

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

December 4, 2025

Upcoming Events

Election of Delegates & Alternates to Diocesan Council

12/7, Sunday

Christmas Pageant & Christmas Caroling

12/14, Sunday

Access Plus Ramp Build

12/20, Saturday

Office Closed

12/24-1/4

Christmas Eve Family Service

12/24, Wednesday

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

12/24, Wednesday

New Year's Eve

12/31, Wednesday



From the Rector Fr. Doug Wasinger



We're still early in this Advent season, and the readings we hear on Sundays carry a clear theme: God is coming—and we need to prepare.

In Matthew's Gospel, John the Baptist makes an announcement that would feel right at home in today's news cycle. He calls out the religious leaders and even refers to them as "snakes." That was a major insult in his time! It definitely grabs attention, but I wonder if today anyone would actually respond to John's message? Some might agree and change their lives. Others would probably just ignore him. Honestly, for me, name-calling and shaming don't motivate change. I need a better reason.

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Sunday Worship Service

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

[Visit our website](#)

Council Delegate & Alternate Election



Election for Delegates & Alternates to Council Sunday, 12/7, After the Service

The election for St. Mark's representatives to the diocesan Council is this Sunday, after the service. Please stay after the service to participate in the election. If you'd like to serve as a delegate or alternate, please let Fr. Doug know either before Sunday or when he calls for nominees from the floor at the beginning of the election.

Brown Bag Christmas Pageant

Brown Bag Christmas Pageant Sunday, 12/14

Gay deMontel is organizing the Christmas Pageant this year, and it promises to be a fun one. We're going to use the Brown Bag Christmas Pageant program. Everyone who chooses to will be able to participate. Bags will be given out to those who want to join the fun as they arrive on Sunday morning. Each bag will include a costume and any lines to be spoken. Even young children may participate as manger animals.



After the service, everyone is invited to walk across our parking lot to the Corpus Christi Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in costume to sing Christmas carols to the residents. They are looking forward to our visit.

Poinsettia Plants



Poinsettia Plants Deadline Wednesday, 12/17

We use poinsettia plants to decorate our altar for the Christmas Eve services each year. Could you help us with that project? This Sunday, you will find a red insert to use to sign up to sponsor a plant or two. It's a wonderful way to honor someone special or a special event in your life. There is a place for you to write the dedication for your plants on the red form. The plants cost \$12.00 each.

Christmas Eve Service Times

Christmas Eve Service Times 5:00 p.m. Family Service 9:00 p.m. Candlelight Service

Please take note that the Christmas Eve service times have changed this year. The Family Service will be at 5:00 p.m. and will include Holy Eucharist. The nursery will be available for this service as well. The Candlelight Service will be at 9:00 p.m. and will include Holy Eucharist.



Missionary Sunday Offering

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We thank Fr. Duane and Sharon for sending a video update regarding their ministry work in Madrid, Spain.

Thank you to everyone who donated to support our missionaries, Erin Cottos, Fr. Duane and Sharon Miller. A little over \$580 was given to help with their ministries. Your generosity blesses them.

Thank you!!!



Tell Out My Soul Campaign



Tell Out My Soul Stewardship Campaign

If you weren't able to submit your ministry support card, you can still do it on any Sunday by placing it in the offering basket or by mailing it to the office. There are extra ministry support cards in the sanctuary and in the office.

Thank you to everyone who is supporting St Mark's Church through our Tell Out My Soul stewardship campaign. Your gifts and commitments help to further the Kingdom of God through St. Mark's.

2026 Flower Chart

2026 Flower Chart Available

The flower chart for the Sundays in 2026 is available in the entryway to the sanctuary. There are still some dates available. You may sign up to sponsor the altar flowers for any Sunday you would like to honor a special someone or event in your life. Of course, you are welcome to sign up for more than one Sunday. If you would like to sponsor a Sunday but can't be here to sign up, call Judy at the office at (361) 994-0285 or email her at judy@stmarksgcc.org to check if the date you would prefer is available; if so, she will put your name down for that date.



Near the beginning of each month, an email will go out to all who signed up to sponsor a Sunday in that month, reminding them of the Sunday they signed up to sponsor. The email will include a request for a dedication for the flowers and information on how to cover the \$55 cost of the flowers.

