

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

May 8, 2025

Upcoming Events

Youth Sunday and Mother's Day

5/11, Sunday

Access Plus Ramp Build

5/17, Saturday

Food Delivery at Cimarron Senior Apartments

5/19, Monday

Ultreya

5/24, Saturday

Memorial Day

5/26, Monday

Youth Group

Sundays after the service

From the Rector by Fr. Doug Wasinger



This time of year, I become a big hockey fan. For the next several months professional hockey teams will be vying for the coveted Lord Stanley Cup. For team members to carry the Cup around the arena and have their name engraved on it for all eternity, the team needs to win sixteen games. In a way the Stanley Cup playoffs are like an additional season. Players put aside thoughts about their bruises, body aches, sore muscles and joints to hyper focus on one goal: winning and moving on to the next round. It is a big deal. Nothing seems more rewarding than winning the Cup, and it is equally devastating to lose in the final round. What is clear is that followers of the NHL consider the Stanley Cup the goal of their sport. Are Christians as clear about what they are focused on in their lives?

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Sunday Worship Service

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

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Happy Mother's Day

Happy
Mother's
Day
to all our



wonderful mothers!

May your day be blessed!

Youth Sunday and Mother's Day



Youth Sunday and Mother's Day May 11

Sunday will be another special day in the life of our church for two reasons. It's Youth Sunday, and we'll celebrate our moms too because it's Mother's Day.

Our children and youth will be more visible during the service as they serve in different capacities. We'll celebrate our seniors during the service. The loose offering and any designated gifts will support our scholarship ministry to college and trade school students.

Youth & Children's Ministry

SEEK Youth Group

Youth Group Meeting--All middle school and high school age youth are encouraged to join in on Sundays after the service for youth group. Grab some refreshments and head to the youth room to talk about highs and lows and pray for one another. The last meeting for the school year will be May 11th. We'll take a break during the summer, but fun monthly events are being organized. Check back here for details once the planning is finalized.



Youth Sunday--Youth Sunday is this Sunday. If you haven't already chosen a place to serve this Sunday for Youth Sunday and Mother's Day, please let Mrs. Molly know that you'd like to help, and she'll find a job for you.

Access Plus Ramp Build



Access Plus Ramp Build 722 W. Cornelia Cir. Saturday, May 17th, 8:00 a.m.

The May ramp build is for a 90-year-old lady named Clementina. She and her family are looking forward to having a ramp to give her better access to her home. If you enjoy working with your hands, or serving in general, and would like more information about the Access Plus Ramp Ministry, please contact Doug Wayland at (361) 813-1781. He would be happy to answer your questions.

Class for Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation

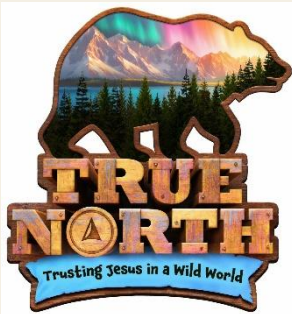
Class for Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation May 25, June 1, and June 15, 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

Fr. Doug will lead a class to prepare people for confirmation and reception into the Episcopal Church. The class is also designed for those who want to reaffirm their faith. The class has three sessions, each an hour and half long. The session dates are 5/25, 6/1, and 6/18. You may sign up for the class on the back of your Connection Card, which will be in your Sunday bulletin. You may also contact Judy in the office by calling her at (361) 994-0285 or emailing her at judy@stmarksc.org to sign up.



Those who desire to be confirmed or received and those wishing to reaffirm their faith will have the opportunity at our annual Bishop's Visit on June 29th. This year, our guest bishop will be the new Suffragan Bishop Angela Maria Cortinas. We will have a potluck lunch after the service to honor her and those who have chosen to be confirmed or received, or reaffirm their faith.

Vacation Bible School



True North Vacation Bible School July 14-17

We're gearing up for our Vacation Bible School, which is scheduled for July 14-17. The program, *True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World*, will take the children on an Alaskan adventure.

We need volunteers to help with decorating and setup beforehand as well as working with the children during the four days of the VBS program. We also need help with purchasing supplies. The QR code below will take you to the website to register to receive more information about the program or register as a volunteer. The QR code will also be used to register children to attend.



We also need your help with supplies again this year. Below is a QR code to the Vacation Bible School registry. When you purchase an item, it will be sent directly to the church.



Cimarron Senior Apartments Ministry

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



Conversations with God Bible Study on the First Tuesday of Every Month

Tuesday, 6/3, 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 for 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

Monday, 5/19, 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 serving to help with the monthly food distribution.

Adult Bible Study



Adult Bible Study Sundays after the Service Summer Break

The Adult Bible Study Group will be taking a break during the summer. They will resume sometime in September. Stay tuned for further updates.

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, shorts, athletic shoes, flip-flops, socks, 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
- Donating toothbrushes and new or used shoelaces
- 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 - 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 & National Church News

Summer Camp at Camp Capers--The schedule for kids' summer sessions for Camp Capers is available. [Click here for more information.](#) Just scroll down until you find the camp which interests you.

Discovery Weekend at Camp Capers--This weekend, scheduled for November 14-15, is designed to help both lay and ordained persons discern a deeper call to ministry. [Click here 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 which 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 [May schedule](#) for our ministries. Click here for the [May church calendar](#).

May 11 - Sunday--Youth Sunday and Mother's Day

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

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

11:30 a.m. - SEEK Youth Group--Fellowship Hall Youth Room

May 12 - Monday

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

1:30 p.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library

May 13 - Tuesday

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

May 14 - 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.

May 17 - Saturday

8:00 a.m. - Access Plus Ramp Build--722 W. Cornelia Cir.

**Below you will find several links to websites or
Facebook Pages that you might find helpful.**

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