

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

November 2, 2023

Upcoming Events

Ingathering of Ministry Support Cards

11/5, Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Giving in Gratitude Potluck Lunch

11/5, Sunday 11:30 a.m.

Game Night

11/8, Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

Ayden Guerra Baptism

11/12, Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Access Plus Ramp Build

11/18, Saturday 8:00 a.m.

Fishpond Food Collection Deadline

11/19, Sunday

Fishpond Thanksgiving Meal Basket Delivery

11/21, Tuesday 9:00 a.m.

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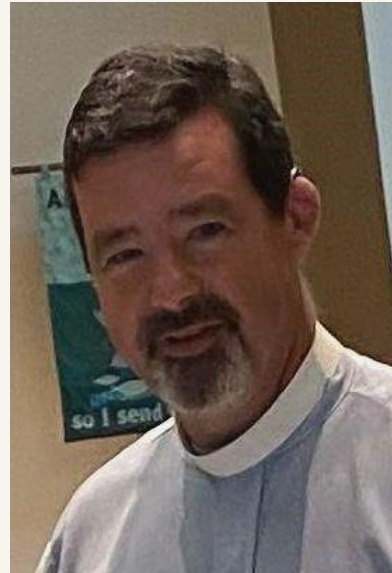
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From the Rector

Fr. Doug Wasinger



This coming Sunday is All Saints' Sunday, the annual celebration of the saints of the church. The title of saint is often given to individuals who engaged in actions that exceeded all expectations of grace and mercy. Often the stories told about these individuals are intended to inspire great actions in others. The list of saints is extensive, and the life changing choices they made and the actions that they took on behalf of God are breath-taking. When I read their stories, I think it was truly an act of God that gave them strength, courage, and hope to deal with the challenges and dangers they faced. In other words, what saints did was not within the normal bounds of a human being, but they were touched by the love of God to do greater things than what was believed to be possible. What makes saints "saints", is not what they did, wrote, or how they lived; it was the One that they served – the God of love and mercy.

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Sunday Worship Service

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

[Visit our website](#)

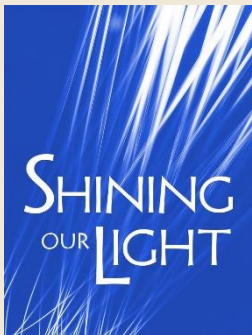
Fall Back Saturday Night

Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday.

Don't forget to set your
clocks back an hour before
you go to bed Saturday!



Shining Our Light Campaign & Potluck Lunch



Ingathering of Ministry Support Cards THIS Sunday, November 5th

Sunday marks the culmination of our Shining Our Light Campaign. We will offer our Ministry of Support for 2024 Cards to God by placing them on the altar during the service as a proclamation of our commitment to Him through St. Mark's. Fr. Doug will pray over the cards and those who present them. We will have extra Ministry Support cards available Sunday if you forget to bring yours.

Here's a PDF of the [Ministry Support Card](#) if you would like to print out a copy for Sunday.

Giving in Gratitude Potluck Lunch

We will come together to celebrate what God has been doing in and through our lives individually and corporately through St. Mark's. We'll also give thanks to Him for all He's provided. If you are unable to bring a dish, please come to the lunch anyway. There will be plenty of food, and we are going to have quite a variety of family favorite dishes.



Fall Festival Thanks



Fall Festival THANKS

The Fall Festival was a huge success. The weather was great, which brought out a lot of guests. We estimate that over 1,400 people attended. Many of our volunteers reported that those they spoke to Saturday were very happy with our event.

The raffle raised more than \$1,300 as seed money for a new sign that will be located on the other side of the driveway, still visible from Airline Rd.

All three food trucks want to come back next year. They were Boardwalk B-B-Q, Kona Ice, and Travelin' Tom's Coffee. Kona Ice and Travelin' Tom's Coffee both committed a percentage of the sales to be given back to us, which will also go into the sign fund.

Here's a great big THANK YOU to everyone who helped make this event wonderful for all who participated!

Adult Bible Study

**Adult Bible Study of
the Gospel of Mark
Sundays, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.**

**BIBLE STUDY WON'T
MEET THIS SUNDAY**

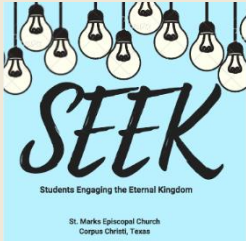


All are welcome to join the Bible study. Come to one week, or come to them all. The class meets in the fellowship hall at noon and ends around 1:00 p.m. Grab a cup of coffee and some snacks, then head over to the designated tables to sit down.

Here are links for past study dates and the upcoming Sunday:

[the introduction](#) to the class
[map of the Sea of Galilee](#)
[chapter one](#) study notes
[chapter two](#) study notes

Youth Group & Children's Ministry



**SEEK Youth Group Meets
Sundays at 11:30 a.m.**

**YOUTH GROUP WON'T MEET THIS
SUNDAY**

Youth group meets 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!

