

# St. Mark's Episcopal Church

## weekly news & updates

April 7, 2022

### Upcoming Events.

#### Hosanna Chalk Art & Palm Cross Making

4/9 Sat, 10:00 a.m.

#### Confirmation/Palm Sunday

4/10 Sun, 10:00 a.m.

#### Holy Week Noonday Services

4/11-4/13 Mon-Wed, 12:10 p.m.

#### Maundy Thursday Rehearsal

4/13 Wed, 7:00 p.m.

#### Maundy Thursday Service

4/14 Thur, 7:00 p.m.

#### Good Friday

4/15 Fri, 6:15 p.m. Rehearsal  
7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

#### Easter Service Rehearsal

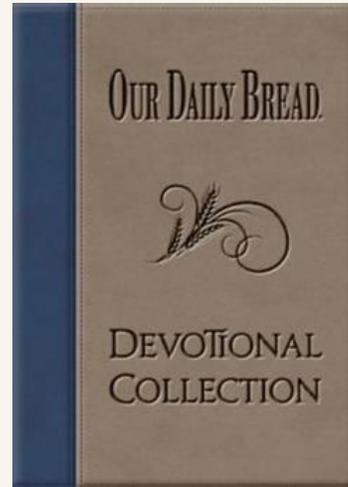
4/16 Sat, 10:00 a.m.

#### Easter Resurrection Sunday

4/17 Sun, 10:00 a.m.

### In This Issue

### God's Promises



An excerpt taken from  
*Our Daily Bread  
Devotional Collection.*  
Today's selection is written by  
Julie Ackerman Link.

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*"Be still, and know that I am God."*  
Psalm 46:10

When my ophthalmologist says, "Be still," I am still. I don't argue. I don't become defiant. I don't stay busy behind his back. Why? Because he is a renowned eye surgeon who is trying to preserve my sight, and he needs my cooperation. I would be foolish to ignore his instructions.

So why am I not as cooperative in matters of spiritual stillness? God considers rest so important that He built it into the rhythm of life. Without rest we

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## Sunday Worship Service:

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

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can't see clearly; we begin to see ourselves as more important than we are.

After Elijah's stressful confrontation with Ahab and Jezebel, he ran himself into a state of exhaustion. God sent an angel to care for him. During a time of stillness, "the word of the Lord came to him" (1 Kings 19:9). Elijah thought he alone was doing God's work. He had been so zealous that he didn't know that 7,000 others hadn't bowed to Baal (v. 18).

Some of us may fear what will happen if we sit still and stop working. But something worse happens when we refuse to rest. Without rest we cannot be spiritually or physically healthy. God heals while we rest.

Just as I needed stillness so that my eye could heal, we all need stillness so that God can keep our spiritual vision clear.

**Our greatest strength may be our ability to stand still and trust God.**

**Seek God! Pray!  
Give it ALL to Him!**

## Hosanna Chalk Art & Palm Cross Making

### Hosanna Chalk Art and Palm Cross Making THIS Saturday 4/9 10:00 a.m.

Everyone is invited to come to the sanctuary Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. to participate in our Hosanna Chalk Art project and learn how to make crosses out of palm fronds. It'll be a fun morning, so make plans to come.



## Palm Sunday & Confirmation Sunday

### April 10th is Palm Sunday and Confirmation Sunday

Bishop Reed will be here to celebrate Palm Sunday and Confirmation Sunday THIS Sunday. Five of our youth will be confirmed. A brunch reception will be held after the service in the fellowship hall, where the confirmands will be presented with their certificates.

Bishop Reed will address the congregation after the presentation during coffee hour. Make plans to attend.

The loose offering and any designated gifts will be given to Bishop Reed's Discretionary Fund. He uses that fund to help churches and parishioners in various ways. Several years ago he supported two of our youth who went to China on a summer mission trip. Please consider giving a gift to support ministry through Bishop Reed.

**This promises to be a special Sunday for all.**



## Easter Lilies

### Easter Lilies to Decorate the Altar

Every year we use Easter lilies to beautify our altar for the Easter Resurrection service. We need your help to do that.

There will be yellow inserts in your bulletins this Sunday to use to sign up to sponsor lilies. They cost \$13 each, and you may sponsor as many as you'd like. You may dedicate the lilies in memory of someone or in thanksgiving for a special someone or event in your life. The dedications will be printed on an insert in the bulletin for the Easter service. The deadline is **THIS** Sunday, April 10th. You may take your Easter lilies home after the Easter Resurrection Service April 17th, or you may have them taken to nursing homes or to others who couldn't be with us Easter morning.



# Holy Week

## Holy Week Schedule

Holy Week is the most significant week in our liturgical year. It begins with Palm Sunday and concludes with the Easter Resurrection Service. There are services during the week that help us walk through the last week that Jesus was physically on this earth.



