

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

April 6, 2023

Upcoming Events

Maundy Thursday Service

4/6 Thursday, 7:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross Service

4/7 Friday, 7:00 p.m.

Resurrection Easter Service Rehearsal

4/8 Saturday, 10:00 a.m.

Resurrection Easter Sunday

4/9 Sunday, 10 a.m.

Alleluia Banner Hunt

4/9 Sunday, 10 a.m. during Children's Chapel

Easter Egg Hunt

4/9 Sunday, 11:30 a.m.

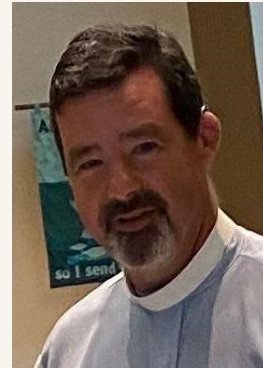
Bring a Friend to Church & Instructional Eucharist

4/23 Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

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From the Rector Fr. Doug Wasinger



A new television show called *HALO* started in March of 2022. The Paramount Plus website described it saying, "Dramatizing an epic 26th- century conflict between humanity and an alien threat known as the Covenant, *HALO* the series will weave deeply drawn personal stories with action, adventure and a richly imagined vision of the future. The series stars Master Chief, Spartan-117; Dr. Halsey, the brilliant, conflicted, and inscrutable creator of the Spartan super soldiers; and Cortana, the most advanced AI (aka artificial intelligence) in human history, and potentially the key to the survival of the human race." The show is based on an online game that is based on the novel *Halo: The Fall of Reach*, written by Eric Nylund. The series does an effective job fleshing out the human dynamics of ambition, self-righteousness, greed for personal power and status, and societies dealing with the threat of war. The main character, the Master Chief named John 117, slowly discovers his emotions and has his loyalty challenged as he recovers his childhood memories.

Sunday Worship Service:

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

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

Visit our website

Holy Week Schedule



Holy Week Schedule

rest of Holy Week:

- **4/6, Thursday, 7:00 p.m.**--Maundy Thursday--We're going to do something new this year at this service. After the stripping of the altar, we will move to the courtyard to hear the reading from John's Gospel. The Hour of Prayer will take place in the Sanctuary immediately after the service until 10:00 p.m.
- **4/7, Friday, 7:00 p.m.**--Stations of the Cross
- **4/8, Saturday, 10:00 a.m.**--Easter Resurrection Sunday Service Rehearsal
- **4/9, Sunday, 10:00 a.m.**--Easter Resurrection Sunday Service

CHANGE: Hunt for the Alleluia Banner during Children's Chapel

- **4/9, Sunday, 11:30 a.m.**--Easter Egg Hunt

Here is [a flyer](#) to print to give to friends and family to invite them to be a part of our Holy Week activities.

Easter News

Bring Noisemakers Easter Sunday

We want to celebrate Jesus's resurrection by making noise during the service each time the word "Alleluia" is said. How much fun is that!

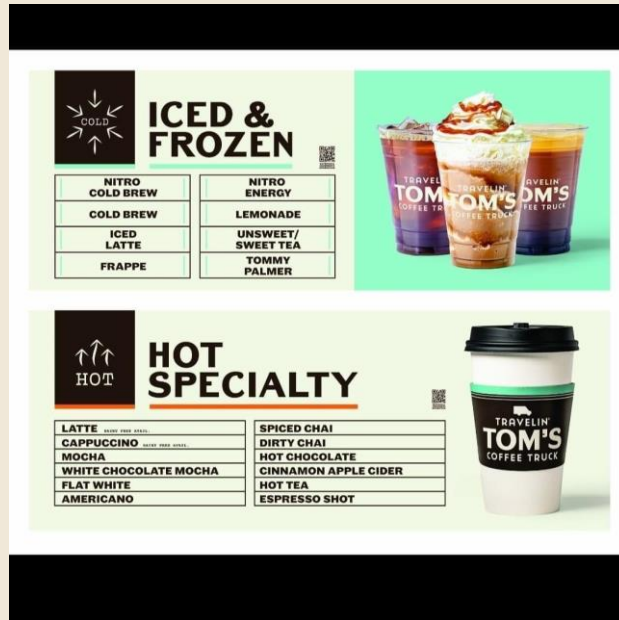
So get yourself a noisemaker and bring it with you. If you don't have one, just put some rice or beans in a container like a plastic egg or empty spice jar.



