

# St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

March 27, 2025

## Upcoming Events

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3/30, Sunday

### Hosanna Chalk Art

4/12, Saturday

### Church Work Day

4/12, Saturday

### Holy Week

4/13 Sunday, through 4/18 Friday

### Easter Sunday

4/20, Sunday

### Adult Bible Study & Youth Group

Sundays after the service

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## Sunday Worship Service

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

## From the Rector Fr. Doug Wasinger



This coming Sunday we will hear a well-known story. It is so familiar that it has its own title which incorporates a word that isn't found in the story itself. The story called the Prodigal Son has been told so frequently with a positive slant that the word *prodigal*, which describes a person who spends money in a reckless and extravagant way, turns the son into a sort of hero. Why?

Before Jesus told this famous story, the Pharisees and the scribes were complaining about Jesus welcoming and eating with sinners. Jesus was clearly behaving in a way unbecoming of a rabbi or respectful religious leader of his time. Or was he?

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## Missionary Sunday



### Missionary Sunday THIS Sunday, March 30th

Four months in every year have five Sundays. Those fifth Sundays have been designated as Missionary Sundays, which means that the loose offering and any other designated gifts will go to support our two missionaries, Erin Cottos and Duane and Sharon Miller and their family. Please keep that in mind when you come this Sunday. And more importantly, please keep our missionaries in your prayers.



## Lenten Soup & Study



### Lenten Soup & Study Wednesdays, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

In *The Chosen* Season 3, Jesus sends his disciples on their first missions, leading them to face new challenges and confront personal struggles as they grapple with their newfound spiritual gifts and the complexities of ministry. They encounter many issues like family reconciliation,

unresolved pasts, and the growing crowds seeking Jesus's healing touch. This season delves deeper into the disciples' individual lives, exploring their doubts, conflicts, and personal burdens while showcasing Jesus's teachings on faith and compassion amidst increasing opposition from

religious leaders and the Roman authorities, culminating in significant events like the feeding of the multitude and Jesus walking on water.

**Key points about Season 3:**

- Each apostle faces unique challenges, including Matthew's family estrangement, Simon Peter's marital issues with Eden, and Little James's unhealed disability.
- The season tackles themes like forgiveness, grief, the nature of faith, and the consequences of power.
- New characters like Veronica and Jairus, as well as the expansion of Jesus's ministries to different regions, are introduced.
- Major miracles are featured, like the feeding of the 5,000 and Jesus walking on water.
- Further exploration is provided into the backstories of characters like Simon the Zealot and his past with the Zealots.

People may watch *The Chosen* series by downloading *The Chosen App* from the Apple or Google store. *The Chosen App* may also be downloaded to your Roku, Firestick, or other devices.

Fr. Doug will provide a Guiding Question to keep in mind while watching each week's episode as well as the name and number of the episode to watch.

**April 2, Session 4:** Please watch Season 3, Episode 6, called "Intensity in Tent City."

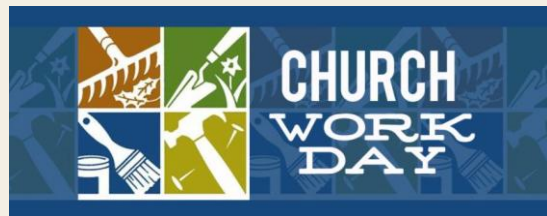
**Guiding Question: Tamar and Mary share a powerful moment. What did you learn about each woman and her past? Why is it so difficult to heal from past trauma or shame? How does your faith in Jesus heal and give you hope?**

A soup supper will be provided by a different ministry each week, and childcare will be available.

## Church Work Day

### Church Work Day Saturday, April 12th

A church work day has been planned for Saturday, April 12th, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Bill Wright, our Junior Warden, is making a list of tasks that need to be done to make our property, inside and out, beautiful for our Easter Service. Please put this date on your calendar to come help beautify our church home. You may bring your gloves and/or any supplies or tools that you think would help get the job done.



