

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

August 21, 2025

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9/14, Sunday

From the Rector Fr. Doug Wasinger



One of the most common critiques people raise about Judaism is the sheer number of rules. According to tradition, there are 613 commandments—248 positive and 365 negative. That's a lot to keep track of! But these rules weren't given to burden the people—they were meant to guide them, to help them live faithfully and fruitfully in covenant with God.

During a visit to Israel, I saw this commitment firsthand. I stepped into a "Sabbath elevator," programmed to stop at every floor automatically. Why? So that no one would have to press a button—because even that small action is considered work on the Sabbath. That's dedication. That's reverence. That's a desire to honor God's command to rest.

Now, in the Gospels we see Jesus engaging with these traditions. He respected the law. He lived within it. But he also challenged it—not to dismiss it, but to reveal its deeper purpose.

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Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

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Grady Holliday Memorial Service

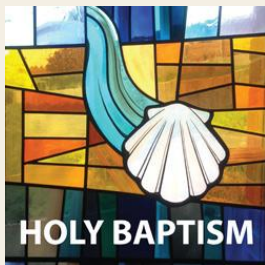
Memorial Service for Grady Holliday August 23rd, at 1:00 p.m.

The memorial service for Vicki Holliday's husband, Grady, is this Saturday, August 23rd, at 1:00 p.m. There will be a reception at El Camino Restaurant after the service.

Please keep all who knew and loved Grady in your prayers.



Baptism Sunday



Baptism Sunday August 24th

Mark your calendars! On Sunday, August 24th, Melody and Amelia Munguia will be baptized during the service. Come help us welcome these two sweet girls to God's family.

Missionary Sunday

Missionary Sunday August 31st

The vestry designated the fifth Sunday of months with five Sundays as Missionary Sunday. Sunday, August 31st, is the next one.

It's always a treat to hear from those we support in the mission field, especially when they can be here in person. It looks like Erin Cottos will be with us Sunday the 31st to give us an update on what God has been doing through her mission work.



The loose offering and any designated gifts will support the ministry of Erin Cottos, as well as Duane and Sharon Miller and their children.

St. Mark's Shirt Orders

Order St. Mark's Shirts Deadline Sunday, 8/31

We will be taking orders for St. Mark's shirts through the month of August. Two shirt styles will be available: a soft short-sleeve t-shirt and a long-sleeve dri-fit shirt. You may choose from two colors: yellow or gray. An order form will be available in your bulletins this Sunday. You may also download this [order form](#) and bring it to church with you on Sunday. Please put the order form and your payment in the offering basket. Please write "shirt" on your payment.





Cimarron Senior Apartments Ministry

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

**Conversations with God Bible Study
Tuesday, 9/2, at 11:30 a.m.**



Conversations with God Bible Study on the First Tuesday 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 11:30 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 the residents after it has arrived. If you have an hour or so to give, please consider serving to help with the monthly food distribution.

Beach Day

**St. Mark's Beach Day
September 6th,
beginning at 10:00 a.m.**



Join your St. Mark's family for some fun in the sun! We will meet near the Wyndham Hotel (used to be a Holiday Inn here) at 14926 Windward Drive. Park in the free public parking lot and head down the ramp to the beach. Restrooms and showers are available.

Bring towels, snacks, and drinks for your family. We will have a couple of canopies set up by 10 a.m., but more are welcome! Look for the pirate flag and a blue and white striped umbrella.

Beach days are the best days!

Youth & Children's Ministry



SEEK Youth Group

The Youth Group has been on break for the summer but will resume meeting in the youth room on Sunday, **September 7th**, after the service. All students in sixth through twelfth grade are invited. Hope to see YOU there!

Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His face continually. (1

Chronicles 16:11)

Inquirer's Class

Inquirer's Class Sunday, 9/14, after the Service

An Inquirer's Class is being offered for those new to St. Mark's or for those who would simply like to learn more about our church family. Fr. Doug will facilitate the class. Please sign up on the back of your Connection Card this Sunday if you would like to attend. If you will need childcare, please indicate that as well.



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, gauze, etc.
- Donating clothing, especially men's shirts, jeans, shorts, athletic shoes, flip-flops, socks, and belts and women's jeans, shorts, undergarments, socks, and purses
- Donating sleeping bags, backpacks, tote bags, suitcases, and recyclable plastic bags
- Donating travel size deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, bars of bath soap, body wash, bath towels
- Donating toothbrushes and new or used shoelaces
- Donating laundry supplies
- Donating items for to-go food bags: tuna and cracker packs, granola bars, chips, bottled water, etc.
- Sorting clothing and helping clients 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



Christian Formation Volunteer Workshops--The diocese is hosting workshops for those working with children, youth, or adult formation. There are gatherings planned in San Antonio, Fredericksburg, Beeville, and McAllen beginning **September 6th**. Click here for more [information about the workshops and registration](#).

Fishin' for Mission--This annual fishing tournament supports mission work in our diocese. It is held in Rockport on **September 12-13**. Click this link for more [details and registration for the tournament](#).

Annual Christian Formation Ministry Summit--The summit is for those who are leaders of children, youth, and adult formation. It is an overnight event hosted at Camp Capers on **October 3-4**. Click here for [details on the summit and registration information](#).

Discovery Weekend at Camp Capers--This weekend, scheduled for **November 14-15**, is designed to help both lay and ordained persons discern a deeper call to ministry . [Click here for more information](#).

Cursillo Weekends--A Cursillo is a three-day spiritual retreat weekend for adults. There are two planned: one at Mustang Island Conference Center, 10/9-12, and one at Camp Capers, 11/6-9. [Click this link](#) for more information and to register.

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 which 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 schedule for our [August ministry schedule](#). Click here for the [August church calendar](#).

August 23 - Saturday

1:00 p.m. - Grady Holliday Memorial Service

August 24 - Sunday--Baptism Sunday

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

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

August 25 - Monday

8:45 a.m. - Clothing Shop, Timon's Ministry, 10501 S. Padre Island Dr.

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

August 26 - Tuesday

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

August 27 - Wednesday.

11:30 a.m. - Lunch with the Old Guys--Nolan's Restaurant, 4117 S. Staples St.

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

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

August 28 - Thursday

7:00 p.m. - South Texas Amateur Radio Club--Fellowship Hall

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Facebook Pages that you might find helpful.**

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