Camp Capers Mid-Winter Camps I, II, and III: January 2024

Registration is open for Mid-Winter Camps at Camps Capers the first three weekends of January 2024. With dedicated sessions for 9th-12th graders, 6th-8th graders, and 2nd-5th grade campers, Mid-Winter Camps are opportunities to recharge midway through the school year, reuniting with camp friends and making new ones, while growing and learning in faith.

Camp I--1/5-1/7--9th - 12th grade
Camp I--1/12-1/14--6th - 8th grade
Camp III--1/19-1/21--2nd - 5th grade

[Click here](#) for more information or to register.

Shining Your Light Responses

Where Do You Want to See the Light Shine?

Last Sunday we finished answering the last question concerning Shining Our Light, which was "Where do you want to see the Light shine?" Twenty-one people submitted a response. Here's a sampling of the responses for last week's question:

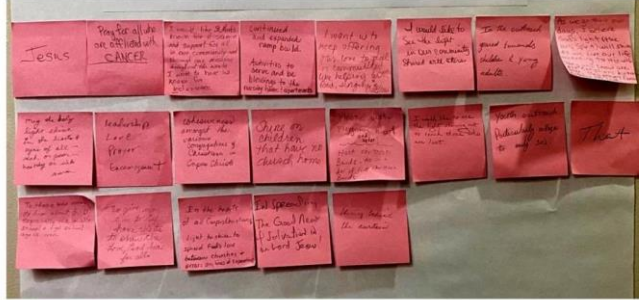
- "Shine on children that have no church home."
- "Cohesiveness amongst the various congregations of Christians in Corpus Christi"
- "In spreading the God News of Salvation in our Lord Jesus"
- "Leadership, love, prayer, encouragement"

The responses for all three questions will be available in the fellowship hall this Sunday is you'd like to read over them. Again, the questions were:

1. "Where do you see the Light shining at St. Mark's?"
2. "Where do you see your light shining at St. Mark's?"
3. "Where do you want to see the Light shine?"

Thank you for your help with this little project!

Where do you want to see the Light Shine?



Fishpond Thanksgiving Food Baskets



Nonperishable Food Item Collection for Fishpond Residents

Sea Gulf Villa is now Fishpond Apartment complex, and we will continue to supply the food staples for Thanksgiving dinner for those residents who would like a basket, which is usually 80 people.

Parishioners are asked to participate by donating the nonperishable food items, while the Outreach Fund will take care of the turkeys, rolls, and pies. The food items are due Sunday, November 19. There will be flyers in your bulletins Sunday morning. Here's a PDF of [the flyer](#) if you'd like to have it.

Game Night

Game Night has been moved to Wednesday, 11/8, 6:30 p.m.

We had so much fun at the last game night that we've decided to do it again! If you didn't get to come last time, make plans to join us on November 8th. You are welcome to bring a snack to share. Lemonade and water will be provided.



Baptism



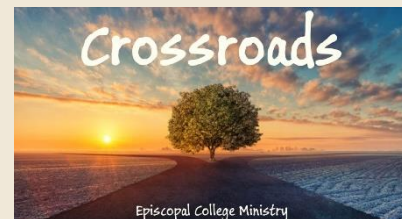
**Ayden Guerra Baptism
Sunday, 11/12**

Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 12th, because Ayden Guerra will be baptized during the service. We will receive Ayden into the family of God through the sacrament of baptism. Come help us celebrate his new life walking with Jesus in a new way.

College & Young Adult Ministry

**Crossroads Table Talk
Thursdays, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Del Mar College**

The ministry to college students and young adults began recently and will continue weekly every Thursday beginning at 12:00 p.m. Del Mar College is hosting the gathering in the Harvin Student Center in Conference Room #1. Fr. Doug is leading a themed discussion each week to offer a safe place for those who are curious about faith to come learn and share their lives.



Prayer Partners for College Students and Young Adults

If you enjoy praying for others, please consider selecting an envelope that contains information on one of our college students or a young adult from the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. If you are praying for one of our youth, why not consider praying for a college student or young adult as well?



Baptism



2024 Flower Chart Available

If you'd like to sponsor the altar flowers on a Sunday to honor a special event or person in your life, please sign up on the new 2024 flower chart available in the entryway to the sanctuary. A reminder email will be sent at the beginning of the month for which you signed up to sponsor the flowers. It will include a request for how you would like the dedication to read and information about taking care of the cost, which is \$55. Please remember that we won't have altar flowers during Lent.

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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.
- 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 [November 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 [November calendar](#).

November 5- Sunday--All Saints' Sunday

10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist/Ingathering of Ministry Support Cards--Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. - Giving in Gratitude Potluck Lunch--Fellowship Hall

November 6 - Monday

9:30 a.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library

November 7- Tuesday

7:30 a.m. - Women's Reunion Group--Corner Bakery, 4938 S. Staples. St.

November 8 - Wednesday

11:30 p.m. - Lunch with the Old Guys--Silverado Smokehouse, 4522 Weber Rd.
12:00 p.m. - Prayer Group--Fellowship Hall Library
6:30 p.m. - Men's Reunion Group--Nolan's Restaurant, 7426 S. Staples St.

November 9 - Thursday

12:00 p.m. - Crossroads Table Talk--Del Mar Harvin Student Center Conference Room #1,
101 Baldwin Rd.

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

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