

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

October 24, 2024

Upcoming Events

Fall Festival

10/26, Saturday

Bring a Friend to Church & Cupcake Decorating after the Service

10/27, Sunday

Inquirer's Class

11/3, Sunday

Ultreya

11/9, Saturday

C.P.R. Class (Class is full)

11/12, Tuesday

Ingathering of 2025 Commitment Cards

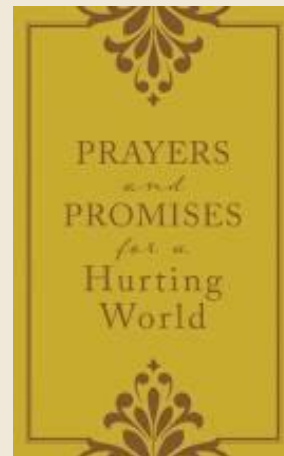
Giving in Gratitude Potluck Lunch

11/17, Sunday

Youth Group & Adult Bible Study

Sundays following the service

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



Sailing

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.

James 1:2-3

Lord, I bounce between self-sufficiency and despair with the same seasick instability James's double-minded man had. When life is going well, I forget You and think I'm doing it all on my own--and quite well, thank you. When life is hard, when difficulties and sins mount up and block the sunlight, I can just as easily forget You. I think where I am at the moment is where I will always be, and in that darkness, I forget the Light is coming.

Forgive me, Lord. Help me fix my eyes on You in every situation. Free me from the self-sufficiency that is the opposite of depending on grace. Any strength I think I

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Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

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possess--health, wealth, success, good relationships--is fodder for pride. Free me also from the blindness of despair, which is also a type of self-sufficiency, looking only at myself. The walls of my own mind become the limits of my future. You are outside of all that; You are larger than what I take pride in and what blinds me. Help me rest and remain in the grace-full space between those extremes. You give the strength that allows me to succeed today and the hope that lets me look forward to tomorrow. Trials come in many guises, Lord, and only Your Spirit can guide our frail ships. Amen.

Fall Festival



Fall Festival THIS Saturday, 10/26 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

We partnered with the staff of
Kindercare again to host our annual

Fall Festival THIS Saturday. Chrystal Wilkey is overseeing the event, as she has the last several years. The event will be free. Invite friends and family to enjoy the festivities. The flyer below has more details and information.

We still need candy donations. Please consider picking up a bag or two and bring it by the church tomorrow, 10/25, from 2:00-6:00 p.m., or Saturday morning.

The silent auction items will also be available Friday for viewing and bidding.

Those who volunteered, THANK YOU! Please be at the church by 8:00 a.m. to help with final setup.

Free Family Event

FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 26, 2024

9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Activities: Bounce House, Crafts, Face Painting, Petting Zoo, Trunk or Treat, Live Music, Games, Hayrides and Silent Auction Items

Food: Travelin' Tom's Coffee Truck, Kona Ice & the Boardwalk BBQ Food Truck

Wear your costume— please, not too scary and bring a bag for goodies.

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Bring a Friend to Church

Bring a Friend to Church Sunday with an Instructional Eucharist and Cupcake Decorating THIS Sunday, 10/27

Please prayerfully consider inviting family and friends to church this Sunday for our Bring a Friend to Church Sunday. We'll have an Instructional Eucharist during the service which help explain different elements of our worship service.



After the service Therese Greene will have a cupcake decorating station available for anyone who would like to join in during our coffee and conversation. Should be Fun!

Walk in Love Bringing Faith to Life



Walk in Love Bringing Faith to Life Campaign Continues this Sunday

This Sunday is the third week of our Walk in Love Bringing Faith to Life ministry support (stewardship) campaign. We'll hear from another St. Mark's parishioner and consider another question. The information on how to answer the question will be on a separate insert in the Sunday bulletins.

The campaign will culminate with our placing our commitment cards on the altar to be blessed Sunday, November 17th. Following that service, we'll enjoy our annual Giving in Gratitude Potluck Lunch, which will have a Thanksgiving meal theme. You may sign up to bring to a dish to share on a goldenrod insert that may be found in the bulletins this Sunday.



