

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

August 8, 2024

Upcoming Events

Hollen Renewal of Vows
8/10, Saturday at 2:00 p.m.

**Blessing of Students, Teachers,
Staff, and Backpacks**
8/11, Sunday

Kona Ice Truck
8/11, Sunday at 11:15 a.m.

Access Plus Ramp Build
8/17, Saturday at 8:00 a.m.

Ultreya Gathering
8/17, Saturday at 1:00 p.m.

Parish Meeting & Potluck
8/25, Sunday at 11:30 a.m.

Hooks Baseball Game
8/30, Friday at 7:05 p.m.

From the Rector Fr. Doug



I am on a journey now with God. My talks and walks with the Holy Spirit are reframing my understanding of the world. Along the way, I have found myself becoming more aware of how the flow of conversations is occurring around me. It appears that the common approach to solving problems is to focus on what is wrong and what people are against. It seems like we are focused on our weaknesses at the expense of our strengths. This approach leaves me feeling uninspired and mostly frustrated by what I hear and experience in everyday life.

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To push against my growing sense of skepticism about the world around me, I start by reminding myself that early in the Book of Genesis God saw the world that He had created and declared that it was good. Like many others, I am not inspired by what people are against; however, I do get excited when I encounter ideas and actions that focus on what people are for. Jesus approached people with a sense that they could be better off after an encounter with him. Jesus seemed to take issue with how people could be limited in their faith in Almighty God rather than liberated with a spirit of hope and generosity.

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Sunday Worship Service

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

[Visit our website](#)

Hollen Renewal of Wedding Vows

Michael & Cathy Hollen to Renew Wedding Vows Saturday, August 10, at 2:00 p.m.



Michael and Cathy Hollen celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary on July 31st. They want to mark this milestone in their life by renewing their wedding vows, and they would like to share this special event with their church family. So, everyone is invited to come to St. Mark's sanctuary on August 10th to help them celebrate. A reception will follow in the fellowship hall.

Back to School Blessing



Back to School Blessing THIS Sunday, August 11

Our annual Back to School Blessing is this Sunday. Students, teachers, school staff, and backpacks will be blessed during the service to promote a good start to the new school year.

A generous parishioner is covering the cost of Kona Ice for all who would like to partake of one of their sweet treats. Their truck will be available after the service.

Don't forget your backpacks!

SEEK Youth Group

Youth group entering 6th grade and up!

Remember to bring your backpack to receive a blessing during the service THIS Sunday. Then stay after church for ice cream and games!



Access Plus Ramp Ministry



Ramp Build Saturday, 8/17, beginning at 8:00 a.m. 1818 Timrod St.

There will in fact be a ramp build for August. A location was found that provides adequate shade for those who will work on the ramp.

Eileen and her family will be blessed to have a safe way to transport her in and out of her home.

Ultreya Gathering

Ultreya Gathering Saturday, 8/17, at 1:00 p.m. Trinity by the Sea Episcopal Church

If you've attended a Cursillo weekend, you're invited to an Ultreya meeting at Trinity by the Sea in Port Aransas. Drinks will be provided, but people are asked to bring a snack to share with everyone.

A flyer for the Coastal Bend Area Ultreya gathering. At the top, it says "Make a friend, Be a friend, Bring a friend to Christ." with a butterfly icon. Below that, it says "PLEASE JOIN US" in a colorful, bubbly font. The main title is "COASTAL BEND AREA ULTREYA" in large, bold letters. Below the title, it says "Saturday, August 17th" and "1:00pm". The location is "Trinity by the Sea Episcopal Church, 433 Trojan St., Port Aransas". There are also contact details: "Questions? Ivette Sullivan 361-739-0656 isullivan5@gmail.com". At the bottom, it says "please bring a snack to share! Beverages provided!" and features the "CURSILLO" logo with the text "Episcopal Diocese of West Texas" and "Spreading Christ-centered love".

Guest Ministry Team



Guest Ministry Team Meeting Saturday, 8/24, at 11:00 a.m. 3448 Newcastle Dr.

The Guest Ministry Team will meet on Saturday, August 24th, at 11:00 a.m.. If you would like to join us in welcoming our guests each Sunday, please give me a call. It is a great way to get involved in the life of St. Mark's. The meeting will be held at my home, 3448 Newcastle Dr. For more information, you may contact me at 361-903-5060.

We welcome new members to the team!

Blessings,
Lori

Episcopal Night at Whataburger Field

The Corpus Christi Hooks will take on the Tulsa Drillers Friday, 8/30, at 7:05 p.m.



Do you enjoy watching our local Hooks baseball team play? Then plan to come to the Episcopal Night at Whataburger Field at the end of August.

