

# St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

October 19, 2023

## Upcoming Events

### Sundays:

**Study of the Gospel of Mark**

11:30 a.m.

**SEEK Youth Group**

11:30 a.m.

**Access Plus Ramp Build**

10/21, Saturday 8:00 a.m.

**Children's Honor Choir Visit and  
Lasagna Lunch**

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

**Fall Festival**

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

**Giving and Gratitude Potluck  
Lunch**

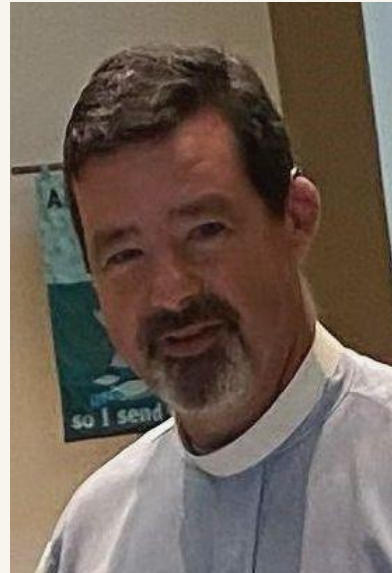
11/5, Sunday 11:30 a.m.

**Game Night**

11/8, Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

## From the Rector

Fr. Doug Wasinger



This coming Sunday we will read from the book of Matthew about a group of people who sought to trap Jesus with a well stated question. Jesus was approached by two groups who normally don't get along and who, in most social settings, would avoid being together. One group of people, the Pharisees, knew their holy scriptures intimately. They were also known to have such a grasp of their faith stories that upon hearing just a few words of scripture, they could identify the book from which the quote came and the larger context for which the words were written. They were like people today who can hear a note or two from a song and immediately identify the song and sing it out loud. The second group of people were called Herodians. They held positions of leadership in government, but most of the people living under their care didn't consider them to be legitimate. It was the Roman Empire that gave Herodians

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## Sunday Worship Service

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

credibility to hold their public offices, and this didn't sit well with the common people of the land. Naturally, the Pharisees and the Herodians would not work together, except during this one encounter with Jesus.

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

Visit our website

## Access Plus Ramp Build



### Access Plus Ramp Build 1618 Sycamore Place Saturday, October 21, 8:00 a.m.

The October ramp build is for a man named Richard. He and his family will be blessed to have better access to his home.

If you enjoy working with your hands or power tools, this might be just the ministry for you to be involved in. Contact Doug Wayland at (361) 813-1781 for more information, or show up at

8:00 a.m. on the 21st.

## Honor Choir Visit

### The Children's Honor Choir Back for Visit THIS Sunday

A few years ago the Children's Honor Choir shared their musical talent with us during our worship service. They will be back this Sunday. We will share a meal together after the service. They are supplying the lasagna for us all and we're supplying salad, garlic bread, and dessert. Make plans to stay for a delicious meal and good fellowship.



The loose offering and any designated gifts given this Sunday will go to help support the Children's Honor Choir. Thank you for your generosity.

## Adult Bible Study



### Adult Bible Study of the Gospel of Mark

**WILL NOT MEET THIS SUNDAY**

**Sundays, 12:00 - 1:00 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

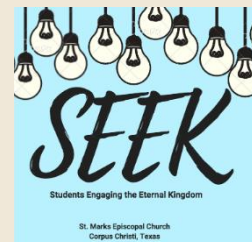
[chapter two](#) study notes

## Youth Group

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

**WILL NOT MEET THIS SUNDAY**

Youth group meets 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!



## Shining Your Light Responses

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The last two Sundays we addressed the second question concerning Shining Our Light, which was "Where do you see your personal light shining at St. Mark's? Thirty-seven people submitted a response. Here's a sampling of the new ones:

- "I see my light shine as an acolyte serving God."
- "As an Old timer, I can offer perspective on the history of St.

Mark's."

- "Continuing to help in hospitality and altar guild and maybe find other ways to support our youth."
- "Showing kindness and respect to my brothers and sisters."

We'll have a new question this week!

Thank you for your help with this little project!

## 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. We're planning for a bigger event than we did last year with more to do, which means more fun to be had.

### **VOLUNTEERS:**

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](mailto:achry92300@aol.com).

### **CANDY:**

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

**FOOD VENDORS:**

Kona Ice, Travelin's Tom's Coffee Truck, and Boardwalk BBQ Truck will be here during the event. Here is a [link to the menus](#).

