

# St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

March 21, 2024

## Upcoming Events

### Palm Sunday

3/24, Sunday 10 a.m. begin in the Fellowship Hall

### Noonday Services

3/25, Monday 12:15 p.m.

3/26, Tuesday 12:15 p.m.

3/27, Wednesday 12:15 p.m.

### Acolyte Maundy Thursday Rehearsal

3/27, Wednesday 5:30 p.m.

### Maundy Thursday

3/28, Thursday 7:00 p.m.

### Hour of Prayer

3/28, Thursday 8:30 p.m.

### Stations of the Cross

3/29, Friday 7:00 p.m.

### Easter Service Rehearsal

3/30, Saturday 10:00 a.m.

### Easter Sunday

3/31, Sunday 10:00

Easter Egg Hunt 11:30 a.m.

Mimosas & Treats 11:30 a.m.

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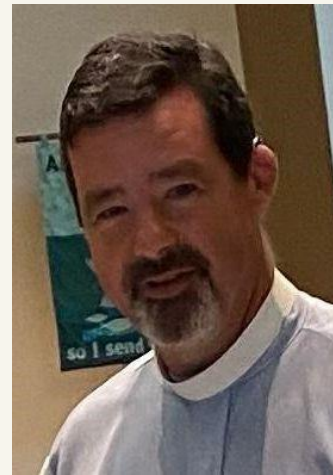
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## From the Rector Fr. Doug Wasinger



Growing up, I listened to leadership lessons from my granddad. He was a retired Air Force colonel and had served in several combat theaters during his career. He instilled in me the idea that good leaders are more concerned about the well-being of others than themselves. I took this lesson to heart, so when I was responsible for managing restaurants, I devoted my efforts to making sure that the employees had the tools to do their job. When the Bishop of Wyoming in the mid-1990s shared his vision of how the Church would function in the future with priests becoming coaches and the members of their congregations being supported in their ministries by the priests, I entered the priesthood with the clear personal understanding that I would be the oil and the people would be the engine that drives Christ's ministry. My responsibility is to facilitate the ministries of others for the glory of God.

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## Sunday Worship Service

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

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## Church Work Day



### Work Day THIS Saturday, March 23rd Beginning at 7:30 a.m.

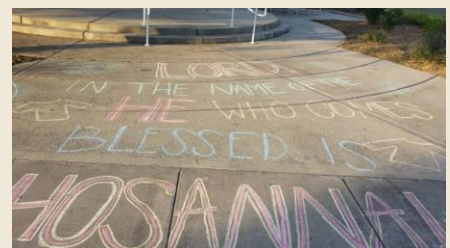
Come early Saturday, the 23rd, to work on the grounds, including the King's Forest, to spruce up the property for Easter Sunday. Bill Wright will have jobs, ranging from small to more complex, for those who are able to come. Be sure to bring work gloves. If you have a weed eater, please consider bringing that too. Having several people using weed eaters will make the job easier.

There will also be a group working on the interior of the sanctuary. Please bring your favorite cleaning products and tools to help with the process. There will be something for everyone.

## Holy Week Activities

### Holy Week Activities

Palm Sunday which marks the beginning of Holy Week is THIS Sunday, **March 24th**. As is our tradition, children, youth, and adults will gather on **Saturday, March 23rd**, to fill our sidewalks with beautiful sidewalk chalk art depicting Palm Sunday. The festivities will begin at 10:00 a.m. with doughnuts.



Immediately after the chalk art event, those who would like to help fill plastic Easter eggs with candy and other goodies will head over to the fellowship hall to begin that task. Any remaining eggs will be filled Palm Sunday after the service.

**Palm Sunday:** Everyone will gather in the fellowship hall at 10:00 a.m. where the blessing of the palms will take place. After the blessing, we will all receive palm branches and then process to the front entrance of the sanctuary singing "Hosanna". There, Fr. Doug will say a prayer after everyone has gathered outside at the front doors. Afterward, we'll process into the sanctuary singing "All Glory, Laud, and Honor."

We will leave the sanctuary in silence after the service. So, we won't have coffee hour or Bible study this Sunday.

**REHEARSALS:**

3/27, Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. **Acolyte** Rehearsal for Maundy Thursday

3/30, Saturday at 10:00 a.m. Easter Service Rehearsal

We will have **mimosas and refreshments** available in the courtyard while the kids are participating in the Easter Egg Hunt after the Easter service.

Below is the Holy Week Schedule. There will be printed copies available Sunday for you to take to use as invitations to invite friends and family to join us for our Easter Resurrection Service. Here is [a PDF](#) for you to print as well.



**EASTER**  
CHANGES EVERYTHING

**Join us for Holy Week**  
**March 24 through March 31**

<b>Sunday 10:00 a.m.</b>	Palm Sunday
<b>Monday—Wednesday 12:15 p.m.</b>	Noonday Prayer
<b>Thursday 7:00 p.m.</b>	Maundy Thursday Service
<b>9:00-10:00 p.m.</b>	Hour of Prayer
<b>Friday 7:00 p.m.</b>	Stations of the Cross
<b>Sunday 10:00 a.m.</b>	Easter Resurrection Service Flowering of the Cross Alleluia Banner Hunt
<b>11:30 a.m.</b>	Easter Egg Hunt & Celebration

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2727 Airline Rd.  
[www.stmarkscc.org](http://www.stmarkscc.org)

## Easter Egg Fillers



### Easter Egg Fillers Due Sunday, 3/24

We **REALLY** need your help to fill hundreds of plastic Easter eggs for our annual Easter Egg Hunt, which will take place immediately after the service Easter morning. Stickers, small toys, Easter trinkets, and candy are all good options for fillers. There are boxes in the entryway to the sanctuary and on a table in the fellowship hall for your donations.

