

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

July 16, 2026

Upcoming Events

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7/18, Saturday

Food Distribution

7/20, Monday

Time of Contemplation and Healing Prayer

7/22, Wednesday

Galaxy Vacation Bible School

7/23-7/24, Thursday & Friday

Blood Drive

7/26, Sunday

Back to School Blessing

8/9, Sunday

Adult Confirmation Classes

8/16, Sunday



Reflections from the Rector



There is a unique teaching story, or parable, found only in the Gospel of Matthew titled "The Wheat and the Weeds." The story tells of a farmer who sowed good wheat seeds, only for an enemy to secretly sow weed seeds that same night. When the sabotage was discovered, the farmer was asked if he wanted the weeds to be pulled up right away. He responded, "No, because if you pull up the weeds, the wheat will be damaged too." Instead, he ruled that both should grow together until the harvest when they would finally be sorted—the wheat gathered into the barns, and the weeds bundled to be burned.

Jesus told parables to teach and prepare his disciples. So, what was the purpose of this story? What was the lesson to be learned?

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Sunday Worship Service

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

[Visit our website](#)

Access Plus Ramp Build



Access Plus Ramp Build Saturday, 7/18 2353 Lindsey St., Robstown

The ramp build for July is for a man named Jesus. He has been waiting quite some time for his ramp to be built. He and his family are looking forward to better access to his home.

NOTE: This is about 2 miles South of Banquette, Texas, off of FM 666. Google Maps will take you to the location.

If you're interested in being a part of this ministry, please come to the ramp build on Saturday. Doug Wayland and his team will be happy to train you. You don't need any construction experience, just a willing heart.

Cimarron Senior Apartments Ministry

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

**Food Distribution
Monday, 7/20, 11:30 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. If you have an hour or so to give, please consider helping with the monthly food distribution.

Time of Contemplation & Healing Prayer



Time of Contemplation and Healing Prayer

Wednesday, 7/22, 5:45 p.m.

If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, this service is for you. The first part of the service includes hearing scripture, listening to worship music, being

quiet before the Holy Spirit, and praying for people as a group. The second part is a time for individual prayer with prayer ministers.

The services are scheduled for the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Please consider joining us for prayers for yourself or someone you know, or to offer your prayers for others.

Vacation Bible School

Galaxy Vacation Bible School July 23 & 24

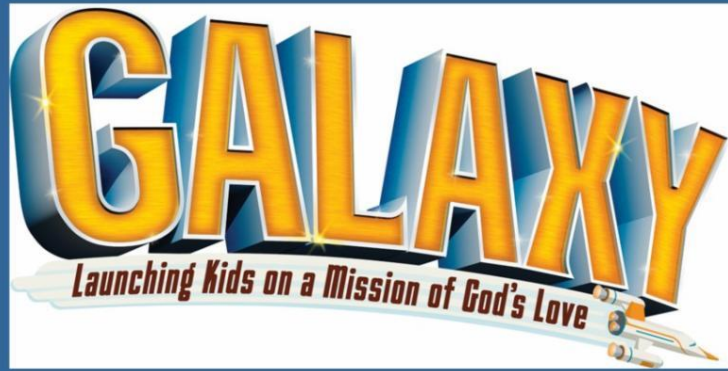
**Thursday, 7/23 and Friday, 7/24
9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.**



GALAXY is a two-day Vacation Bible School designed to launch kids on a mission of God's love. It will begin next week.

At the end of the day on Friday, Kona Ice will be here. Each child will receive a free cup of flavored shaved ice.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time to help and provided supplies or monetary gifts! What an investment in the kingdom of God!



Vacation Bible School

Thursday, 7/23 & Friday, 7/24

9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

For ages 3 through 5th grade

Come join Gizmo and have fun as we learn more about God's love for us and how we show His love to others.



Scan the QR code to register.

Blood Drive



Coastal Bend Blood Center

Giving so that others may live

Coastal Bend Blood Center Blood Drive Sunday, 7/26 9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The Coastal Bend Blood Center's mobile blood unit will be in our parking lot on Sunday, July 26th, for another blood drive. The incentive for donating is a T-shirt and a pair of Corpus Christi Hooks baseball tickets. Our goal for this drive is the same as in the past: 12 units of blood. Those twelve units of blood can help 36 people. We have met or surpassed that goal at every blood drive we've hosted. If you'd like to [schedule an appointment](#), here's a link to do so.

The Coastal Bend Blood Center is excited to announce that they transitioned to Donor QuickPass! Donor QuickPass is an easier, quicker, and more efficient way to donate blood. Donors must complete the QuickPass process on the day of your donation ONLY. [Here is a link to use.](#)

The gift of blood is a gift of life!

