

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

April 2, 2026

Upcoming Events

Holy Week Services

4/2--Maundy Thursday

4/3--Stations of the Cross

Resurrection Easter Sunday

Easter Reception

Easter Egg Hunt

4/5, Sunday

Office Closed

4/6, Monday

Conversations with God at the Cimarron Senior Apartments

4/6, Monday

Inquirer's Class

4/19, Sunday

Food Distribution at Cimarron Senior Apartments

4/20, Monday



Reflections from the Rector



There aren't many chances to expand upon what's happening theologically when we gather to pray, witness, and participate in the Eucharist. This week, I want to offer a few insights into what we do most Sundays as we give thanks to God.

I was formed by the 1979 *Book of Common Prayer*. My earliest Sunday memories include a black-and-white trial book, lovingly called the "Zebra" *Book of Common Prayer*. In those years, the Episcopal Church was exploring liturgies that would shape future generations. The most notable shift moved our principal Sunday service from Morning Prayer to the Holy Eucharist. Theologically, that meant expanding our focus from spoken prayer to include a meal—prepared at a table where God meets us with grace. For me, Sunday Eucharist is the center of Christian life, and I suspect that is true for many of us.

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Sunday Worship Service

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

[Visit our website](#)

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Week Schedule Maundy Thursday through Easter Sunday

The Maundy Thursday service is **TONIGHT**, and the Stations of the Cross will be on Friday. The services are at 7:00 p.m. The culmination of Holy Week will be on Sunday, April 5th, with our Easter Resurrection service. While the children hunt for Easter eggs, everyone is invited to enjoy an Easter celebration reception including mimosas.

Bring **fresh-cut flowers** to decorate our white cross. Also, bring **noisemakers** to use each time "Alleluia" is said during the service.

Here is a link to a PDF of the [Holy Week flyer](#), if you'd like to print a copy for yourself or give it to family and friends as an invitation to join us for our Holy Week services.



Join us for...

Holy Week & Easter

March 29 through April 5

3/29 Sunday 10:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday
3/30-4/1 Monday—Wednesday 7:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer
4/2 Thursday 7:00 p.m. 9:00-10:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service Hour of Prayer
4/3 Friday 7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
4/5 Sunday 10:00 a.m.	Easter Resurrection Service Flowering of the Cross
11:30 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt & Celebration

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Youth Ministry



SEEK Youth Group

Easter Egg Hunt--The plastic eggs are stuffed and ready to be hidden! Please come to help hide the Easter eggs for our young children to hunt this Sunday.

Summer Camp--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)

Adult Bible Study

Adult Bible Study Class Not Meeting This Sunday

The Adult Bible study class meets on Sundays in the fellowship hall library. However, it will **not meet this Sunday**, so families can celebrate Easter together.



The class will resume next Sunday, 4/12. If you'd like to join in 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.

Easter Lily Plants



Easter Lily Plants

If you sponsored a lily plant and opted to take yours home, you may do so after families have had a chance to take pictures in front of the flowered cross on the altar this Sunday, or you can wait until the following Sunday, or you may come by during the week, Tuesday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., to pick it up.

**Thank you to everyone who sponsored the lilies this year.
They help make our altar simply beautiful!**

Altar Flowers

Altar Flower Price Increase

We have been using the Saratoga H.E.B. floral department for our altar flowers for over 15 years. During that time, we've only seen one price increase. They have been very gracious in helping us keep the cost down.

Due to corporate changes, the director of the floral department let us know that H.E.B. will need to increase the cost of our altar flowers from \$55 per week to \$60. Please be aware of the increase if you signed up to sponsor altar flowers for this year. Thank you!



Cimarron Senior Apartments Ministry



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

**Conversations with God
Bible Study**

Monday, 4/6, 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.

Inquirer's Class

Inquirer's Class Sunday, April 19th After the Service

Fr. Doug is offering an Inquirer's Class on Sunday, April 19th. The class is designed for those who are newer to St. Mark's and those who want to learn more about our church history and our beliefs. If you'd like to attend the class, you can sign up on the Connection Card in your bulletin this Sunday, or contact Judy in the office by calling (361) 994-0285 or emailing judy@stmarkscc.org.



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

April 5 - Sunday--Easter Resurrection Sunday

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

10:00 a.m. - Flowering of the Cross--Outside Sanctuary (weather permitting)

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

11:30 a.m. - Easter Egg Hunt--Fellowship Hall Courtyard (weather permitting)

April 6 - Monday--OFFICE CLOSED

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

April 7 - Tuesday

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

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

April 8 - 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.**

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[Diocese of West Texas](#)

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