

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

February 8, 2024

Upcoming Events

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

2/13, Tuesday 6:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Services

2/14, Wednesday 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

2/14, Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Ashes to Go

2/14, Wednesday 5:00 pm.

Soup & Study Begins

2/21, Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

2/27, Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

Bring a Friend to Church

2/28, Sunday

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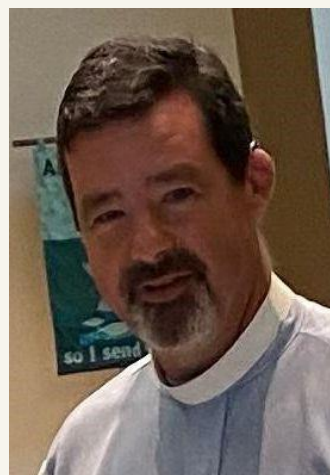
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From the Rector Fr. Doug Wasinger



This coming Sunday features one of the most important events of 2024, the Super Bowl. Being a member of the clergy, I both lament and admire the attraction of one game. The marketing division of the NFL has done a fantastic job in drawing people's attention to this annual event. I know that some churches even schedule activities for their congregations around the Super Bowl. The thinking goes: "If you can't beat them, join them." I am reluctant to surrender, but there are things in life, like competing with the Super Bowl, that are a foregone conclusion: the event will prevail, or will it? God has ways to speak to all of us, even during the Super Bowl.

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

Sunday Worship Service

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

[Visit our website](#)

Shrove Tuesday & Ash Wednesday



Shrove Tuesday February 13th at 6:00 p.m.

Our men's group will prepare a pancake breakfast feast at our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Event. You'll have the opportunity to visit with people, play some games related to pancakes, and enjoy a good breakfast for supper. Put this fun event on your calendar.

Ash Wednesday Schedule February 14

There will be two Ash Wednesday services: Morning Prayer at 7:00 a.m. and Holy Eucharist at 7:00 p.m.

Fr. Doug will offer Ashes to Go at Del Mar College Heritage Campus in the Harvin Student Center from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and at Texas A & M Corpus Christ from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. He and one of our Lay Eucharistic Ministers will offer Ashes to Go from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. here at St. Mark's just prior to the Holy Eucharist service.



Adult Bible Study



Adult Bible Study of the Gospel of Mark Sundays at 12:00 p.m.

All are welcome to join the Bible study. Come to one week, or come to them all. The class meets in the fellowship hall at noon and ends around 1:00 p.m. Grab a cup of coffee and some snacks, then head over to the designated tables to sit down.

Here are links for past study dates and the upcoming Sunday:

[the introduction](#) to the class

[map of the Sea of Galilee](#)

[chapter one](#) study notes

[chapter two](#) study notes

[chapter three](#) study notes

[chapter four](#) study notes

[chapter five](#) study notes

[chapter six](#) study notes

[chapter seven](#) study notes

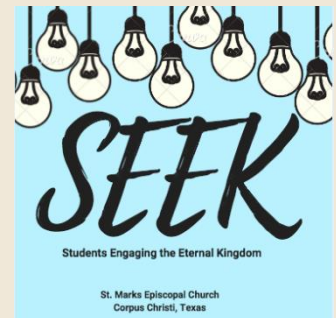
Youth Group & Children's Ministry

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

Youth Group will meet this Sunday to discuss Highs and Lows and Bible teaching. Grab some refreshments and head to the Youth Room after the service.

Make plans to come to the **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** to enjoy breakfast for dinner and participate in some fun games. The festivities begin at 6:00 p.m.

There will be a **Happening** at St. David's Episcopal Church in San Antonio March 1-3 for high school students in the tenth through twelfth grade. The registration fee is \$60. Here's a [link for more information](#).



Access Plus Ramp Build



Ramp Build 1633 Karen St. Saturday, February 17th Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

If you enjoy working with your hands or power tools, please consider being a part of the Access Plus Ramp Building Team. You don't need any experience, just a willing heart. Doug Wayland will be happy to train you.

The February ramp build is for a man who is unable to get in and out of home safely. What a blessing this will be him and those who care for him!

Soup & Study Lenten Event

Lenten Soup & Study Wednesdays beginning 2/21 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Last year during our Soup and Study event we worked through season one of The Chosen series. It was well received, so we're going to tackle season two.



A link to the episode to be discussed will be available through the ENews the week before each meeting, You will need to watch it and come prepared to share your thoughts. You may also access the series through this [link](#).

We'll begin each evening with a soup supper and move right into our discussion. It will be another lively study of the life of Jesus.

Bring a Friend to Church



Bring a Friend to Church Sunday, 2/25

Mark your calendars for Sunday, February 25th for our next Bring a Friend to Church Sunday. Invitation cards will be available on the black Guest Center to use to invite people you would like to come experience our St. Mark's family. Even better, offer to pick them up and bring them to church

with you. Having a member accompany a guest adds a level of comfort that may help a person be willing to come visit.

