

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

March 19, 2026

Upcoming Events

Time of Contemplation & Healing Service

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Access Plus Ramp Build

3/21, Saturday

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3/28, Saturday

Hosanna Chalk Art

3/28, Saturday

Palm Sunday

3/29, Sunday

Holy Week Services

3/30-4/1--Evening Services

4/2--Maundy Thursday

4/3--Stations of the Cross

Resurrection Easter Sunday

4/5, Sunday



Reflections from the Rector



This Sunday we will hear the well-known story of Lazarus. Those who have watched *The Chosen* may remember that an entire episode is devoted to this moment from John's Gospel. John is not simply telling us that Jesus can command life and death—he is asking whether we believe that Jesus is the light of the world, the One in whom there is no death at all. John also shows us that God knows human grief from the inside. Can we also accept that God wants to rejoice with us in our greatest joys?

Jesus had retreated across the Jordan to escape a stoning. It is there that he receives word that his friend Lazarus is ill. Yet he does not immediately go. Two days later, Jesus announces that he will return to the very place where he had been threatened because he still has work to do while it is day. Jesus will not be discouraged from his purpose, even by danger.

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Sunday Worship Service

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

[Visit our website](#)

Time of Contemplation & Healing Prayer

Time of Contemplation & Healing Prayer TONIGHT, 3/19, at 5:45 p.m.



Our “Time of Contemplation and Healing Prayer” service is tonight, March 19th, at 5:45 p.m. It will last 30-40 minutes.

Have you ever heard about Contemplative or Centering Prayer? Do you have any idea what it's all about? There are probably many theological answers, but in layman's terms, the answer might be that it consists of a couple of themes. It is a time to quietly contemplate your relationship with God in prayer. And, more importantly, it is a chance to spend time listening to what He wants to tell you or to have you hear. This time can be a way to enhance our relationship with our Creator and Savior.

[For more information, click this link.](#)

Access Plus Ramp Build



Access Plus Ramp Build 4429 Green Grove Saturday, 3/21, at 8:00 a.m.

The March ramp build is for a lady named Diana Zamora. She and her family are looking forward to receiving the ramp, which will give her better access to her home.

Anyone who's interested in this ministry is encouraged to come on Saturday morning to work. Doug Wayland and his team are happy

to train anyone who wants to learn how the ramps are built. No experience is necessary, just a willing heart!

Farris Baby Shower

Baby Shower for the Farris Family Sunday, 3/22

Help us celebrate Sahara and Noah at a baby shower for their daughter on Sunday, March 22nd, after the worship service in the fellowship hall. Noah and Sahara have a [baby registry at Amazon](#). Click on the link to check it out, or scan the QR code below. Please make plans to join the celebration.



Easter Egg Fillers



Easter Egg Fillers Due Sunday, 3/29

We have hundreds of plastic Easter eggs that need to be filled with small trinkets, stickers, or candy, and we need your help to fill them all. Please consider picking up some filler items to drop off at church by Sunday, March 29th. There are boxes in the sanctuary and the fellowship hall in which you may place your items. Our youth group will be stuffing the eggs that Sunday.

Thank you for your help with this project!

Lenten Soup & Study

The Lenten Soup and Study *The Chosen* Series Season 4 Week 5 Wednesday, 3/25, at 6:00 p.m.



Our Lenten study has been quite interesting. The last evening is next Wednesday. The night begins with a soup supper followed by a discussion.

Please watch the assigned episode before the Wednesday gathering. There will be scripture to reflect on, items to watch for when you view the episode, and a Lenten practice.

Here is the information for this coming week:

- **Watch:** Episode 8 "Humble" before Wednesday.

- **Reflect on:** Luke 9:51

- **Watch for:** Deliberate commitment

Costly discipleship

Hope beyond sacrifice

- **Lenten practice:** Complete in prayer "Jesus, this Lent I choose to follow you, by..."

Easter Lily Plants



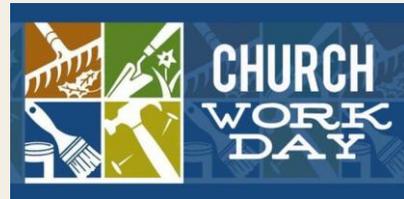
Easter Lily Dedication Forms Available

Please consider sponsoring a lily plant or two to help decorate the altar for Easter Sunday. It's a wonderful way to honor a special someone or a special event in your life. The dedication forms for lily plants will be available in the worship bulletins this Sunday. You can also click here to [print a dedication form](#) to fill out to bring with you. The plants cost \$12. Please fold the form and place your payment inside it. If you would like to take care of your lily order using our eGiving, please write that on your dedication form. The deadline for the Easter lily plants is

Sunday, March 29th.

Church Work Day

Church Work Day
Saturday, March 28th,
at 8:00 a.m.



Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 28th, for a church work day to get our buildings and grounds ready for Holy Week and Easter Sunday. Please consider coming to help, even if you only have 30 minutes to give. Everyone's efforts are welcomed and appreciated.

Hosanna Chalk Art



Hosanna Chalk Art
Saturday, March 28th,
at 10:00 a.m.

