who had very little to celebrate. They were following their religious traditions more out of habit than real life experience. According to the Jewish tradition, the Passover is the highlight of the year. It is an annual reminder of how powerful Almighty God is for the world. The story of the Passover is a retelling of how God stood up and advocated for a group of slaves who trusted in Him to protect them, even during

## Sunday Worship Service

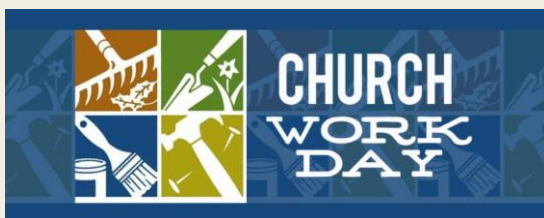
Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

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circumstances that seemed dire and dark. God liberated a people who had been treated like less than human and freed them to become a new people to reflect His intentions to bless the world. God had fulfilled a promise once and was going to do it again. This time the promise of liberation wasn't for a select few but for everyone.

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

## Church Work Day



### Church Work Day Saturday, April 12th

A church work day has been planned for Saturday, April 12th, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Bill Wright, our Junior Warden, made a list of tasks that need to be done to make our

property, inside and out, beautiful for our Easter Service:

**Grounds:** Trim trees, cut grass, edge, clean leaves off the patio, and spruce up as you feel led to do.

**Buildings:** Inside cleaning such as dusting pews and other items, vacuuming, etc.

Please put this date on your calendar to come help beautify our church home. You may bring your gloves and/or any supplies or tools that you think would help get the job done.

## Easter Flowers

### Easter Lily Plant Dedications Due Wednesday, April 16

Easter lily plants are used each year to decorate the altar for our Easter Sunday service. If you'd like to sponsor a lily plant or two, please click the link for more information and to submit your form.

[Easter Lily Dedication Form](#)

If you prefer to print out a form, please click on this link for the [PDF of the dedication form](#). Please fill out the form with your information before you print it. You may also print out a blank form to complete by hand.



There will also be yellow dedication forms in the bulletins this Sunday.

The plants cost \$13 each. You may take care of the cost of the plants by submitting a check, cash, or by using our EGiving. Please put "lily" in the memo portion of your check or write it on your offering envelope once you've put your cash inside. Wrap your payment with your dedication form before putting it in the offering basket. This will help us put your gift in the correct place. Thank you!

Thank you to those who sponsor plants to help decorate the altar this year.

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## Flowering of the Cross Easter Morning

Please bring fresh cut flowers with you Easter morning to put on the white cross that will be processed to the front of the altar and remain during the service. Come a few minutes before the service begins to give yourself enough time to place your flowers on the cross.



## Easter Egg Filler Donations



### Easter Egg Fillers Due Sunday, April 13th

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Easter Sunday morning. We need your help to make this a fun event for our children. Please consider picking up some stickers, small egg fillers, or candy to put in the eggs. There are designated boxes in the sanctuary and the fellowship hall where you may leave your donations. We do not need any plastic eggs. Thank you for your help in making this a special event for our children.

## Holy Week Schedule

### Holy Week Flyers

Flyers will be available in your bulletins on Sunday. You may use them to invite friends and family to join us for our Holy Week services, especially Easter Sunday.



## Join us for Holy Week April 13 through April 20

**Sunday 10:00 a.m.** Palm Sunday

**Monday—Wednesday 12:15 p.m.**  
Noonday Prayer

**Thursday 7:00 p.m.** Maundy Thursday Service  
**9:00-10:00 p.m.** Hour of Prayer

**Friday 7:00 p.m.** Stations of the Cross

**Sunday 10:00 a.m.** Easter Resurrection Service  
Flowering of the Cross  
Alleluia Banner Hunt  
**11:30 a.m.** Easter Egg Hunt & Celebration

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[www.stmarkscc.org](http://www.stmarkscc.org)

## Youth & Children's Ministry



### SEEK Youth Group

**Youth Group**--The group meets on Sundays after the service in the youth room in the fellowship hall. If you are in middle school or high school, consider joining the group to talk about the highs and lows from the week before and pray for each other.

### Children's Ministry

**Hosanna Chalk Art Event**--Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 12th, at 11:00 a.m. to come help decorate the sidewalks and the entryway to the sanctuary for Palm Sunday. All are welcome to participate.



## Access Plus Ramp Build

### Access Plus Ramp Build Saturday, 4/19, 8:00 a.m. 4229 Brentwood

The Access Plus Ramp build for the month of April will benefit an 82-year-old gentleman named Esequiel. He and his family have waited quite some time for this ramp, so it will be a real blessing to them.

