

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

May 21, 2026

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Reflections from the Rector



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Water has been a major topic of discussion around Corpus Christi for the past couple of months. We all know the need for it is incredibly real. Having spent years in Wyoming, I was taught early on about the vital importance of water by those whose very livelihoods depended on it. Later, I learned that one of the single biggest factors in outer space travel is managing water.

Water is also a force of nature that we often overlook. Anyone walking or driving along our local beaches is constantly reminded of rip currents and the hidden dangers they pose. Growing up in California, I was taught to stay close to the shore because of the undertow—the very real risk that you could be pulled under and drown.

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Sunday Worship Service

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

[Visit our website](#)

Pentecost Sunday



Pentecost Sunday THIS SUNDAY--May 24th

It has been our tradition to celebrate Pentecost Sunday by wearing red and enjoying strawberry shortcake. The shortcake will be supplied, but we need your help with the strawberries. Please bring one pint of washed, cut strawberries on Sunday, to use as a cake topping. Of course, we'll have whipped cream too!

Memorial Day

**Memorial
Day
Monday
May 25th**



The office will
be closed to

remember and honor those who lost
their lives protecting our country.

78418 Small Group



78418 Small Group Dinner Tuesday, 5/26, at 6:30 p.m.

We would like to invite those living in the 78418 zip code to the first small group dinner for that area.

This first meeting will be on Tuesday, May 26th, at 6:30 pm at Lori and Clay Jones's house, 3448 Newcastle, Corpus Christi, TX 78418. Lori and Clay are going to grill hamburgers. Please bring a side dish, such as salad or dessert, to go with the burgers. After eating, we will discuss one Bible passage: Hebrews 10:24-25.

Please let Lori know by the 21st if you plan to attend.

Time of Contemplation and Healing Prayer

**Time of Contemplation and
Healing Prayer
Wednesday, 5/27,
at 5:45 p.m.**

Our next Time of Contemplation and Healing Prayer is scheduled for Wednesday, May 27th. Please make plans to join us.



Day of Deeper Understanding

Episcopal Diocese of West Texas
CURSILLO
Growing Christ centered leaders

PLEASE JOIN US...

Episcopal Diocese of West Texas
Day of Deeper Understanding
Saturday May 30
10:30 to 2pm
St. Andrew's
13026 Leopard St., Corpus Christi

Enjoy fellowship, music, faith & fun
** please bring a dish to share!*

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**Day of Deeper
Understanding
Saturday,
May 30th
St. Andrew's
Episcopal
Church**

The Cursillo "Day of Deeper Understanding" is a workshop designed to help Cursillistas strengthen their understanding of the Cursillo method—Group Reunions, Ultreyas, Spiritual Direction, and the Rule of Life. It provides a relaxed, post-weekend space to digest the "Fourth Day" message.

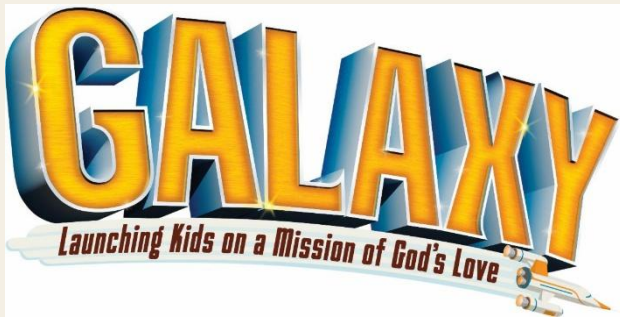
Youth Endowment Scholarship Applications

Youth Endowment Scholarship Applications Deadline 5/31

The Youth Endowment Scholarship Committee is currently accepting scholarship applications from students planning to attend college or trade school in the fall. You may access the [application form and the guidelines](#) here. Print out the form and guidelines, complete the form by providing the requested information, and turn in your paperwork to the church office by **Sunday, May 31st**. The committee will meet in June to determine recipients, and the checks will be issued once those decisions are made.



