

# St. Mark's Episcopal Church

## weekly news & updates

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November 5, 2021

### Upcoming Events

#### Giving in Gratitude Lunch

Sun, 11/7 11:30 a.m.

#### Allemand Baby Shower Brunch

Sun, 11/13 11:00 a.m.

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

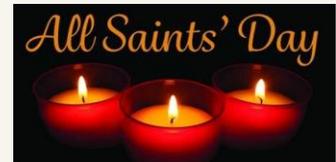
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We go off daylight savings time Saturday night, 11/6. Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour before you go to bed. Otherwise, you'll be at church an hour early!

### All Saints' Sunday 11/7

All Saints' Day is a major festival of the Church. Set on November 1st, it is "transferred" to the following Sunday



when the 1st is not a Sunday. All Saints' Day is a time to remember our connection to the great cloud of witnesses who have gone before us, to be inspired by their lives, and to recommit ourselves to the work of doing the will of God on Earth. Today, it is common to celebrate all those who have been baptized in the name of Christ, thereby joining the inheritance of the saints in light.

## Stewardship Season

### Estimate of Giving Cards THIS Sunday

If you weren't able to be with us last Sunday or weren't quite ready, you can bring your Estimate of Giving Card and put it in the offering basket to be blessed by Fr. Rick this Sunday. There will be cards available in case you forget yours.



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Living a Life of Stewardship

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### Giving in Gratitude Lunch THIS Sunday, November 7

Our annual Giving in Gratitude celebration is a fellowship event that will provide us the opportunity to come together to share our lives and, more importantly, to give thanks for the ways God has provided for us, individually and corporately. Donna Burks has put together the annual photo roller of what we've done this past year. You won't want to miss that.



Brisket will be provided, so we're asking everyone to bring sides to compliment the meat choice.

**Let's prepare to give Him Thanks and Praise!**

## A Note From our Search Committee Chair

### Here's the latest from John deMontel

Dear St. Mark's:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I want to update you on where we are in the search for our new Rector. The Search Committee has had several "beginning" meetings, and we look forward to continuing the process of the search.



Senior Warden Jon Reily has received the draft of the Parish Profile. The first step is for the vestry to review and approve it and move it forward to the search committee. We can then review it to see that it is consistent with the workshop results and continue forming questions and thoughts for the actual interview processes. Right now we are in a bit of a hold pattern, holding for our formal training Nov. 10 and holding to let the vestry review the profile and meet with Canon Caroline Mowen regarding clergy compensation, budgeting and finances, etc. Canon Mowen has shown herself to be quite helpful to all who have been in

these search processes.

Please continue to pray and read lessons concerning church leadership, formation, and past historical leaders being called into God's service. Pray also for each other, our search process, and future Rector. Please pray that we, as the people of St. Marks, are truly ready to enter into the process of searching for our new Rector and that we are moving through the stages of grief to allow us to partake fully in the new creation God has waiting for us.

