

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

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Sunday Worship Service

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

Epiphany is one of my favorite seasons of the liturgical year. I appreciate its focus—God's outward-moving action in the world. This Sunday's readings remind us that God's concern is not limited to one group of people; instead, they reveal how God intends to bless the whole world. The story of Epiphany is not primarily about how a single person or tribe must act on God's behalf, but about how God is drawing all people into the fulfillment of creation's purpose to declare, "It is good." Following Jesus is a deeply meaningful and rewarding life, and this season reminds me of that gift.

Isaiah is often referred to as "the Gospel of the Old Testament" because it so clearly depicts the movement from anguish to joy. The people who sought to represent God, or to receive God's blessing and protection, found themselves in exile, far from home. Yet Isaiah wrote of God's work to restore what was lost and to bring the people back to their beloved homeland. This Sunday's

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reading offers another example of God capturing people's attention for all the right reasons.

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

Access Plus Ramp Build



Access Plus Ramp Build Saturday, 1/17, 8:00 a.m. 4801 Easter Dr.

The Access Plus January ramp build is for a lady named Maria. She and her family will be very happy to gain better access to her home.

If this ministry is of interest to you but you don't feel like you have the skills to participate, please don't let that stop you. Doug Wayland and his

team are happy to train people. Just bring a willing heart!

Ultreya

Ultreya Saturday, 1/17, at 1:00 p.m. St. Christopher's by the Sea Episcopal Church

Please bring a snack or dish to share.



Annual Meeting



Annual Meeting and Potluck Lunch Sunday, 1/25, after the Service

Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 25th, after the service. We will have an Italian-themed potluck lunch before the meeting begins. Make plans to attend as we'll elect three new vestry members, watch a photo recap of 2025 events, hear a financial update on how the year ended, hear from ministry leaders, and learn about plans for 2026.

Please sign up on the back of your Connection Card to bring a dish to the potluck lunch. You may also email Judy at judy@stmarksgcc.org or call her at (361) 994-0285 to let her know what you'd like to bring.

Cookies for Council

Cookies for Council Deadline February 23rd

Please consider helping us supply homemade cookies for our Diocesan Council in February. We need 200 dozen cookies, so fire up those ovens!

Please package your cookies in gallon Ziplock bags. Write the name of the type of cookie, and how many are in the bag. PLEASE NOTE that you should write "Contains nuts" on the bags if your cookies contain nuts. If you make them now, please freeze them. If you don't have freezer space, we have freezer space available at the church.

Please bring your cookies by Sunday, February 23rd. We will need to box them up to get ready to deliver them to the Hilliard Center, where Council is being held.



Thank you for your help with our Cookies for Council project!

Youth Ministry



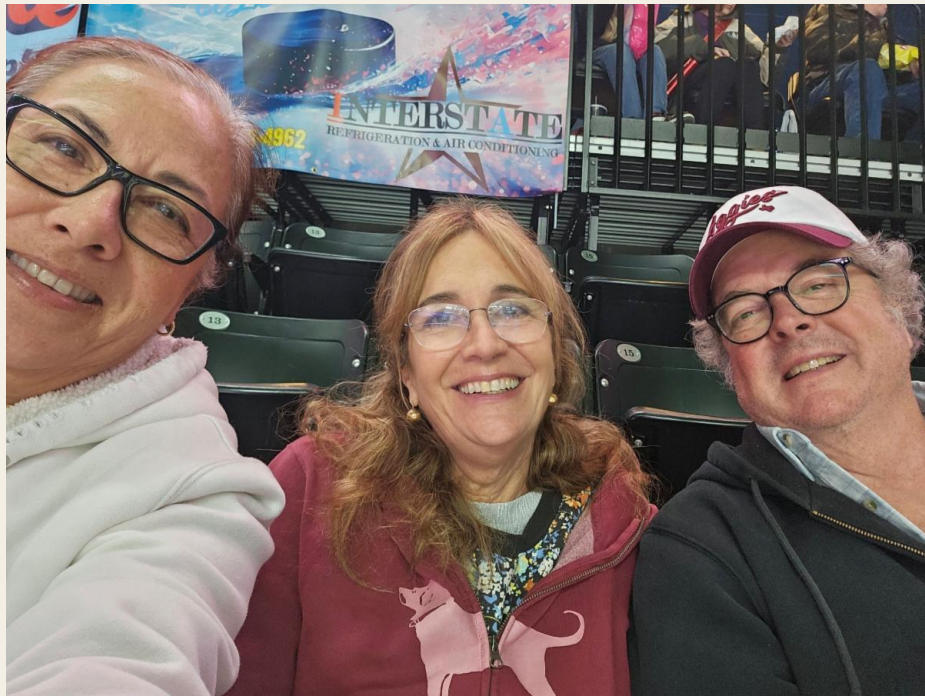
SEEK Youth Group Meets Sundays after the Service

St. Mark's youth and friends had a great time at the Ice Rays game last Saturday night as we cheered the Rays to victory over the Mudbugs! See the pictures below.

Registration for [Summer Camp at Camp Capers](#) is open. Click the link to the diocesan page for 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
Friday, 1/23, at 11:30 a.m.
Please note that this is a change
of day and date.**



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.

Adult Bible Study



**Adult Bible Study Class
Resumes on 1/18 at 11:45 a.m.**

The Adult Bible study class will resume meeting this Sunday, January 18. The group will continue to meet in the fellowship hall library. If you'd like to join in the study, head to fellowship hall after the service, grab some refreshments, and then go to the library. Bibles will be

available if you need one.

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

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

January 18 - Sunday

10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist--Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. - Coffee & Conversation--Fellowship Hall
11:45 a.m. - Adult Bible Study--Fellowship Hall Library

January 19 - Monday

8:45 a.m. - Clothing Shop--Timon's Ministry, 10501 S. Padre Island Dr.
9:30 a.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library
6:30 p.m. - Vestry Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library

January 20 - Tuesday

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

January 21 - 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.

January 22 - 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.**

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