

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

September 8, 2022

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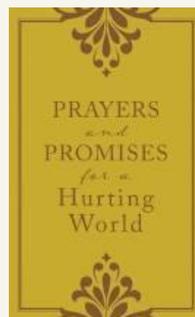
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God's Promises



Excerpt from *Prayers and Promises for a Hurting World* by Laura Freudig

"And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock."
Matthew 7:25

Dear God, You brought the universe into being from nothing, and You hold it all together. You speak, and the earth trembles. You move, and the mountains quake. Now the plates of this broken, cracked world press against each other; they buckle and fold and grind. Like faint reverberations of Your approach, earthquakes rock and shatter the ground, and we are felled and frightened. How can the very ground beneath us bring doubt? How can we walk, not knowing if our feet will hold us up steady? Where do we turn when what is solid crumbles into dust?

This is what Your Word says we should do: Go to the Rock that is higher. Set our feet on the Stone the builders rejected. Build our lives on the firm Foundation. We praise You that You are all those things--rock, stone, foundation--and more. Storms will come. The earth will move. Waves will wash over our heads. The earth, after all, is passing away, and it has been

Helpful Links

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

in its last days for two millennia. We pray for protection, also knowing that if our lives are built on the Solid Rock, we will not be shaken, no matter how the ground beneath us roils and churns. Amen.

Be still, Believe
and Pray!

[Visit our website](#)

Fr. Rick's Farewell



Fr. Rick's Farewell THIS Sunday September 11th

We are quickly approaching the day when we will say "Thank you, Fr. Rick for your service to our church family." This will be a time of both sadness and joy for us. He has truly blessed us during the time he's been our interim rector. However, he's looking forward to returning to retired life after this "pause" of nearly a year.

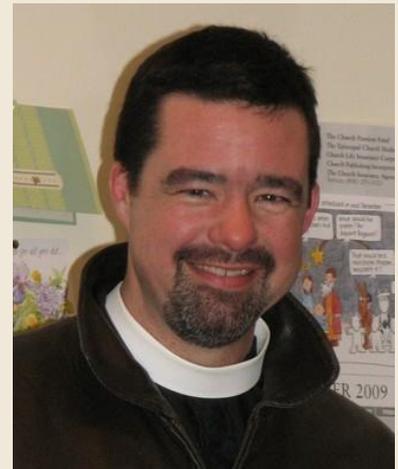
We will have a small celebration of his ministry with us during coffee hour this Sunday as our interim. Be sure to join in the celebration on this important Sunday.

Exciting News

St. Mark's Welcomes Fr. Doug Wasinger Sunday, October 9th

Put a big red star on your calendar on Sunday, October 9th. That will mark the beginning of the next chapter in the life of our St. Mark's Church family because Fr. Doug Wasinger will begin his ministry with us that day.

We will welcome him and his wife Kellie with a good old fashioned St. Mark's potluck featuring your Texas favorite recipes. Please sign up on your Connection Card this Sunday to indicate what type of dish you want to bring: main dish, side, or dessert. You can also sign up to help set up, serve, and clean up.



We're looking forward to a wonderful celebration!

Special Give Away



Free Stuff!!

There's been some serious house cleaning in the fellowship hall and office area. We have a lot of items that need a new home. Come peruse the tables to see if there's anything that you or someone you know could use.

Thank you to everyone who picked up any items last Sunday. Here are updated pictures of what's left. Be sure to come check it out this

Sunday. Everything that is not taken Sunday will be donated.

Thank you to Cecilia Colbourne who listed the activity table and train set on the market place; someone purchased it! That money will be put into our Children's Ministry Fund.

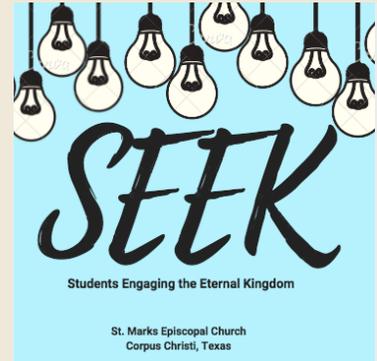


SEEK Youth Group

Youth Group to Resume Meeting THIS Sunday

Youth Group will meet Sunday with Mrs. Michelle at our new time. Stay after the service to share highs and lows, prayer requests, and ideas for the year ahead.

Coming up:
September 18 - Sunday Funday party at the Wandel House
September 25 - meet after church with Mrs. Molly



September Guest Speakers

Two Guest Speakers during September



Two guest speakers from ministries that are supported through our St. Mark's Outreach Fund have been scheduled to speak to us Sundays 9/18 and 9/25. Our Outreach Ministry is almost completely funded by your weekly gifts because we tithe 10% on all income that is received to the Outreach Fund.

Tony Reyes, Director of Mission 911, will be our first guest speaker September 18th. The agency was started in 2000 as a shelter for homeless men but has since evolved into a mentorship program helping individuals and families get ahead in life. Click on the link to learn more about [Mission 911](#).



Tina Canary, Operations Manager of New Life Refuge Ministries, will be with us September 25th. The agency's mission is to provide a REFUGE of hope and healing for child survivors of sex trafficking, to provide EDUCATION to the community on the issue, and to establish PARTNERSHIPS with other organizations in the fight against modern-day slavery. To learn more about [New Life Refuge](#), click on the link.

