

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

March 13, 2025

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From the Rector Fr. Doug Wasinger



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As Paul formed churches throughout his ministry, he had a special fondness for the church in the city of Philippi. You are likely familiar with a quote quite popular with athletic competitors, "I can do all things through him who strengthens me" which is found in his letter to that congregation - Philippians 4:13. As a Roman citizen, Paul had certain legal rights. He also considered himself a citizen of God's kingdom which meant for him that he had to act in a certain way.

Paul encouraged others to do their best for the Kingdom of God as well. He didn't have the Gospels, but he did have his own life to offer as a model of what it means to have Jesus as one's king. Paul strongly encouraged people to imitate him as they sought to live their lives as new people through their baptism in Jesus. He offered

Sunday Worship Service

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

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an invitation to join with him in his hope in Jesus. This was more than words; it was about action. Paul wanted it to be clear that not everyone would be excited about what they were doing. As a matter of fact, others often took offense at how well the young church was doing and considered its members as outsiders not of the Roman Empire. This tension brought Paul grief, and he didn't want others to suffer or to inflict this suffering on others. However, Paul was clear that this misunderstanding was more than a strong disagreement, as the church was experiencing hostility. Paul worked to strengthen the church's resolve to remain faithful, for human organizations and institutions will pass way, but their identity in Jesus is eternal.

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

Access Plus Ramp Build

Access Plus Ramp Build Saturday, 3/15, 8:00 a.m. 912 Mynier Dr, Robstown

The ramp build for March is for a lady named Janice. She and her family are grateful for our Access Plus Ministry, an important service to those in our community who don't have adequate access to their homes.

If you have any questions about this ministry, please contact Doug Wayland at (361) 813-1781. You may also simply show up at the build site at 8:00 a.m., and Doug and his team will be happy to train you.



Lenten Soup & Study



Lenten Soup & Study Wednesdays, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

In *The Chosen* Season 3, Jesus sends his disciples on their first missions, leading them to face new challenges and confront personal struggles as they grapple with their newfound spiritual gifts and the complexities of ministry. They encounter many issues like family reconciliation,

unresolved pasts, and the growing crowds seeking Jesus's healing touch. This season delves deeper into the disciples' individual lives, exploring their doubts, conflicts, and personal burdens while showcasing Jesus's teachings on faith and compassion amidst increasing opposition from religious leaders and the Roman authorities, culminating in significant events like the feeding of the multitude and Jesus walking on water.

Key points about Season 3:

- Each apostle faces unique challenges, including Matthew's family estrangement, Simon Peter's marital issues with Eden, and Little James's unhealed disability.
- The season tackles themes like forgiveness, grief, the nature of faith, and the consequences of power.
- New characters like Veronica and Jairus, as well as the expansion of Jesus's ministries to different regions, are introduced.
- Major miracles are featured, like the feeding of the 5,000 and Jesus walking on water.
- Further exploration is provided into the backstories of characters like Simon the Zealot and his past with the Zealots.

People may watch *The Chosen* series by downloading *The Chosen App* from the Apple or Google store. *The Chosen App* may also be downloaded to your Roku, Firestick, or other devices.

Fr. Doug will provide a Guiding Question to keep in mind while watching each week's episode as well as the name and number of the episode to watch.

March 19, Session 2: Please watch Season 3, Episode 2, called "**Going on Mission.**"

Guiding Question: Describe a time when you compared yourself to other Christians and then felt inadequate to do something for Christ. How did you overcome that feeling of inadequacy?

A soup supper will be provided by a different ministry each week, and childcare will be available.

Newcomer Dinners



Newcomer Dinners

We've started something new called Newcomer Dinners here at St. Mark's to help our newer or newish members get to know others in our church family. Families who would like to host a meal will coordinate with Lori Jones, who oversees our Guest Ministry, to invite people who have similar affinities, like families with

young children, to a dinner to get to know others in our community. Because most homes can only accommodate a certain number of people, the dinners will be by invitation from the host. Dinners will be hosted periodically, so everyone will have an opportunity to attend one. This is a great way for us to get better acquainted with one another.

