

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

March 7, 2024

Upcoming Events

Daylight Savings Time Begins

3/10, Sunday

Spring Break

3/11-15

Soup & Study

3/13, Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

3/20, Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

Lector Training

3/17, Sunday 11:30 a.m.

Holy Week Services

3/24-3/29

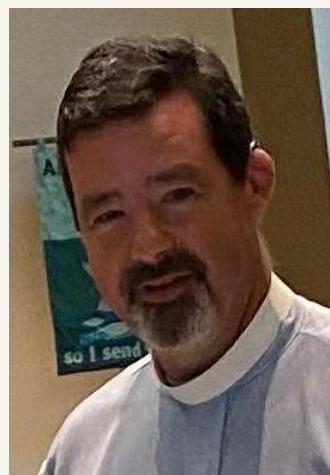
Easter Sunday

3/31, Sunday

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From the Rector Fr. Doug Wasinger



At most major sporting events or other well-televised gatherings, a sign seems to find its way into the frame: John 3:16. This is a reference to the Gospel of John, the third chapter, and the sixteenth verse. It is a familiar sentence: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life." Most people find this to be inspiring and comforting, while others are skeptical and interpret this claim to be exclusive.

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

Sunday Worship Service

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

[Visit our website](#)

Daylight Savings Begins

Daylight Savings
Begins
this Weekend



Easter Egg Fillers



Easter Egg Fillers Needed

We 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.

Soup & Study Lenten Event

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

Our Wednesday meetings have been well attended and the group has had good discussions. This coming week we'll discuss episode four of season two, beginning the evening with a soup supper and moving right into our discussion. This week the Altar Guild is providing minestrone soup.



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, 3/13. 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 this week:

- 1. What are some things you have assumed would bring you contentment and satisfaction? Did they? Why or why not?
- 2. Imagine Simon the Zealot's early days with Jesus: a brave, reckless, passionate, and angry young man spending hours on end with the promised Messiah he'd been waiting for. Yet, rather than satisfying Simon's thirst for revenge against the Romans or his longing to see Israel reinstated as a free, self-ruling nation in the Promised Land, Jesus enlisted Simon to listen and learn and serve the least of these. What do you think about this?
- 3. How would waiting eagerly and looking forward to the coming of the day of God change the way you see and respond to the culture, to your circumstances, and to your earthly hopes and dreams, whether realized or not?
- 4. What are the things you find yourself hungering and thirsting for?

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.



Easter Lily Plants



Sponsor Easter Lily Plants

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.

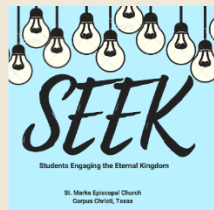
Diaper Drive

Diaper Drive for the Thomas Family

Matthew and Hannah Thomas are expecting a little girl near the end of March, and that means they'll need diapers! If you'd like to share some love with the family, please leave a package of diapers on a brown bench in the sanctuary entryway or on the designated table in the fellowship hall.



Youth Group & Children's Ministry



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

Youth Group will meet after church to discuss Highs and Lows and a reading from the Bible. Grab some refreshments after the service and join Mrs. Molly in the Youth Room.

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 college scholarships.

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

Lector Training



Lector Training Sunday, 3/17, at 11:30 a.m.

Reading scripture during our worship service is one way to serve on Sundays. If serving in that capacity appeals to you, please come to the lector training with Doug Wayland on March 17. He will begin right after the service around 11:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. Please let him know if you are interested by calling him at (361) 813-1781 or Judy in the office at (361) 994-0285.

Holy Week Activities

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Palm Sunday is **March 24th** and marks the beginning of Holy Week. As is our tradition, children, youth, and adults will gather **Saturday, March 23rd** to fill our sidewalks with beautiful sidewalk 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 fillers will head over to the fellowship hall to begin that task. Any remaining eggs will be filled Palm Sunday after the service.

Below is the Holy Week Schedule. There will be copies available for you to take to use as invitations to invite friends and family to join us for our Easter Resurrection Service.



Join us for Holy Week March 24 through March 31

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Palm Sunday

Monday—Wednesday 12:15 p.m.
Noonday Prayer

Thursday 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service
9:00-10:00 p.m. Hour of Prayer

Friday 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Easter Resurrection Service
Flowering of the Cross
Alleluia Banner Hunt
11:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt & Celebration

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
2727 Airline Rd.
www.stmarkscc.org

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.

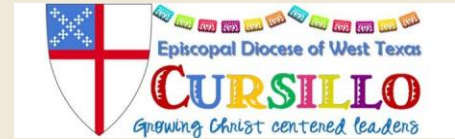
If you opted out because you were unsure about the origin of the message, you may still be included in the general text group by texting the word "Member" to (361) 326-3599 and you will be added to the group. You may also contact the church office at (361) 994-0285, or email Judy at judy@stmarkscc.org. 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 ministry leaders to communicate with their team members. We're in the process of setting up those groups and will have more information available soon. Stay tuned!

Women's Reunion Groups

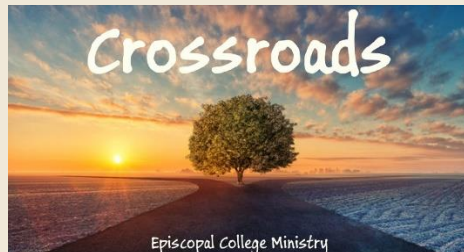
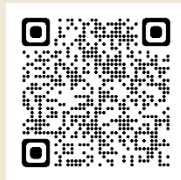
Cursillo Women's Reunion Groups

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! I'll be accepting donations for two more weeks.

Love. Molly

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 10 - Sunday

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

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

March 11- Monday

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

March 12 - Tuesday

7:30 a.m. - Women's Reunion Group--Corner Bakery, 4938 S. Staples St..

March 13- Wednesday

8:10 a.m. - Clothing Sorting--Timons Ministry, 10501 S. Padre Island Dr.

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

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

March 16 - Saturday

8:00 a.m. - Access Plus Ramp Build--5029 Kosarek St.

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

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[St. Mark's Church Facebook Page](#)

[Diocese of West Texas](#)

[Diocesan Newsletter and Reflection Magazine](#)