

# St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

March 14, 2024

## Upcoming Events

### Access Plus Ramp Build

3/16, Saturday 8:00 a.m.

### Soup & Study

3/20, Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

### Lector Training

3/17, Sunday 11:30 a.m.

### Holy Week Services

3/24-3/29

### Easter Sunday

3/31, Sunday

## From the Rector Fr. Doug Wasinger



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I am not a person who is very good at waiting. I am therefore grateful for services like Amazon that provide me with the ability to "have" a book right away through my Kindle. I appreciate being able to go to the grocery store to purchase my daily meals; however, I do grow a bit impatient when I must wait three minutes in the self-checkout line. I am quickly frustrated with my internet browser if the page doesn't load immediately, and I roll my eyes when the little circle shows up on my streaming screen as the buffer loads up. When waiting in the doctor's office, I find myself passing the time reading an article on my phone. No, patience is not something I want to practice, and I have plenty of tools to avoid taking on the discipline.

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

## Sunday Worship Service

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

[Visit our website](#)

## Access Plus Ramp Build

### Ramp Build Saturday, March 16, at 8:00 a.m. 5029 Kosarek St.

Doug Wayland will lead the Access Plus Team in this month's ramp build for a lady named Marcie. She has been waiting for some time for this gift of access to her home. What a blessing for her and her family!



## Easter Egg Fillers



### Easter Egg Fillers Needed

We **REALLY** need your help to fill hundreds of plastic Easter eggs for our annual Easter Egg Hunt, which will take place immediately after the service Easter morning. Stickers, small toys, Easter trinkets, and candy are all good options for fillers. There are boxes in the entryway to the sanctuary and on a table in the fellowship hall for your donations.

## Lector Training

### Lector Training Sunday, 3/17, at 11:30 a.m.

Reading scripture during our worship service is one way to serve on Sundays. If serving in that capacity appeals to you, please come to the lector training with Doug Wayland on March 17. He will begin right after the service around 11:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. Please let him know if you are interested by calling him at (361) 813-1781 or Judy in the office at (361) 994-0285.



## Easter Lily Plants



### Sponsor Easter Lily Plants

Each year we use Easter lily plants to decorate our altar. This is a wonderful opportunity to honor someone special or thank God for a significant event in your life. There will be lily dedication forms in your bulletins this Sunday, or you may print one by [clicking here](#) to fill out and bring Sunday. Please put your dedication form along with your \$13 donation for the plant in the offering basket.

## Soup & Study Lenten Event

### Lenten Soup & Study Next Wednesday 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

The last week of the Lenten Soup and Study is next week. We'll discuss episode five of season two of *The Chosen*, beginning the evening with a soup supper and moving right into our discussion. The Guest Ministry will be providing chicken and wild rice soup.



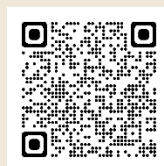
Here is [the link to the episode](#) to be discussed next Wednesday, 3/20. Angel Studios also has an app that you can download to access *The Chosen* if you'd prefer using that method. You may also access Angel Studios through this [link](#). Just be sure to select Season Two and the correct episode if you don't use the enclosed link.

Here are the guiding questions to keep in mind as you watch this week:

- 1. In what ways are you a Shmuel?
- 2. What are some the ways God has shown you mercy?

If you would like to receive an update and information for next week by text message, please scan the QR code below to sign up.

We hope you will join us on Wednesday for another lively study of the life of Jesus!



## Work Day for Outdoor Property



### Work Day Saturday, March 23rd Beginning at 7:30 a.m.

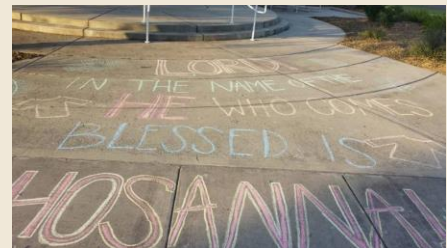
Come early Saturday, the 23rd, to work on the grounds to spruce up the property for Easter Sunday. Bill Wright will have jobs, ranging from small to more complex, for those who are able to come. There

will be something for everyone.

## Holy Week Activities

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Palm Sunday is **March 24th** and marks the beginning of Holy Week. As is our tradition, children, youth, and adults will on **Saturday, March 23rd**, to fill our sidewalks with beautiful sidewalk art depicting Palm Sunday. The festivities will begin at 10:00 a.m. with doughnuts.



Immediately after the chalk art event, those who would like to help fill plastic Easter eggs with candy and filler will head over to the fellowship hall to begin that task. Any remaining eggs will be filled Palm Sunday after the service.

Below is the Holy Week Schedule. There will be copies available for you to take to use as invitations to invite friends and family to join us for our Easter Resurrection Service. Here is [a PDF](#) for you to print as well.

**Join us for Holy Week**  
March 24 through March 31

|                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| 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<br>Flowering of the Cross<br>Alleluia Banner Hunt |
| 11:30 a.m.                  | Easter Egg Hunt & Celebration   |

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

## Diaper Drive & Baby Shower



### Diaper Drive and Baby Shower for the Thomas Family

Matthew and Hannah Thomas are expecting a little girl, whose name will be Rosemary (Rosie) June on March 22nd.