## Easter Lily Plants

### Sponsor Easter Lily Plants Deadline is Sunday, 3/24

Each year we use Easter lily plants to decorate our altar. This is a wonderful opportunity to honor someone special or thank God for a significant event in your life. There will be lily dedication forms in your bulletins this Sunday, or you may print one by [clicking here](#) to fill out and bring Sunday. Please put your dedication form along with your \$13 donation for the plant in the offering basket.



## Diaper Drive & Baby Shower



### Diaper Drive and Baby Shower for the Thomas Family

Matthew and Hannah Thomas are expecting a little girl, whose name will be Rosemary (Rosie) June on March 22nd.

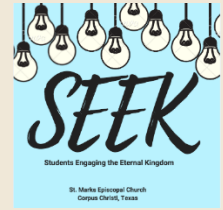
To show the Thomas family a little love, we started a diaper drive, which will culminate in a baby shower the Sunday that little Rosie is baptized. There are two possible dates, April 14th or the 21st. A date will be decided after she arrives. If you'd like to help with the shower, please contact Judy in the church office at (361) 994-0285, or email her at [judy@stmarksc.org](mailto:judy@stmarksc.org). Here is a link to their [baby registry](#).

If you'd like to participate in the diaper drive, please leave a package of diapers on either brown bench in the sanctuary entryway or on the designated table in the fellowship hall.

Hannah's friend organized a meal train for them, which you may participate in as well. You may sign up to provide a meal, a gift card to a restaurant or to Door Dash. Here is a [link to the information](#).

## Youth Group & Children's Ministry

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



Youth Group will meet after the service to finish up stuffing the plastic Easter eggs, if need be.

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

## Adult Bible Study



### Adult Bible Study of the Gospel of Mark Will NOT Meet this Sunday

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

[chapter eight](#) study notes

[chapter nine](#) study notes

[chapter ten](#) study notes

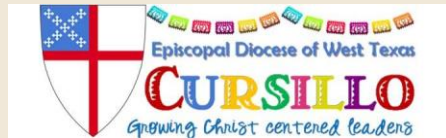
## Collecting Gardening Tools

### Gardening Tools for Corpus Christi Nursing & Rehabilitation Center

The activities director at Corpus Christi Nursing and Rehab Center next door has asked us to collect gardening tools, gloves, and other gardening equipment that their residents could use in a new garden area that the staff is building for them. Please bring any items you wish to donate to the church office.



## 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](mailto: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 Mustang Island Retreat Center, May 2-5. Here's a link for [more information](#). You may also visit with Pam if you're interested in going.

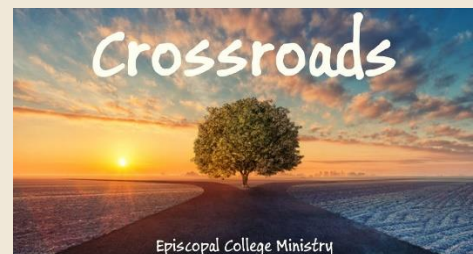
Looking ahead, two Cursillos are scheduled for the fall, October 3-6 at Mustang Island Retreat Center and November 7-10 at Camp Capers.

## 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!

## Diocesan Events



## Diocesan News

**Council News**--Please use the link below to the diocesan ENews for videos and other reports on Council. Here is a link to Bishop Read's [closing remarks](#) at the end of Council.

**EclipseFest**-- at Camp Capers April 7-9--For details [click here](#).

**Diocesan ENews**--To stay informed of 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 [March 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 [March calendar](#).

#### **March 23 - Saturday**

7:30 a.m. - Church Workday--Outdoors, King's Forest & Sanctuary  
10:00 a.m. - Hosanna Chalk Art Event--Sidewalk outside Sanctuary

#### **March 24 - Sunday--Palm Sunday**

10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist--Begin in Fellowship Hall  
**NO Coffee Hour**

#### **March 25- Monday**

9:30 a.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library  
12:15 p.m. - Noonday Prayer--Sanctuary Chapel

#### **March 26 - Tuesday**

7:30 a.m. - Women's Reunion Group--Corner Bakery, 4938 S. Staples St.  
12:15 p.m. - Noonday Prayer--Sanctuary Chapel

#### **March 27 - Wednesday**

8:10 a.m. - Clothing Sorting--Timon's Ministries, 10501 S. Padre Island Dr.  
12:15 p.m. - Noonday Prayer--Sanctuary Chapel  
5:30 p.m. - Acolyte Maundy Thursday Rehearsal—Sanctuary



**March 28 - Thursday**

7:00 p.m. - Maundy Thursday Service--Sanctuary

8:30 p.m. - Hour of Prayer--Sanctuary

**March 29 - Friday**

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

**March 30 - Saturday**

10:00 a.m.- Easter Sunday Service Rehearsal--Sanctuary

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

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