Doug Wayland will have everything needed for the build at the site. Anyone interested in this ministry is encouraged to join the team on Saturday morning, April 19th.



## Texas Workforce Thank you



**We Appreciate you!**  
Texas Workforce Commission  
Vocational Rehabilitation Services

Father Doug Wasinger,

We greatly appreciate your partnership. With your help, by way of your facility use, we were able to provide Confidence Builders Immersion Training to 19 customers.

Thank you!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Doug Wasinger".

## Thank You from Texas Workforce

In February, we hosted a training opportunity provided by the Texas Workforce Commission for those who are visually impaired. Nineteen people were able to attend, as well as the team members who trained, cooked, and organized the event. Here is a thank you note that we recently received. We enjoyed having them.

## Adult Bible Study

### Adult Bible Study Sundays after the Service

The Adult Bible Study Group meets in the Fellowship Hall library at 11:45 a.m. You may bring your Bibles if you'd like; however, there will be some available if you need one. Grab some refreshments and join in the conversation.



The group has begun the study of Philippians; however, you may join in at any time.

## Timon's Ministry



### Ministry in Partnership with Timon's Ministry

Over the course of many years, St. Mark's has partnered with Timon's Ministry in various ways. Timon's goal "is to provide a hand up, empowering individuals to regain their strength, dignity, and ultimately, their place in the workforce." Our women's reunion group has discovered several ways to serve this community.

Members of the group have been volunteering their time at Timon's Ministry working in the Clothing Closet organizing items and visiting with people. The group has asked for help with their efforts through any of the following ways:

- Donating band aids, bandages, and gauze
- Donating clothing, especially men's shirts, jeans, shorts, athletic shoes, flip-flops, belts and women's jeans, shorts, undergarments, and purses
- Donating sleeping bags, backpacks, tote bags, and recyclable plastic bags
- Donating travel size deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, bars of bath soap, body wash
- Donating toothbrushes and new or used shoelaces
- Donating items for to-go food bags: tuna and cracker packs, granola bars, chips, bottled water, etc.
- Sorting clothing on Mondays from 8:45 - noon

You may leave your donations in designated boxes located in the entryway to the sanctuary and in the fellowship hall. Contact Pam Cater at (361) 446-4498 for more information.

**Thank you for your help with this important  
ministry opportunity.**

## Diocesan Events

### Diocesan & National Church News



**Cursillo Weekends**--Cursillo weekends are spiritual retreats for adults. There is a Cursillo planned for May 1-4 at **Mustang Island Conference Center**. For more information, please [click this link for May](#).

**Summer Camp at Camp Capers**--The schedule for kids' summer sessions for Camp Capers is available. [Click here for more information](#). Just scroll down until you find the camp that you are interested in.

**Discovery Weekend at Camp Capers**--This weekend, scheduled for November 14-15, is designed to help both lay and ordained persons discern a deeper call to ministry . [Click here 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 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. 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 the [April schedule](#) for our ministries. Click here for the [April](#) church calendar.

#### **April 13 - Sunday**

- 10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist--Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. - No Coffee & Conversation
- 11:30 a.m. - SEEK Youth Group--Fellowship Hall Youth Room
- 11:45 a.m. - Adult Bible Study--Fellowship Library

#### **April 14 - Monday**

- 8:45 a.m. - Clothing Sorting--Timon's Ministry, 10501 S. Padre Island Dr.
- 12:15 p.m. - Holy Monday Service--Sanctuary Chapel
- 1:30 p.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library

#### **April 15 - Tuesday**

- 7:30 a.m. - Women's Reunion Group--Corner Bakery Café, 4928 S. Staples St.
- 12:15 a.m. - Holy Tuesday Service--Sanctuary Chapel

#### **April 16 - Wednesday.**

- 12:15 p.m. - Holy Wednesday Service--Sanctuary Chapel
- 5:30 p.m. - Maundy Thursday Service Acolyte Rehearsal--Sanctuary
- 6:30 p.m. - Men's Reunion Group--Nolan's Restaurant--7426 S. Staples St.

#### **April 17 - Thursday**

- 7:00 p.m. - Maundy Thursday Service--Sanctuary

#### **April 18 - Friday**

- 7:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross--Sanctuary

#### **April 19 - Saturday**

- 8:00 a.m. - Access Plus Ramp Build--4229 Brentwood
- 10:00 a.m. - Easter Sunday Service Rehearsal—Sanctuary

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

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