

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

March 9, 2023

Upcoming Events

Week 3 Lenten Soup & Study

3/15 Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Walk to Siloam

3/16-19 Thursday-Sunday

Access Plus Ramp Build

3/18 Saturday, 8:00 a.m.

Week 4 Lenten Soup & Study

3/22 Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Week 5 Lenten Soup & Study

3/29 Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Holy Week, beginning with Palm Sunday

4/2-4/8

Resurrection Easter Sunday

4/9 Sunday, 10 a.m.

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From the Rector Fr. Doug Wasinger



For the past several weeks I have been re-listening to an audio book called ***Tempered Resilience***, by Tod Bolsinger, which focuses on personal leadership change. In this book, Dr. Bolsinger articulates the challenges that church leadership faces today and provides real world examples of what effective leaders are doing to adapt. This week I want to share an insight that I found helpful --the power of being humble and teachable.

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

Sunday Worship Service:

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

Visit our website

Daylight Savings



**Daylight
Savings Time
Goes Into Effect
Saturday Night March
11th**

We're going to lose an hour of sleep this weekend. Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed Saturday.

Walk to Siloam

**Walk to Siloam
Provided by Mission 911
Items due March 13th**



Mission 911 offers spiritual retreat weekends called Walk to Siloam to men who are struggling, homeless, living in poverty or near poverty. John deMontel works with Tony Reyes, founder of Mission 911, to provide these retreats. The next one is scheduled for March 16th through the 19th.

They need our help in a couple of areas. First is prayer, second is donating needed items, and third is providing monetary support. Here are the items they are requesting (here's a [printable list in a PDF](#)):

- cases of water
- cases of individual tea
- cases of lemonade
- homemade cookies, brownies
- bags of chips, large and individual
- individual cheese snacks
- individual beef sticks, jerky snacks
- individual cookie snacks
- cases/bags of fruit
- cases of juice drinks
- socks
- t-shirts
- shoes, boots

- rain coats
- hats, caps
- jeans
- coats, light and heavy
- toothpaste (small)
- toothbrushes
- soap
- shampoo

The items are due at St. Mark's by Monday, March 13th.

You may send monetary donations to Mission 911 at P.O. Box 3157, Corpus Christi, TX 78404.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Lenten Soup and Study Event



Lenten Soup and Study of *The Chosen* Series Week 3, March 15th

Our Lenten Soup and Study is going really well. We enjoyed a wonderful meal and lively discussion of the content of the second video in *The Chosen* series, entitled "Shabbat".

The link for the video for week three's gathering on March 15th is below, as well as a discussion questions for you to ponder. You may also stay during Coffee Hour Sunday to watch the video in the Fellowship Hall after you have had time to get some refreshments. The discussion questions for Wednesday will be available at that time.

March 15th video link and questions:

[Jesus Loves the Little Children](#)

Guiding question to consider: Whose imagined childhood experience do you most identify with? Mary's darkness and brokenness? Nicodemus's need to perform and earn his worth? Matthew's rebellion and isolation? Simon's constant struggle to make a life for himself?

Reference Scriptures: Isaiah 61:1-4; Luke 4:16-21; and Matthew 19:13-14

Soup Meals:

The schedule for the ministries providing the meals are as follows:

3/1--**Italian Pasta Soup with Garlic Bread**--Fr. Doug, John deMontel and Judy Netek

3/8--**Italian Wedding Soup**--Men's Group

3/15--**Chicken Tortilla Soup with Chips and Fixings**--Choir

3/22--**Red Potato Soup and Herbed Cheese Bread**--Ushers and Greeters and Altar Guild

3/29--Vestry and Children's Chapel

Invite your friends and family to come too.

Mission Statement Survey

Mission Statement Evaluation

We have already started the work with Funding for Good to develop a new strategic plan for St. Mark's. They have requested that we, as a church, evaluate our mission statement. It was created in 2004, nearly 20 years ago! We need your input as to whether it still applies to what our church values, or whether it is time to make a change.