Cross Mosaic

St. Mark's Cross Mosaic Accident

Dear Fellow Members of Saint Mark's,

I take full responsibility for what you see in this photo.

The creators of the Saint Mark's Cross Mosaic Medallion were here September 3rd to replace the four pieces of blue glass that had fallen off. While they were installing the replacement pieces they pointed out that the cement board the tiles are glued to was detaching from the plywood substrate that is attached to the building.



During my attempt to glue these two pieces back together I made a mistake that allowed the top half of the medallion to break off and fall to the ground.

You have my deepest embarrassment in allowing this to happen.

I have called and told the creator of the piece of its destruction.

So Very Deeply Sorry,
Doug Wayland

Sunday Funday



Sunday Funday for the Whole Parish September 18th, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. 44 Hewit Place

Come spend the afternoon with your St. Mark's family. We'll have swimming, ziplining, football on TV, and good conversation. Bring a towel, a friend, and a snack to share.

Ramp Build

Access Plus Ramp Build Saturday, 9/17 8:00 a.m. 3221 Sarita St.

Ramp builds for 2022 will resume this month after taking a break from the heat in July and August. The September ramp will bless Francesca with the ability to safely go in and out of her home.



Coffee and Faith



The Undeniable Connection between Coffee and Faith

If you have ever enjoyed Coffee Hour, you know there is more than food that is offered. With a simple cup of coffee, lemonade, and a bite of something savory or sweet, we share more than a tasty treat. The importance of meeting in the Fellowship Hall is to take a moment to visit with one another to share our lives and stories with our extended family. The importance of this time is invaluable. It helps to bring us together, and to welcome and get to know those who are our guests.

We have five families who currently serve in this ministry. You are invited to join in the fun. Contact Lori Jones at (361) 903-5060 for more information.

You do not need to prepare anything. We have cookies and snack items available to serve. But you can certainly share a favorite home-made treat if you would like. You would simply make coffee, lemonade, or tea and put the plated items on the table for everyone to enjoy.

With the arrival of Fr. Doug, Coffee Hour will be a very special time!

Name Tags

Where's Your Name Tag?

We need your assistance to help Fr. Doug learn our names. We encourage everyone to get into the habit of wearing name tags every Sunday.

If you don't have a name tag, let Judy know. She'll make you one and put it on a name tag tree in the entryway to the sanctuary. You can reach her at the office at (361) 994-0285, or email her at judy@stmarksc.org.



Local Evangelism Conference

[UN] APOLOGETIC
EVANGELISM CONFERENCE

PERSUADING OUR GENERATION WITH TRUTH

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect. 1 Peter 3:15

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

LEE STROBEL MARK MITTELBERG ERIC HERNANDEZ

BREAKOUT SPEAKERS

AMY DAVISON KURT JAROS MIKE MILLER

SPANISH TRACK

JORGE GIL ROLANDO RODRIGUEZ

CONFERENCE RATES

ADULT RATES	early bird through September 2	\$35	beginning September 3	\$45
STUDENT RATES	early bird through September 2	\$25	beginning September 3	\$35

Visit texasapologetics.org to see a list of all the topics and to register online.

TEXAS BAPTISTS Center for Church Health **2BC**
CCBA
texasapologetics.org

[Un] Apologetic Evangelism Conference

September 17
9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Last year the course "Making Your Case for Christ", by Lee Strobel and Mark Mittelberg, was presented via Zoom for our congregation. Both authors, along with Eric Hernandez, will be keynote speakers for the [Un] Apologetic Evangelism Conference to be held 9/17 at the Second Baptist Church, 6701 S. Staples Street.

The cost before 9/2 is \$35 for adults and \$25 for students. After the 2nd the cost will be \$45 for adults and \$35 for students. For more information about the breakout sessions and to register go to www.texasapologetics.org.

Diocesan Events



Upcoming Diocesan Events

"We Will Continue - And How" Event 9/16-17 at the Embassy Suites in San Marcos. Registration \$100. Hotel \$140. Click on the link for more information.

Spiritual Retreat in Recovery #118 9/30-10/2 at the Mustang Island Conference Center. Click on the link for more information.

Cursillo #268 10/6-9 at the Mustang Island Conference Center. Registration of \$210. Click on the link for more information.

There are scholarships available through the diocese if you'd like to go but need a little help.

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

September 11- Sunday

10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist Service--Sanctuary
11:15 a.m. - Coffee Hour--Fellowship Hall--Fr. Rick's Farewell
11:30 a.m. - SEEK Youth Group--Fellowship Hall

September 13- Tuesday

10:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. - Women's Group--Fellowship Hall Library
6:30 p.m. - Men's Reunion Group--Nolan's Restaurant, 7426 S. Staples St.

September 14 - Wednesday

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

September 17 - Saturday

8:00 a.m. - Access Plus Ramp Build--3221 S. Staples St.
9:00 a.m. - Financial Review--Fellowship Hall

Helpful Links

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

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

[Diocese of West Texas](#)

[Diocesan Newsletter and Reflection Magazine](#)

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

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