

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

October 15, 2026

Upcoming Events

Food Distribution at Cimarron Senior Apartments

10/19, Monday

Fall Festival

10/24, Saturday

Ultreya

10/24, Saturday

Pumpkin Carving

10/25, Sunday

Missionary Erin Cottos Visit

11/8, Sunday

Giving in Gratitude Potluck

11/8, Sunday

Ingathering of the Estimate of Giving Cards

11/8, Sunday

Blood Drive

11/22, Sunday



Reflections from the Rector



During his final days in Jerusalem, the religious leaders found themselves increasingly frustrated by Jesus. He had an uncanny ability to expose where they were failing in their responsibilities as leaders. In this week's Gospel, two groups that normally disagreed with one another joined forces in an attempt to trap him. The Pharisees viewed the Temple as the center of Jewish religious identity. The Herodians were more politically minded, supporting a degree of Jewish self-government under the Herodian family and the authority of Rome. Despite their differences, they shared a common goal: finding a way to discredit Jesus.

Their strategy centered on an uncomfortable subject that still provokes strong opinions today: taxes. They asked Jesus whether it was lawful to pay taxes to

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Sunday Worship Service

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

the emperor. It was a clever question. If Jesus endorsed the tax, he risked alienating many Jews who resented Roman occupation. If he opposed it, he could be accused of rebellion against Rome.

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

Visit our website

Chrismons Project

Come Help Make Chrismons for Our Trees for Advent Last Meeting is THIS Friday, October 16th

The **final** group session for making Chrismons will be Friday, October 16, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. After that, folks are welcome to get materials and assistance from Paula Baen at her house by prior arrangement, by texting or calling her at (832) 289-9842.



A huge Thank You to all of those who have and are participating in this project!

Cimarron Senior Apartments Ministry



**Ministry to the Residents at
Cimarron Senior
Apartments
2802 Cimarron Blvd.**

**Food Distribution
Monday, 10/19, 11:15 a.m.**

Conversations with God Bible Study on the First Monday of Every Month at 11:00 a.m.

Once a month, John deMontel, Fr. Doug Wasinger, and others provide snacks and a Bible study they call "Conversations with God" for the residents. It generally lasts an hour. If you'd like to help with this ministry, please contact John at (361) 815-9498.

Food Delivery to Residents on the Third Monday of Every Month at 11:15 a.m.

The Coastal Bend Food Bank delivers food to the Cimarron Senior Apartments once a month. A team of dedicated St. Mark's volunteers helps distribute the food to residents. If you have an hour or so to give, please consider helping with the monthly food distribution.

Fall Festival

**Our Annual Fall Festival
Only One Week Away!
Saturday, 10/24**



Chrystal Wilkey and her team are busy putting final plans in place for the Fall Festival. They still need our help in several areas:

- Volunteers to help the day of the event
- Donations of game prizes
- Donations of Halloween candy

Boxes will be available in the entryway to the sanctuary and in the fellowship hall where you may drop off your donations.

The candy and prize donations have been coming in very slowly.

The event is just a week away.

Please consider picking up some candy or prizes and bringing them to church this Sunday. Thank you!

If you'd like to **volunteer to help**, you can still sign up on the back of your Connection Card, which can be found in your bulletin this Sunday. Here are areas where help is needed:

- Trunk-or-Treat Vehicle (decorate vehicle and hand out candy)
- Games

- Face Painting
- Crafts
- Bounce House
- Support Staff (direct traffic, help with hayride, deliver candy to trunk-or-treat vehicles, etc.)

We are also in need of **two canopies** to use the day of the event. If you have one available, please contact Chrystal.

If you have a **silent auction item** you'd like to donate, or plan to put together a themed basket, or purchase gift cards to contribute to the auction, please let Chrystal know. You may bring items to the church during the week, Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The auction items will be available for **viewing** and **early bidding** on Friday night, October 23, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

For more information, please contact Chrystal at (361) 549-8917.

[Here is a copy of the flyer](#) below that can be printed and given to those you'd like to invite to the Fall Festival.

**Thank you for considering helping us to make this
a wonderful event for our community!**



Plenty Good Room Stewardship Campaign



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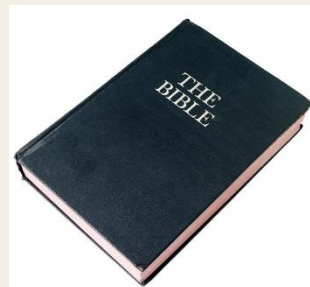
Our 2027 stewardship campaign is underway. We will hear from Jim Rysavy this Sunday as he shares his personal stewardship experiences to inspire us as we consider our own stewardship practice for 2027.

The campaign will culminate on Sunday, November 8th, with the ingathering of our Estimate of Giving cards for 2027 and our annual Giving in Gratitude potluck. A sign-up form to bring a dish for the potluck will be in your bulletins beginning this Sunday. The vestry is providing the brisket, and Kirk Buchi will cook it. So, we're asking everyone to help with the sides: salads, vegetables, rolls, and desserts. It will be a wonderful celebration!

Bibles for Nursing Home Residents

Bible Request for Residents of Corpus Christi Nursing & Rehabilitation Center

The request for all four large-print Bibles was covered. In fact, we received offers to cover ten additional Bibles if the activities director knows of more residents who would like to have them.



This is a testament to the generosity of our St. Mark's family. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this project happen.

Thank you for your wonderful response!

Youth Group



Youth Group Information

Youth group will meet this Sunday. Grab some snacks and join Molly in the Youth Room after the church service.

