

# St. Mark's Episcopal Church

## weekly news & updates

January 27, 2022

### Upcoming Events.

#### Annual Meeting Potluck

1/30 Sun, 11:30 a.m.

#### Outreach Committee Meeting

2/6 Sun, 11:30 a.m.

#### Hospitality Committee Meeting

2/13 Sun, 11:30 a.m.

#### Diocesan Council

2/25-26 Fri-Sat

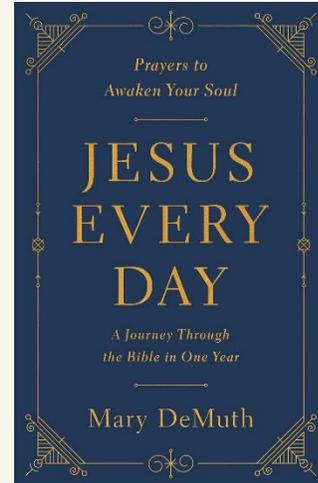
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#### Sunday Worship Service:

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

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An excerpt taken from  
**"Prayers to Awaken Your Soul;  
Jesus Every Day,"**  
a devotional by Mary DeMuth.

*"Mordecai sent this reply to Esther:  
"Don't think for a moment that because you're in  
the palace you will escape when all other Jews  
are killed. If you keep quiet  
at a time like this, deliverance and relief  
for the Jews will arise from some other place,  
but you and your relatives will die. Who knows if  
perhaps you were made queen for just such a  
time as this?"*  
Esther 4:13-14

Jesus, when I see how you orchestrated the deliverance of the Jewish people through Queen Esther, I am reminded again that you have a plan. I may not always understand the plan in the moment, and I might be afraid to do my part in the plan, but nonetheless, your purposes prevail.

I look around at my life--my station in life, the friends and family you've placed in my path. I see where I live, my neighbors, my job, and my work friends. I notice where you've allowed me to travel. I see my church. All these are in your hand and part of a plan. You have placed me here. For such a time as this. I want to be like

Esther, choosing to do the right thing no matter how it may affect me.

Jesus, ignite in me a holy hunger for integrity. I want to bloom where you've rooted me, firm in the soil of my worth and acceptance by you. I want to choose to do the right thing whether people see me or not. I choose to revere you, holding your opinion of me over my own desire for reputation or a godly appearance.

None of that! I don't want to simply appear one way; I want to *be*--to exist from the center of my soul as a disciple of yours, ready to obey no matter what you ask. I may not understand the plan you're enacting today, but I do understand this: Obedience is important to you, so I choose to obey. Amen.

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

## Annual Parish Meeting

**Sunday, January 30th**

Our annual meeting is scheduled for **THIS** Sunday, January 30th, immediately after our worship service. We'll eat lunch while a photo roller of the year 2021 plays. Then we'll move right into the nuts and bolts of the meeting. We'll hear about ministry highlights from 2021, look at how the year ended financially, vote for two new vestry members, review the 2022 budget, and dream about our future.



The lunch is an Italian themed potluck. Shortly after the meeting begins, Molly will give a report and then invite the children to leave with her for some fun activities. Stephanie will hang out with our little ones.

There will be no Kids in Christ or SEEK Youth Group Sunday because of the Annual Parish Meeting. They will resume next Sunday.

**This is one of the most important meetings in the life of our parish because it's about family, our church family, and our future as we participate in God's plan for his Kingdom here in Corpus Christi. We need every voice present to help with this process. So, please come!**

## Warden's Corner

### Opportunity to Serve

#### Vestry Candidates

We will elect two new members to serve on our vestry at the Annual Parish Meeting this Sunday. Serving on the vestry at this time is particularly exciting because of where we find ourselves--searching for a new rector to begin a new chapter in the life and ministry of St. Mark's.

Being a part of the process will be very rewarding, even though the vestry's part is relatively small. The Search Committee does all of the work: researching and interviewing candidates, and then recommending the person they believe God intends as our next rector to the vestry for approval.

