

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

October 5, 2023

Upcoming Events

Sundays:

Study of the Gospel of Mark

11:30 a.m.

SEEK Youth Group

11:30 a.m.

Game Night

10/18, Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

Honor Choir Visit

10/22, Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Fall Festival

10/28, Saturday 9:00 a.m.

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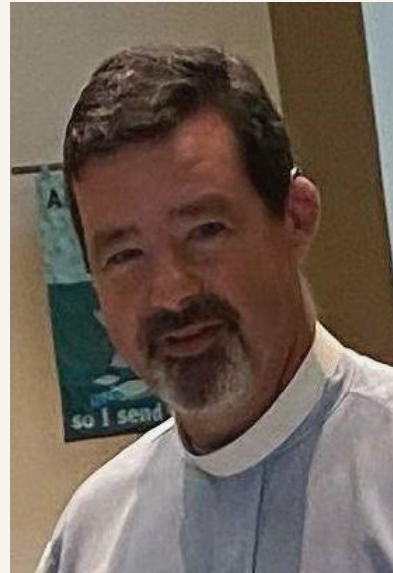
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Sunday Worship Service

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

From the Rector

Fr. Doug Wasinger



A fact that most people may not know about me is that I was a cheerleader in high school and college. I was more like a “yell leader” who provided my voice and energy to excite the crowds and help the athletes in their sports. When I was in college, our cheerleading coach pointed to the banners that hung on the walls of the gymnasium and informed us that we were part of that history. Cheerleaders play an important role in the success of the teams as they compete. I have carried that insight throughout my adult life, preferring to encourage people to be at their best in all that they do in life. My priestly ministry has this strong emphasis, as I see myself being an encourager for others to follow their prompting to serve Christ in their lives.

To read the rest of the article, [click here](#).

Visit our website

Adult Bible Study



New Adult Bible Study of the Gospel of Mark Sundays, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

The first class was very well attended, and everyone enjoyed it. If you missed the first session, please join this Sunday. It's not too late.

The class will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30 a.m. and will end around 12:30 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

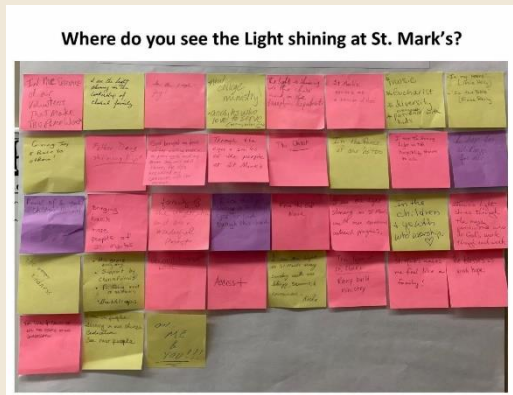
[chapter two](#) study notes

Shining Your Light Responses

Where do you see the Light shining at St. Mark's?

The last two Sundays we asked people to respond to the above question. Thirty-five people submitted a response. Here's a sampling of them:

- "The love and caring of all the people in our congregation."
- "In the service of our volunteers that make this place work."
- "St. Mark's serves as a beacon of hope."
- "Fr. Doug's shining light."



All the responses will be available in the fellowship hall for you to read.

Our question for the next two Sundays is: "Where do you see your light shining at St. Mark's?" Thank you for your help with this little project!

Game Night



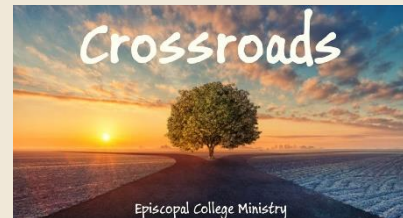
Game Night Wednesday, 10/18, 6:30 p.m.

We had so much fun at the last game night that we've decided to do it again! If you didn't get to come last time, make plans to join us on October 18th. You are welcome to bring a snack to share.

Lemonade and water will be provided.

Crossroads College & Young Adult Ministry

Crossroads Table Talk Thursdays, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Del Mar College

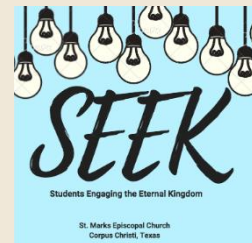


The ministry to college students and young adults began today and will continue weekly every Thursday beginning at 12:00 p.m. Del Mar College is hosting the gathering in the Harvin Student Center in Conference Room #1. Fr. Doug will lead a themed discussion each week to offer a safe place for those who are curious about faith to come learn and share their lives.

Youth Group

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

Youth group will meet right after the worship service, so grab a snack and a drink, and bring them with you to the youth room. Come see everyone and catch up!



Honor Choir Visit



The Children's Honor Choir Back for Visit Sunday, October 22

A few years ago The Children's Honor Choir shared their musical talent with us during our worship service and during lunch. They will return October 22 for

another visit, so be sure to mark your calendars.

Fall Festival

Fall Festival
Saturday, 10/28,
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



We will team up with Kindercare Daycare centers to host our Fall Festival. You will be able to sign up to volunteer to help with games, participate in the Trunk or Treat, or volunteer in other capacities on a goldenrod insert that can be found in your bulletin this Sunday. You may also let the office know if you'd like to help, or contact Chrystal Wilkey by phone at (361) 549-8917 or by email at achry92300@aol.com.

We also need your help with candy to be handed out during the Trunk or Treat. You may bring in your donations on Sundays or drop them off during office hours Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m to 4:00 p.m.

**Thank you for your help to make
this a special event again this year!**

Diocesan Events



Diocesan News

Bishop Reed's Retirement

Festivities-Click on this link for the [event October 7th](#) and this one for the [event](#)

[November 4th](#). Fr. Doug is planning to attend the event in November. If you'd like join him, please contact the church office.

Connecting with College Missions--Click on [this link](#) if you'd like to get connected with the diocesan college ministry.

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

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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 [October 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 [October calendar](#).

October 8- Sunday

- 10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist--Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. - Coffee Hour--Fellowship Hall
- 11:30 a.m. - Study of the Gospel of Mark--Fellowship Hall Library
- 11:30 a.m. - SEEK Youth Group--Fellowship Hall Youth Room

October 9 - Monday

- 9:00 a.m. - Kindercare Group--Fellowship Hall
- 9:30 a.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library

October 11- Wednesday

- 11:30 a.m. - Lunch with the Old Guys--Cafe Italia, 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.

October 12 - Thursday

- 12:00 p.m. - Crossroads College & Young Adult Ministry--Del Mar Harvin Student Center, Conference Room #1

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

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