Vacation Bible School



Vacation Bible School June 19-21

Friday, 6/19
5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, 6/20
9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Sunday, 6/21
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

GALAXY is a weekend VBS designed to Launch Kids on a Mission of God's Love. You can be involved in two ways: by contributing needed supplies and/or by volunteering to help with the program.

Follow this link to our [gift registry](#). Whether you give a little or a lot, it's an important way to be part of our mission! Thank you for sharing God's love with children!

To register yourself as a volunteer or register your children/grandchildren for VBS, please [use this link](#). Children ages 3 - 5th grade are invited; older children may volunteer.

Access Plus Ramp Build Pictures

Photos from last Saturday's Access Plus Ramp Build

Here are some photos from the ramp build this past Saturday. Thank you to all who volunteered their time to help make this a successful ramp build.





Volunteer Hours App

MyTimeTithe App to Track Volunteer Hours

The time we serve in ministry at St. Mark's, or in the community, or in any other capacity, matters and has economic value. Wouldn't it be interesting to know how much time we serve? Jeremy Wilkey developed an app for us to use to log those hours. You can [click on this link](#) or scan the QR code to get started.

Enter your name in the space provided. If it's your first time, click "Don't see your name? Add yourself" to enter your name. Then fill in the page that opens up. You will select the date, the number of hours you served, which ministry the hours were for, and you may add a note about your service if you'd like.

MyTimeTithe

Track Your Volunteer Hours. Celebrate Your Service.

A simple app for St. Mark's volunteers to log hours and stay connected with your church community.

Scan the QR Code to Sign Up!

MyTimeTithe.org/stmarkscc

Created by Jeremy Wilkey

Meals for the Farris Family



Meal Train Created for Sahara & Noah Farris

Sahara, Noah, and Everette recently welcomed little Ember into their family. A [meal train](#) was organized to furnish meals for them these first several weeks now that they are home. The link to sign up is above in blue text. You may sign up to cook them a meal, donate funds, or send them a gift card via DoorDash.

Thank you for helping this precious family!

Cimarron Senior Apartments Ministry

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



**Conversations with God
Monday, 6/1, 11:00 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 residents after it arrives. If you have an hour or so to give, please consider helping with the monthly food distribution.

Adult Bible Study



Adult Bible Study Class Meets on Sundays after the Service

The Adult Bible study class meets in the fellowship hall library. The current topic is "Post-Resurrection Narratives in the New Testament."

If you'd like to join the study, head to the fellowship hall after the service for some refreshments and then find a seat around the table in the library. Bibles will be available if you need one.

The Bible study will take a break during the summer, beginning May 31st.

Youth Ministry

SEEK Youth Group

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



Summer Break--Youth Group will take a break for the summer beginning 5/24 and will resume in the fall.

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

Timon's Ministry



Ministry in Partnership with Timon's Ministries

The volunteer work at Timon's Clothing Closet has been temporarily suspended due to changes in its hours of operation. We are hoping the volunteers can return soon to the ministry they have come to enjoy.

We will not be collecting items for the time being. Thank you!

Diocesan Events

Diocesan News



Summer Camps at Camp Capers--

Registration for Summer Camps has opened up for campers. [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.

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 [May ministry schedule](#). Click here for the [May church calendar](#).

May 24 - Pentecost Sunday

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

11:30 a.m. - Coffee & Conversation--Fellowship Hall

May 25 - Monday

Memorial Day--Office Closed

May 26 - Tuesday

8:00 a.m. - Women's Reunion Group--Corner Bakery Restaurant, 4928 S. Staples St.

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

May 27 - Wednesday

11:30 a.m. - Lunch with the Old Guys--Silverado Smokehouse, 5622 Weber Rd.

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

5:45 p.m. - Time of Contemplation & Healing Prayer--Sanctuary Chapel

6:30 p.m. - Men's Reunion Group--Nolan's Restaurant, 7426 S. Staples St.

May 28 - Thursday

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

**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](#)

[Diocesan Newsletter and Reflection Magazine](#)

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