

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

May 1, 2025

Upcoming Events

Welcome Liturgy

5/4, Sunday

Conversations with God Bible Study at Cimarron Senior Apartments

5/6, Tuesday

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5/11, Sunday

Access Plus Ramp Build

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Food Delivery at Cimarron Senior Apartments

5/19, Monday

Ultreya

5/24, Saturday

Memorial Day

5/26, Monday

Adult Bible Study & Youth Group

Sundays after the service

From the Rector by Fr. Doug Wasinger



During a conversation with a member of St. Mark's I was asked, with an implied tone, if it is my understanding that my job requires me to convince people to follow Jesus? My apparently surprising response was, "No, that is the Holy Spirit's work. My job is to share the good news about Jesus. It is God who takes care of the rest." When God acts, are we also surprised? Do we look at Jesus with disbelief when he indicates that the ones who can heal us are the same people who need healing from us? I think God giggles at our stunned expression. When we act on this paradox and it works, are we shocked to find out that God really does know what is best for all of us? Paul's encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus is such a story.

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Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

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Welcome Liturgy



Newest Members Welcomed THIS Sunday, 5/4

May 4th will be another special day in the life of our church as we welcome four new families into the family of St. Mark's. Please make plans to come to support them and celebrate our new life together, and read their bios below to learn a little about them.

Noah, Sahara, Emma, and Everette Farris

Noah, Sahara, Emma, and Everette have been attending St. Mark's since August of last year. Everette is enjoying his time in the nursery on Sunday mornings. Emma attends Flour Bluff High School and is a member of the ROTC. Noah has participated in the Access Plus Ramp Ministry ramp builds. He and Sahara have jumped in to serve in many other ways as well.

Hanna, Melody, Ember, and Amelia Hankins-Munguia

Hello, from the Hankins-Munguia Family! We recently joined St. Mark's and are excited to become part of this wonderful community. We are from Corpus Christi. I have worked in IT since 2011 at a local staffing and HR company. Melody is currently 8 but is looking forward to her 9th birthday on May 9th. Ember is 6, and Amelia is 4. Melody and Ember are attending Cullen Place Elementary together this year, however, next year Ember will start 1st grade at Windsor Park. Amelia is currently in Pre K classes at St. Bartholomew's Academy. For fun, we love to try new restaurants, do arts and crafts together (most recently painted jewelry boxes), or cuddle with our puppies while we watch Disney shows. We also enjoy exploring local tourist attractions on our stay-cations during their school breaks. We look forward to growing in our faith here at St. Mark's. Thank you for welcoming us with open arms!

Evan, Liz, Glenn, and Jackie Henrich

The Henrich family relocated to Corpus Christi in 2023 but has only been attending services at St. Mark's since January of this year. Evan is a pilot in the US Navy, currently working as an instructor pilot after having previously flown the P8 in two overseas deployments. Liz "retired" from engineering to be a stay-at-home mom to Glenn (turning two in July) and baby Jackie (five months old). In the past few years, they have moved quite a bit, being stationed in Washington, Florida, and Corpus Christi back in 2018. Evan is originally from Cleveland, and Liz is from Pittsburgh. The two met in college at the University of Akron and have been happily married for six years. Before kids they had an active lifestyle, enjoying skiing, camping, and mountain-biking. After kids being active means walks in the neighborhood and occasional trips to the aquarium to see the flamingos. The family expects to move again in early 2026, but for now, they live in Flour Bluff with their one dog, one cat, and five chickens.

Ferman and Anna Rivera

Ferman C. Rivera and Anna E. Rivera met during their senior year at W.B. Ray High School. They first dated in the summer of 1977, right after graduation. They were married on November 12, 1977 (47 years) and have been together since. They have three grown children: Ferman G. Rivera III (46), Fernando G. Rivera (43), and Alisse E. Rivera-Villarreal (34). They were blessed with three granddaughters: Madelynn Rivera, Lillyann Rivera, and Aleah Villarreal, and two great-grandchildren: Avery Rivera and Autumn Arnold. Anna worked at Memorial and Spohn Hospital for 25 years as an emergency room admitting clerk, outpatient clerk, and insurance clerk. Ferman worked as a design draftsman for seven years and as an operator/trainer and step-up supervisor at Flint Hills Resources Refinery for 33 years. They are both enjoying their retirement. They were members of the Church of Reconciliation Episcopal Church until its closing. Ferman was an Eucharistic Minister and Lector. Ferman and Anna were choir members as well.

Youth Sunday and Mother's Day

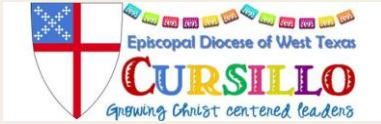
Youth Sunday and Mother's Day May 11

Next 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.

Cursillo Weekend



Cursillo Weekend May 1-4 Mustang Island Conference Center

The Cursillo weekend starts today. Please keep those who are participating in your prayers. There are five members from St. Mark's attending: Patsy Coleman, Jeremy and Chrystal Wilkey, and Bill and Terry Wright. Please pray that this weekend will be a wonderful blessing to them all.

Youth & Children's Ministry

SEEK Youth Group

Youth Group Meeting--All middle school or 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--Mark your calendars for Youth Sunday on May 11th. We would like to see as many of the youth serving that Sunday as possible. Please let Mrs. Molly know if you'd like to serve as a greeter, an usher, or a reader. May 11th is also Mother's Day, so we'll need help passing out their acknowledgement gifts.

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 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.



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, 5/6, 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

The Adult Bible Study Group meets in the fellowship hall library at 11:45 a.m. You may bring your Bibles if you'd like; however, there will be some available if you need one. Grab some refreshments and join in the conversation.

The group is studying the book of Philippians; however, you may join in at any time.

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 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. 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 4 - Sunday--Welcome Sunday

- 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
- 11:45 a.m. - Adult Bible Study--Fellowship Hall Library

May 5 - 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 6 - Tuesday

- 7:30 a.m. - Women's Reunion Group--Corner Bakery Café, 4928 S. Staples St.
- 11:30 a.m. - Conversations with God Bible Study--Cimarron Senior Apartments, 2802 Cimarron Blvd.

May 7 - Wednesday.

- 11:30 a.m. - Lunch with the Old Guys--Nolan's Restaurant, 4117 S. Staples St.
- 12:00 p.m. - Prayer Group--Fellowship Hall Library
- 6:30 p.m. - Men's Reunion Group--Nolan's Restaurant--7426 S. Staples St.

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

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