Typically, three members rotate off the vestry each year and are replaced by three new members. However, this year only two vestry positions will be vacated. I was scheduled to rotate off the vestry but have agreed to serve as Senior Warden one more year as we continue to go through the search process for our new rector. So we will have two positions to fill instead of three at our annual meeting this Sunday.

Vestry members typically serve a three year term, which means three positions are normally open each year to ensure both continuity and opportunities for fresh ideas. If you'd like more information about serving on the vestry, please contact any member of the vestry to get answers to your questions. Here's a list of our vestry members:

**Those continuing to serve:**

Jon Reily--Senior Warden  
John Wandel  
Mark Hartlaub  
Doug Wayland  
Dayna Chimelski  
Jane Helm  
Terry Wright

**Those rotating off:**

Cecilia Colbourne  
Eddie Jackson

Please thank them for their service!

Please prayerfully consider being nominated for one of the vestry positions. It's not too late!

Yours in service,  
Jon



## Search Process

### Links for Search Process Resources

**Come to the  
Annual Parish Meeting  
to get this week's update!**



#### **Scripture for the Week**

Jeremiah 9:23-24 NIV

This is what the Lord says:

“Let not the wise boast of their wisdom  
or the strong boast of their strength  
or the rich boast of their riches,  
but let the one who boasts boast about this:  
that they have the understanding to know me,  
that I am the Lord, who exercises kindness,  
justice and righteousness on earth,  
for in these I delight,”  
declares the Lord.

Here is a list of useful links to use during the search process for our new rector:

Parish Profile on Mark's [website](#),

Diocese of West Texas website [churches in transition](#)

Prayers during the search process: [prayers](#)

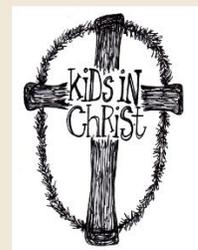
## Youth and Children's Ministry

### SEEK Youth Group and Kids in Christ

#### **Kids in Christ**

We won't have Kids in Christ this Sunday because of the annual meeting. But, we will have activities for the children during that time. Molly will give a report. Once she's finished, she'll invite the children to come with her to have some fun while we continue with the meeting.

Kids in Christ will resume the next Sunday.



#### **Mid-Winter Camp**

Rebecca Markert went to mid-winter camp and had a blast. Camp Capers is a very special place to her and definitely her favorite place on earth. She's looking forward to summer camp and wanted other kids to know about her "special place" and invite them to consider this wonderful opportunity. There are scholarships available if anyone wants to go but might need a little assistance. Contact the church office at (361) 994-0285 for details.



## **SEEK Youth Group**

St. Mark's youth are going to make Blessing Bags to be distributed to our homeless community through The Free Store-Corpus Christi. We will purchase some of the items, but would like to ask our St. Mark's family for donations of the following items.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**Please bring your donation to the fellowship hall by February 13.**

### **Items Needed:**

- New Socks (men's & women's)**
- Lip Balm**
- Brush or Comb**
- Dry Shampoo**
- Hand Sanitizer**
- Rain Poncho**
- Travel Size Shampoo**
- Travel Size Conditioner**
- Toothbrush**
- Wet Wipes**
- Floss**
- Feminine Products**

*Proverbs 19:17* Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done.

We're not meeting this Sunday, but we usually meet Sundays from 4-5 p.m. in the fellowship hall and would love for anyone 6th-12th grade to join us. Friends are always invited!



## Outreach Committee

### Outreach Planning Meeting Sunday, February 6th, during Coffee Hour

Outreach to those in our community has been a fundamental part of who St. Mark's is since the very beginning. In 1986, the congregation pledged to tithe 10% of all income to an outreach account to be used for those outside the walls of St. Mark's.



Our outreach has taken on many faces over the years. We have helped people pay utility bills, provided eye glasses, birth certificates and bus tokens, built ramps for those who had difficulty accessing their homes, and financially supported ministries and nonprofits that provided services to the community in ways we could not.

It's time to refocus our vision of what outreach will look like in 2022. If this ministry is important to you, please come to the meeting in the fellowship hall Sunday, February 6th, after our worship service.