The Palm Sunday service and our Confirmation service will be the same Sunday, which makes for a morning full of celebration. This will be the first time, for us, that both liturgies will coincide.

For Easter Sunday, we're asking everyone to bring noise makers, which will be used every time "Alleluia" is said during the service. Kids, young and old, will have fun making "noise" during church! Also, please bring fresh cut flowers to be used to flower the cross.

Click here for the [Holy Week Schedule](#).

# New Recycle Project

## Recycle Project

St. Mark's cannot directly participate in the City of Corpus Christi recycle efforts because we use an independent trash service. So, we have to do any recycling on our own. For years we have been recycling the bulletins and all paper in the office. But, now we have the opportunity for more of you to be involved.



A new blue recycle can is in the fellowship hall, which is designated for empty, clean plastic bottles and cups and soda cans. Please consider helping with this effort by emptying your beverage holders, rinsing them out, and putting them in the recycle can. A parishioner volunteered to take the recycling to her home to put in her personal recycling bin for the City to take.

**Every little bit helps to keep our planet clean!**

## Search Process

### Links for Search Process Resources

Good Day St. Mark's!



The search committee is continuing to meet and discern; we are growing closer as a family and unit. Our Holy Spirit is helping us to really understand and incorporate our St. Mark's Vision Prayer into our daily lives, opening our hearts for the Lord to fulfill our desires to be connected with Jesus, grounded in Scripture, led by the Spirit, and lifted by prayer in all that we do; blessing us with a unity in our desire to obey God and serve others; sending us out to share our stories of Christ working in our lives and to invite many into the fellowship of St. Mark's. Amen.

*You can read and study our vision prayer by clicking [here](#).*

A reading for the week:

**Acts 20:32-35**

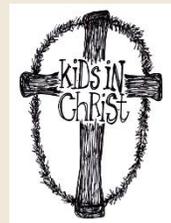
"Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I have not coveted anyone's silver or gold or clothing. You yourselves know that these hands of mine have supplied my own needs and the needs of my companions. In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

God's Peace and Blessings,  
John D.

Here is a list of useful links to use during the search process for our new rector:  
Parish Profile on St. Mark's [website](#)  
Diocese of West Texas website [churches in transition](#)  
Prayers during the search process: [prayers](#)

## Youth and Children's Ministry

### SEEK Youth Group and Kids in Christ



## **Kids in Christ**

We'll gather at the church THIS Saturday, April 9th at 10:00 a.m. to draw the Hosanna chalk art on the sidewalks around the sanctuary. Terry Wright is also going to teach us how to make crosses out of palm fronds.

Holy Week begins Sunday, so try hard to come to as many of the services as you can.

We will have an Easter Egg Hunt after the service Easter Sunday. Bring your baskets so you join in the hunt.

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## **SEEK Youth Group**

Five of our youth group (Libby, Colin, Alise, Kadynze, and Melody) will be confirmed this Sunday by Bishop David Reed. Be sure to come support them.



We will wait until after Easter to resume our 4:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon gatherings.

Feel free to text prayers requests in our group chat or to Mrs. Molly anytime.

## **Ways to Support God's Kingdom through St. Mark's**

### **THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORT ST. MARK'S CHURCH!**

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 worshiping 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 the four 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.
- **NEW APP**----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.
- 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.

**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 April schedule for our ministries, which is still a work in progress. Please check each week to see if there are any changes.

#### **April 9 - Saturday**

10:00 a.m.. - Hosanna Chalk Art/Palm Cross Making--Sanctuary

2:00 p.m. - South Texas Amateur Radio Club Training--Fellowship Hall

#### **April 10 - Sunday--Palm Sunday/Confirmation Sunday--Bishop Reed**

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

11:15 a.m. - Reception--Fellowship Hall

**NO Kids in Christ or SEEK today**

#### **April 11 - Monday**

12:10 p.m. - Noonday Service--Sanctuary

#### **April 12 - Tuesday**

10:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall

12:10 p.m. - Noonday Service--Sanctuary

6:00 p.m. - Women's Group--Jason's Deli, 1416 Airline

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

7:00 p.m. - Bible Study & Prayer Group--Online--Zoom

**April 13 - Wednesday**

12:10 p.m. - Noonday Service--Sanctuary

7:00 p.m. - Maundy Thursday Rehearsal--Sanctuary

**NO Search Committee Meeting**

**April 14 - Thursday--Maundy Thursday**

7:00 p.m. - Maundy Thursday Service-Sanctuary

9:00 p.m. - Hour of Prayer--Sanctuary

**April 15 - Friday--Good Friday**

6:15 p.m. - Good Friday Reading of the Passion Rehearsal--Sanctuary

7:00 p.m. - Good Friday Service--Sanctuary

**April 16 - Saturday**

10:00 a.m. - Easter Sunday Service Rehearsal--Sanctuary

## Helpful Links

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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