

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

September 21, 2023

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Communion Class

9/23, Saturday 9:00 a.m.

Crossroads Table Talk College Ministry

9/28, Thursday

Beth Offutt's Memorial

9/30, Saturday 1:00 p.m.

Study of the Gospel of Mark

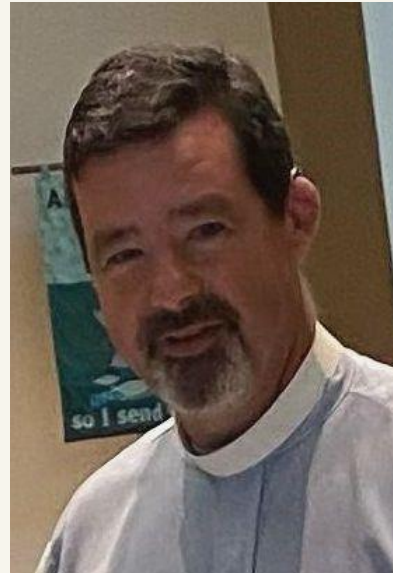
10/1, Sunday 11:30 a.m.

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10/8, Sunday 11:30 a.m.

From the Rector

Fr. Doug Wasinger



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A familiar story in Matthew talks about a landowner who needs workers to tend his vineyard. The landowner hires workers who agree on a fair payment for a day's work. Once the agreement is made, the landlord sends the workers to his vineyard. He then returns to the location where laborers gather to find work and hires more workers to send into his vineyard. Throughout the day the number of unemployed grows smaller and the employed grows larger. The landowner is clear that each laborer will be compensated for his work.

To read the rest of the article, [click here.](#)

Sunday Worship Service

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

[Visit our website](#)

Communion Class



Communion Class Saturday, 9/23, at 9:00 a.m.

Fr. Doug will lead a class about our Holy Eucharist Saturday, September 23rd, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The class is open to anyone who would like to know more about this sacrament, especially our children and youth. Those receiving communion for the first time will receive a special acknowledgement Sunday morning, 9/24, during the Holy Eucharist liturgy.

Altar Guild Ministry

Altar Guild Ministry Needs YOU!

Have you ever wondered who gets the Altar ready for Sunday services each week?

We have a wonderful team of individuals, whom we call altar guild, who set up the altar and prepare all the things necessary for the celebration of the Eucharist or any of the other sacraments of the church.



The altar guild is a ministry--a gift of time and talent to serve God in His house. It is a privilege to serve in this way. If you have talents of decorating or flower arranging, this ministry might be calling your name, and even if you do not have those talents but love to serve, this ministry could still be calling your name.

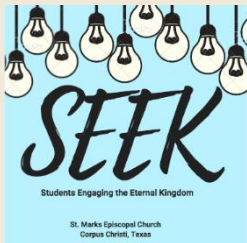
I joined this ministry about 2 years ago after being asked by a member of the altar guild. I had no previous experience and was not really sure what I was signing up for, but I felt called to join this ministry. I have loved getting to know the members of the team that I work with and have built some amazing friendships. I am in no way a decorator or flower arranger, but I love being on this ministry serving the Lord in preparing for worship. I think I originally thought I would have to serve every week and was not ready to commit to that, but I learned that we have a team, and just like all other ministries, we sign up on the Doodle calendar for the days we are available so we can be put into rotation.

The altar guild is currently welcoming new members to add to our wonderful team. Please prayerfully consider sharing your talents by serving through this ministry.

Please contact Gay DeMontel at 361-944-4544 if you are interested, and we will get you set up with a training and add you into the rotation.

*Thank you,
Chrystal Wilkey*

Youth Group



Youth Group Meets Sundays at 11:30 a.m.

Youth group will meet right after the worship service, so grab a snack and a drink, and bring them with you to the youth room. Come see everyone and catch up!

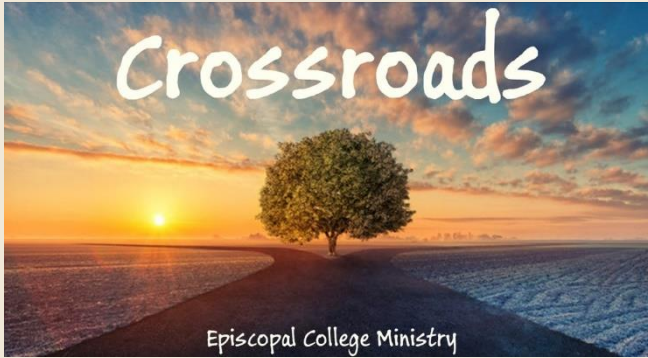
Name Tags

Please Wear Your Name Tags

Have you ever come up to a fellow parishioner and drawn a blank on his or her name? What if you're new to St. Mark's and you'd like to visit with someone, but you can't remember that person's name or maybe don't know it? Wouldn't it be helpful if he or she were wearing a name tag? Please wear your name tag Sundays and keep it on if you walk over to the fellowship hall for Coffee Hour. There is a basket on the table where the St. Mark's history books are kept that you may put your name tag in when you're ready to go home. It will be placed back on the name tag tree in the sanctuary, so you'll have access to it the next Sunday. If you don't have a name tag or need a new one, please let Judy know by calling her at (361) 994-0285 or emailing her at judy@stmarkscc.org. Thank you for your help with this little project!



