

# St. Mark's Episcopal Church

## weekly news & updates

August 4, 2022

### Upcoming Events

#### Back to School & Backpack Blessing Sunday

8/7 Sun, 10:00 a.m.

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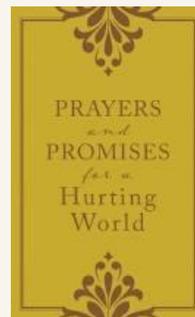
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#### Sunday Worship Service:

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

[Visit our website](#)

### God's Promises



#### Excerpt from *Prayers and Promises for a Hurting World* by Laura Freudig

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*"The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house, and his hands will finish it. Then you will know that the Lord of hosts has sent me to you. For who has despised the day of small things?"*  
Zechariah 4:9-10

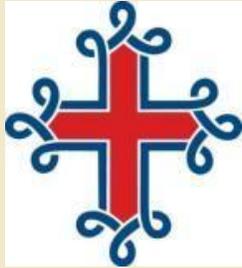
Lord, You ask us to rejoice, but often we don't know what that means. What is joy? Where does it come from? How can we express it in the way You desire? We know it's more than a shallow happiness. It's not pie-in-the-sky-by-and-by. It's not pretending sin and sickness and sadness don't exist. You don't promise us happiness, but You do promise us joy, which is larger and stronger and more miraculous. Joy is the thoroughbass of our life in You, the constant undercurrent of trust and thanksgiving that carries us through rough and dangerous waters. Joy regularly seeks and remembers Your blessings.

Thank You that pain reminds me to pray, Lord. Thank You for drawing me closer to You in that trial. Thank You for using my struggle to help another believer. Thank You for being with me even when I didn't feel You. Thank You for small moments of beauty that remind me of Your

presence. Thank You for that song, that verse, that word spoken, all when I needed them. Thank You for a moment of peace in this storm. Help us to do that, Lord--to build a temple of joy, one small stone at a time. Amen.

**Seek Him and His Word!**

## Exciting Announcement



### You Won't Want to Miss This Sunday!

Jon Reily, our Senior Warden, will announce our new rector Sunday during the service. We'd like to have as many of you present as possible to join in receiving this wonderful, prayer-answering news. If you can't physically be with the congregation, be sure to tune in for the live stream of the service.

## Backpack Blessing

### Backpack Blessing THIS Sunday

School starts early this year for students in the Corpus Christi and Flour Bluff school districts. They will begin the week of August 8th-12th. So, our annual Blessing of Backpacks and prayer for the students, teachers, support staff, and administrators will take place during the service THIS Sunday.

**Be sure to have your children bring their backpacks to church Sunday!**



## Search Process Update



### The Search Process Continues...

Dear St. Mark's Faithful,

As you have seen, our search process has come to a close and our new Rector will be announced this Sunday. I hope you can be there for the exciting news. The Search Committee thanks you for your love, support, patience, and prayers as we worked through the process

to find the one whom God has called to be our next Rector! We were honored and blessed to serve St. Mark's and Our Lord Jesus Christ!

With the Love of Christ,  
John d.

#### **Jeremiah 33:2-3**

This is what the Lord says, he who made the earth, the Lord who formed it and established it—the Lord is his name: 'Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.'

## Staying Safe

### New Security Protocols

We are in the process of creating security protocols to ensure the safety of our parishioners. You may have noticed the addition of "Security Officer" on the monthly schedule. The person in that new position will be responsible for being observant, overseeing the property, and helping protect our children coming and going from the fellowship hall for Children's Chapel. We are working to put together a team of volunteers. Doug Wayland has agreed to be responsible for most Sundays.



Here are some new protocols that may affect you:

- All of the fellowship hall doors will be locked at 10:10 a.m., ten minutes after the service begins.
- The back door to the fellowship hall by the nursery will remain locked at all times.
- If parents need to go to the nursery during the service, they should get the security officer or vestry person of the day to unlock a door to the fellowship hall.
- The exit door by the choir in the sanctuary will be locked on the outside. You may leave through that door in an emergency but will not be able to enter the sanctuary through that door.
- The security officer will escort the children to Children's Chapel in the fellowship hall and open the building for them. When it's time for them to return for communion, the security officer will escort them back to the sanctuary.
- At the end of communion, the security officer will open the fellowship hall for the coffee hour host.