**II Timothy 1:7** For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

**1:9** (God) who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began.

**3:16** All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.

**3:17** That the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Rejoice! Rejoice! ...

**4:22** The Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Grace be with you. Amen.

Respectfully,  
John

## Pastoral Care

### Visit with Fr. Rick

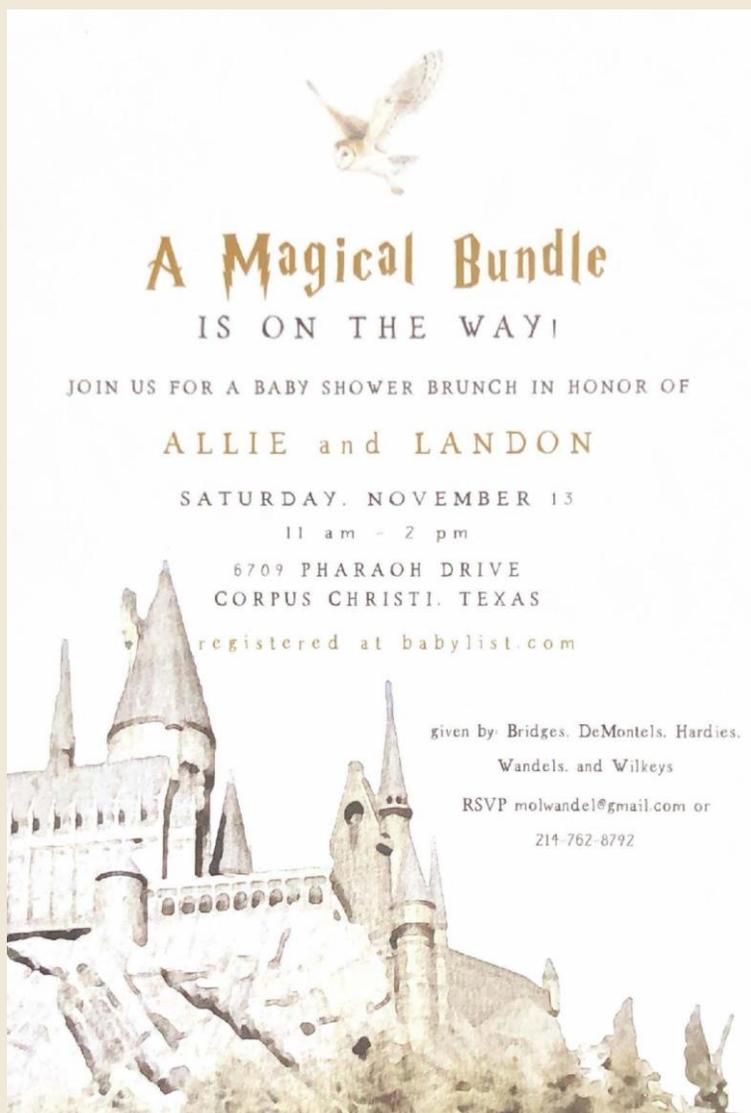
Fr. Rick, our interim rector, will be in the office one day a week on Tuesdays. If you'd like to come in for a visit with him, call the office at (361) 994-0285 to make an appointment. He is available to guide you, pray with you, or just have a conversation so you can get to know each other.



# Allie & Landon Allemand Baby Shower

**Saturday, November 13th**  
**6709 Pharaoh Dr**

Allie and Landon are expecting a little girl in mid-December.  
Come help us celebrate this new little life at their shower brunch.



## Books for Baby

ONE SMALL REQUEST.  
WE HOPE IT'S NOT HARD.  
PLEASE BRING A BOOK  
INSTEAD OF A CARD.  
BY SIGNING YOUR BOOK,  
WE'LL REMEMBER AND SHARE  
YOUR SPECIAL GIFT  
EVEN WHEN YOU'RE NOT THERE.



## Diaper Raffle

BRING A PACKAGE OF DIAPERS (ANY SIZE) TO BE ENTERED  
INTO A RAFFLE FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A PRIZE!

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# Sea Gulf Villa Thanksgiving Food Basket Project

## Food Collection Deadline Sunday 11/21

Our Sea Gulf Villa Thanksgiving Food Basket project is scheduled for Tuesday, November 23rd, so we need to have the food items listed to the right here by the Sunday before, November 21. There is already a growing selection of food items in the fellowship hall.

Thank you for your support!

### Sea Gulf Villa Thanksgiving Dinner Donation Items

Our St. Mark's Youth are gearing up for the annual Thanksgiving meal delivery for the residents of the Sea Gulf Villa Apartment complex.

The turkeys, rolls, and pumpkin pies will be supplied by the church. H.E.B. awarded us \$1,000 to use toward the cost of these items. Thank you, H.E.B.!

We need your help with the following items to complete the dinner.

**Stuffing—6 oz boxes**

**Turkey Gravy—1 oz packet**

**Sweet Potatoes/Yams—15 oz can**

**Cranberry Sauce—14 oz can**

**Green Beans—15 oz can**

**Corn—15 oz can**

There will be boxes in the sanctuary and in the fellowship hall where you may drop off your food donations.

**Items are due back Sunday, November 21st.**

**THANK YOU!!**



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

#### **November 7 - Sunday--All Saints' Sunday**

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

11:30 a.m. - Giving in Gratitude Lunch--Fellowship Hall

#### **November 9 - Tuesday**

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

6:30 p.m. - Men's Cursillo Reunion Group--Nolan's Restaurant on Staples near Yorktown

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

**November 10 - Wednesday**

12:00 p.m. - Wednesday Noon Prayer Group--Fellowship Hall

5:30 p.m. - Search Committee Training--Fellowship Hall

**November 13 - Saturday**

11:00 a.m. - Allemand Baby Shower Bunch--6709 Pharaoh Dr

## 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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