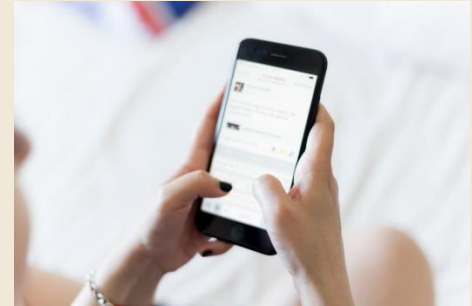
Travelin' Tom's Coffee Truck will be back that Sunday, and our guests will receive a free cup of coffee on us. Coupon cards will be handed out to each guest that Sunday.

We will also have an **Instructional Eucharist** during the service, so those who are new or newer to the Episcopal tradition will get an idea of what we do and why it is important. What a great opportunity for us and those who need to know Jesus!

New Texting Service

New Church Text Service

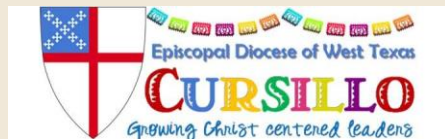
Our search is over! We have found a text service that should work for us. A text message went out introducing the new service about two weeks ago. The phone number that it originated from is (361) 326-3599. You might want to add the number to your contact list, so you'll know any messages from this number are from St. Mark's.



If you opted out because you were unsure about the origin of the message, you may still be included in the general text group by texting the word "Member" to (361) 326-3599 and you will be added to the group. You may also contact the church office at (361) 994-0285, or email Judy at judy@stmarkscc.org. If you didn't receive the original message but want to receive messages from the church, please use one of the above methods to join the group.

This new service will allow us to create ministry text groups which will allow the leaders to communicate with their team members and the members with their leader. We're in the process of setting up those groups and will have more information available soon. So, stay tuned!

Women's Reunion Groups



Cursillo Women's Reunion Groups

Calling all St. Mark's women who have made their Cursillo! New **reunion groups** are being formed. (Both daytime and evening times are possible.) Please contact Pam Cater at (361)

446-4498 or at pamela.j.cater@gmail.com, if you are interested in participating in a group or just being kept informed of upcoming Cursillo events and activities.

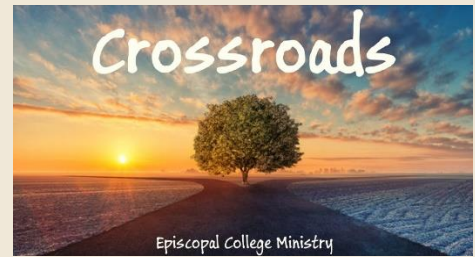
The next **Cursillo** will be at Camp Capers in March, the 14th through the 17th. Here's a [link for more information](#). You may also visit with Pam if you're interested in going. There will be two Cursillos in the fall, one October 3-6 at Mustang Island Retreat Center and one November 7-10 at Camp Capers.

Crossroads Ministry



Crossroads Ministry to College Students and Young Adults

The work towards establishing the Crossroads ministry to college students and young adults at the Del Mar Heritage Campus and Texas A & M Corpus Christi Campus continues. Above is a QR code to access information for becoming a part of a text group for students interested in this ministry.



Please keep our efforts to engage with college students and young adults in a real way in your prayers. Thank you!

Diocesan Events



Diocesan News

Council News-Diocesan Council will take place in San Marcos this year. We are sending Fr. Doug and three delegates and three alternates to represent St. Mark's. The Pre-Council meetings will begin next week. Please keep Council, our representatives, and all who will participate this year in your prayers.

At each Council, the host churches choose a Council in Action Project to support. All of the churches are encouraged to participate where they can. Below is information for this year's project.

Council in Action Project: Good Samaritan Community Services-Each year Council host churches choose a community ministry to support as the Council in Action Project. Here's a link to [more information](#). Here are links to their [Amazon Wish List](#) and [Walmart Wish List](#).

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 worshipping 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 [February 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 [February calendar](#).

February 10 -Saturday

9:00 a.m. - Leaders' Retreat--H.E.B. House, 3700 Ocean Dr.

February 11 - 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

12:00 p.m. - Gospel of Mark Bible Study--Fellowship Hall

February 12 - Monday

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

February 13 - Tuesday

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

6:00 p.m. - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper--Fellowship Hall

February 14- Wednesday

7:00 a.m. - Ash Wednesday Morning Prayer Service--Sanctuary

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - Ashes to Go--Del Mar Heritage Campus Harvin Student Center

12:00 p.m. - Noon Prayer Group--Fellowship Hall Library

2:30 - 3:30 p.m. - Ashes to Go--TAMUCC Courtyard

5:00-6:00 p.m. - Ashes to Go-- St. Mark's parking lot

7:00 p.m. - Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist Service--Sanctuary

February 17 - Saturday

8:00 a.m. - Access Plus Ramp Build--1633 Karen St.

**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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