

# St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

May 15, 2025

## Upcoming Events

### 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--Office Closed

### Pentecost Sunday

6/8, Sunday

### Father's Day

6/15, Sunday

### Coastal Bend Blood Center Blood Drive

6/22, Sunday

### Annual Bishop's Visit

6/29, Sunday

## From the Rector by Fr. Doug Wasinger



Jesus is not an easy guy to follow. His standards are extremely high, and I find his commands at times unrealistic. I wonder if Jesus was completely serious about his expectations because what we have been told seems nearly, if not impossible, to do. I would prefer to be selective concerning what I will and will not do as a follower of Jesus; however, I acknowledge that Jesus does not give me that choice. What is clear is that Jesus made his choice: he loves all of us. Jesus made it clear that he loves his enemies as well as his closest friends who betrayed him at his time of greatest need. Before he left to face those who accused him of being kind toward others, along with blasphemy, he told us to do likewise. That is an easy ask if others are kind to us, but what are we to do when we experience hostility?

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## **Sunday Worship Service**

Morning Prayer at 10:00 a.m.

[Visit our website](#)

## **Access Plus Ramp Build**



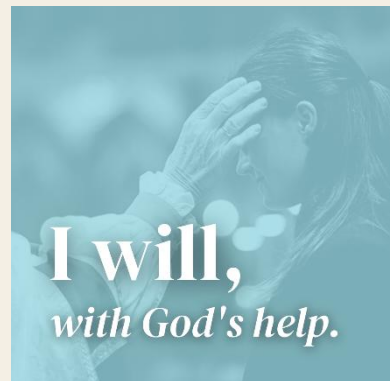
### **Access Plus Ramp Build 722 W. Cornelia Cir. THIS Saturday, May 17th, 8:00 a.m.**

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 a 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 bulletin this Sunday,. You may also contact Judy in the office by calling her at (361) 994-0285 or emailing her at [judy@stmarksgcc.org](mailto:judy@stmarksgcc.org) to sign up. We need to know by Wednesday, 5/21, if you plan to attend.



**I will,  
with God's help.**

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.

## Ultreya Event



**Ultreya Event**  
**All Saints' Episcopal Church**  
**3024 S. Staples St.**  
**Saturday, May 24th, 1:00 p.m.**

All Saints' Episcopal Church is hosting the next Ultreya event. If you've participated in a Cursillo weekend, please consider attending this gathering. Everyone is asked to bring a dessert to share with their fellow Cursillistas.

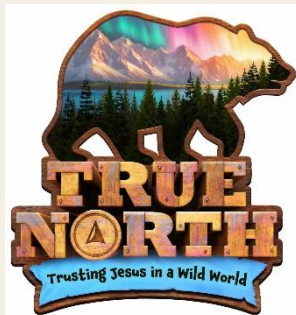
## Youth & Children's Ministry

### SEEK Youth Group

**Youth Group Meeting--**The Youth Group will take a break during the summer, but fun monthly events are being organized. Check back here for details once the planning is finalized.



## 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 with 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.



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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 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 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 schedule for our ministries during the [month of May](#). Click here for the [May church calendar](#).

#### **May 18 - Sunday**

10:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer--Sanctuary

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

#### **May 19 - Monday**

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

11:30 a.m. - Food Distribution--Cimarron Senior Apartments, 2802 Cimarron Blvd.

#### **May 20 - Tuesday**

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

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

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

#### **May 21 - Wednesday.**

11:30 a.m. - Lunch with the Old Guys--Niko's Steakhouse, 5409 Saratoga Blvd.

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 22 - Thursday**

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

#### **May 24 - Saturday**

1:00 p.m. - Ultreya--All Saints' Episcopal Church, 3026 S. Staples St.

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

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