

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

October 17, 2024

Upcoming Events

Bishop Suffragan Election

10/19, Saturday

Please keep the election in your prayers.

Worship Under the Oaks

10/20, Sunday

Fall Festival

10/26, Saturday

Bring a Friend to Church

10/27, Sunday

Inquirer's Class

11/3, Sunday

C.P.R. Class (Reservation Required)

11/12, Tuesday

Youth Group & Adult Bible Study

Sundays following the service

From the Rector Fr. Doug



The common leadership style today is that of a person who is commanding in his or her presence, a person whom others will naturally follow because success will be found under that person's leadership. This kind of leadership is highly valued and prized in our society. The amount of material that is now available to teach others how to become an effective leader is immense. There are seminars, books, video presentations, and courses that are all designed to develop effective leaders of organizations and teams. This leadership material focuses on helping individuals be a force for change and motivate others to follow them.

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Sunday Worship Service

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

[Visit our website](#)

Fall Festival

Fall Festival
Saturday, 10/26
9:00 a.m. - 12:00
p.m.



We are partnering with the staff of Kindercare again to host our annual Fall Festival on the last Saturday in October. The event will be free. Chrystal Wilkey is overseeing the event and needs our help to make it a success. We need volunteers to help in several ways:

- Volunteers to help with games and other activities, parking, and the silent auction
- Halloween candy (boxes will be available in the fellowship hall and the sanctuary)
- Child friendly Trunk or Treat vehicles

Please contact Chrystal by calling her at (361) 549-8917 if you would like to help. Sign-up sheets will also be available in the bulletins this Sunday.

URGENT: We would like those who have volunteered to help with the Fall Festival to wear a new St. Mark's t-shirt. We **URGENTLY** need to place the order for the shirts **TOMORROW** in order to receive them by next Friday. We will take orders past Friday but can't guarantee that they will be in here in time for the festival. Chrystal Wilkey is overseeing this project. You may contact her at the number above to order yours. Below is the information on the shirts:

- The shirts will be bright yellow with printing on the front and the back. (Not on the sleeve as indicated in the picture.)
- Short sleeve cotton \$18.00 sizes small through 1X.
- Dri Fit long sleeve \$22.00 sizes small through 1X.

The price of the shirts goes up with larger sizes:

- 2X--plus \$2.00
- 3X--plus \$4.00
- 4X--plus \$6.00
- 5X--plus \$8.00



Sundays in October

Mark Your Calendars for our Special October Sunday Focuses

THIS SUNDAY 10/20--Worship Under the Oaks

Bring a lawn chair if you'd like.
Hopefully the weather will cooperate.

10/27--Bring a Friend to Church Sunday with an Instructional Eucharist

Invitation cards will be available for you to
take to use to invite friends and family.

They will be on a table below the bulletin boards in the fellowship hall.

**Therese Greene will have a cupcake decorating station available for
anyone who would like to join in during our coffee and conversation
Sunday, 10/27.**



Walk in Love Bringing Faith to Life



Walk in Love Bringing Faith to Life Campaign Continues this Sunday

This Sunday is the second week of our Walk in Love Bringing Faith to Life ministry support (stewardship) campaign. Each week for the next several weeks, we'll hear a message from someone and be given the opportunity to respond to a question.

We're going to have a little fun with our campaign this year by offering a couple of different ways to participate. There will be a QR code available to scan, which will open up the question so you may respond. You may also text a key word to (361) 326-3599 to access the question. Instructions on how to use either of these methods is in the Sunday bulletin. If you'd rather not use the technology, there will be post-it notes in each bulletin to use to vote by placing your post-it on a large post-in that will be located on the wall on either side of the baptismal font. You may place your vote as you leave the service. If you are voting as a family, please write the number of people in your family on the post-it.

The campaign will culminate by placing our commitment cards on the altar to be blessed Sunday, November 17th. Following that service, we'll enjoy our annual Giving in Gratitude Potluck Lunch, which will have a Thanksgiving meal theme. You may sign up to bring to a dish to share on a goldenrod insert that may be found in the bulletins this Sunday.

