

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

May 9, 2024

Upcoming Events

Mother's Day/Youth Sunday

5/12, Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Access Plus Ramp Build

5/18, Saturday 8:00 a.m.

Pentecost Sunday

5/19, Sunday 11:30--Wear Red

Inquirer's Class

5/19, Sunday 11:30 a.m.

YEF Scholarship Application Deadline

5/31, Friday

Sun Fest Community Event

6/8, Saturday

Blood Drive

6/9, Sunday 11:30 a.m.

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From Our Rector Fr. Doug



At a lunch in Buffalo, Wyoming, a group of my peers from other churches and denominations and I listened to a speaker who shared with us the need to pray for our public officials. The speaker noted that the city and state we lived in were sparsely populated, and so public leaders lived in a fishbowl, never getting any time off away from their public life. The calling for public service is noble, and prayer is needed to protect the leaders from all the criticism that they receive from the public. As lunch was wrapping up, the president of the association turned to me and asked if I would pray. I looked around and said, "I am an Episcopalian, and I didn't bring my Book of Common Prayer with me today, so I don't know how to pray without a written word." That brought a round of laughter, after which I did my best to honor the request.

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Sunday Worship Service

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

[Visit our website](#)

Mother's Day

Happy Mother's Day to
all our Moms!
May your day be filled
with love, laughter, and
blessings.



Inquirer's Class

Inquirer's Class Moved to Sunday, May 19th, 11:30 a.m.

A class for those new to St. Mark's and/or those who would simply like to learn more about the church has been scheduled for May 19th. You'll learn some fun historical facts about St. Mark's, areas of ministry where you may serve, and more about our church family. Please sign up on the back of your Connection Card in your bulletin this Sunday.

**INQUIRER'S
CLASS**



Sunfest Community Event



Save the Date for our Sun Fest Event on June 8th

Another free community event has been planned with two goals in mind:

- provide our neighbors with a Saturday morning filled with fun
- raise more funds for our new sign

We will have live music, a D.J., a bounce house, an obstacle course, hot dogs, and family yard games. We will also have Kona Ice and Travelin' Tom's coffee available for purchase.

There will be a silent auction to raise money for the new sign on Airline Road. If you have an item you would like to donate for the silent auction, please reach out to Chrystal Wilkey at (361) 549-8917. If you would like to help as a volunteer, please let her know that too. You may also sign up on the back of the Connection Card in your worship bulletin this Sunday or contact the church office at (361) 994-0285.

Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost Sunday
May 19th
Wear Something Red!
Bring Strawberries!



As is our tradition, we encourage everyone to wear red for Pentecost Sunday. It's a day of celebration, the day the disciples received the gift of the Holy Spirit.

We will celebrate with a special treat at coffee hour. It's been our tradition to have strawberry shortcake after the service. Our coffee hour hosts will provide the cake and the whipped cream, but we need your help with the strawberries. Please consider bringing a pint of fresh, cut strawberries to share.

Thomas Family Thank You



Thank You Note from the Thomas Family

We were blessed to be a part of little Rosie Thomas's baptism and to honor the family with a baby shower. Below is a note for Matthew, Hannah, Teddy, and Rosie Thomas.



Thank You!

Dear St. Marks Family,

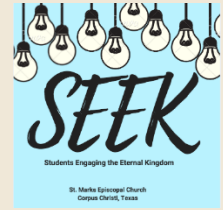
Thank you so much for helping us celebrate the arrival and Baptism of Rosie. We are so grateful for all the work that was put toward the beautiful shower, and all the gifts we received.

We cannot express enough how blessed and thankful we are. With Love
The Thomas Family



Youth Group & Children's Ministry

SEEK Youth Group Will Not Meet this Sunday



Youth Group meets on Sundays after our service to share highs and lows, talk about the Gospel reading for that day, pray, and catch up with one another.

Youth Sunday will be this Sunday, 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.

Youth: Please make sure to be at church this Sunday to celebrate our seniors, all our youth, and our mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and all our "church moms" too!

Adult Bible Study



Adult Bible Study of the Gospel of Mark Will Not Meet this Sunday

All are welcome to join the Bible study which meets at 12 p.m. on Sundays. 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 and dig into the Word.

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

Summer Kick-off

**St. Mark's Summer
Kick-off Party
Sunday, May 26th
3:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Wandel Home, 44 Hewit Pl**

Come to swim or just to hang out. All are invited.
Bring a snack to share.
It will be more fun with you!!!



Youth Endowment Scholarship Applications



SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Youth Endowment Fund Scholarship Applications Due May 31st

Our Youth Endowment Fund was established to provide scholarships for college and trade school students to help with tuition. The fund must grow three percent each year.

The surplus is what becomes available for scholarship disbursements. You may support our college students by donating to the fund at any time, but you will have a specific opportunity to do that during the service on Youth Sunday, which is this Sunday, May 12th.

The fund had a surplus that is available to disburse this year for the fall semester. College students, incoming college freshmen, and trade or vocational school students are encouraged to apply. Here is a link to the [guidelines and application](#), which are available on our website. The website states that the deadline is June 30th, but that was recently changed to May 31st in order to make sure the scholarship checks arrive at the schools in a timely manner. The Youth Endowment Committee will meet in June to make decisions about scholarship disbursements, and checks will be sent to the respective schools in July.

Timon's Ministry

Ministry in Partnership with Timon's Ministry



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

- Donating men's shirts, jeans, or athletic shoes
- Donating travel size deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, bars of bath soap, body wash
- Donating toothbrushes
- Donating items for to-go food bags: tuna and cracker packs, granola bars, chips, bottled water, etc.
- Sorting clothing on Wednesdays from 8:10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

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 you help with this important ministry opportunity.

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.

Blood Drive

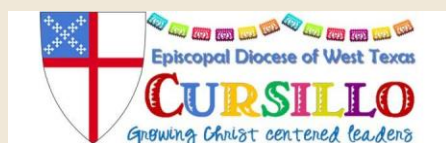
**Blood Drive
Sunday, 6/9,
at 11:30 a.m.**



Coastal Bend Blood Center
Giving so that others may live

The Coastal Bend Blood Center will set up a mobile donation center in the church parking after the service on June 9th to receive blood donations. Hannah, the Blood Center representative, said that donations go down in the summer, which leads to shortages. Please consider giving the gift of life for those who need it. .

Women's Reunion Groups



Cursillo Community Information

New **reunion groups** for women who have completed a Cursillo weekend 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, if you are interested in participating in a group or just being kept informed of upcoming Cursillo events and activities.

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

An Ultreya, which is a gathering for those who are Cursillistas, has been planned for May 11th at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Calallen. For more details [click here for the flyer](#).

Diocesan Events

Diocesan News



Cursillo Information--Please use the link below to the diocesan page containing information on upcoming [Cursillo weekends](#).

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 in it.

Job Opportunity



Seafarers' Center Job Opening

The Seafarers' Center is looking for people to minister to seafarers whose ships dock at the Port of Corpus Christi. The deadline for applications is 6/1. [Click for the flyer with details.](#)

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 [May 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 [May calendar](#).

May 12 - Sunday--Mother's Day

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

11:30 a.m. - Coffee Hour/Reception for Youth--Fellowship Hall

No Youth Group

No Adult Bible Study of Mark

May 13- Monday

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

May 14 - Tuesday

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

May 15 - Wednesday

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

11:30 a.m. - Lunch with the Old Guys--Niko's Steakhouse, 5409 Saratoga Blvd.

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

6:30 p.m. - Men's Reunion Group--Nolan's Restaurant, 7426 S. Staples St.

**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](#)

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