To show the Thomas family a little love, we started a diaper drive, which will culminate in a baby shower the Sunday that little Rosie is baptized. There are two possible dates, April 14th or the 21st. A date will be decided after she arrives. If you'd like to help with the shower, please contact Judy in the church office at (361) 994-0285 or email her at [judy@stmarkscc.org](mailto:judy@stmarkscc.org). Here is a link to their [baby registry](#).

If you'd like to participate in the diaper drive, please leave a package of diapers on either brown bench in the sanctuary entryway or on the designated table in the fellowship hall.

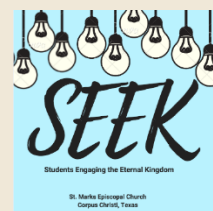
Hannah's friend organized a meal train for them, which you may participate in as well. You may sign up to provide a meal, a gift card to a restaurant or to Door Dash. Here is a [link to the information](#).

## Youth Group & Children's Ministry

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

Youth Group will meet after church to discuss Highs and Lows and a reading from the Bible. Grab some refreshments after the service and join Mrs. Molly in the Youth Room.

Youth Sunday will be May 12th, which is also Mother's Day. We will hear from some of our seniors who will be graduating, and our youth will serve during the service. The loose offering and any designated gifts will go to support our Youth Endowment Fund for college scholarships.



## Adult Bible Study



### Adult Bible Study of the Gospel of Mark Sundays at 12:00 p.m.

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.

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

[chapter eight](#) study notes

[chapter nine](#) study notes

[chapter ten](#) study notes

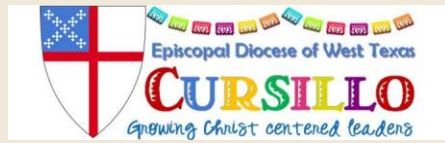
## Collecting Gardening Tools

### Gardening Tools for Corpus Christi Nursing & Rehabilitation Center

The activities director at Corpus Christi Nursing and Rehab Center next door has asked us to collect gardening tools, gloves, and other gardening equipment that their residents could use in a new garden area that the staff is building for them. Please bring any items you wish to donate to the church office.



## 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](mailto: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.

The next **Cursillo** will be at Mustang Island Retreat Center, May 2-5. Here's a link for [more information](#). You may also visit with Pam if you're interested in going.

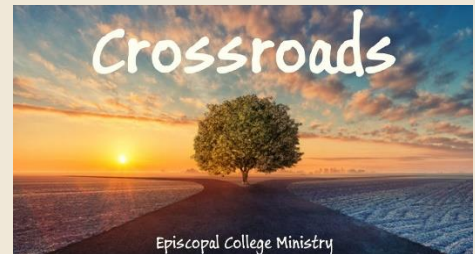
Looking ahead, two Cursillos are scheduled for the fall, October 3-6 at Mustang Island Retreat Center and November 7-10 at Camp Capers.

## Crossroads Ministry



### Crossroads Ministry to College Students and Young Adults

St. Mark's is continuing to work to establish the Crossroads ministry to college students and young adults at the Del Mar Heritage Campus and Texas A&M Corpus Christi Campus. Above is a QR code to access information to join a text group for students interested in this ministry.



Please keep our efforts to engage with college students and young adults in a real way in your prayers. Thank you!

## Diocesan Events



### Diocesan News

**Council News**--Please use the link below to the diocesan ENews for videos and other reports on Council. Here is a link to Bishop Read's [closing remarks](#) at the end of Council.

**EclipseFest--** at Camp Capers April 7-9--For details [click here.](#)

**Diocesan ENews--**To stay informed of 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 [March 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 [March calendar](#).

##### **March 16 - Saturday**

8:00 a.m. - Access Plus Ramp Build--5029 Kosarek St.

##### **March 17 - Sunday--St. Patrick's Day**

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

11:30 a.m. - Lector Training--Sanctuary

11:30 a.m. - Coffee Hour--Fellowship Hall

11:30 a.m. - SEEK Youth Group--Fellowship Hall Youth Room

12:00 p.m. - Gospel of Mark Bible Study--Fellowship Hall

##### **March 18- Monday**

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

##### **March 19 - Tuesday**

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

6:30 p.m. - Vestry Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library

##### **March 20 - Wednesday**

8:10 a.m. - Clothing Sorting--Timon's Ministries, 10501 S. Padre Island Dr.

11:30 a.m. - Lunch with the Old Guys--Silverado Smokehouse, 4522 Weber Rd.

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

6:00 p.m. - Lenten Soup & Study--Fellowship Hall Library

##### **March 21 - Thursday**

6:30 p.m. - Embracing the Journey Strategic Plan Meeting--Fellowship Hall

##### **March 23 - Saturday**

7:30 a.m. - Work Day for Outdoor Property

10:00 a.m. - Hosanna Chalk Art Event--Sidewalk Outside the Sanctuary

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

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