

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

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Upcoming Events

**Conversations with God at
Cimarron Senior Apartments**
8/6, Tuesday at 12:00 p.m.

**Blessing of Students, Teachers,
Staff, and Backpacks**
8/11, Sunday

Hooks Baseball Game
8/30, Friday at 7:05 p.m.

From the Rector Fr. Doug



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Sunday Worship Service

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

With the recent series of events on the national level, people are speaking increasingly about the need to unite our country. I really appreciate the sentiment and see the value of wanting to make this happen. The citizens of this nation have grown apart and become more divisive, suffering a shortage of examples of what it means to be united. I acknowledge that what draws my attention, like a moth to a flame, is the intense passion voiced as different viewpoints are being discussed. However, these days there seems to be less conversation or civil discourse. The fear of disagreement within our society has led to emotional and physical separation. There is a glimmer of hope to address this growing concern of separation among family and friends can be found in the New Testament.

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

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Get to Know Two Members

Bios for Patsy Coleman and Tom Curry

Patsy Coleman and Tom Curry experienced our Welcome Liturgy last Sunday and provided us with short biographies. Even if you've known them a while, you'll probably learn something new about them.



Patsy Coleman

I have been married twice; I divorced my first husband, Bob, and my second husband, Bob, passed away. I have three sons: Todd, Jeff and Steve. They all live in Texas: Anna, Keller and Round Rock. I have seven wonderful grandchildren.

I was born in Tampa, Florida. I grew up in St. Albans, West Virginia where I attended St. Mark's Episcopal Church. At the age of 30 I moved with my family to Plano, Texas where I lived until moving to Corpus Christi. I was a secretary at Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas and Nielsen Media Research (the television ratings company). A few years after moving to Corpus Christi and retiring, I became a volunteer at CHRISTUS Spohn South Hospital. During my fifteen years of service, I worked in the Emergency Department and Admitting, before my current job in the Gift Shop. I am now president of the volunteers for a second time. In my free time I enjoy reading, playing the piano, knitting, visiting with friends, and spending time with my three cats: Samantha, Iris and Chloe.

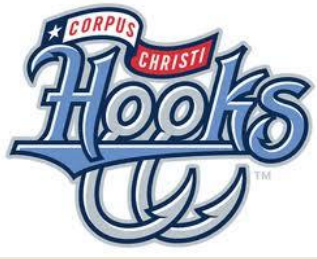
I love everything about St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Corpus Christi.

Tom Curry

I'm originally from Northeastern Pennsylvania where I was born and raised. I have a BA in Classics from Duquesne University, a Ph.D. in Philosophy from the Catholic University of Louvain's Higher Institute of Philosophy, and an MS and PhD in Mental Health Counseling from Capella University's School of Human Services. I have recently completed an MA in Biblical Theology from Belhaven University, and I'm a Licensed Professional Counselor.

I have worked in the field of refugee resettlement (primarily with Unaccompanied Children) since 2006 after working for several years in community mental health. I'm currently employed with the US Department of Health and Human Services/Office of Refugee Resettlement as a Manager of Field Operations. In my free time I enjoy spending time at home with family, friends and pets, as well as sharing good laughs and good food.

Episcopal Night at Whataburger Field



The Corpus Christi Hooks will take
on
the Tulsa Drillers
Friday, 8/30, at 7:05 p.m.

Do you enjoy watching our local Hooks baseball team play?
Then plan to come to the Episcopal Night at Whataburger Field

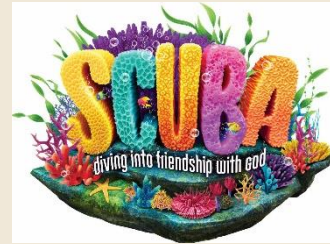
at the end of August.

Fr. John Blackburn from St. Christopher's by the Sea in Portland has 150 free tickets that he's offering to our local Episcopal churches' parishioners. If you would like to attend, you may sign up on your Connection Card that will be in your bulletin the next several Sundays or let the church office know by calling (361) 994-0285 Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., or by emailing Judy at judy@stmarksc.org.

Vacation Bible School Video

Video of the Week of Vacation Bible School

Please take a few minutes to [watch this video](#) of last week's Scuba Vacation Bible School. It will warm your heart.



Missionary Update



Erin Cottos's Ministry in Baja, Mexico

Erin Cottos has been serving the people of Baja, Mexico, through Eternal Anchor, a local ministry. She sent out an ENews with updates about her ministry work. [Click here](#) to read about her latest adventures.

If you'd like to support Erin's ministry, please consider making a donation through St. Mark's. You may write a check or give through our EGiving. Please indicate that your gift is for Erin, and the office will make sure she receives it.

Access Plus Ramp Ministry

No Ramp Builds in July and August

Due to the extreme heat, it has been decided that we will not build ramps in the months of July and August. The team will resume the ramp builds in September.



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:

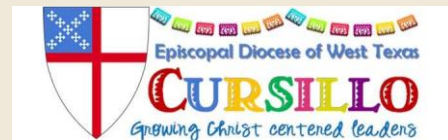
- · Donating men's shirts, jeans, or athletic shoes
- · Donating travel size deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, bars of bath soap, body wash
- · Donating toothbrushes
- · Donating items for to-go food bags: tuna and cracker packs, granola bars, chips, bottled water, etc.
- · Sorting clothing on Wednesdays from 8:10 a.m. to 10:30 a.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.

Cursillo & Women's Reunion Groups

Cursillo Community Information



New **reunion groups** for women who have completed a Cursillo weekend are being formed. Both daytime and evening times are possible. If you are interested in participating in a group or just being kept informed of upcoming Cursillo events and activities, please contact Pam Cater at (361) 446-4498 or at pamela.j.cater@gmail.com.

Looking ahead, two Cursillos are scheduled for the fall: October 3-6 at Mustang Island Retreat Center and November 7-10 at Camp Capers.

Diocesan Events



Diocesan News

Family Camp Sessions--Family Camp sessions at Mustang Island Conference Center are well underway. If you'd like to have a fun-filled family getaway, click here for information about [Family Camp](#).

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

July 21 - Sunday

10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist--Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. - Coffee Hour--Fellowship Hall

July 22 - Monday

6:30 p.m. - Vestry Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library

July 23 - Tuesday

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

July 24 - Wednesday

8:10 a.m. - Clothing Sorting--Timon's Ministries, 10501 S. Padre Island Dr.
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.

July 25 - 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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