Thank you for helping to make our altar beautiful each Sunday!

Youth Ministry



SEEK Youth Group Meets Sundays after the Service

Registration for [Mid-Winter Camp and Summer Camp at Camp Capers](#) is open. Click on the link to the diocesan page to obtain more information and to register.

Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His face continually. (1 Chronicles 16:11)

Cimarron Senior Apartments Ministry

**Ministry to the Residents at
Cimarron Senior Apartments
2802 Cimarron Blvd.**

**Food Distribution
Monday, 12/15, at 11:30 a.m.**



Conversations with God Bible Study on the First Monday of Every Month at 11:00 a.m.

Once a month, John deMontel, Fr. Doug Wasinger, and others provide snacks and a Bible study they call "Conversations with God" for the residents. It generally lasts an hour. If you'd like to help with this ministry, please contact John at (361) 815-9498.

Food Delivery to Residents on the Third Monday of Every Month at 11:30 a.m.

The Coastal Bend Food Bank delivers food to the Cimarron Senior Apartments once a month. A team of dedicated St. Mark's volunteers helps distribute the food to the residents after it has arrived. If you have an hour or so to give, please consider helping with the monthly food distribution.

Quiet Day: Women's Call to Prayer

Please join us!!

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**Saturday, December 6
9:00 am – Noon**

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church
Parish hall
622 Airline
Corpus Christi, TX 78412

Casual dress with light refreshments
Worship ~ program ~ prayer ~ fellowship

RSVP (713) 449-4543 text/call
Helana.barmore@gmail.com

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Saving Grace Chapter
Daughters of the King

**Quiet Day:
Women's Call to
Prayer
at
St. Bartholomew's
Episcopal Church
622 Airline Rd.
December 6th,
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

The Daughters of the King ministry at the Church is offering a day of prayer for women. The event will include worship, prayer, and fellowship. Please RSVP to Helana Barmore at (713) 449-4543 if you plan to attend.

Adult Bible Study

Adult Bible Study Class Sundays at 11:30 a.m.

The Adult Bible Study group meets on Sundays after the service. Tom Curry is leading the study entitled **"Understanding the Old Testament in Jesus's Time."** Bring your own Bible, or use one of the several that will be available. Pick up some refreshments, and join the class in the fellowship hall library.



This Sunday, December 7th, will be the last class for the year. It will resume in January. Check back to find out which Sunday the Bible study will resume.

Timon's Ministry



Ministry in Partnership with Timon's Ministries

Over the course of many years, St. Mark's has partnered with Timon's Ministries 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 Ministries, working in the Clothing Closet, organizing items, and visiting with people. The group has asked for help with their efforts in any of the following ways:

- Donating band aids, bandages, gauze, etc.
- Donating clothing, especially men's shirts, jeans, shorts, athletic shoes, flip-flops, socks, and belts, and women's jeans, shorts, undergarments, socks, and purses
- Donating sleeping bags, backpacks, tote bags, suitcases, and recyclable plastic bags
- Donating travel-size deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, bars of bath soap, body wash, bath towels
- Donating toothbrushes and new or used shoelaces
- Donating laundry supplies
- Donating items for to-go food bags: tuna and cracker packs, granola bars, chips, bottled water, etc.
- Sorting clothing and helping clients on Mondays from 8:45 to 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 News



Mid-Winter Camps and Summer

Camps at Camp Capers--Mid-Winter I, for youth 6th through 12th grade, begins on January 2nd. Mid-Winter II, for kids in 2nd through 5th grade, starts on January 9th. Registration for Summer Camps has also opened. [Here is a link for more information.](#)

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 on it.

Year-End Giving



Year-End Giving Information

As the year comes to a close, many people want to bless others with a year-end gift. Here is a flyer that explains some of [the opportunities](#) that are available to us and what needs to be considered.

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.
- 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 our [December ministry schedule](#). Click here for the [December church calendar](#).

December 6 - Saturday

9:00 a.m. - Women's Quiet Day--St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 622 Airline Rd.

December 7 - Sunday

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

11:15 a.m. - Election of Council Delegates & Alternates--Sanctuary

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 Library

December 8 - Monday

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

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

5:00 p.m. - Finances Committee Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library

December 9 - Tuesday

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

December 10 - 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.

**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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[Diocese of West Texas](#)

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