

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

August 12, 2021

Upcoming Events

Family Swim Party

Sun, 8/22 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Hospitality/Coffee Hour Meeting

Sun, 8/29 11:30 a.m.

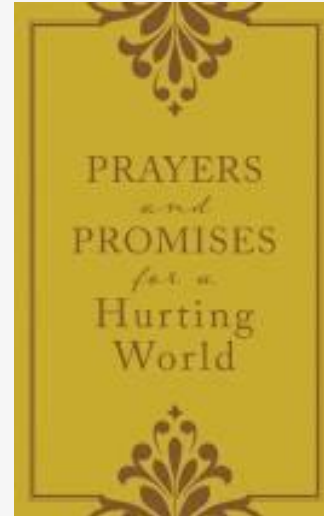
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Sunday Worship Service:

10:00 a.m.--Morning Prayer-Sanctuary
Guest Speaker Tony Reyes

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Prayers & Promises

by Laura Freudig

Do You Hear What I Hear?

*"He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said, to him, "Feed my sheep."
John 21:17*

Dear Jesus, we are Your sheep, the people of Your pasture, loved and precious and known. Thank You for that pastoral metaphor, which is both humbling and comforting. For we are just like sheep: foolish, weak, small and easily led astray. We are prone to wander; we feel it every day in the way our minds tend to things other than You. We are prone to complain with an irritating repetition and a blindness to the blessings around us. Hours or even days go by without us pricking our ears to the sound of Your voice, without looking up to see where we are in relation to where You are. And when we find ourselves in a predicament--far from home, far from the flock, far from You--we cry out and You are there.

But, Lord, we want to be able to feed Your sheep too, just like You commanded Peter to do. We don't

want to be so continually lost that we're no help to the other lost sheep around us. Help us to persistently reorient our minds on You and Your loving voice, and keep our wooly ears open to the cries of others. Amen.

Moving Forward

Warden's Corner with Jon Reily

Hello everyone!

Here's your weekly update. Archdeacon Besson met with the vestry after our worship service last Sunday. He went over the guidelines for the search process and mentioned resources that the diocesan office has to offer all parishes, not just those in a search process, for several areas of ministry. He was very encouraging about our ability to find a new rector, confiding that there is already some interest.



Archdeacon Besson also stated that he and Bishop Reed are in conversation with someone who is praying about becoming our interim rector with the hopes that this person would start sometime in September. So, we don't have any information other than that to report on that front. However, when we know who it is and which Sunday will be his or her first Sunday with us, we'll welcome our interim in true St. Mark's fashion with a wonderful pot luck lunch.

The search process for our new rector will take between six months and a year, and it will be strictly confidential in nature. Selections for the Search committee will begin soon. Please keep that process in your prayers. The committee will be comprised of eight to ten people with a variety of backgrounds (time at St. Mark's, age, and ministry involvement) to ensure that the wider congregation will be well represented. This group will be commissioned to begin its work during a Sunday worship service.

Tony Reyes will be our guest speaker this Sunday as we worship through Morning Prayer. He is the director and founder of Mission 911, a ministry we have supported through our Outreach Fund for many years. Rev. Betty Fuller will celebrate Holy Eucharist the following two Sundays, 8/22 and 8/29, to finish out the month of August.

Be sure to tune in each week for the latest news!

Please keep the search process, the vestry and leaders of the church, members of the search committee, the interim and our future rector in your prayers!

Ministry Highlight

I Love My Church How Can I Serve?

We will highlight three ministries this week: the Coffee Hour/Hospitality Team, the Presentation Manager Team, and the Live Stream Team. If you are interested in joining a team, you may sign up on the back of the Connection Card that will be in your bulletins this Sunday or use the contact info listed below.



Live Stream Team

Donna Burks oversees the Live Stream Team and has been working on a manual which is now complete. She's ready to train a team to do the live streaming of the service on Sunday mornings. This entails setting up, utilizing the camera software, adjusting the sound, and interacting with those viewing the live stream. Please contact Donna at (361) 739-8234, or the church office at (361) 994-0285, or judy@stmarkscc.org if you're interested.

Presentation Manager Team

Jeremy Wilkey oversees the Presentation Manager Team, and he is ready to train those who are interested in helping with this ministry. He will enter the information for the service, but he needs help running the ProPresenter program Sunday mornings. This entails turning on the projectors, utilizing the software, and monitoring the sound in the sanctuary. Please contact him at (361) 658-9950, or the church office at (361) 994-0285, or judy@stmarkscc.org if this ministry appeals to you.

Coffee Hour Team

Lori Jones oversees our Hospitality Ministry, which includes Coffee Hour after Sunday services every week. Serving in this ministry entails making coffee and lemonade and plating refreshments before the service, putting them out before the service is over, and cleaning up afterwards. Below is a note from Lori:

"As many of you already know, we are meeting for coffee hour once again. We celebrated with the teachers and students this past week, and Kona Ice was made available to everyone.

While we go through this transitional period, we all think it important to remain close and in fellowship together. Coffee hour is a great time to do this. We will have a meeting immediately following the service **on August 29th**.

I am inviting others who are not yet on the committee to come and join us. It is a great group and very easy to be a part of. Please, feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you and God's blessings to each of you and your families!"

Wednesday Noon Prayer Group

Pray Wednesdays at Noon

Take an hour of your week and come join a group who will pray for our congregation as we begin this time of transition working on the Parish Profile and searching for our new rector. The group will meet in the fellowship hall at noon every Wednesday. If you can't physically be a part of the group, please consider stopping what you're doing at noon, wherever you are, to pray.

Prayer Points:

- Members of St. Mark's
- Those involved in the search process
- The work necessary for our Parish Profile
- Our future new rector
- The priest assigned as our interim as we go through this transition



Family Swim Party

At the Wandel Home

Sunday, August 22 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Children, youth, their families, and all members of St Mark's family are invited for a fun afternoon of swimming, snacks, and fellowship at the Wandel home, 44 Hewit Place, 78404. Shade, air conditioning, and good conversation will be provided for those who don't care to swim. Bring a friend, a towel, and a smile. Drinks and snacks provided.

These are pictures from last year's party which was so much fun! Make plans to join in the fun on the 22nd!





Back to School Fun

Blessing of Backpacks & Kona Ice

Archdeacon Mike Besson was with us this past Sunday. He blessed backpacks, students, teachers, and school staff before they headed back to school.

Kona Ice came and supplied us with delicious shaved ice for an added treat.

Please keep all students, teachers, and staff in your prayers as they begin this new school year.



Online Giving

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.



- Through your cell phone using our app, Give+Plus. To get the app, go to the app store and search for "Give+Plus". The icon background is white, the word "Give" is gray and the "+Plus" is a mustard color. 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 will be checking 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 door 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 August schedule for our ministries, which is still a work in progress. Please check each week to see if there are any changes.

August 15 - Sunday

10:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer

11:00 a.m. - Coffee Hour--Fellowship Hall

August 16 - Monday

6:30 p.m. - Vestry Meeting--Online--Zoom

August 17 - Tuesday

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

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

August 18 - Wednesday

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

August 21 - Saturday

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Helpful Links

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

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