

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

February 23, 2024

Upcoming Events

Bring a Friend to Church & Instructional Eucharist

2/25, Sunday

Soup & Study

2/28, Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

3/6, Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

Access Plus Ramp Build

2/29, Saturday, 8:00 a.m.

Inquirer's Class

3/3, Sunday 11:30 a.m.

From the Rector Fr. Doug Wasinger



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It was in my high school final semester when I read this quote: "It isn't that you aimed too high and missed, it was that you aimed too low and hit." That quote follows me around to this day. It is a guiding question for my personal efforts when it comes to accomplishing what is important in my life. I like to play it safe, yet safety is not always rewarding, or even satisfying, when it comes to living life fully.

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

Sunday Worship Service

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

[Visit our website](#)

Bring a Friend to Church



Bring a Friend to Church THIS Sunday, 2/25

This Sunday is our next Bring a Friend to Church Sunday. If you have invited someone, offer to pick them up and bring them with you. Your willingness to bring them may be just what they need to feel comfortable coming for the first time.

We will have an **Instructional Eucharist** during the service, so those who are new or newer to the Episcopal tradition will get an idea of what we do and why it is important. What a great opportunity for us and those who need to know Jesus!

Travelin' Tom's Coffee Truck will be back this Sunday, and our guests will receive a free cup of coffee on us. Coupon cards will be handed out to each guest before the service. Check out their menu blow.

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NITRO COLD BREW	NITRO ENERGY
COLD BREW	LEMONADE
ICED LATTE	UNSWEET/SWEET TEA
FRAPPE	TOMMY PALMER



HOT SPECIALTY	
LATTE	SPICED CHAI
CAPPUCCINO	DIRTY CHAI
MOCHA	HOT CHOCOLATE
WHITE CHOCOLATE MOCHA	CINNAMON APPLE CIDER
FLAT WHITE	HOT TEA
AMERICANO	ESPRESSO SHOT



Soup & Study Lenten Event

Lenten Soup & Study Wednesdays 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.



Our first Wednesday in our Soup and Study was well attended and the group had a good discussion of the first episode. This coming week we'll tackle episode two of season two. We'll begin each evening with a soup supper and move right into our discussion.

We will watch and discuss the first five of the eight episodes in the series. Here is the [link to the episode](#) to be discussed next Wednesday, 2/28. Angel Studios also has an app that you can download to access *The Chosen* if you'd prefer using that method. You may also access Angel Studios through this [link](#). Just be sure to select Season Two and the correct episode if you don't use the enclosed link.

Here are the guiding questions to keep in mind as you watch for this week:

- 1. In what ways have you experienced grief in your life? What has your response been to it?
- 2. In episode 2, Nathanael is grieving under the fig tree. While we don't actually know what he was thinking about in that moment, according to Psalm 34:18, "The Lord is near to the broken-hearted, and saves the crushed in spirit," what *do* we know?
- 3. According to Exodus 3:7, "Then the Lord said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings,'" what *do* we know?
- 4. According to 2 Corinthians 1:3-4, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God," what *do* we know?
- 5. How does knowing that Jesus experienced grief throughout His entire earthly life impact the way you see your own grief?

There will also be questions that will guide the discussion each week, which will be available on Wednesdays.

If you would like to receive updates and information for each week by text message, please scan the QR code below to sign up.

We hope you will join us on Wednesday! It will be another lively study of the life of Jesus.



Access Plus Ramp Build



Ramp Build
1633 Karen St.
Thursday, 2/29
Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

If you enjoy working with your hands or power tools, please consider being part of the Access Plus Ramp Building Team. You don't need any experience, just a willing heart. Doug Wayland will be happy to train you.

The February ramp build is for a man who is unable to get in and out of his home safely. What a blessing this will be for him and those who care for him!

Inquirer's Class

Inquirer's Class
Sunday, March 3rd after the Service

Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 3rd for the next Inquirer's Class. If you're new or newer to St. Mark's, or would simply like to learn more about the church, make plans to attend. Please let the office know if you intend to come, or sign up on your Connection Card this Sunday.



Adult Bible Study



Adult Bible Study of
the Gospel of Mark
Sundays at 12:00 p.m.

All are welcome to join the Bible study. Come to one week, or come to them all. The class meets in the fellowship hall at noon and ends around 1:00 p.m. Grab a cup of coffee and some snacks, then head over to the designated tables to sit down.

Here are links for past study dates and the upcoming Sunday:

[the introduction](#) to the class
[map of the Sea of Galilee](#)
[chapter one](#) study notes
[chapter two](#) study notes
[chapter three](#) study notes

[chapter four](#) study notes
[chapter five](#) study notes
[chapter six](#) study notes
[chapter seven](#) study notes

Youth Group & Children's Ministry

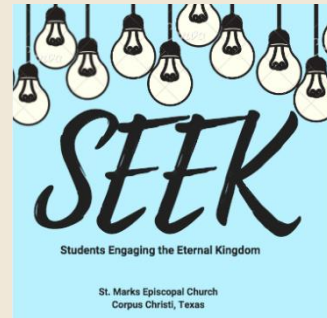
SEEK Youth Group Meets Sundays at 11:30 a.m.

Youth Group will meet this Sunday to share Highs and Lows, chat about the day's Gospel reading, and pray together. Grab some refreshments and head to the Youth Room after the service.

On Sunday, March 3rd, youth group will go to Corpus Christi Nursing and Rehab Center next door right after the service to play bingo with the residents. They are looking forward to the kids coming to see them and getting the opportunity to win some cool prizes.