All are invited to come decorate the sidewalks with Hosanna chalk art on Saturday, March 28th, in preparation for Palm Sunday.

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Week Schedule March 29th through April 5th

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on March 29th. We will have evening services all week. Monday through Wednesday will be evening prayer. Maundy Thursday is on Thursday, and the Stations of the Cross will be on Friday. All of the services are at 7:00 p.m. The culmination of Holy Week will be on Sunday, April 5th, with our Easter Resurrection service.

Here is a link to a PDF of the [Holy Week flyer](#), if you'd like to print a copy for yourself or give it to family and friends as an invitation to join us for our Holy Week services. There will be copies of the flyer in the bulletins on Sunday as well.

The flyer features a central graphic with a dark brown cross on a white background, set against a yellow sun rising over a dark brown horizon. The text "Join us for..." is in the top left, and "Holy Week & Easter" is written in a large, black, cursive font across the center. Below the graphic, the dates "March 29 through April 5" are printed in bold black text. A list of services follows, with dates and times on the left and service names on the right. At the bottom, the church's name, address, and website are listed.

Join us for...

Holy Week & Easter

March 29 through April 5

3/29 Sunday 10:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday
3/30-4/1 Monday—Wednesday 7:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer
4/2 Thursday 7:00 p.m. 9:00-10:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service Hour of Prayer
4/3 Friday 7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
4/5 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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2727 Airline Rd
www.stmarkscc.org

Cimarron Senior Apartments Ministry

**Ministry to the Residents at
Cimarron Senior
Apartments
2802 Cimarron Blvd.**



**Conversations with God
Bible Study**

Monday, 4/6, 11:00 am

Conversations with God Bible Study on the First Monday of Every Month at 11:00 a.m. Once a month, John deMontel, Fr. Doug Wasinger, and others provide snacks and a Bible study they call "Conversations with God" for the residents. It generally lasts an hour. If you'd like to help with this ministry, please contact John at (361) 815-9498.

Food Delivery to Residents on the Third Monday of Every Month at 11:30 a.m.

The Coastal Bend Food Bank delivers food to the Cimarron Senior Apartments once a month. A team of dedicated St. Mark's volunteers helps distribute the food to residents after it arrives. If you have an hour or so to give, please consider helping with the monthly food distribution.

Youth Ministry



**SEEK Youth Group
Meets after Worship on Sunday!**

Summer Camp--Registration for [Summer Camp at Camp Capers](#) is open. Click the link to the diocesan page for more information and to register.

Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His face continually. (1 Chronicles 16:11)

Adult Bible Study

Adult Bible Study Class Sundays at 11:45 a.m.

The Adult Bible study class meets on Sundays in the fellowship hall library. If you'd like to join in the study, head to fellowship hall after the service, grab some refreshments, and then go to the library. Bibles will be available if you need one.



Timon's Ministry Fish Fry Fundraiser

TIMON'S MINISTRIES

FISH FRY FUNDRAISER

MARCH 27, 2026
11:00AM-UNTIL
SELL OUT

10501 S. PADRE ISLAND DR

\$15

INCLUDES FRIED FISH, FRIED SHRIMP, HUSH PUPPIES, FRENCH FRIES, & CORN ON THE COBB

361-9376196

For more information, please visit: www.Timonsministries.com

Timon's Ministry Fish Fry Fundraiser Friday, 3/27, 11:00 a.m. until sold out

We have a team of people who work in the Clothing Boutique at Timon's Ministry sorting donated clothing and helping those who come in to shop.

To further support Timon's Ministry, you can purchase fish dinner plates on Friday, 3/27, either by clicking [the link](#) or by paying at Timon's when you pick up a plate.

Timon's Ministry

Ministry in Partnership with Timon's Ministries

Over the course of many years, St. Mark's has partnered with Timon's Ministries 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 Ministries, working in the Clothing Closet, organizing items, and visiting with people. The group has asked for help with their efforts in any of the following ways:

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

Summer Camps at Camp Capers--

Registration for Summer Camps has opened up for campers. [Here is a link 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 on 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 our [March ministry schedule](#). Click here for the [March church calendar](#).

March 22 - Sunday

- 10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist--Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. - Farris Baby Shower--Fellowship Hall
- 11:30 a.m. - SEEK Youth Group--Fellowship Hall Youth Room

March 23 - Monday

- 8:45 a.m. - Clothing Shop--Timon's Ministry, 10501 S. Padre Island Dr.
- 9:30 a.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library

March 24 - Tuesday

- 8:00 a.m. - Women's Reunion Group--Corner Baker Restaurant, 4928 S. Staples St.

March 25- Wednesday

- 12:00 p.m. - Prayer Group--Fellowship Hall Library
- 6:00 p.m. - Lenten Soup & Study--Fellowship Hall

March 26 - Thursday

- 7:00 p.m. - South Texas Amateur Radio Club--Fellowship Hall

March 28 - Saturday

- 8:00 a.m. - Church Cleanup Day--Grounds and Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. - Hosanna Chalk Art--Sidewalks

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

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[Diocese of West Texas](#)

[Diocesan Newsletter and Reflection Magazine](#)

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