

September 27, 2024

Upcoming Events

Church Workday

9/28, Saturday 9:00 a.m.

Missionary Sunday

9/29, Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Blessing of the Animals

10/5, Saturday 9:00 a.m.

Bishop's Visit

10/6, Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Access Plus Ramp Build

10/12, Saturday

Bishop Suffragan Election

10/19, Saturday

Worship Under the Oaks

10/20, Sunday

Fall Festival

10/26, Saturday

Bring a Friend to Church

10/27, Sunday

Youth Group & Adult Bible Study

Sundays 11:30 a.m.

From the Rector

Fr. Doug



There is a conversation in the Gospel of Mark in which John appears to seek Jesus's approval by stopping another person from driving out demons in Jesus's name. The way I read it, I can imagine John being proud of his effort to protect Jesus and the work that he was doing. I think Jesus's response caught John off guard because he did not seem concerned about who gets the credit for God's work. What Jesus did was undercut any claims that the twelve had on owning the power of the Divine. Why do we, like the disciples in this instance, find it so hard to share public recognition?

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Sunday Worship Service

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

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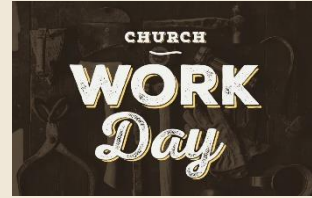
Church Clean Up Day

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THIS Saturday, 9/28

9:00 a.m.

A church clean up day is scheduled for the last Saturday of September in preparation for Bishop Read's visit in early October. We'll work on the grounds as well as the interior of the buildings. There will be something for everyone to help with. Please mark this day on your calendars and plan to come help.



Missionary Sunday



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Erin Cottos to Visit

September 29th

Erin Cottos will make a visit to St. Mark's this Sunday. She will share what God has been doing in her life and ministry during the service and be available to visit after the service.

The loose offering and designated gifts will go to support Erin's ministry.

Adult Bible Study

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Sundays after the service

Participants in the Adult Bible Study Group will meet in the Fellowship Hall after the service this Sunday, September 29th, to continue their 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 ten if you'd like to review them or catch up. The group will continue with chapter 12 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](#)

New Chapters 11-16:

[Chapter 11 Mark](#)---Week of 9/8

[Chapter 12 Mark](#)

[Chapter 13 Mark](#)

[Chapter 14 Mark](#)

[Chapter 15 Mark](#)

[Chapter 16 Mark](#)

Youth Group



Youth Group

Sundays after Church Service

Who do you say that Jesus is?

We will be learning more about who Jesus is this year. All are welcome to add your own post-it notes to the youth room door completing the sentence, "Jesus is _____."

Something to think about from last week's lesson:

Where sin increased, grace increased all the more. (Romans 5:20) 1. According to this verse, what specific sin or amount of sins cannot be covered by grace?

2. Is it possible to try too hard to be perfect? Is perfection the main thing God wants you to seek in life?

Coming up:

1. Join us after the service this week to explore how and why Jesus is a friend of sinners.
2. Let Molly know if you'll be able to help with Fall Fest!
3. Text Molly anytime with prayer requests, questions, or just to say hi! 214-762-8792

Blessing of the Animals

The Blessing of the Animals Service

Saturday, 10/5

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.



St. Francis of Assisi is known as the patron saint of animals, as well as a deeply spiritual friar. He had a special connection with animals that didn't go unnoticed. October 4th was designated the day to celebrate St. Francis of Assisi, which lead to churches hosting Blessing of Animals services in his honor.

We will celebrate the Blessing of the Animals service on Saturday, October 5th. Be sure to mark your calendars and bring your pets.

Bishop's Annual Visit



Bishop Read to Visit

Sunday, October 6th

October 6th is going to be a big Sunday for us. Bishop Read will make his first Bishop's visit to St. Mark's. He will confirm and receive those who wish to join the Episcopal Church.

We will celebrate his visit with a brunch immediately after the service. Bishop Read won't be able to stay long because he needs to return to San Antonio for a diocesan forum meeting. Please consider bringing a dish. You may either sign up on the Connection Card during the service, or email the church office at judy@stmarkscc.org, or call the office at (361) 994-0285.

The loose offering and any designated gifts will go to support Bishop Read's discretionary fund. He uses that fund to assist priests and their families.

Stuffed Animal Drive

Stuffed Animal Drive to Benefit the Children of Plaza de Paz

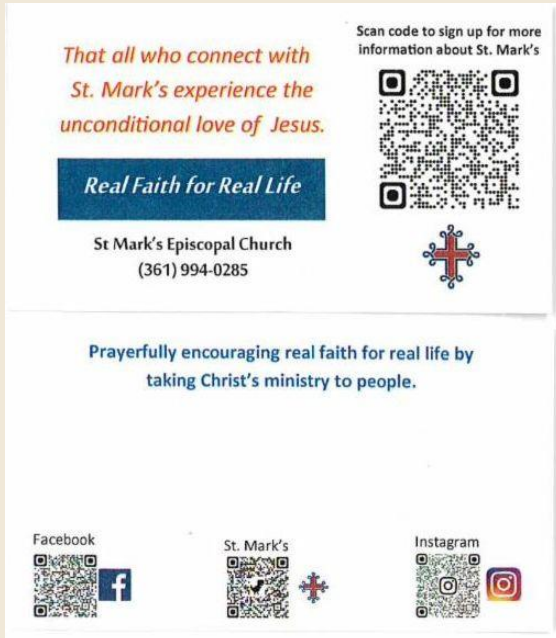
Deadline October 6th

The diocese has asked that diocesan churches participate in a stuffed animal drive. Please consider donating new or gently used stuffed animals. The collection will conclude Sunday, 10/6. There will be boxes for donations in the entry to the sanctuary and in the fellowship hall.