Crossroads College & Young Adult Ministry



Crossroads College & Young Adult Ministry begins Thursday, 9/28

The start date for the new Crossroads College and Young Adult ministry has been moved to

Thursday, September 28th. Fr. Doug will be at TAMUCC in the Tejas Lounge of the University Center to offer this ministry for the students there. He's calling these Thursday gatherings Table Talk. He'll be available to spend time with students and offer prayer beginning at 7:00 p.m.

This ministry is in its infancy, and there will be opportunities for us all to offer our gifts to these young people. Stay tuned!.

Beth Offutt Memorial

Beth Offutt's Memorial Saturday, 9/30, at 1:00 p.m.

Please make plans to attend the memorial service for Beth Offutt, as we honor her life with us. A reception will follow the service. If you'd like to help with the reception, please contact Donna Burks.

Any memorial gifts may be directed the National Audubon Society or St. Mark's Episcopal Church.



New Bible Study Coming in October



New Adult Bible Study of the Gospel of Mark Begins Sunday, 10/1, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

I want to invite you to participate at any level you wish. If you cannot attend all classes, please come to any that you can. I am not keeping attendance! Also, if you don't

want to carry around a Bible, pen and a notebook, many people download versions of the Bible onto Kindle and read from there. If you just want to participate in discussion, please feel free to do that. If you want to use a tablet or laptop to take notes, that's great! If you just want to monitor from afar, the handouts will be available in the E-newsletter. This class is for you, and there are no prerequisites or requirements. We want to study scripture, but we also want to enjoy each other's company and share in fellowship. --John Greene

Bible scholars tell us that "in all gospels one unique personality dominates. In Mark we have **Christ as a Servant**, just as he appears as King in Matthew, Man in Luke, and God in John." Mark's gospel is one of action and deeds. As a newer member of St. Mark's, I can attest to seeing a strong spirit of servanthood as St. Mark's Episcopal Church demonstrates its faith every day through actions and deeds. Let's get out our Bibles and dig deeper into the Gospel of Mark to discover what more Mark has to say to us modern St. Markans!

Our study will cover the entire gospel of Mark in three six-week sessions, with the first session beginning October 1st. We will meet in the church library after the service, from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.. Be sure to grab some coffee and a snack beforehand. Subsequent meetings may skip Sundays to accommodate other activities, so be alert for schedule changes.

Here is a link to [the introduction](#) to the class and [week one's](#) study notes.

I can't wait to work together with you to discover all that we can learn from the Gospel of Mark! See you on October 1!

--John Greene

Inquirer's Class

Inquirer's Class Sunday, 10/8, at 11:30 a.m.

Fr. Doug will hold an Inquirer's Class Sunday, October 8th, for all who are new or newish to St. Mark's. You will learn about who we are as a church family, what we believe, what ministries are available, and you'll make new friends. Please sign up on your



Connection Card this Sunday, or let the church office know that you'd like to attend by calling Judy at (361) 994-0285 or emailing her at judy@stmarkscc.org.

Diocesan Events



Diocesan News

Connecting with College Missions--

Click on [this link](#) if you'd like to get connected with the

diocesan college ministry.

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.
- 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 [September schedule](#) for our ministries, which is an ongoing work in progress. Please check each week to see if there are any changes. Here's a link to the [St. Mark's September calendar](#) and here's the [October calendar](#).

September 24- Sunday

- 10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist--Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. - Coffee Hour--Fellowship Hall
- 11:30 a.m. - SEEK Youth Group--Fellowship Hall Youth Room

September 25 - Monday

- 9:30 a.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library

September 27 - Wednesday

- 11:30 a.m. - Lunch with the Old Guys, Silverado Smokehouse, 4522 Weber Rd.
- 12:00 p.m. - Prayer Group--Fellowship Hall Library
- 6:30 p.m. - Men's Reunion Group--Nolan's Restaurant, 7426 S. Staples St.

September 28 - Thursday

- 7:00 p.m. - Crossroads Table Talk--TAMUCC, Tejas Lounge, 6300 Ocean Dr.
- 7:00 p.m. - South Texas Amateur Radio Club--Fellowship Hall

September 30 - Saturday

- 1:00 p.m. - Beth Offutt's Memorial Service--Sanctuary

**Below you will find several links to websites or
Facebook Pages that you might find helpful.**

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