

# St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

July 3, 2024

## Upcoming Events

### Vacation Bible School

7/8-7/11, Monday - Thursday  
9:00-11:45 a.m.

### Cimarron Senior Apartments Food Distribution

7/18, Thursday 12:00 p.m.

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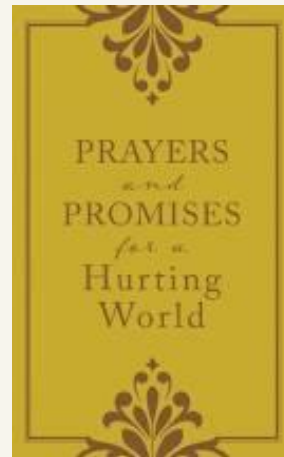
Helpful Links

## Sunday Worship Service

Morning Prayer at 10:00 a.m.

[Visit our website](#)

## An Excerpt from *Prayers & Promises for a Hurting World* by Laura Freudig



## No Fear of Man

Lord, frightening people are abroad in the world today. Terrorists. Con artists. Identity thieves. Scammers. People who delight in spreading rumors and dissent. We have always been evil, but our ability to destroy has increased exponentially. We could destroy the world, and we probably will if You give us enough time.

Forgive us for our selfishness and shortsightedness. Forgive us for the sin that so easily entangles us and trips us. We do what is easy and comfortable most of the time, not what pleases You or is best for Your creation and the people around us. Give us the self-control to make wise, godly choices in these unwise, ungodly days. We *will* look different from our neighbors. We *will* look different from some of our family members. That is one of Your promises! Help us not to fear what will

happen when others see that difference. Help us welcome it as the mark of being in Your service. Help us not to fear others--whether close by or across the globe--but to fear only You. A right, reverent fear of You is where all wisdom begins. In praise and thanksgiving and trust, amen.

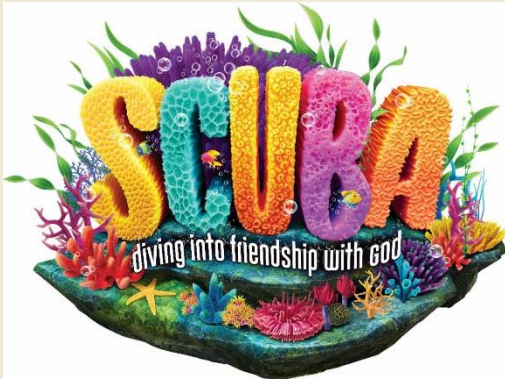
***The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear? The Lord is  
the strength of my life; of whom  
shall I be afraid?  
Psalm 27:1***

## Fourth of July



**Wishing you and your family a safe and  
Happy Fourth of July**

## Vacation Bible School



### Scuba Vacation Bible School Monday-Thursday, July 8-11, 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Our Vacation Bible School program, "Scuba, Diving into Friendship with God" starts Monday. Sally Buck and her wonderful team have been hard at work planning and decorating to make this Vacation Bible School a fun adventure for the kids as they learn about God .

We still having openings available. Here's a [link to register children](#) to attend, or you may use the QR code at the bottom of this section. Please share with others who may have children who would like to participate.

Thank you everyone who donated supplies and funds.

Please contact Sally Buck at (361) 813-5732 if you have any questions.



## Cimarron Senior Apartment Ministry

### Ministry Opportunities at Cimarron Senior Apartments

We started a partnership with Cimarron Senior Apartments a few months ago to find areas where we could provide help. Two areas were identified: a time of study and fellowship called "Conversations with God" and help distributing food boxes supplied by the Coastal Bend Food Bank.



The Conversations with God gathering meets on the first Tuesday each month. The food box distribution is the third Thursday of each month. So, this month the distribution will be on July 18th. If you would like to participate in either of these ministries, please contact John deMontel at (361) 815-9498 or the church office at (361) 994-0285.

# Hurricane Preparedness



## Are You Prepared for a Hurricane?

### **Hurricane Proof your Property**

Are you able to hurricane proof your home by boarding up windows, securing outdoor property, etc.? If not, and you don't have family who could help you, please contact the church office at (361)994-0285 so our staff will know who might need assistance prior to a hurricane. With advance notice, a team of people could

come assist those who need help protecting their property.

### **Emergency Contact from Church**

To stay informed of emergency situations, receive information on resources that the church may offer, and to check in with your church family during an emergency, please join the St. Mark's General Text Group. You may do so by scanning the QR code below. Fill in your cell phone number and your first and last name; check the box "Verify you are human"; click the "Subscribe" button, and you will automatically be put in the text group.

A test of the service was sent out recently. If you didn't receive the text message, that means we don't have a good working cell phone number for you. If you'd like to be a part of this text group, please use the QR code below to make sure you don't miss any important updates or information.

We will also utilize our St. Mark's Episcopal Church Family Facebook Group by providing information about power, supplies, where help may be found, etc., in the event of a natural disaster. If you're not a member, search for the group name and submit a request to become a member.

These are two of the communications channels that are at our disposal, so please make sure you have access to both of them.



## 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.



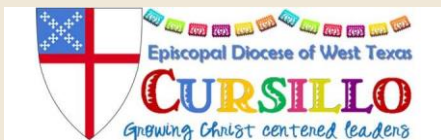
Members of the group have been volunteering their time at Timon's Ministry working in the Clothing Closet organizing items and visiting with people. The group has asked for help with their efforts through any of the following ways:

- . Donating men's shirts, jeans, or athletic shoes
- . Donating travel size deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, bars of bath soap, body wash
- . Donating toothbrushes
- . Donating items for to-go food bags: tuna and cracker packs, granola bars, chips, bottled water, etc.
- . Sorting clothing on Wednesdays from 8:10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

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.**

## Cursillo & Women's Reunion Groups



### Cursillo Community Information

New **reunion groups** for women who have completed a Cursillo weekend 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.

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

## Diocesan Events

### Diocesan News



**Cursillo Information**--Please use the link below to the diocesan page containing information on upcoming [Cursillo weekends](#).

**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 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 [July 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 [July calendar](#).

#### **July 7 - Sunday**

10:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer--Sanctuary  
11:30 a.m. - Coffee Hour--Fellowship Hall

#### **July 8 - Monday**

9:00 a.m. - Scuba Vacation Bible School--Fellowship Hall

#### **July 9 - Tuesday**

9:00 a.m. - Scuba Vacation Bible School--Fellowship Hall

#### **July 10 - Wednesday**

8:10 a.m. - Clothing Sorting--Timon's Ministries, 10501 S. Padre Island Dr.  
9:00 a.m. - Scuba Vacation Bible School--Fellowship Hall  
11:30 a.m. - Lunch with the Old Guys, Silverado Smokehouse, 4522 Weber Rd.  
6:30 p.m. - Men's Reunion Group--Nolan's Restaurant, 7426 S. Staples St.

#### **July 11 - Thursday**

9:00 a.m. - Scuba Vacation Bible School--Fellowship Hall

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

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