

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

September 14, 2023

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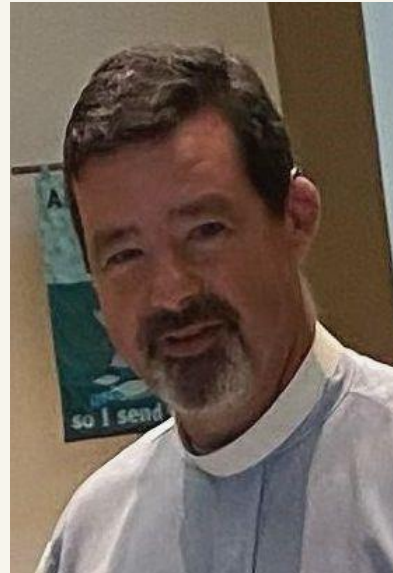
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From the Rector

Fr. Doug Wasinger



After Jesus spent time with his disciples teaching them how the kingdom of God is going to be present in their world, he announced that upon his arrival in Jerusalem he would be killed. He wanted his followers to know what to expect as they traveled toward Jerusalem. What would appear as defeat in the fullest measure would turn out to be the highest victory in the largest hope.

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

Sunday Worship Service:

10:00 a.m.--Holy Eucharist-Under the Oaks

[Visit our website](#)

Access Plus Ramp Build



Access Plus Ramp Build THIS Saturday, 9/16, at 8:00 a.m. 313 Pueblo St.

This month's ramp recipient is a lady whose family struggles to get her in and out of her home. This ramp will be a blessing to them all.

If you enjoy working with your hands or love the sound of power tools, consider helping with this month's build. You don't need to have any experience with building. There will be plenty of helpers at the site to teach you.

Worship Under the Oaks

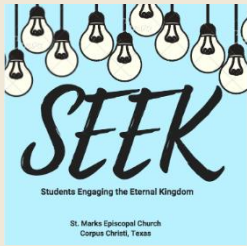
Worship Under the Oaks THIS Sunday, 9/17

Many of us have fond memories of our worship services under the oaks during the pandemic. We decided to take a trip down memory lane and worship under the oaks Sunday, September 17th, at our regular time of 10:00 a.m.

Don't forget to bring a camp or lawn chair. We'll have chairs set out for those who may not have chairs to bring. It'll be a real treat to worship in God's creation.



Youth Group



Youth Group begins THIS Sunday, 9/17

Youth group will begin meeting again for the school year on Sunday, September 17th. We 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!

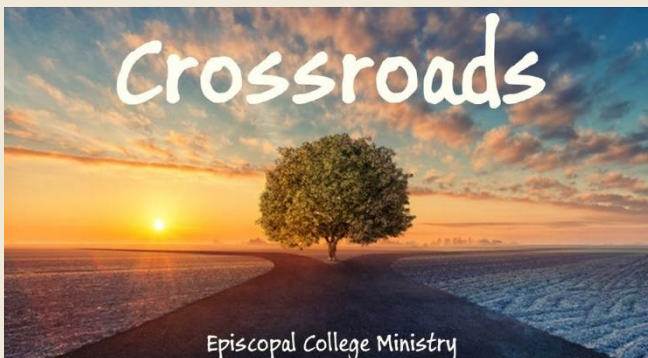
Communion Class

Communion Class Saturday, 9/23, at 9:00 a.m.

Fr. Doug will lead a class about our Holy Eucharist Saturday, September 23rd, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The class is open to anyone who would like to know more about this sacrament, especially our children and youth. Those receiving communion for the first time will receive a special acknowledgement Sunday morning, 9/24, during the Holy Eucharist liturgy.



Crossroads College & Young Adult Ministry



Crossroads College & Young Adult Ministry begins Thursday, 9/28

The start date for the new Crossroads College and Young Adult ministry has been moved to

Thursday, September 28th. Fr. Doug will be at TAMUCC in the Tejas Lounge of the University Center to offer this ministry for the students there. He's calling these Thursday gatherings Table Talk. He'll be available to spend time with students and offer prayer beginning at 7:00 p.m.

This ministry is in its infancy, and there will be opportunities for us all to offer our gifts to these young people. Stay tuned!.

Beth Offutt Memorial

Beth Offutt's Memorial Saturday, 9/30, at 1:00 p.m.

Please make plans to attend the memorial service for Beth Offutt, as we honor her life with us. A reception will follow the service. If you'd like to help with the reception, please contact Donna Burks.

Any memorial gifts may be directed the National Audubon Society or St. Mark's Episcopal Church.



New Bible Study Coming in October



New Adult Bible Study of the Gospel of Mark Begins Sunday, 10/1, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Mark's gospel was circulated early among Christians, and is considered to be the first gospel to serve as what we now call the New Testament scripture until the other gospels and epistles became available. It has a close association with St. Peter: Mark was both Peter's disciple and interpreter, and it is believed that what Mark wrote is based on Peter's account of his own experiences with Jesus Christ.

Bible scholars tell us that "in all gospels one unique personality dominates. In Mark we have **Christ as a Servant**, just as he appears as King in Matthew, Man in Luke, and God in John." Mark's gospel is one of action and deeds. As a newer member of St. Mark, I can attest to seeing a strong spirit of servanthood as St. Mark's Episcopal Church demonstrates its faith every day through actions and deeds. Let's get out our Bibles and dig deeper into the Gospel of Mark to discover what more Mark has to say to us modern St. Markans!

Our study will cover the entire gospel of Mark in three six-week sessions, with the first session beginning October 1st. We will meet in the church Library after the service, from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.. Be sure to grab some coffee and a snack beforehand. Subsequent meetings may skip Sundays to accommodate other activities, so be alert for schedule changes.

I can't wait to work together with you to discover all that we can learn from the Gospel of Mark! See you on October 1!

John Greene

Diocesan College and Young Adult Missions Council

College and Young Adult Missions

The College Missions Council of our diocese is requesting contact information for our college students to use to get them connected with college ministry opportunities and Episcopal churches in the community where they are going to school.

Here is a link to the [diocese website](#) to find out more and submit contact information.



A fall [College and Young Adult Retreat](#) is planned for September 22-24 at Mustang Island Conference Center. Click the link for details and registration information. The cost is \$50, and scholarships are available.

Diocesan Events



Diocesan News

Connecting with College Missions--

Click on [this link](#) if you'd like to get connected with the

diocesan college ministry.

Fall College and Young Adult Retreat--[Click here](#) for details and registration information. It will be at Mustang Island Conference Center.

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 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 [September 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 [St. Mark's September calendar](#).

September 17- Sunday

10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist--Under the Oaks

11:30 a.m. - Coffee Hour--Fellowship Hall

11:30 a.m. - SEEK Youth Group--Fellowship Hall Youth Room

September 18 - Monday

1:00 p.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library

6:30 p.m. - Vestry Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library

September 20 - Wednesday

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

6:30 p.m. - Men's Reunion Group--Nolan's Restaurant, 7426 S. Staples St.

September 23 - Saturday

9:00 a.m. - Communion Class--Sanctuary

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

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