Fr. John Blackburn from St. Christopher's by the Sea in Portland has 150 free tickets that he's offering to our local Episcopal churches' parishioners. If you would like to attend, you may sign up on your Connection Card that will be in your bulletin the next several Sundays. You may also let the church office know by calling (361) 994-0285 Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or by emailing Judy at judy@stmarkscc.org. The final deadline is 8/23.

Be sure to sign up soon to secure your tickets.

Parish Meeting and Potluck



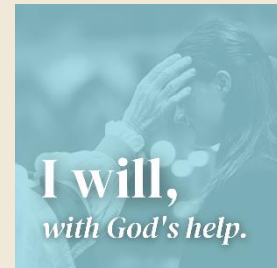
Parish Meeting and Mexican Theme Potluck Sunday, August 25

We'll begin the fall with a potluck and parish meeting to catch up on the year and learn what the plans are through the end of the year. Lunch will be a potluck with

a Mexican food theme. Please sign up on your Connection Card Sunday. You may also call the office Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or email Judy at judy@stmarkscc.org.

A Christian Journey Course

The Discovery Series A Christian Journey Course Sunday, 9/8, at 11:30 a.m.



One of the rich traditions of the Episcopal Church is the Rite of Confirmation / Reaffirmation / Reception into the Episcopal Church. The Bishop of every Episcopal diocese is the primary celebrant for this service. On Sunday, October 6, 2024, it is our annual opportunity to host this service when the Right Reverend Dr. David Read will be visiting St. Mark's. For those who would like to be Confirmed / Reaffirmed / or Received into the Episcopal Church, Fr. Doug will be hosting a preparation series. During the one-hour sessions we will learn about:

- **Roots of Ministry**, which will cover topics like the Anglican Communion, the different roles of ministers, and church governance.
- **Episcopal Worship**, which will help people become familiar with The Book of Common Prayer and the sacraments.
- **What We Believe**, which will provide a review of the Creeds of the Episcopal Church, thus promoting a deeper understanding of them.
- **The Baptismal Covenant**, which is the final session where participants will learn more about the Episcopal Church's theology pertaining to this rite of adoption into God's family.

Fr. Doug will be hosting these one-hour sessions after church starting September 8, 2024. If you are interested in participating, please contact the office at (361) 994-0285 or email stmarkscc@stmarkscc.org.

Timon's Ministry



Ministry in Partnership with Timon's Ministry

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

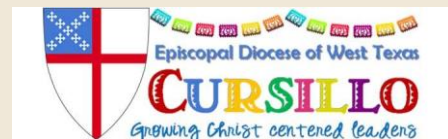
- Donating band aids, bandages, and gauze
- Donating clothing, especially men's shirts, jeans, or athletic shoes
- Donating travel size deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, bars of bath soap, body wash
- Donating toothbrushes
- Donating items for to-go food bags: tuna and cracker packs, granola bars, chips, bottled water, etc.
- Sorting clothing on Wednesdays from 8:10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

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.**

Cursillo & Women's Reunion Groups

Cursillo Community Information



Reunion groups for women who have completed a Cursillo weekend are being formed. Both daytime and evening times are possible. If you are interested in participating in a group or just being kept informed of upcoming Cursillo events and activities, please contact Pam Cater at (361) 446-4498 or at pamela.j.cater@gmail.com.

Looking ahead, two Cursillos are scheduled for the fall: October 3-6 at Mustang Island Retreat Center, which will be a Spanish speaking retreat, and November 7-10 at Camp Capers.

Diocesan Events



Diocesan News

Spiritual Retreats in Recovery --

This spiritual retreat is geared for those dealing with addiction personally, whether it is their addiction or recovery, or that of someone they love. Click here for information about the [Recovery Retreat](#).

Cursillo Information--Please use the link below to the diocesan page containing information on upcoming [Cursillo weekends](#).

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 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. 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 the [August 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 [August calendar](#).

August 10 - Saturday

2:00 p.m. - Hollen Renewal of Vows--Sanctuary

August 11 - Sunday--Back to School Blessing

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

11:30 a.m. - Kona Ice Truck--Parking Lot

11:30 a.m. - Coffee Hour--Fellowship Hall

August 12 - Monday

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

August 13 - Tuesday

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

6:30 p.m. - Embracing the Journey Meeting--Fellowship Hall

August 14 - Wednesday

8:10 a.m. - Clothing Sorting--Timon's Ministries, 10501 S. Padre Island Dr.

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

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

August 15 - Thursday

11:45 a.m. - Food Distribution--Cimarron Senior Apartments, 2802 Cimarron Blvd.

August 17 - Saturday

8:00 a.m. - Access Plus Ramp Build--1818 Timrod St.

1:00 p.m. - Ultreya Gathering--Trinity by the Sea Episcopal Church,
433 Trojan St., Port Aransas

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Facebook Pages that you might find helpful.**

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