Family Pumpkin Carving October 25

Youth and Children and their Families are invited to stay after church on Sunday, October 25, to decorate pumpkins for Halloween. Bring your own pumpkin to paint or carve and any carving tools you may have. Lunch will be provided.

Will yours be spooky or silly?



Ultreya

Ultreya
Saturday,
October 24th
4:00-5:30 p.m.
at
Trinity by the Sea
Episcopal Church
in Port Aransas


PLEASE JOIN US...

Saturday, October 24th
4:00pm - 5:30pm
Trinity by the Sea Episcopal Church
433 Trojan St
Port Aransas, TX 78373
Please bring a snack or drink to share!
Questions? Contact Ivette Sullivan @ 361-739-0656


Adult Bible Study



Adult Bible Study Class Sundays after the Service

The Adult Bible Study class meets after the service on Sundays. The group has begun a study of the book of Romans. All are welcome to join!

Healing Prayer

Time of Contemplation and Healing Prayer Wednesday, 10/28, 5:45 p.m.

If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, this service is for you. The first part of the service includes hearing scripture, listening to worship music, being quiet before the Holy Spirit, and praying for people as a group. The second part is a time for individual prayer with prayer ministers.



The services are scheduled for the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Please consider joining us for prayers for yourself or for others you know.



Personal Prayer Sessions

If you would ever like personal prayer, just let Judy know; prayer ministers can be available to pray with you individually. They usually pray in pairs. Just call the office at (361) 994-0285 to schedule a time. If you can't set up a time, just come into the office where Judy and Fr. Doug would be happy to pray with you.

Pictorial Directory

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The updated pictorial directories are now available. They can be found on the blue information table in the entrance to the sanctuary and on the information table on the right side of the fellowship hall as you walk in.



If you still have an incorrect copy, please put it in the box outside Judy's office door.

Timon's Ministry



Reminder: We are no longer collecting clothing for Timon's Ministry

Due to scheduling changes at Timon's Ministry, we stopped collecting clothing at St. Mark's sometime earlier this year. Please feel free to take your donations directly to a ministry that could utilize them: Timon's, Mission 911, or the Purple Door.

Volunteer Hours App

MyTimeTithe App to Track Volunteer Hours

The time we serve in ministry at St. Mark's, in the community, or in any other capacity matters and has economic value. Wouldn't it be interesting to know how much time we serve? Jeremy Wilkey developed an app for us to use to log those hours. You can [click on this link](#) to get started.

Enter your name in the space provided. If it's your first time, click "Don't see your name? Add yourself" to enter your name. Then fill in the page that opens up. You will select the date, the number of hours you served, which ministry the hours were for, and you may add a note about your service if you'd like.

MyTimeTithe

Track Your Volunteer Hours. Celebrate Your Service.

A simple app for St. Mark's volunteers to log hours and stay connected with your church community.

Scan the QR Code to Sign Up!

MyTimeTithe.org/stmarksc

Created by Jeremy Wilkey

Spiritual Growth Resources



Tools for Spiritual Disciplines

Here are some online resources to use for spiritual growth. Each one also has an app that you can download on your phone. Just search your app store to find them. Most of them are free; two have subscription fees, which are noted below.

YouVersion Holy Bible--Here's a [link to it online](#). You'll have access to the Bible in several different versions. There are Bible reading plans available. You can also search for a specific subject, such as prayer, and receive reading plans that span several weeks.

Forward Movement Day by Day Devotionals--Here's a [link to it online](#). Once you're on the site, you'll see many resources that you might enjoy.

The Daily Office--Here's a [link to it online](#). If you enjoy the Daily Office, this app makes it easy to access each day.

Centering Prayer--Here's a [link to it online](#). If you enjoy centering prayer, this app offers various ways to participate, including chimes and other sounds, that help you get to a place of inner peace and quiet.

Abide--Here's a [link to it online](#). This site includes meditations set to music, which are especially helpful to use before bed. There is a subscription fee for this one.

She Reads Truth--Here's a [link to it online](#). This one is specifically for women. There is a subscription fee for this one too.

Diocesan Events

Diocesan News



Cursillo Weekends-- There is a Spanish language Cursillo at Camp Capers, November 5-8. [Here is a link for more information.](#)

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 on 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 so:

- Online through our website. There is a blue "Giving" button at the bottom of each page. Just click on it, 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.
- Using the QR code below.
- Mailing in your check to: St. Mark's Church, 2727 Airline Rd, CC, TX 78414. Our drop-in mailbox is locked at all times. We check the mail every day, so your check will be secure.
- Dropping your check off at the church. Just put it in the locked mailbox to the left of the red doors of the fellowship hall.
- Bequest giving 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 our [October ministry schedule](#). Click here for the [October church calendar](#).

October 16 - Friday

1:00 p.m. - Chrismon Project--Fellowship Hall

October 18 - Sunday

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

11:30 a.m. - Coffee & Conversation--Fellowship Hall

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

11:45 a.m. - Adult Bible Study--Fellowship Hall Library

October 19- Monday

No Staff Meeting

11:15 a.m. - Food Distribution--Cimarron Senior Apartments, 2802 Cimarron Blvd.

October 20 - Tuesday

8:00 a.m. - Women's Reunion Group--Corner Bakery Restaurant, 4928 S. Staples St.

October 21 - 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.

October 23 - Friday

6:00 p.m. - Early Bidding for Silent Auction

October 24 - Saturday

9:00 a.m. - Fall Festival--Fellowship Hall & Grounds

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

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[Diocese of West Texas](#)

[Diocesan Newsletter and Reflection Magazine](#)

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