Inquirer's Class



Inquirer's Class Sunday, March 23rd, After the Service

Fr. Doug will lead an Inquirer's Class for those who are new or newish to St. Mark's and would like to learn about

St. Mark's beliefs, ministries, and so much more. If you'd like to attend, please sign up on your Connection Card this Sunday or let the church office know by calling (361) 994-0285 to ensure we have enough booklets. We also need to know whether or not you'll need childcare.

Missionary Sunday



Missionary Sunday March 30th

Four months in every year have five Sundays. Those fifth Sundays have been designated as Missionary Sundays, which means that the loose offering and any other designated gifts will go to support our two missionaries, Erin Cottos and Duane and Sharon Miller and their family. Please keep that in mind when you come Sunday, March 30th. And more importantly, please keep our missionaries in your prayers.



Adult Bible Study

Adult Bible Study Sundays after the Service

The Adult Bible Study Group meets in the Fellowship Hall library at 11:45 AM. You can bring your Bibles if you'd like; however, there will be some available if you need one. Grab some refreshments and join in the conversation.



The group will continue the study of the Epistle of 1st John. If you'd like to be a part of this study, please read the book of 1st John, which is short, then join the group Sunday.

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 band aids, bandages, and gauze
- Donating clothing, especially men's shirts, jeans, shorts, athletic shoes, flip-flops, belts and women's jeans, shorts, undergarments, and purses
- Donating sleeping bags, backpacks, tote bags, and recyclable plastic bags
- Donating travel size deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, bars of bath soap, body wash
- Donating toothbrushes and new or used shoelaces

- Donating items for to-go food bags: tuna and cracker packs, granola bars, chips, bottled water, etc.
- Sorting clothing on Mondays from 8:45 - noon

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.

Diocesan Events

Diocesan & National Church News



Cursillo Weekends--Cursillo weekends are spiritual retreats for adults. There are two Cursillos planned for the spring, one at **Camp Capers March 13-16** and one at **Mustang Island May 1-4**. For more information, please [click this link for March](#) and [click this link for May](#).

Consecration of Suffragan Bishop Cortinas--Our new Suffragan Bishop will be consecrated Saturday, March 15th, at St. John's Episcopal Church in McAllen. Here's the [link for more information](#).

Summer Camp at Camp Capers--The schedule for kids' summer sessions for Camp Capers is available. [Click here for more information](#). Just scroll down until you find the camp that you are interested in.

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

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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 [March schedule](#) for our ministries. The schedule is an ongoing work in progress, so please check each week to see if there are any changes. Here is the [March calendar](#) for the church.

March 15 - Saturday

8:00 a.m. - Access Plus Ramp Build--912 Mynier Dr., Robstown

10:00 a.m. - Consecration of Suffragan Bishop Cortinas--St. John's Episcopal Church, McAllen

March 16 - Sunday

10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist--Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. - Coffee & Conversation--Fellowship Hall
11:30 a.m. - SEEK Youth Group
11:45 a.m. - Adult Bible Study

March 10 - Monday

8:45 a.m. - Clothing Sorting--Timon's Ministry, 10501 S. Padre Island Dr.
9:30 a.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library
12:30 p.m. - Food Distribution--Cimarron Senior Apartments, 2802 Cimarron Blvd.
6:30 p.m. - Vestry Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library

March 18 - Tuesday

7:30 a.m. - Women's Reunion Group--Corner Bakery Café, 4928 S. Staples St.

March 19 - Wednesday

11:30 a.m. - Lunch with the Old Guys--Silverado Smokehouse, 4522 Weber Rd.
12:00 p.m. - Prayer Group--Fellowship Hall Library
6:00 p.m. - Soup & Study--Fellowship Hall

March 20 - Thursday

11:30 a.m. - Crossroads College Ministry--TAMUCC

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Facebook Pages that you might find helpful.**

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