Youth Sunday will be May 12th, which is also Mother's Day. We will hear from some of our seniors who will be graduating, our youth will serve during the service, and the loose offering and any designated gifts will go to support our Youth Endowment Fund for scholarships.

There will be a **Happening** at St. David's Episcopal Church in San Antonio March 1-3 for high school students in the tenth through twelfth grade. The registration fee is \$60. Here's a [link for more information](#).



New Texting Service



New Church Text Service

Our search is over! We have found a text service that should work for us. A text message went out introducing the new service a few weeks ago. The phone number that it originated from is (361) 326-3599. You might want to add the number to your contact list, so you'll know any messages from this number are from St. Mark's.

If you opted out because you were unsure about the origin of the message, you may still be included in the general text group by texting the word "Member" to (361) 326-3599 and you will be added to the group. You may also contact the church office at (361) 994-0285, or email Judy at judy@stmarksc.org. If you didn't receive the original message but want to receive messages from the church, please use one of the above methods to join the group.

This new service will allow us to create ministry text groups which will allow the leaders to communicate with their team members and the members with their leader. We're in the process of setting up those groups and will have more information available soon. Stay tuned!

Altar Flowers

Open Dates to Sponsor Altar Flowers

There are four Sundays in 2024 that do not have sponsors for the altar flowers. The dates available are:

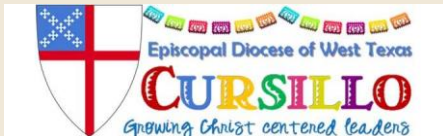
- 3/31--Easter
- 5/5
- 12/22
- 12/29

If you would like to sponsor one of these Sundays, please let Judy know by calling her at (361) 994-0285 or emailing her at judy@stmarksc.org so she can add you to the flower calendar.



You will receive an email before the month of your designated Sunday asking how you would like the dedication on the back of the bulletin to read. Instructions on payment (\$55) will be included.

Women's Reunion Groups

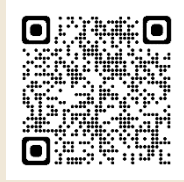


Cursillo Women's Reunion Groups

Calling all St. Mark's women who have made their Cursillo! New **reunion groups** are being formed. (Both daytime and evening times are possible.) Please contact Pam Cater at (361) 446-4498 or at pamela.j.cater@gmail.com, if you are interested in participating in a group or just being kept informed of upcoming Cursillo events and activities.

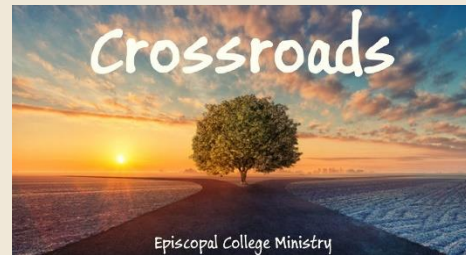
The next **Cursillo** will be at Camp Capers, March 14-17. Here's a [link for more information](#). You may also visit with Pam if you're interested in going. The next Cursillo to be held at Mustang Island Conference Center is scheduled for May 2-5, but registration information is not available yet. If you're interested in attending, please keep checking the link above. Looking ahead, two Cursillos are scheduled for the fall, October 3-6 at Mustang Island Retreat Center, and November 7-10 at Camp Capers.

Crossroads Ministry



Crossroads Ministry to College Students and Young Adults

St. Mark's is continuing to work to establish the Crossroads ministry to college students and young adults at the Del Mar Heritage Campus and Texas A&M Corpus Christi Campus. Above is a QR code to access information to join a text group for students interested in this ministry.



Please keep our efforts to engage with college students and young adults in a real way in your prayers. Thank you!

Vacation Time



Help us Send Judy on a Vacation

Hi everybody!

I have started a [go fund me](#) account for our beloved Judy Netek to help with vacation expenses. Give as you feel led -- no gift is too big or too small. If you can't give financially, please support our efforts with prayer.

We want to show Judy how much we value and appreciate her! Many thanks to those who have already donated! If you have any questions or would prefer to donate with cash or check, please contact me at 214-762-8792 or molwandel@gmail.com or talk to me at church on Sunday!

Love. Molly

Diocesan Events

Diocesan News



Council News--Diocesan Council began today and will run through Saturday at noon. Please keep Council, our representatives, and all who will participate in your prayers.

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 worshipping 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.
- 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 [February schedule](#) for our ministries, which is an ongoing work in progress. Please check each week to see if there are any changes. Here's a link to the [February calendar](#).

February 25 - Sunday

10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist with Instructional Eucharist--Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. - Travelin' Tom's Coffee Truck--Church Parking Lot
11:30 a.m. - Coffee Hour--Fellowship Hall
11:30 a.m. - SEEK Youth Group--Fellowship Hall Youth Room
12:00 p.m. - Gospel of Mark Bible Study--Fellowship Hall

February 26 - Monday

Office Closed for an In-service Day

February 27 - Tuesday

7:30 a.m. - Women's Reunion Group--Corner Bakery, 4938 S. Staples St..
9:30 a.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library

February 28- Wednesday

12:00 p.m. - Prayer Group--Fellowship Hall Library
6:00 p.m. - Lenten Soup & Study--Fellowship Hall Library

February 29 - Thursday

8:00 a.m. - Access Plus Ramp Build--1633 Karen St.

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

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