The Plaza de Paz is a respite center for immigrants in San Antonio. Many of the families arrive with very little. These stuffed animals will serve as an encouragement to the children.

New Guest Card



Guest Cards

Have you ever found yourself wanting to give someone information about St. Mark's in a quick and easy way? Here's a helpful card that you may use to do just that.

It includes QR codes to our Facebook page, our website, our Instagram account, and to a place where people can sign up to receive more information about St. Mark's. It is business card size so it will fit in your pocket or wallet. There is space on the back if you'd like to share your

contact information with someone.

The cards will be available on the brown table in the narthex. Feel free to take several!

New Offering Card

EGiving Offering Card

Every Sunday our financial offerings are gathered, placed on the altar, and blessed for God to use. Those who give through our EGiving platform haven't been able to experience the blessing of watching their offerings to God presented on the altar because they haven't had anything tangible to put in the offering baskets as they are passed down the pews.

That's about to change! When you give through our Egiving, whether it's Sunday morning or another time during the week, you will be invited to place one of the cards (featured on the right) in the offering basket as a way to acknowledge your gift to the church. The cards will be available in the pew racks in the sanctuary.

Three Ways to Support God's Kingdom through St. Mark's Church.

There are three easy ways to make a donation to St. Mark's Church. Please select from the options below. Once you've offered your gift, please place this card in the offering basket to be blessed on the altar.

We use the secure **Vanco Giving** platform for electronic giving. You may scan this QR code to access it.



GIVE+Text

Text to give by texting:
1-844-763-1978

Type in an amount and follow the prompts.



Download the Vanco Mobile Giving app found in your app store. It's available for Android and iPhone phones.

THANK YOU for helping us share God's love through your financial support.

Fall Festival

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Saturday, 10/26

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



We are partnering with the staff of Kindercare again to host our annual Fall Festival on the last Saturday in October. The event will be free. Chrystal Wilkey is overseeing the event and needs our help to make it a success. We need volunteers to help in several ways:

- Volunteers to help with games and other activities, parking, and the silent auction
- Halloween candy (boxes will be available in the fellowship hall and the sanctuary)
- Child friendly Trunk or Treat vehicles

Please contact Chrystal by calling her at (361) 549-8917 if you would like to help. Signup sheets will be available in the bulletins beginning this Sunday.

Changes to Narthex Coming



Changes to the Narthex (The Entryway to the Sanctuary)

Over the course of the next month or so, we'll be making changes in the narthex to try to create a better flow through that space on Sunday mornings. The plan is to make small changes and evaluate each one before moving to the next one.

This Sunday, you'll notice that the name tag trees have been moved just inside the double dark brown doors that lead into the sanctuary. We would appreciate your feedback on how you experience the changes. You may visit with one of our vestry members, or call the church office at (361) 994-0285, or email Judy at judy@stmarkscc.org to express your thoughts. Thank you for your help with this little project.

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 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.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 your help with this important
ministry opportunity.**



Diocesan News

Suffragan Bishop Election News--Meet the Candidate forums have been scheduled. [Click here for more information](#) on the meetings and the process. The election is scheduled for Saturday, October 19th. Our delegates will vote for the candidate they feel will best represent the core beliefs of St. Mark's. Please keep this election in your prayers.

Spiritual Retreats in Recovery --This spiritual retreat is geared for those dealing with addiction personally, whether it is their addiction or recovery, or that of someone they love. Click here for information about the [Recovery Retreat](#).

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 [September 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 [September calendar](#).

September 29 - Sunday

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

11:30 a.m. - Coffee Hour--Fellowship Hall

11:30 a.m. - Youth Group--Fellowship Hall Youth Room

11:30 a.m. - Discovery Series-A Christian Journey--Fellowship Hall Library

11:45 a.m. - Adult Bible Study--Fellowship Hall

September 30 - Monday

8:15 a.m. - Clothing Sorting--Timon's Ministry, 10501 S. Padre Island Dr.

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

October 1 - Tuesday

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

12:00 p.m. - Conversations with God--Cimarron Senior Apartments, 2802 Cimarron Blvd.

October 2 - Wednesday

11:30 p.m. - Lunch with the Old Guys, Hoegemeyer's BBQ, 711 Concrete St.

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

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

October 5 - Saturday

9:00 a.m. - Blessing of the Animals, Courtyard Area

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

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