

# St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

January 18, 2024

## Upcoming Events

### Access Plus Ramp Build

1/20, Saturday 8:00 a.m.

### Sutanto Concert

1/26, Friday 6:00 p.m.

### South Texas Amateur Radio Club Field Day

1/27, Saturday 8:00 a.m.

### Annual Meeting & Potluck

1/28, Sunday 11:30 a.m.

### 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

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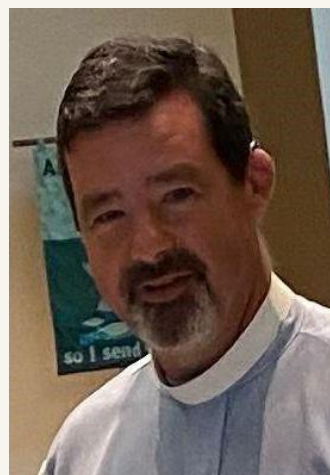
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## From the Rector

Fr. Doug Wasinger



During last Sunday's sermon I talked about stories of being "called". I shared my own summons story that led me to accept my calling to the priesthood. I also shared St. Mark's calling story about going from a phone campaign to gathering in our church building today. Samuel, a young man who became a prophet, was charged by God to bless David to become the king of Israel. When summoned by God, a person becomes vulnerable and open to a purpose that will change his or her life. In some situations, being summoned by God is exciting and ripe with wonderful opportunities to serve and be affirmed by others. In other situations, the call to action comes at a personal cost and can be frightening. I believe that when God speaks, we can be like Peter who asked Jesus, "To whom do we go? For you have the words of eternal life." – John 6:68

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

## Sunday Worship Service

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

[Visit our website](#)

## Access Plus Ramp Build

**Ramp Build**  
**Saturday, 1/20, at**  
**8:00 a.m.**  
**2810 Riggan St.**

The January ramp build is for a lady named Sylvia. She is excited at the prospect of receiving the gift of this ramp because she has been on the ramp build wait list for a year. This will bless her and her family.



All are welcome to come out to help. No experience is necessary. Doug Wayland's team members are happy to train anyone who would like learn about the ramp building process. If this ministry interests you, just come to Sylvia's home Saturday morning and look for Doug. He always brings a carafe of coffee!

## Annual Parish Meeting & Potluck



## Annual Meeting & Potluck Lunch

**Sunday, 1/28**

Mark your calendars for this important meeting for our parish. We'll learn about how we finished 2023 financially, watch a photo roller capturing 2023 in a video, hear reports from various ministries, look ahead at 2024, elect five new vestry members, share a potluck lunch and more. If you're interested in running for vestry, please contact the church office by calling (361) 994-0285 or emailing Judy at [judy@stmarksgcc.org](mailto:judy@stmarksgcc.org).

The theme for the potluck is "barbeque". So, crank up those barbeque pits, or pull out those recipes for side dishes to compliment the meat from the pit. You may sign up on the Connection Card found in your bulletin this Sunday, or contact the church office at (361) 994-0285, or email Judy at [judy@stmarksgcc.org](mailto:judy@stmarksgcc.org).

**As of today, the sign up numbers are a little low,  
so please consider signing up to bring something!**

## **Missionary Erin Cottos**

### **Erin Cottos Back for a Visit Sunday, January 28th**

For those of you who haven't met Erin, she is a member of St. Mark's. After being here for a couple years, God called her into the mission field, specifically to Haiti, in 2010. Due to the unrest in Haiti, the Lord led her to the Baja peninsula where she has been working with Eternal Anchor to train local people in physical therapy, teach them how to make adaptive equipment from everyday items, and share her love of God with them. She also teaches students who want to learn how to help children with physical disabilities where there are limited resources. She does this as a faculty member of the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston twice a year.



She will be back home with us Sunday, the 28th, to share with us what she's been doing this past year. She usually speaks during the service, but this year since that Sunday is also our annual meeting, we've invited her to speak during the meeting. The loose offering and any designated gifts will go to support her ministry work.

**So, mark you calendars for January 28th's annual meeting  
in order to hear about Erin's adventures and visit with her!**

## Sutanto Concert

*The City of  
Corpus Christi*

### SISTER CITY COMMITTEE



REQUESTS THE PLEASURE OF YOUR ATTENDANCE AT A FUNDRAISING CONCERT FOR THEIR STUDENT EXCHANGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND. PERFORMERS INCLUDE DR. DAVID SUTANTO AND MUSIC FACULTY FROM DEL MAR COLLEGE.

JANUARY 26, 2024, 6 PM

**AT THE HOME OF MELODY COOPER**

7809 SUNSET COVE DR. [GATE CODE: 5949]  
DONATION APPRECIATED BUT NOT REQUIRED  
MAKE DONATION PAYABLE TO THE UNITED  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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**David Sutanto  
and Del Mar  
Music Faculty to  
Perform at a  
Fundraiser for  
Student  
Exchange  
Scholarship  
Fund**

**Friday, January  
26th,  
at 6:00 p.m.**

## Interested in Being a Pen Pal?

### An Inmate is Seeking a Pen Pal

A man imprisoned in Maryland stumbled upon our website and felt led to call the church office last week. He is a Christian and is seeking to correspond with another adult Christian man while he serves the rest of his sentence, which is a little less than three years. He has already sent a letter to share with whomever would like to correspond with him.

**Adult Men:** Please pray about whether you should be the person who walks through this part of life with him. If you are led to do this, please let Judy know and she will give you his first letter and his address.



## Adult Bible Study



### Adult Bible Study of the Gospel of Mark

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.

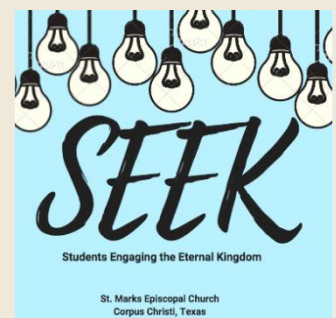
Here are links for past study dates and the upcoming Sunday:

[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  
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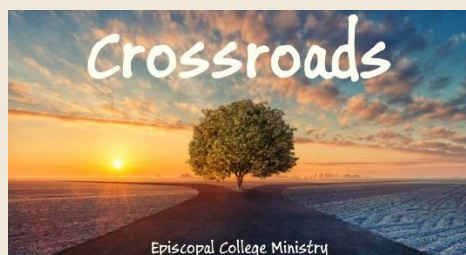
## Youth Group & Children's Ministry

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

Youth group will begin meeting THIS Sunday, 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!



## Crossroads Ministry



### Crossroads Ministry to Resume at Del Mar Heritage Campus

The Crossroads ministry to college students and young adults will resume next Thursday, 1/25 at the Del Mar Heritage Campus. The above QR code will connect people to a text group so that those interested in Crossroads may access more information about that ministry.

## Diocesan Events

### Diocesan News



**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 [January 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 [January calendar](#).

### January 20 - Saturday

8:00 a.m. - Access Plus Ramp Build--2810 Riggan St.

### January 21- Sunday

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

11:30 a.m. - Coffee Hour

11:30 a.m. - SEEK Youth Group--Fellowship Hall Youth Room

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

### January 22 - Monday

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

### January 23 - Tuesday

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

### January 24 - 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.

### January 26 - Friday

6:00 p.m. - Student Exchange Scholarship Fund Concert (David Sutanto),  
7809 Sunset Cove Dr.

### January 27 - Saturday

8:00 a.m. - South Texas Amateur Radio Club Field Day--Fellowship Hall & Back Area

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

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[Diocese of West Texas](#)

[Diocesan Newsletter and Reflection Magazine](#)



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