## Easter Egg Filler Donations



### Easter Egg Fillers Due Sunday, April 13th

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Easter Sunday morning. We need your help to make this a fun event for our children. Please consider picking up some stickers, small egg fillers, or candy to put in the eggs. There will be designated boxes in the sanctuary and the fellowship hall where you may leave your donations. We do not need any plastic eggs. Thank you for your help in making this a special event for our children.

## Youth & Children's Ministry

### SEEK Youth Group

**Youth Group**--The group meets on Sundays after the service in the youth room in the fellowship hall. If you are in middle school or high school, consider joining the group to talk about the highs and lows from the week before and pray for each other.



### Children's Ministry

**Hosanna Chalk Art Event**--Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 12th, at 10:00 a.m. to come help decorate the sidewalks and the entryway to the sanctuary for Palm Sunday. All are welcome to participate.



## Adult Bible Study



### Adult Bible Study Sundays after the Service

The Adult Bible Study Group meets in the Fellowship Hall library at 11:45 AM. You may bring your Bibles if you'd like; however, there will be some available if you need one. Grab some refreshments and join in the conversation.

The group will begin the study of Philippians on Sunday, March 30th, which would be a perfect time to join the discussion.

## Holy Week Schedule



### Join us for Holy Week April 13 through April 20

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| <b>Sunday 10:00 a.m.</b>           | Palm Sunday   |
| <b>Monday—Wednesday 12:15 p.m.</b> | Noonday Prayer  |
| <b>Thursday 7:00 p.m.</b>          | Maundy Thursday Service   |
| <b>9:00-10:00 p.m.</b>             | Hour of Prayer  |
| <b>Friday 7:00 p.m.</b>            | Stations of the Cross   |
| <b>Sunday 10:00 a.m.</b>           | Easter Resurrection Service<br>Flowering of the Cross<br>Alleluia Banner Hunt |
| <b>11:30 a.m.</b>                  | Easter Egg Hunt & Celebration   |

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## 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 band aids, bandages, and gauze
- Donating clothing, especially men's shirts, jeans, shorts, athletic shoes, flip-flops, belts and women's jeans, shorts, undergarments, and purses
- Donating sleeping bags, backpacks, tote bags, and recyclable plastic bags
- Donating travel size deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, bars of bath soap, body wash
- Donating toothbrushes and new or used shoelaces
- Donating items for to-go food bags: tuna and cracker packs, granola bars, chips, bottled water, etc.
- Sorting clothing on Mondays from 8:45 - noon

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.**

## Diocesan Events

### Diocesan & National Church News



**Cursillo Weekends**--Cursillo weekends are spiritual retreats for adults. There is a Cursillo planned for May 1-4 at **Mustang Island Conference Center**. For more information, please [click this link for May](#).

**Summer Camp at Camp Capers**--The schedule for kids' summer sessions for Camp Capers is available. [Click here for more information](#). Just scroll down until you find the camp that you are interested in.

**Discovery Weekend at Camp Capers**--This weekend is designed to help both lay and ordained persons discern a deeper call to ministry and is scheduled for November 14-15. [Click here 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 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 [March schedule](#) for our ministries. For the church calendar for the months of [March](#) and [April](#), click on the desired month.

#### **March 30 - Sunday**

- 10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist--Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. - Coffee & Conversation--Fellowship Hall
- 11:30 a.m. - SEEK Youth Group--Fellowship Hall Youth Room
- 11:45 a.m. - Adult Bible Study--Fellowship Library

#### **March 31 - Monday**

- 8:45 a.m. - Clothing Sorting--Timon's Ministry, 10501 S. Padre Island Dr.
- 1:30 p.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library

#### **April 1 - Tuesday**

- 7:30 a.m. - Women's Reunion Group--Corner Bakery Café, 4928 S. Staples St.

#### **April 2 - Wednesday.**

- 11:30 a.m. - Lunch with the Old Guys--McAlister's Deli, 5801 Saratoga Blvd.
- 12:00 p.m. - Prayer Group--Fellowship Hall Library
- 6:00 p.m. - Soup & Study--Fellowship Hall

#### **April 3 - Thursday**

- 11:30 a.m. - Crossroads College Ministry--TAMUCC

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Facebook Pages that you might find helpful.**

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