- At the end of the service the red doors to the fellowship hall will be unlocked for those who want to come to coffee hour.

These protocols are already being utilized and have been followed for the past three Sundays. This may cause a minor inconvenience for some, but the safety of everyone is of utmost importance.

## Kids in Christ Ministry



### A Note from Molly

Hi friends,

I wanted to let you know that, after lots and lots of prayer, I've decided to step back some with children's ministry. I'm planning to continue leading Children's Chapel along with several of you and will keep those bulletins printed and ready in the children's worship area. However, I will not be leading Kids in Christ (KIC) this fall.

Parents and others who work with our children can decide what you'd like to do at this point. Do you want to continue KIC after church with other teachers? Would you like a Sunday School class before church? Or something totally different? It really is up to y'all, with approval from "the office" of course. In my time here, we have done children's ministry in different ways, KIC after church with one teacher being the most recent. We have also done Godly Play (Michelle Markert is our resident expert on this), various Sunday School classes, sometimes 9:15-9:45 or so (my favorite), classes divided by age or one big group, and had some semesters where we only had Chapel and special events.

My suggestion is to start with prayer. Our children are important to God, so I expect Him to guide us if we ask. And maybe we should select a Sunday in a few weeks when we could meet and share what we're hearing about how to proceed. Meanwhile, the children are being served in Chapel as they experience the gospel for that Sunday and pray with their friends.

Let me know how I can help you. You may reach out to me at (214)762-8792. Oh, and FYI, I think I'm going to be meeting with youth after church starting after Labor Day for those of you with kids 12 and older.

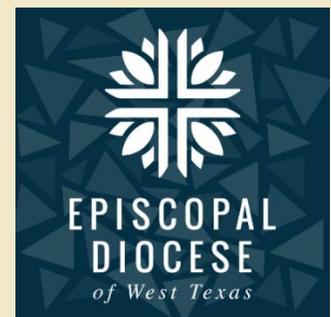
Love y'all, love your kids, and am excited to see where God will lead us,

Molly

## Diocesan Council 2023

### Diocesan Council February 16-18

Bishop Reed announced at Diocesan Council in February that St. Mark's would be co-hosting the 2023 Council with St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Rockport and St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Calallen at the American Bank Center (ABC). There are fourteen sub-committees that have been divided between the three churches. We will share the sub-committee work for the Holy Eucharist Worship Service with the other churches.



Most of the volunteer time slots cover several hours, so we will split them up by having people serve for blocks of time, possibly two hours. A signup sheet will be available sometime in December. Keep an eye out for it.

**St. Mark's Co-Hosts**--Dayna Chimelski and Judy Netek will serve as St. Mark's Co-hosts.

## St. Mark's is responsible for the following sub-committees:

**Hotels**—Beth Offutt is our chair.

**Transportation**—Gay and John deMontel will be our chairs.

**Hospitality**—Marybeth Maxwell and Molly Wandel will be our chairs. We are responsible for recruiting people to bake cookies, 6,000 to be exact. We can start this task in the fall and freeze the cookies to be used in February. Research shows that the most consistent recommendation for storing cookies in the freezer is for up to six months. If we start in September, those cookies would be in the freezer for five months.

**Nursery/Childcare**—Chrystal Wilkey will be our chair.

**Worship Service**—Bishop Reed will plan and oversee the Holy Eucharist service. Volunteers from all area churches and surrounding area will participate. The Eucharist will either be Thursday or Friday evening.

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact:

Dayna Chimelski at (361) 774-7799, or email her at [schimelski@earthlink.net](mailto:schimelski@earthlink.net)

Judy Netek at the church office at (361) 994-0285, or email her at [judy@stmarksc.org](mailto:judy@stmarksc.org)

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

#### **August 7 - Sunday**

10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist Service--Back to School Blessing--Sanctuary

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

#### **August 9- Tuesday**

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

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

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

#### **August 10 - Wednesday**

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

12:00 p.m. - Noonday Prayer Group—Library

## 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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