★ **STRIKE OUT THE BLOOD SHORTAGE** ★

**ST MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
BLOOD DRIVE**

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
SUNDAY, JULY 26	9:15 AM - 12:30 PM	2727 AIRLINE RD

★ **DONORS RECEIVE** ★

- ✓ BASEBALL T-SHIRT
- ✓ A PAIR OF HOOKS BASEBALL TICKETS

SCAN TO
SCHEDULE YOUR
APPOINTMENT

Coastal Bend Blood Center
Giving so that others may live

Appointments are recommended, walk-ins welcome. Donors will receive a T-Shirt & a pair of Hooks Baseball tickets. While supplies last.

Youth Christian Formation

Happening Weekend for Youth August 7th-9th Christ Episcopal Church San Antonio



Happenings are spiritual renewal weekends for older high school students, led by their peers. Any student in the 10th grade through 12th grade can attend. A small number of adults may also attend. Weekends tend to fill quickly, so don't delay! You will receive detailed information about the weekend via email after you register. Each Happening begins Friday at 7:00 p.m. sharp, and wraps up around 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. It is a lock-in, so prepare to stay the entire weekend. The registration fee is \$60.00.

Volunteer Hours App

MyTimeTithe

Track Your Volunteer Hours. Celebrate Your Service.

A simple app for St. Mark's volunteers to log hours and stay connected with your church community.

Scan the QR Code to Sign Up!

MyTimeTithe.org/stmarksgc

Created by Jeremy Wilkey

MyTimeTithe App to Track Volunteer Hours

The time we serve in ministry at St. Mark's, in the community, or in any other capacity matters and has economic value. Wouldn't it be interesting to know how much time we serve? Jeremy Wilkey developed an app for us to use to log those hours. You can [click on this link](#) or scan the QR code to get started.

Enter your name in the space provided. If it's your first time, click "Don't see your name? Add yourself" to enter your name. Then fill in the page that opens up. You will select the date, the number of hours you served, which ministry the hours were for, and you may add a note about your service if you'd like.

Christian Formation Summer Break

Adult Bible Study Class, SEEK Youth Group, and Children's Chapel Taking a Break for the Summer

The Adult Bible Study class, SEEK Youth Group, and Children's Chapel are taking a break for the summer. They will resume in the fall. We'll let you know when we have dates for that.



Timon's Ministry



Ministry in Partnership with Timon's Ministries

The volunteer work at Timon's Clothing Closet has been temporarily suspended due to changes in its hours of operation. We are hoping the volunteers can return soon to the ministry they have come to enjoy.

We will not be collecting items for the time being. Thank you!

Spiritual Growth Resources

Tools for Spiritual Disciplines



Here are some online resources to use for spiritual growth. Each one also has an app that you can download on your phone. Just search your app store to find them. Most of them are free; two have subscription fees, which are noted below.

YouVersion Holy Bible--Here's a [link to it online](#). You'll have access to the Bible in several different versions. There are Bible reading plans available. You can also search for a specific subject, such as prayer, and receive reading plans that span several weeks.

Forward Movement Day by Day Devotionals--Here's a [link to it online](#). Once you're on the site, you'll see many resources that you might enjoy.

The Daily Office--Here's a [link to it online](#). If you enjoy the Daily Office, this app makes it easy to access each day.

Centering Prayer--Here's a [link to it online](#). If you enjoy centering prayer, this app offers various ways to participate, including chimes and other sounds, that help you get to a place of inner peace and quiet.

Abide--Here's a [link to it online](#). This site includes meditations set to music, which are especially helpful to use before bed. There is a subscription fee for this one.

She Reads Truth--Here's a [link to it online](#). This one is specifically for women. There is a subscription fee for this one too.

Diocesan Events



Diocesan News

Cursillo Weekends-- There are two Cursillos planned for the fall. One at Mustand Island Conference Center, October 8-11, and a Spanish Cursillo at Camp Capers, November 5-8. [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 [July ministry schedule](#). Click here for the [July church calendar](#).

July 18 - Saturday

8:00 a.m. - Access Plus Ramp Build--2353 Lindsey St., Robstown

July 19 - Sunday

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

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

July 20 - Monday

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

11:15 a.m. - Food Distribution--Cimarron Senior Apartments, 2802 Cimarron Blvd.

6:30 p.m. - Vestry Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library

July 21 - Tuesday

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

July 22 - Wednesday

11:30 a.m. - Lunch with the Old Guys--Cafe Italia, 4117 S. Staples. St.

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

5:45 p.m. - Time of Contemplation & Healing Prayer--Sanctuary Chapel

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

July 23 - Thursday

9:00 a.m. - Galaxy Vacation Bible School--Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. - South Texas Amateur Radio Club--Fellowship Hall

July 24 - Friday

9:00 a.m. - Galaxy Vacation Bible School--Fellowship Hall

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

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[Diocese of West Texas](#)

[Diocesan Newsletter and Reflection Magazine](#)

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