

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

January 30, 2025

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2/9, Sunday

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2/16, Sunday

Buchi/Richers Wedding

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From the Rector Fr. Doug Wasinger



Like most people who live in the United States, I enjoy many conveniences our society provides. When I want a book, I can look on Amazon and either order an electronic copy or have a hard copy delivered to my door within 24 hours. If I want to send a message to someone, I can do so with the click of a button or a touch on my phone. When I am not up for cooking a meal, there is no problem finding something appetizing in the many Corpus Christi restaurants and stores. Now, people can skip owning a vehicle, because with an app on their phone they can have someone pick them up and take them to their desired destination. Since the pandemic, many convenience services have been created, all with the intention of making people's lives easier.

[Click here for the rest of the article.](#)

Sunday Worship Service

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

[Visit our website](#)

Annual Meeting Update



Annual Meeting Update

Our annual meeting was well attended, and the food at the potluck was great. Fr. Doug thanked members who rotated off the vestry this year for their service. We elected two new vestry members: **Melanie Buchi and Jeremy Wilkey**. A wonderful pictorial year-in-review video was put together by

Donna Burks. You may watch it by [clicking on this link](#).

Doug Wayland presented an update for the finances at the end of 2024, the budget for 2025, and a report on the Youth Endowment Fund, which has about \$4,900 to disburse for scholarships in July. Fr. Doug shared about the progress that has been made through our Embracing the Journey strategic plan. John deMontel thanked several people for their support while he was senior warden this past year. He also presented some very promising information about St. Mark's overall health, comparing data which showed increased attendance and giving from 2022 through 2024.

Thank you to all who came, all who brought food, and all who served to make the meeting a success.

Blood Drive

Blood Drive
Sunday, 2/9

9:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



Coastal Bend Blood Center

Giving so that others may live

The Coastal Bend Blood Center asked us to host another blood drive in February because there is always a need for more blood donations. The bloodmobile will be available before the service begins, and you may donate after the service as well because it will stay until 1:00 p.m., or as long as there are people wanting to donate. [Click here for a flyer](#) that contains more details.

A goal of twelve units of blood has been set for us. Last year, we were given the same goal and surpassed it. Let's do that again with this blood drive!!

Nursery Refresh



Help with Nursery Supplies and Equipment

Our nursery is in need of a refresh, and we would love to update the space with help from our St. Mark's family if you would like to help. After partnering with our caregiver Ms. Stephanie, we created an [Amazon wish list](#). Below is a QR code to access the list as well. All items ordered will be delivered straight to the church. If you have other items you would like to donate, please feel free to reach out to Chrystal Wilkey at 361-549-8917.

**Thank you to those who have purchased items from the Amazon wish list.
We're off to a great start!**



Ella Wandel Buc Days Duchess

Hi, church family!

Ella will be a duchess in this year's Buc Days Coronation on Thursday, April 24, at Selena Auditorium. If you would like to attend, you may purchase tickets through me. They cost \$75 each. You can make a check out to me or use Venmo, and I will buy them for you and seat you in our section. I will deliver your tickets in early April. **Please let me know by February 7.** You may text me at (214) 762-8792 or email me at molwandel@gmail.com. I have to purchase our tickets the next week. Alternatively, you can buy tickets on Ticketmaster in early April.

If you've never been, you may want to google it; the gowns are amazing! The ticket is for the pageant and a reception afterward. There is food for purchase before the event and a cash bar. Please ask me if you have any questions.

If you would like to see the dresses but not attend this evening, there will be a free exhibit at The Art Center from May 1st to May 21st.

We'd love for you to come and cheer for Ella!

Molly and John Wandel





Kayla Buchi & Jacob Richers Wedding Information

Kirk and Melanie Buchi would like to invite everyone at St. Mark's to the wedding of their daughter Kayla and her fiancé Jacob on **Saturday, March 1st, at 4:30 p.m.** here at St. Mark's.

Before they tie the knot, we want to support them by hosting a wedding shower on **Sunday, February 16th**, after the service during our coffee and conversation time. Kayla and Jacob are registered at Target, Amazon, and Dillard's. Here are the links to

their registries:

[Target](#)

[Amazon](#)

[Dillard's](#)

They would love for you to share in Kayla and Jacob's special day!

SEEK Youth Group

SEEK Youth Group

Youth group will meet this Sunday from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at Molly's house to bake cookies for the diocesan council. Bring your swimsuit and a towel if you'd like to enjoy the hot tub or take a polar bear plunge after we get the cookies in the oven. As always, your friends are invited! (Parents can drop you off or stay and hang out.)



On the other Sundays in February, we plan to meet in the youth room after the service.

Galatians 6:9: *"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."*

Adult Bible Study



Adult Bible Study Sundays after the Service

The Adult Bible Study Group meets in the Fellowship Hall. You can 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 continue its discussion of the Gospel of Mark 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](#)

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, athletic shoes, flip-flops, belts and women's jeans, undergarments, and purses
- 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
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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

California Wildfire Support--The Episcopal Relief and Development Department has set a way for people to support those affected by the wildfires in Southern California. For more information, please [click this link](#).

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 [February 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 is the [February calendar](#) for the church.

February 2 - Sunday

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

11:30 a.m. - Coffee & Conversation--Fellowship Hall

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

3:00 p.m. - SEEK Youth Group--Wandel Home 44 Hewit Pl

February 3 - Monday

8:45 a.m. - Clothing Sorting--Timon's Ministry, 10501 S. Padre Island Dr.

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

February 4 - Tuesday

7:30 a.m. - Women's Reunion Group--Corner Bakery Café, 4928 S. Staples St.

February 5 - Wednesday

11:30 a.m. - Lunch with the Old Guys--Nolan's Restaurant, 4117 S. Staples 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.

February 8 - Saturday

9:00 a.m. - Leaders' Retreat, H.E.B. House, 3700 Ocean Dr.

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

[St. Mark's Episcopal Church](#)

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[St. Mark's Church Facebook Page](#)

[Diocese of West Texas](#)

[Diocesan Newsletter and Reflection Magazine](#)

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