

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

January 26, 2023

Upcoming Events

Annual Meeting

1/29 Sunday, 11:30 a.m.

Leaders' Retreat

2/4 Saturday

Installation Service for Fr. Doug

2/10 Friday, 6:00 p.m.

Diocesan Council

2/16-18 Thursday through Saturday

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

2/21 Tuesday

Ash Wednesday Services

2/22 Wednesday,
7:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday Worship Service:

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

From the Rector



I enjoy books and learning. Recently, I found a stack of books on the library conference table and noticed one entitled ***A Hobbit A Wardrobe and a Great War: How J.R.R. Tolkien and C.S. Lewis Rediscovered Faith, Friendship, and Heroism in the Cataclysm of 1914-1918***. It's a long title with a rich story to tell. The author, Joseph Loconte, explains how these two men loved the Romantics and tales of myth and how those stories inform people of what is honorable and noble living. The men entered WWI and experienced the full nature of war – chaos, destruction of humanity and nature, and loss of innocence at the deepest levels of one's soul. The book also shows how these two broken people found real hope in their vocations of teaching and writing. They returned to the traditional Romantic writings of their country and were able to draw out the best and honorable values of those stories, and they wove their experience of WWI into the writing of *The Chronicles of Narnia* and *The Fellowship of the Ring* books.

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

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Annual Parish Meeting



Annual Meeting & Potluck THIS Sunday, January 29

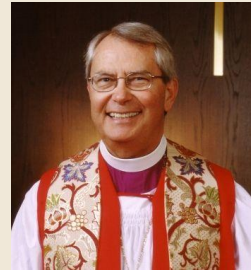
Our Annual Meeting is THIS Sunday immediately after the service. We'll elect two new vestry members, hear reports from various ministry leaders, learn about our financial condition, and view a photo roller that will capture the year 2022 in pictures.

We'll also celebrate with a Southern Bar-B-Que potluck. All are welcome! Make plans to come for great food and fellowship, and learn about how 2022 ended and what is envisioned for 2023.

Installation Service

Installation Service for Fr. Doug Wasinger Friday, February 10th, at 6:00 p.m.

Fr. Doug will officially be installed as our rector in February by Bishop Rayford Hight. The service will be on a Friday evening with a reception to follow. There will be more information available later, but we wanted you to have the date now. Mark your calendars for this historic event in the life of St. Mark's.



All Things Council



Diocesan Council February 16-18

Bishop Reed's final **Holy Eucharist Service** during Council will be Friday evening, February 17th, at 5:30 p.m. in the Henry Garrett Ballroom at the American Bank Center. It's open to everyone. You don't have to register for Council to attend the service. So, we want to encourage everyone to come. It will be a great celebration of Bishop Reed's ministry and service to our diocese.

Prayers for Council--Diocesan Council is fast approaching, and we could use your prayers. Please pray for:

- those who are working and planning for Council
- the Bishop Coadjutor election
- the Pre-Council meetings for our delegates and alternates
- the Walk About Discernment meetings to learn about the three candidates for Bishop Coadjutor

Bishop Coadjutor Candidates--Our diocese is offering a forum to give people a chance to get to know the candidates for Bishop Coadjutor on Saturday, January 28th at 4:00 p.m. at Church of the Good Shepherd located at 700 S. Upper Broadway. Here is a [link to information](#) pertaining to the candidates, the process, and other details concerning the election.

Need Singers--Gay deMontel is leading the music for the Eucharist worship service at Council on Friday, February 17th. She needs singers for the choir. If you love to sing, please reach out to her to get information. There will be two practices: the first is Saturday, February 11th, at 10:00 a.m. at Church of the Good Shepherd and the second will be Wednesday, February 15th, at 6:00 p.m. at the American Bank Center. Please consider helping out!

Calling all Cookie Bakers!

We need your help with the cookie project for Diocesan Council. We are supplying over 500 dozen cookies, but we're not responsible for baking all of them. Thank goodness!



We invited the eleven churches in our area to help. A second request for help went out to them last week. St. Bartholomew's and St. Andrew's have said they would contribute cookies, and we're confident that some of the other churches are baking cookies but haven't notified us yet.

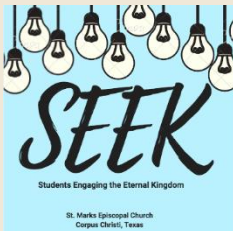
Several of you have asked how many more dozen we need. Since many could be baking at home and freezing them, we have no way to really know where we are in the count. So please, just keep on baking! If we have extra, we'll freeze them for Coffee Hour.

Here's a shout-out to our Men's Reunion Group; they have baked approximately 200 dozen cookies to date. Way to go, guys!

Here are the instructions:

- All types of cookies are encouraged.
- Please package your cookies in quart-size freezer Ziplock bags.
- Write the type and quantity on the bag.
- Freeze them.
- Freezer storage space at the church is almost completely full, so please keep your cookies in your freezer. If you don't have enough space, call the office at (361) 994-0285 to see what other options are available.

SEEK Youth Group



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We had a great time last Saturday baking cookies (and eating cookies!) and swimming and hanging out. Thank you to all who came and brought lunch and ingredients.

Summer Camp at Camp Capers

Registration for Camp Capers camping opportunities are now open:

Summer Camp:
Senior High (10th-12th grade)
Junior High (8th-9th grade)
Intermediate (6th-7th grade)
Primary (3rd-5th grade)

Here's a link to the [diocesan website](#) for registration and additional information.

Lenten Event

Lenten Soup and Study of *The Chosen* Series Wednesdays beginning 3/1



Ash Wednesday is February 22nd, which marks the beginning of the season of Lent. This year our Lenten event will consist of a soup supper with bread and dessert followed by a discussion of the episodes of *The Chosen* series. Each week an episode will be assigned for you to view. A link will be sent out in the weekly ENews, so you'll have several days to watch it before coming on Wednesday to discuss it.

If you would like to attend, you may sign up on the back of your Connection Card this Sunday. Please indicate how many members of your family will attend, so we can plan for the meals.

Invite your friends and family to come too.

Diocesan Events



Diocesan News

Nominees for Bishop Coadjutor Election Announced--Click on [the link](#) for more information.

Youth/Children's Camp at Camp Capers--For [information and registration](#), click here.

Diocesan ENews--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. Though we have experienced limitations for worshiping 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 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.
- 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 [January schedule](#) for our ministries, which is still a work in progress. Please check each week to see if there are any changes.

January 29 - Sunday

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

11:15 a.m. - Annual Meeting--Fellowship Hall

January 31 - Tuesday

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

6:00 p.m. - Women's Group--Fellowship Hall Library

February 1 - Wednesday

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 4 - Saturday

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

Helpful Links

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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