

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

September 1, 2022

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9/11 Sunday

[Un] Apologetic Evangelism

Conference

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Sunday Funday

9/18 Sunday, 3:00-6:00 p.m.

Spiritual Retreat in Recovery

9/30-10/2 Thursday-Sunday

Cursillo #286 Mustang Island

Conference Center

10/6-9 Thursday-Sunday

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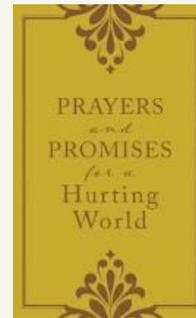
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Sunday Worship Service:

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

God's Promises



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

"Listen to my cry for help, my King and my God, for I pray to no one but you. Listen to my voice in the morning, Lord. Each morning I bring my requests to you and wait expectantly."

Psalm 5:2-3

Lord, we come here again, empty, with no burning desire for You in our hearts. Yet You ask us to come before You and present our requests. So as an act of obedience, we pray. As an act of obedience, we praise. Our small sacrifice--giving You back a few minutes of the life that was Your gift to us in the first place--is nothing, but You count it as worship. You are a God, who knows us to be worse than we can imagine, yet You treat us as more righteous than we can ever be.

Thank You, Lord. We confess that our minds wander; draw us back, again and again, into Your presence. We confess that we doubt You are listening; remind us that You are near. We confess that we doubt Your power; show it to us Lord. We

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confess that we don't understand how prayer works; give us the discipline to turn to You anyway, until praying becomes as natural as breathing. We cannot demand, yet You tell us to ask. We cannot control Your timing, but You tell us to *keep* asking. We cannot understand this, so we ask You to increase our faith until it is as unshakable as a child's. Amen.

Be still, Believe
and Pray!

Fr. Rick's Farewell



Fr. Rick's Farewell Sunday September 11th

We are quickly approaching the day when we will say "Thank you, Fr. Rick for your service to our church family." This will be a time of both sadness and joy for us. He has truly blessed us during the time he's been our interim rector. However, he's looking forward to returning to retired life after this "pause" of nearly a year.

We will have a small celebration of his ministry with us during coffee hour on his last Sunday as our interim, September 11th. Be sure to mark your calendar for this important Sunday.

Exciting News

St. Mark's Welcomes Fr. Doug Wasinger Sunday, October 9th

Put a big red star on your calendar on Sunday, October 9th. That will mark the beginning of the next chapter in the life of our St. Mark's Church family because Fr. Doug Wasinger will begin his ministry with us that day.



We will welcome him and his wife Kellie with a good old fashioned St. Mark's potluck featuring your Texas favorite recipes. Please sign up on your Connection Card this Sunday to indicate what type of dish you want to bring: main dish, side, or dessert. You can also sign up to help setup, serve, and cleanup.

We're looking forward to a wonderful celebration!

Special Give Away



Free Stuff!!

There's been some serious house cleaning being done in the fellowship hall and office area. We have a lot of items that need a new home. Come peruse the tables to see if there's anything that you or someone you know could use. Everything that is not taken after Sunday 9/18 will be donated.





September Guest Speakers

Two Guest Speakers during September **MISSION911**

Two guest speakers from ministries that are supported through our St. Mark's Outreach Fund have been scheduled to speak to us Sundays 9/18 and 9/25. Our Outreach Ministry is almost completely funded by your weekly gifts because we tithe 10% on all income that is received to the Outreach Fund.

Tony Reyes, Director of Mission 911, will be our first guest speaker September 18th. The agency was started in 2000 as a shelter for homeless men but has since evolved into a mentorship program helping individuals and families get ahead in life. Click on the link to learn more about [Mission 911](#).



Tina Canary, Operations Manager of New Life Refuge Ministries will be with us September 25th. The agency's mission is to provide a REFUGE of hope and healing for child survivors of sex trafficking, to provide EDUCATION to the community on the issue, and to establish PARTNERSHIPS with other organizations in the fight against modern day slavery. To learn more about [New Life Refuge](#), click on the link.

Name Tags

Where's Your Name Tag?

We need your assistance to help Fr. Doug learn our names. We want to encourage everyone to get into the habit of wearing name tags every Sunday.

If you don't have a name tag, let Judy know. She'll make you one and put it on a name tag tree in the entryway to the sanctuary. You can reach her at the office at (361) 994-0285, or email her at judy@stmarksc.org.



Sunday Funday



Sunday Funday for the Whole Parish September 18th, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. 44 Hewit Place

Come spend the afternoon with your St. Mark's family. We'll have swimming, zip lining, football on T.V., and good conversation. Bring a towel, a friend, and a snack to share.

Security Update

Access to Fellowship Hall

As part of our new safety protocols, the doors to the fellowship hall will be locked at 10:10 a.m. each Sunday and will remain locked until the service is over. The security officer will escort our children to children's chapel and back to the sanctuary in time for communion.



If you need access to the fellowship hall during the service to go to the nursery, or if you need to set up for coffee hour, please ask the security office or vestry person of the day to help you. The schedule for each Sunday is printed on the back of the bulletins, so you'll know who to ask.

Local Evangelism Conference

[Un] Apologetic Evangelism Conference September 17 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Last year the course "Making Your Case for Christ", by Lee Strobel and Mark Mittelberg, was presented via Zoom for our congregation. Both authors, along with Eric Hernandez, will be keynote speakers for the [Un] Apologetic Evangelism Conference to be held 9/17 at the Second Baptist Church, 6701 S. Staples Street.

The cost before 9/2 is \$35 for adults and \$25 for students. After the 2nd the cost will be \$45 for adults and \$35 for students. For more information about the breakout sessions and to register go to www.texasapologetics.org.

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But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect. 1 Peter 3:15

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

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BREAKOUT SPEAKERS **SPANISH TRACK**

AMY DAVISON KURT JAROS MIKE MILLER JORGE GIL ROLANDO RODRIGUEZ

CONFERENCE RATES

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| ADULT RATES | early bird through September 2 | \$35 | beginning September 3 | \$45 |
| STUDENT RATES | early bird through September 2 | \$25 | beginning September 3 | \$35 |

Visit texasapologetics.org to see a list of all the topics and to register online.

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CCBA
texasapologetics.org

Diocesan Events



Upcoming Diocesan Events

["We Will Continue - And How"](#) Event 9/16-17 at the Embassy Suites in San Marcos. Registration \$100. Hotel \$140. Click on the link for more information.

[Spiritual Retreat in Recovery #118](#) 9/30-10/2 at the Mustang Island Conference Center. Click on the link for more information.

[Cursillo #268](#) 10/6-9 at the Mustang Island Conference Center. Registration of \$210. Click on the link for more information.

There are scholarships available through the diocese if you'd like to go but need a little help.

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

September 4 - Sunday

10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist Service--Sanctuary
11:15 a.m. - Coffee Hour--Fellowship Hall

September 5 - Monday

Labor Day--Office Closed

September 6- Tuesday

10:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. - Women's Group--Fellowship Hall Library
6:30 p.m. - Men's Reunion Group--Nolan's Restaurant, 7426 S. Staples St.

September 7 - Wednesday

11:30 a.m. - Lunch with the Old Guys--Nolan's Restaurant, 4117 S. Staples St.
12:00 p.m. - Noonday Prayer Group--Fellowship Hall

September 10 - Saturday

9:00 a.m. - Financial Review--Fellowship Hall

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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