

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

November 13, 2025

Upcoming Events

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11/16, Sunday

Food Distribution for Cimarron Senior Apartments

11/17, Monday

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11/19, Wednesday

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11/25, Tuesday

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11/30, Sunday

Advent Season Begins

11/30, Sunday

Christmas Pageant & Christmas Caroling

12/14, Sunday



From the Rector Fr. Doug Wasinger



As the Episcopal Church is nearing the end of another liturgical year, one of the assigned readings from the lectionary for this Sunday tells a striking story: Jesus is at the Temple, a place of deep reverence, when people begin pointing out its grandeur and beauty. In response, Jesus looks around and says, almost matter-of-factly, "The days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." Talk about taking the wind out of their sails! And he doesn't stop there. Jesus goes on to warn that wars, famines, and uprisings will come. Then it becomes personal: families will betray one another, and his followers will be dragged before public authorities to be mocked and humiliated. Some will even die. When I read this story, I can't help but wonder: Where is the good news? It doesn't sound promising or even inspiring. Yet, Jesus never disappoints.

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Sunday Worship Service

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

[Visit our website](#)

Access Ramp Build

**Access Plus Ramp Build
THIS Saturday, November
15th,
8:00 a.m.
1618 Merriman Ave.**



Our Access Plus Ministry has been active since 2001, helping people gain better access to their homes. A ramp is built once a month at no cost to the recipient. Currently, there is an eighteen-month wait to receive a ramp. There is a great need for this ministry, and everyone who is involved is greatly appreciated. If this ministry interests you but you feel that you don't have the skills to help, please know that Doug Wayland and his team are very willing to train you. Please consider joining the team this month.

The November ramp build is scheduled for Saturday, November 15th. Robert and Nance will receive this month's ramp. They and their family will feel blessed to have improved access to their home.

Blood Drive



Coastal Bend Blood Center
Giving so that others may live

Coastal Bend Blood Center Blood Drive THIS Sunday, November 16th

We have another opportunity to help our community by participating in the next blood drive on November 16th. Blood and blood products are always in demand, and we can help increase the supply by donating blood.

You can [schedule an appointment](#) on the 16th by clicking on the link or scanning the QR code on the flyer below. Or, you may simply walk in on the 16th if you prefer.

The donor incentives this time are a long-sleeve donor T-shirt and a pair of tickets to an Ice Rays game.

Coastal Bend Blood Center
Giving so that others may live

**ST MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

BLOOD DRIVE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH
9:15 AM - 12:30 PM
LOCATION: 2727 AIRLINE RD

**FREE LONG SLEEVE SHIRT +
A PAIR OF ICERAYS TICKETS**

Scan here to make
your appointment

Scan the QR Code or call the Blood Center at 361-855-4943 to make your lifesaving appointment. Donors will receive a Hunting for Donors Long Sleeve T-shirt & a pair of Ice Rays Tickets. While supplies last. Picture I.D. Required.

Fishpond Living Thanksgiving Meal

Food Collection for the Thanksgiving Meal Delivery Deadline, Wednesday, 11/19



The collection of food items for the Thanksgiving meal for the residents of Fishpond Living at Corpus Christi Apartments is going well. Below is a list of how many of each item we still need. **Please note that we don't need any more green beans or corn.** It's been reported that the 15-ounce sweet potato/yam cans, the small ones, have been hard to find. Parishioners found them at H.E.B. at Moore Plaza and at Dollar Tree. [Here's a link](#) to the list of food items if you'd like to print it out.

H.E.B. has gifted St. Mark's with \$1,000 in gift cards to help with the cost of the turkeys, rolls, pies, etc. We're asking for your help with the nonperishable items. There are boxes in the sanctuary and the fellowship hall in which you may place your donations .

Our youth group will put the food items together and work on cards for the residents on Sunday, 11/23, and finish up on Tuesday, 11/25. Once finished, they will take the meals to the Fishpond Living Apartment Complex to distribute.

**Thank you for your help in supplying these residents
with a Thanksgiving meal!**

Fishpond Living Apartment Residents Thanksgiving Dinner Donation Items

Our St. Mark's Youth are gearing up for the annual Thanksgiving meal delivery for the residents of the Fishpond Living Apartment complex.

The turkeys, rolls, and pumpkin pies will be supplied by the church Outreach Fund. We need your help with the following items to complete the dinner.

Need 27 Stuffing—6 oz boxes

Need 39 Turkey Gravy—1 oz packet

Need 79 Sweet Potatoes/Yams—15 oz can

Need 53 Cranberry Sauce—14 oz can

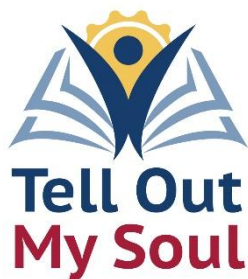
DO NOT NEED: Green Beans or Corn

There are boxes in the sanctuary and in the fellowship hall where you may drop off your food donations.

Items are due back Wednesday, November 19th.