## Calling all Bakers!

### Walk to Siloam Needs Baked Goodies

The Walk to Siloam is a three day retreat, very similar to Cursillo or Walk to Emmaus. It is designed for men who are currently homeless.

John deMontel who is overseeing the food for the event would like some help from us regarding baked goodies. He's asking for cookies, brownies or small finger desserts. There are no restrictions on what can be made. However, there is a deadline. It's Sunday, February 20th. You can bring your tasty treats to the church office anytime before that date, and we can freeze them.



## Bishop's Visit & Confirmation Sunday

### Bishop David Reed April 10th--Palm Sunday

Each year one of our bishops visits St. Mark's for our annual Bishop's Visit. While here, the bishop will provide the Rite of Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation for those who wish to publicly affirm or reaffirm their faith and commitment to their baptism vows.

**The Rite of Confirmation** is for those who are new to the Church and want to join.  
**The Rite of Reception** is for those who come from a Catholic background and want to join the Church.

**The Rite of Reaffirmation** is for those who were previously confirmed and want to reaffirm their commitment.



Youth in the tenth grade and up and adults who are new to the Church or want to reaffirm their faith need to attend a course to prepare them. The start date for the classes is set for Sunday, March 6th. If this interests you, please contact Judy at (361) 994-0285 or [judy@stmarksc.org](mailto:judy@stmarksc.org).

Everyone is invited to come to the class. Even if you don't need to be confirmed, received, or reaffirm your commitment, it's a wonderful refresher course!

Confirmation Sunday is always a special Sunday because it's a time to celebrate new and renewed life in the Holy Spirit.

## New Women's Group

### Women's Group Tuesdays 6:00 p.m.

Calling all women! A new group for ladies started recently. They will share their lives, hold each other accountable, and pray for one another. If this sounds appealing to you, join them next Tuesday at Jason's Deli on Airline Road in the Gulfway Shopping Center at 6:00 p.m.



The meeting will begin with dinner, so please try to arrive a few minutes early to order your food, then go look for familiar St. Mark's faces.

For more information, contact Lori Jones at (361) 903-5060 or Judy at (361) 994-0285 in the church office.

## Flowers

### Flower Chart for 2022

Sponsoring the altar flowers on a Sunday is a great way to honor a special someone or event in your life, as well as add more beauty to our altar. Each year a flower chart is available for people to sign up on for a particular Sunday. The flower chart for 2022 is currently available in the entryway to the sanctuary.



After you sign up, an email will be sent out at the beginning of the month of the date that you requested. You will be asked how you would like the dedication on the back of the bulletin to read and whether you want to take the flowers after the Sunday service or have them donated. The cost is \$55.

Thank you to those who have signed up to sponsor the flowers during 2022. We only have five Sundays not sponsored. Here are the dates:

April 17  
May 8  
July 17  
Aug 21  
Oct 16

You may also indicate a date you would like to sponsor by either calling Judy in the church office at (361) 994-0285 next week or emailing her at [judy@stmarkscc.org](mailto:judy@stmarkscc.org).

## Give Plus App

### New App VANCO Mobile

Vanco Payment, our new EGiving provider, will replace the old app "Give Plus". If you choose to use a giving app to support St. Mark's, please be aware that the **"Give Plus" app will be deleted January 31st.**

Below are the directions on how to set up the new app VANCO Mobile.

- **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.



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

#### **January 30 - Sunday**

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

11:30 a.m. - Annual Parish Meeting--Fellowship Hall

**No Kids in Christ or SEEK Youth Group this Sunday**

#### **February 1 - 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-Zoom

#### **February 2 - Wednesday**

12:00 p.m. - Noon 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.**

[St. Mark's Episcopal Church](#)

[Donate to St. Mark's Church](#)

[St. Mark's Church Facebook Page](#)

[Diocese of West Texas](#)

[Diocesan Newsletter and Reflection Magazine](#)

[Denison Forum--News Discerned Differently](#)

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