**RAFFLE:**

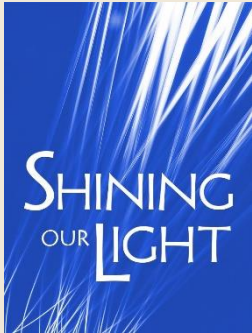
We're going to have a raffle this year with five awesome raffle packages available. The packages include:

- Golf Package
- Astros Package
- Aquarium Package
- Family Package
- Lady's Package

Melanie Buchi will be available after the service Sunday in the fellowship hall if you'd like to find out what's in each package and purchase tickets. The tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20.

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

## Shining Our Light Campaign



### **Giving and Gratitude Potluck Lunch and Ingathering of Ministry Support Cards Sunday, November 5th**

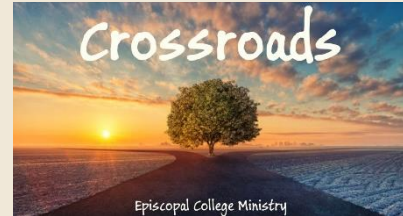
November 5th marks the culmination of our Shining Our Light Campaign. We will offer our Ministry of Support for 2024 Cards to God by placing them on the altar during the service as an proclamation of our commitment to Him through St. Mark's. Fr. Doug will pray over the cards and those who present them.

We will come together for our Giving and Gratitude Potluck Lunch after the service. November 5th is also All Saints' Sunday. As a way to celebrate, the theme for the potluck is Family Favorite Dishes. You may sign up to bring your Family Favorite on your Connection Cards this Sunday.

We'll have a wonderful celebration of what God is doing in our lives, personally as well as through St. Mark's, while giving thanks for those who came before us.

## 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 recently 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 is leading a themed discussion each week to offer a safe place for those who are curious about faith to come learn and share their lives.

### **Prayer Partners for College Students and Young Adults**

If you enjoy praying for others, please consider selecting an envelope that contains information on one of our college students or a young adult from the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. If you are praying for one of our youth, why not consider praying for a college student or young adult as well?



## Game Night



**Game Night has been moved to  
Wednesday, 11/8,  
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 November 8th. You are welcome to bring a snack to share. Lemonade and water will be provided.

## Planned Giving

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Planned giving encompasses a variety of ways that gifts can be made to the church from accumulated resources. It usually involves financial or estate planning; however, it is not reserved for the wealthy. Planned giving is a means by which anyone concerned with the wise use of his or her personal resources makes a considered choice about their ultimate disposition. *The Episcopal Church Foundation, "Planned Giving: Steward of God's Bounty."*

In general, planned gifts are made through:

- A bequest in a will or Trust
- A Life Income Gift
- Gifts of Special Assets, such as:
  1. Appreciated stock and securities
  2. Appreciated real estate
  3. Qualified Charitable Contribution from IRA/401k RMD
  4. Designate St. Mark's as beneficiary of all or a percent of life insurance proceeds
  5. Direct gift to our general fund or to a specific designated fund
  6. Include St. Mark's as a legacy in your will

Today, I would like to explain the use of a Qualified Charitable Contribution (QCC) from your Traditional IRA or 401(K). If you are currently making Required Minimum Distributions (RMD's), or if you will need to begin taking an RMD due to your age, you can request all or a portion of your RMD to be made to a qualified non-profit, such as St. Mark's. You are normally taxed on the RMD distribution as income. If you utilize the QCC, the amount donated to charity is not taxed. So, you support your favorite charities while reducing the tax owed on your Required Minimum Distribution. The donation check needs to be made out to the charity and can be mailed directly to you or to the charity for personal delivery. Your bank or brokerage firm may have special requirements, so be sure to check with them first. Please feel free to call me with questions.

Blessings, John DeMontel.

## Parishioner Need



### Parishioner Needs a Vehicle

Penny Hughes is in need of a nice used car. If you have one you'd like to sell, or know of someone who does, please get in touch with her at (913) 636-2322.

## Diocesan Events

### Diocesan News



### Bishop Reed's Retirement

**Festivities**—Click on this link for the [event November 4th](#). Fr. Doug is planning to attend. If you'd like join him, please contact the church office.

**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

**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. Though we have experienced limitations for worshiping 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 21 - Saturday**

8:00 a.m. - Access Plus Ramp Build--1618 Sycamore Place

### **October 22- Sunday**

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

11:30 a.m. - Children's Honor Choir Lunch--Fellowship Hall

NO YOUTH GROUP OR ADULT BIBLE STUDY

### **October 23 - Monday**

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

Clergy Conference--Monday-Wednesday

### **October 24 - Tuesday**

8:00 a.m. - Women's Reunion Group--Corner Bakery, 4938 S. Staples. St.

### **October 25- 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.

### **October 26 - Thursday**

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

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

### **October 27 - Friday**

3:00 p.m. - Fall Festival Set-up--Fellowship Hall

### **October 28 - Saturday**

9:00 a.m. - Fall Festival--Fellowship Hall, Parking Lot, and Courtyard

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

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