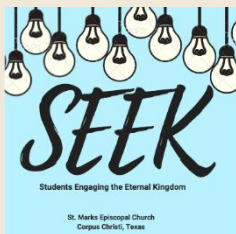


Travelin' Tom's Coffee Truck

Travelin' Tom's Coffee Truck will be here after the service Easter morning. One of our parishioners is graciously covering the cost for all of us to enjoy coffee from Travelin' Tom. The truck will be in the parking lot while the kids are hunting eggs. So, be sure to grab yourself a cup of coffee and try Travelin' Tom's out!



Children & SEEK Youth Group



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Children Activities:

Easter Egg Hunt Easter Sunday after the service at 11:30 a.m. Be sure to bring your baskets.

Youth Activities:

Help hide eggs for the egg hunt Sunday.

See the schedule for Holy Week for details on all that's going on this week.

Summer Camp Opportunities at Camp Capers

Registration is now open for:

Summer Camp:

- Senior High (10th-12th grade)
- Junior High (8th-9th grade)
- Intermediate (6th-7th grade)
- Primary (3rd-5th grade)

Here's a link to the [diocesan website](#) for registration and additional information.

Newcomer Ministry Meeting

Newcomer Ministry Meeting Sunday, April 16, after the Service

Do you enjoy visiting with new people? Would you like to help people get to know our St. Mark's Church family? If so, then consider coming to the meeting for newcomer ministry Sunday, April 16th, in the Fellowship Hall.



Bring a Friend to Church Sunday



Bring a Friend to Church Sunday April 23rd

We will have a designated Sunday for you to initially invite someone to come to church. You might even consider offering to pick them up to come with you.

Fr. Doug will also lead an Instruction Eucharist, which is a time designated in the service to explain why we do what we do and say what we say during the Holy Eucharist liturgy. This will be a great way for newcomers to learn about our liturgical service, and we might even learn something too!

Start thinking about others you would like to invite!

Queen Bee's Tea & Style Show

St. Bartholomew's Women's Group is hosting a tea to celebrate Earth Day Saturday, April 22.

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in the Parish Hall
622 Airline Rd.

*The Queen Bees' Afternoon
Tea and Style Show
April 22, 2-4pm
St. Bartholomew's Parish Hall.*



In honor of Earth Day, the style show models will wear clothes and accessories from local resale shops such as "Heart and Soul". Gifts and raffle items are also from resale as we are promoting the recycling movement.



(Tea and food items are not recycled.)

Tickets are now available.

\$15.00/person

For tickets call Robin Vahle at (443)996-8552.

Diocesan Events

Diocesan News



Relief Fund for Turkey and Syria--Click on [this link](#) if you'd like to donate to support relief efforts for the victims of the earthquakes.

Youth/Children's Camp at Camp Capers--For [information and registration](#), click here.

Diocesan ENews--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. 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 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.
- 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 [April schedule](#) for our ministries, which is still a work in progress. Please check each week to see if there are any changes.

April 6 - Thursday--Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m. - Holy Eucharist--Sanctuary

April 7 - Friday--Stations of the Cross

7:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross--Sanctuary

April 8 - Saturday

10:00 a.m. - Easter Resurrection Service Practice

April 9 - Sunday--Easter Resurrection Sunday

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

11:30 a.m. - Easter Egg Hunt--Courtyard

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

11:30 a.m. - Travelin' Tom's Coffee Truck--Parking Lot

April 10 - Monday

OFFICE CLOSED

April 11- Tuesday

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

April 12 - Wednesday

11:30 a.m. - Lunch with the Old Guys--Silverado Smokehouse, 4522 Weber Rd.

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

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

Helpful Links

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

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[St. Mark's Church Facebook Page](#)

[Diocese of West Texas](#)

[Diocesan Newsletter and Reflection Magazine](#)

[Denison Forum--News Discerned Differently](#)

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