Youth Group





Youth Group Meets Sundays

Everybody get ready to have a frightfully good time at Fall Fest! It's a great opportunity to spend time with your church family, serve others, and have fun! Plus, there will be candy!

There's no official youth group on Sunday, but join in the cupcake decorating after the service! Have a great week!

1 John 4:19

We love because he first loved us.

Adult Bible Study

Adult Bible Study Sundays after the service

Participants in the Adult Bible Study Group will meet in the Fellowship Hall for Bible study after the service this Sunday, October 27th. The group will continue the study of the Gospel of Mark. Bring your Bibles if you'd like; however, there will be some available if you need one. Grab some refreshments and join in the conversation.



Below are the links to the previous study guides for chapters one through twelve if you'd like to review them or catch up. The group will move on to chapter 14 this Sunday.

Previous Chapters 1-10:

[Chapter 1 Mark](#)

[Chapter 2 Mark](#)

[Chapter 3 Mark](#)

[Chapter 4 Mark](#)

[Chapter 5 Mark](#)

[Chapter 6 Mark](#)

[Chapter 7 Mark](#)

[Chapter 8 Mark](#)

[Chapter 9 Mark](#)

[Chapter 10 Mark](#)

[Chapter 11 Mark](#)

[Chapter 12 Mark](#)

New Chapters 13-16:

[Chapter 13 Mark](#)

[Chapter 14 Mark](#)

[Chapter 15 Mark](#)

[Chapter 16 Mark](#)

Inquirer's Class



The Next Inquirer's Class will be Sunday, 11/3, at 11:30 a.m.

If you are new to St. Mark's or would like to know about the church family, please make plans to attend our next Inquirer's Class scheduled for Sunday, 11/3. Fr. Doug will facilitate the class. You may sign up on the Connection

Card, which will be found in your bulletin this Sunday. You may also contact Judy at the church office by calling (361) 994-0285 or emailing her at judy@stmarksgc.org.

2025 Flower Chart

2025 Flower Chart Available in the Entryway to the Sanctuary

Sponsoring the altar flowers on a Sunday is a wonderful way to honor a loved one or special date in your life. Please sign up on the flower chart that will be available in the entryway to the sanctuary. As a gentle reminder, you will receive an email the last week of the month before your assigned date giving details about the flowers, cost, etc. and asking that you provide the dedication for that particular Sunday.



Ultreya



The Next Ultreya
Saturday, 11/9, 1:00-3:00
p.m.
St. Mark's Episcopal Church

If you've attended a Cursillo Weekend or a Walk to Emmaus, please consider coming to the November Ultreya hosted by our church.

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 the Clothing Closet organizing items and visiting with people. The group has asked for help with their efforts through any of the following ways:

- Donating band aids, bandages, and gauze
- Donating clothing, especially 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 Mondays from 8:45 - 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 & National Church News

Suffragan Bishop Election News--

Our new Suffragan Bishop is the Rev. Angela Maria Cortinas. She is currently an associate rector at St. David's Episcopal Church in Austin and will start her in new role with us January 1st.

Relief for Victims of Hurricane Helene and Milton--For more information on how to donate funds to help those affected by Hurricane Helene, [click here](#).

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.

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 [October schedule](#) for our ministries. The schedule is an ongoing work in progress, so please check each week to see if there are any changes. Here's a link to the [October calendar](#).

October 27 - Sunday--Bring a Friend to Church

- 10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist--Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. - Coffee & Conversation--Fellowship Hall
- 11:30 a.m. - SEEK Youth Group-Cupcake Decorating--Fellowship Hall
- 11:45 a.m. - Adult Bible Study--Fellowship Hall

October 28- Monday

- 8:45 a.m. - Clothing Sorting--Timon's Ministry, 10501 S. Padre Island Dr.
- 9:30 a.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library
- 6:30 p.m. - Vestry Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library

October 29 - Tuesday

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

October 30 - Wednesday

11:30 a.m. - Lunch with the Old Guys--Silverado Smokehouse, 4522 Weber Dr.

2:00 p.m. - Prayer Group--Fellowship Hall Library

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

October 31 - Thursday

HALLOWEEN

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

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[Diocese of West Texas](#)

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