Youth Group





Youth Group Meets Sundays

Here's something to think about this week:

But when the teachers of religious law who were Pharisees saw him eating with tax collectors and other sinners, they asked his disciples, "Why does he eat with such scum?" When Jesus heard this, he told them, "Healthy people don't need a doctor - sick people do. I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners." (Mark 2:16-

17)

Do you think Jesus considered those he ate with to be "scum"? How do you think he saw them?

Talk to God and ask him to help you see people as he does. (This is challenging for most of us!)

Adult Bible Study

Adult Bible Study Sundays after the service

Participants in the Adult Bible Study Group will meet in the Fellowship Hall for Bible study after the service this Sunday, October 20th. The group will continue the study of the Gospel of Mark. 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.



Below are the links to the previous study guides for chapters one through twelve if you'd like to review them or catch up. The group will continue with chapter 13 this Sunday.

Previous Chapters 1-10:

[Chapter 1 Mark](#)

[Chapter 2 Mark](#)

[Chapter 3 Mark](#)

[Chapter 4 Mark](#)

[Chapter 5 Mark](#)

[Chapter 6 Mark](#)

[Chapter 7 Mark](#)

[Chapter 8 Mark](#)

[Chapter 9 Mark](#)

[Chapter 10 Mark](#)

[Chapter 11 Mark](#)

[Chapter 12 Mark](#)

New Chapters 13-16:

[Chapter 13 Mark](#)

[Chapter 14 Mark](#)

[Chapter 15 Mark](#)

[Chapter 16 Mark](#)

Inquirer's Class



**The Next Inquirer's Class
will be
Sunday, 11/3, at 11:30 a.m.**

If you are new to St. Mark's or would like to know about the church family, please make plans to attend our next Inquirer's Class scheduled for Sunday, 11/3. Fr. Doug will facilitate the class. You may sign up on the Connection Card, which will be found in your bulletin this Sunday. You may also contact Judy at the church office by calling (361) 994-0285 or emailing her at judy@stmarkscc.org.

C.P.R. Class

**C.P.R. Class
Tuesday, 11/12,
6:00-8:00 p.m.**



A C.P.R. class has been scheduled for Tuesday evening, 11/12. We need a minimum of ten people to sign up for the class, and we need an additional instructor for every ten people registered. A headcount must be turned in by 11/4 to ensure other instructors can be scheduled if needed.

You may sign up on the Connection Card, which will be found in your bulletin this Sunday. You may also contact Judy at the church office by calling (361) 994-0285 or emailing her at judy@stmarkscc.org.

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, or athletic shoes
- Donating travel size deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, bars of bath soap, body wash
- Donating toothbrushes
- 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



Suffragan Bishop Election

News--Meet the Candidate forums have been held. [Click here for more information](#) on the meetings and the process. The election is scheduled for Saturday, October 19th. Our delegates will vote for the candidate they feel will best represent the core beliefs of St. Mark's. Please keep this election in your prayers.

Relief for Victims of Hurricane Helene and Milton--For more information how to donate funds to help those affected by Hurricane Helene, [click here](#).

Cursillo Information--Please use the link below to the diocesan page containing information on upcoming [Cursillo weekends](#).

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.



**Pray for the Suffragan
Bishop Election**

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. 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.

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- 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 [October 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's a link to the [October calendar](#).

October 20 - Sunday

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

October 21- Monday

8:45 a.m. - Clothing Sorting--Timon's Ministry, 10501 S. Padre Island Dr.

October 22 - Tuesday

7:30 a.m. - Women's Reunion Group--Corner Bakery, 4938 S. Staples St.

October 23 - 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.

October 24 - Thursday

7:00 p.m. - South Texas Amateur Radio Club--Fellowship Hall

October 26 - Saturday

9:00 a.m. - Fall Festival--Fellowship Hall and Grounds

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](#)

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