

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

April 28, 2022

Upcoming Events.

Youth Sunday

5/1 Sun, 10:00 a.m.

Mother's Day

5/8 Sun

Pentecost Sunday

6/5 Sun, 10:00 a.m.

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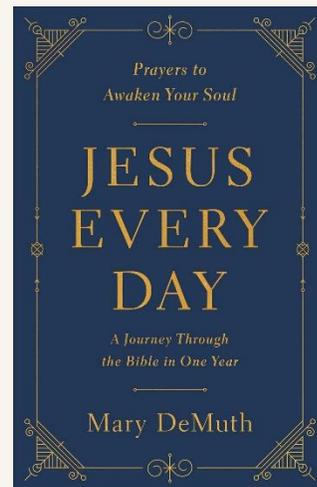
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Sunday Worship Service:

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

[Visit our website](#)

God's Promises



An excerpt taken from
Jesus Every Day
written by **Mary DeMuth**

*"True humility and fear of the LORD
lead to riches, honor, and long life."
Proverbs 22:4*

Jesus, I want to put things in proper order, just as they are according to this scripture. You come first. What you give comes a far second.

Teach me what true humility means. It is not humiliation or smallness, but an understanding of who I am in this world compared to you, who created this vast earth and the heavens above. Tonight when I look at the stars, keep me in that humble place, showing me afresh that you are the King of kings and the Lord of lords. You are the one who creates. And I sit here stunned because you call me child. *Thank you* seems very small indeed.

I want to understand what fear of the Lord means. I want to live a life of true reverence, understanding how vast, how intelligent, how understanding, how powerful, how sacrificial you are. You are bigger than my biggest worry and as intimate as the cells in my body that you

knit together in my mother's womb. Oh, dear Jesus, teach me this kind of healthy fear.

And as I live in humility, as I fear you, may your blessings come in their own time. I promise to be grateful for them whether they are spectacular and miraculous or humble and needed. Thank you for being my great provider and friend. Amen.

**Seek God! Pray!
Give it ALL to Him!**

Youth Sunday

Youth Sunday, THIS Sunday, 5/1

Each year a Sunday in May is designated Youth Sunday so we can honor the young people in our church family. This year it will be this coming Sunday.

The youth will serve in various ministries as a way to honor us as well. We will celebrate those who will graduate from high school and their accomplishments.

The loose offering, as well as any designated gifts, will go to support higher education scholarships that are awarded through our Youth Endowment Fund. Please consider contributing to this fund so our graduates may be blessed.



Search Process

Dear St. Mark's Faithful,

The search continues! Please keep the process, the candidates, and the committee in your prayers!

Thank you, John d

Scripture for the week:

Romans 15:5

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had.

1 Corinthians 1:4-9

I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge— God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.



Here is a list of useful links to use during the search process for our new rector:
Parish Profile on St. Mark's [website](#)
Diocese of West Texas website [churches in transition](#)
Prayers during the search process: [prayers](#)

Pentecost Sunday Help

Can You Speak a Foreign Language?

If you can speak a foreign language and would be willing to help with the Pentecost Sunday service on June 5th, please let Judy know at (361) 994-0285 or judy@stmarksc.org. She'll give you the details.



Flowers

Altar Flowers

During Lent, we did not have flowers on the altar to bring reverence to the service. But now that we've celebrated Easter, the altar flowers are back. We have three Sundays that have not been sponsored for 2022. They are **July 17, August 21, and October 16**. Sponsoring the altar flowers is a great way to honor a special someone or special event in your life.



A reminder email will be sent to those who signed up for a Sunday in a given month. There will be a request for how the flower dedication should read. Simply respond to that email. The flower arrangements cost \$55 for each Sunday.

Please let Judy know at (361) 994-0285 or judy@stmarksc.org, if you'd like to sponsor one of the three Sundays listed above.

Outdoor Book Exchange Box

Take a Book, Leave a Book

Several years ago, Patti Purdy, our former Children's Ministry Director, had an outdoor book exchange box made. It was used in our Kids in Christ area to encourage our children to read and exchange books with one another.

Fast forward a few years, and we're now going to take it out of the Kids in Christ area to display it prominently outside on our property. Our hope is that the community, old and young alike, will utilize the book exchange box. So, if you have books you'd like to put in the box, please bring them with you to church May 1st.



Diocesan Announcement

Bishop Reed to Retire in 2023

Bishop Reed announced that he will be retiring near the end of next year, 2023. Here's his [letter](#) announcing his intention.

Please keep him, his wife Patti, our diocese, and the process to elect his successor, which will begin soon, in your prayers.



Youth and Children's Ministry

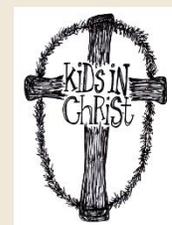
SEEK Youth Group and Kids in Christ

Kids in Christ

All children ages 3-12 are invited to stay after church for Kids in Christ.

Kids in Christ won't meet on Mother's Day so that families can spend the day together.

The last regular Kids in Christ meeting before summer will be May 15th. However, there will be outings and events planned throughout the summer to stay connected. Molly Wandel will send out information as those things are put on the calendar, and the ENews will be updated weekly. So stay tuned!



SEEK Youth Group

Youth group will not meet at the regular time this Sunday. Instead, everyone is invited to come watch "The Bad Guys" movie at Century 16 at 1:35 p.m. Text Molly if you'd like to go, and she'll get the tickets. Please meet her at the movie theater.



We won't meet for Youth Group on Mother's Day, so you can spend time with your moms.

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**Youth Sunday is THIS Sunday, May 1st.
Mark your calendars and make plans to come!**

Feel free to text prayers requests in our group chat or to Mrs. Molly anytime.

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 four 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.
- **NEW APP**----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.

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

May 1 - Sunday--Youth Sunday

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

11:15 a.m. - Coffee Hour--Fellowship Hall

11:30 a.m. - Kids in Christ--Fellowship Hall

4:00 p.m. - SEEK Youth Group--Fellowship Hall

May 3 - Tuesday

10:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall

6:00 p.m. - Women's Group--Jason's Deli, 1416 Airline Rd.

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

7:00 p.m. - Bible Study & Prayer Group--Online via Zoom

May 4 - Wednesday

11:30 a.m. - Lunch with the Old Guys--Silverado Smokehouse, 4522 Weber Rd.

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

5:30 p.m. - Search Committee Meeting--Fellowship Hall

Helpful Links

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

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[Diocese of West Texas](#)

[Diocesan Newsletter and Reflection Magazine](#)

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