Tell Out My Soul Campaign Results



Tell Out My Soul Stewardship Campaign Results

Thank you to everyone who submitted a ministry support card last Sunday. Forty-one cards were received and blessed by Fr. Doug. He will bless all cards as they come in.

Of the 41 cards we received, 15 families increased their pledges, and seven new families committed to supporting St. Mark's in 2026. We received a total commitment of \$238,716.

If you weren't able to submit your ministry support card last Sunday, you may still do so any Sunday by placing it in the offering basket or by mailing it to the office.

Thank you to everyone who is supporting St Mark's Church through our Tell Out My Soul stewardship campaign.

2026 Flower Chart

2026 Flower Chart Available

The flower chart for the Sundays in 2026 is available in the entryway to the sanctuary. You may sign up to sponsor the altar flowers for any Sunday you would like to honor a special someone or event in your life. Of course, you are welcome to sign up for more than one Sunday. If you would like to sponsor a Sunday but can't be here to sign up, call Judy at the office at (361) 994-0285 or email her at judy@stmarksgc.org to check if the date you would prefer is available; if so, she will put your name down for that date.



Near the beginning of each month, an email will go out to all who signed up to sponsor a Sunday in that month, reminding them of the Sunday they signed up to sponsor. The email will include a request for a dedication for the flowers and information on how to cover the cost of the flowers, which is \$55.

Thank you for helping to make our altar beautiful each Sunday!

Youth Ministry



SEEK Youth Group Meets Sundays after the Service

Our Fishpond Living Thanksgiving Meal delivery is less than two weeks away. Please plan to stay after church on Sunday, 11/23, to help organize the food items and work on the Thanksgiving cards that we'll hand out to the residents.

Sunday, 11/23, after church— Organize Fishpond Living meal items and prepare cards
Tuesday, 11/25, beginning at 9:00 a.m. — Package Fishpond Living items and make delivery.

Registration for [Mid-Winter Camp and Summer Camp at Camp Capers](#) is open. Click on the link to the diocesan page for obtain more information and to register.

Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His face continually. (1 Chronicles 16:11)

Cimarron Senior Apartments Ministry

Ministry to the Residents at Cimarron Senior Apartments 2802 Cimarron Blvd.



Food Distribution Monday, 11/17, at 11:30 a.m.

Conversations with God Bible Study on the First Monday of Every Month at 11:00 a.m.

Once a month, John deMontel, Fr. Doug Wasinger, and others provide snacks and a Bible study they call "Conversations with God" for the residents. It generally lasts an hour. If you'd like to help with this ministry, please contact John at (361) 815-9498.

Food Delivery to Residents on the Third Monday of Every Month at 11:30 a.m.

The Coastal Bend Food Bank delivers food to the Cimarron Senior Apartments once a month. A team of dedicated St. Mark's volunteers helps distribute the food to the residents after it has arrived. If you have an hour or so to give, please consider helping with the monthly food distribution.

Adult Bible Study



Adult Bible Study Class Sundays at 11:30 a.m.

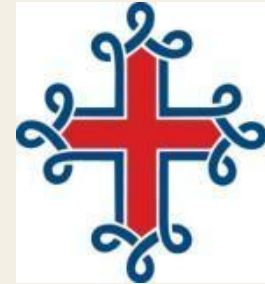
The Adult Bible Study group meets on Sundays after the service. Tom Curry is leading the study entitled **"Understanding the Old Testament in Jesus's Time."** Bring your own Bible, or use one of the several that will be available. Pick up some refreshments, and join the class in

the fellowship hall library.

The Bible study group will resume meeting THIS Sunday, November 16th.

St. Mark's History Books

The Story of St. Mark's Books From 1986 to the Present in the Fellowship Hall



We have several books that depict the history of our church. They are usually kept in the library, but we found that people don't know that they're there. So, for the next month they will be on a table in the entryway for you to look through. There is a mix of photos, text, articles, certificates, and more that chronicle our history beginning in 1986. Next year, we will celebrate our 40th year of ministry. What a milestone!