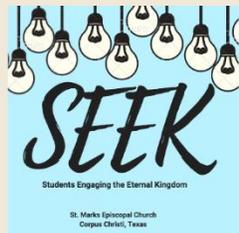


We say our mission statement at the end of every service. It is:

***Taking Christ's Ministry to People
Know His Spirit Lives
Bringing Faith to Life***

Here is a link to a [short survey](#) concerning our mission statement. Please take five minutes to fill it out. We need your responses by 3/31. Thank you for your help with this project.

SEEK Youth Group



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Coming up in March:

- **Sunday, 3/12 11:30 a.m.**--We will watch season 1, episode 3 of *The Chosen* together. All are welcome to stay and watch with us!
- **Wednesday, 3/15 6:00 p.m.**--Week 3 of the Lenten Soup and Study.

Join us to watch *The Chosen* after church this Sunday. Even if you haven't seen episodes 1 and 2, episode 3 stands alone and is really good! It's a great place to jump into the series.

A group of us went to see the movie *Jesus Revolution* last Saturday. Try to see it if you have a chance. Two thumbs up! It's based on a true story and is a great reminder that God is alive and active — he works perfectly through his imperfect believers. Will you let him work through you?

Summer Camp Opportunities at Camp Capers

Registration is now open for:

Summer Camp:

Senior High (10th-12th grade)
Junior High (8th-9th grade)
Intermediate (6th-7th grade)
Primary (3rd-5th grade)

Here's a link to the [diocesan website](#) for registration and additional information.

Access Plus

Ramp Build Saturday, March 18th, at 8:00 a.m. Need for an Additional Ramp Building Team

This month's ramp build is for a lady named Julie who is bedridden. So, a ramp will help her family get her in and out of her home for doctor's appointments and other outings.

The need for building ramps for others in our community is huge. Doug Wayland, who oversees this vital ministry, indicated that there are approximately 35 people on his list waiting for a ramp, which equates to about a two year wait. There are very few resources available for those who need help getting a ramp built.

Doug would like to create a second team in order to double the number of ramps that can be completed. He'd be happy to visit with you about all that's involved. No skills are required; he is willing to teach anyone who would like to learn. You can call him at (361) 813-1781.



Holy Week Schedule



Holy Week 4/2 through 4/9

Here's the schedule for Holy Week this year:

4/2, Sunday, 10:00 a.m.--Palm Sunday

4/3-4/5, Monday through Wednesday, 12:15 p.m.--Noonday Services

4/6, Thursday, 7:00 p.m.--Maundy Thursday

4/7, Friday, 7:00 p.m.--Stations of the Cross

4/9, Sunday, 10:00 a.m.--Easter Resurrection Sunday with the hunt for the Alleluia Banner and an Easter Egg Hunt after the service

Here is [a flyer](#) to print to give to friends and family to invite them to be a part of our Holy Week activities.

Diocesan Events

Diocesan News



Relief Fund for Turkey and Syria--Click on [this link](#) if you'd like to donate to support relief efforts for the victims of the earthquakes.

Youth/Children's Camp at Camp Capers--For [information and registration](#), click here.

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 worshipping 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.
- 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, which is still a work in progress. Please check each week to see if there are any changes.

March 11 - Saturday

Daylight Savings--Spring Forward

March 12 - Sunday

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

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

11:30 a.m. - *The Chosen* Watch Party Week 3 Video--Fellowship Hall

March 14 - Tuesday

10:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library

March 15 - Wednesday

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

6:00 p.m. - Lenten Soup & Study--Fellowship Hall

March 18 - Saturday

8:00 a.m. - Access Plus Ramp Build--2724 Morrow Dr.

Helpful Links

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

[St. Mark's Episcopal Church](#)

[Donate to St. Mark's Church](#)

[St. Mark's Church Facebook Page](#)

[Diocese of West Texas](#)

[Diocesan Newsletter and Reflection Magazine](#)

[Denison Forum--News Discerned Differently](#)

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