Year-End Giving



Year-End Giving Information

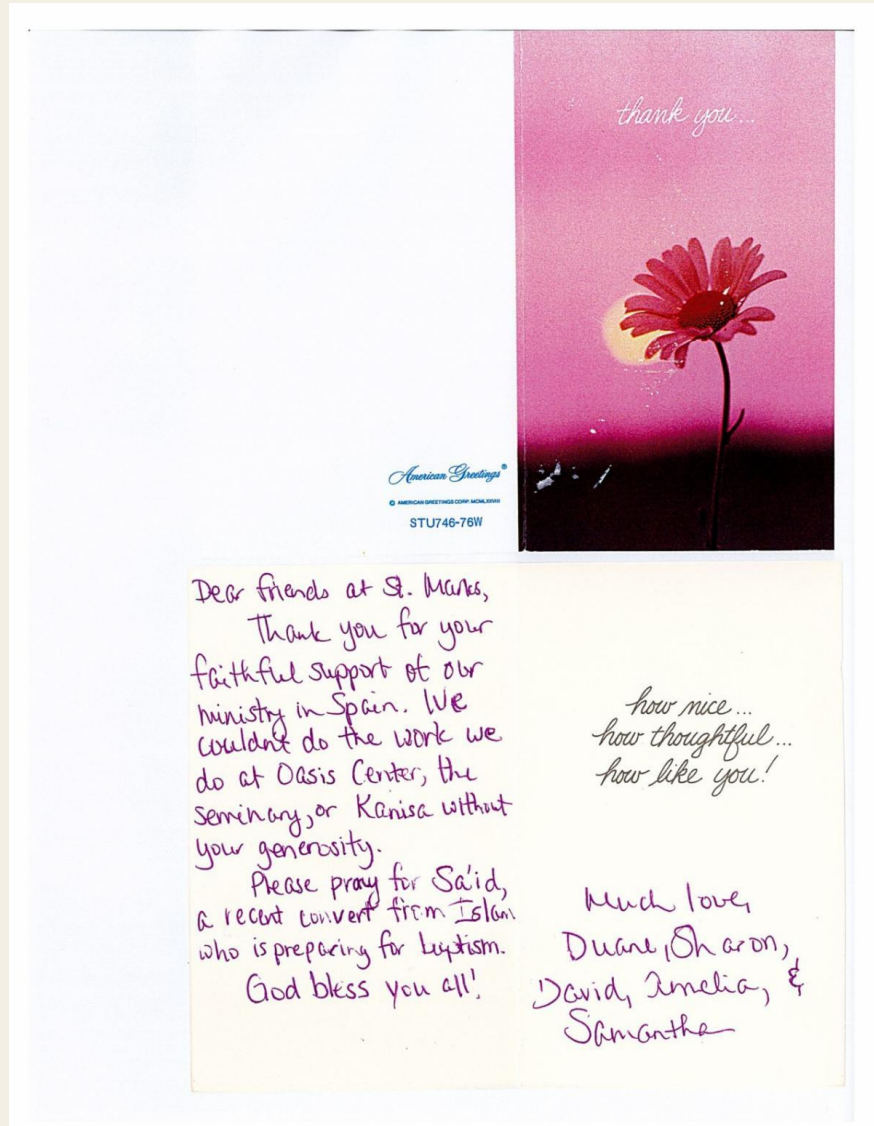
As the year comes to a close, many people want to bless others with a year-end gift. Here is a flyer that explains some of [the opportunities](#) that are available to us and what needs to be considered.

Missionary Family Thank you

Fr. Duane & Sharon Miller Thank You

We have been supporting Fr. Duane and Sharon Miller, and their children, for over ten years as they minister to a community in Madrid, Spain. The Millers have a heart for people who practice Islam, and they love the ministry God has given them.

Fr. Duane and Sharon sent a video update on their ministry work which we will watch on Sunday, November 30th, our Ministry Sunday.



Timon's Ministry



Ministry in Partnership with Timon's Ministries

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

- Donating band aids, bandages, gauze, etc.
- Donating clothing, especially men's shirts, jeans, shorts, athletic shoes, flip-flops, socks, and belts, and women's jeans, shorts, undergarments, socks, and purses
- Donating sleeping bags, backpacks, tote bags, suitcases, and recyclable plastic bags
- Donating travel-size deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, bars of bath soap, body wash, bath towels
- Donating toothbrushes and new or used shoelaces
- Donating laundry supplies
- Donating items for to-go food bags: tuna and cracker packs, granola bars, chips, bottled water, etc.
- Sorting clothing and helping clients on Mondays from 8:45 to 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 News



Mid-Winter Camps and Summer

Camps at Camp Capers--Mid-Winter I, for youth 6th through 12th grade, begins on January 2nd. Mid-Winter II, for kids in 2nd through 5th grade, starts on January 9th. Registration for Summer Camps has also opened. [Here is a link for more information.](#)

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 on 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 our [November ministry schedule](#). Click here for the [November church calendar](#).

November 15 - Saturday

8:00 a.m. - Access Plus Ramp Build--1618 Merriman Ave.

November 16 - Sunday

9:30 a.m. - Coastal Bend Blood Bank Blood Drive--Parking Lot
10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist--Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. - Coffee & Conversation--Fellowship Hall
11:30 a.m. - SEEK Youth Group--Fellowship Hall Youth Room
11:45 a.m. - Adult Bible Study--Fellowship Hall Library

November 17 - Monday

8:45 a.m. - Clothing Shop--Timon's Ministry, 10501 S. Padre Island Dr.
9:30 a.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library
11:30 a.m. - Food Distribution--Cimarron Senior Apartments, 2802 Cimarron Blvd.
6:30 p.m. - Vestry Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library

November 18 - Tuesday

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

November 19 - Wednesday

11:30 a.m. - Lunch with the Old Guys--Cafe Italia, 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.

November 20 - Thursday

7:00 p.m. - South Texas Amateur Radio Club--Fellowship Hall

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

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