

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

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Reflections from the Rector



Twenty-five years ago, I was given a piece of advice that has stayed with me ever since: "If you want to know what society is concerned about, look at the artists; they have a good sense of what people are thinking." This has proven to be wise counsel. Over the years, I have made a habit of watching for recurring themes in popular movies, high-rated television shows, and bestseller lists. By becoming a student of our society's artists, I find myself asking:

- What does this information tell me about the Gospel?
- Where is God showing up in these areas of public life?
- How do I apply this to my own spiritual journey?

By maintaining this simple practice, I have kept my faith dynamic. I continue to look for deeper meaning in the everyday, counting

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on finding God's playful presence in everything I encounter.

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Sunday Worship Service

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

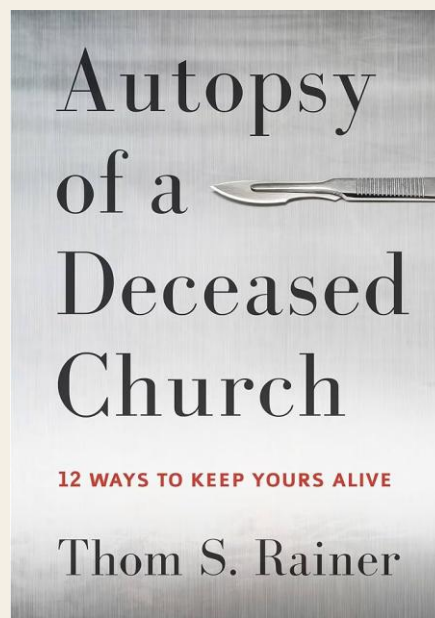
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Book Discussion

Autopsy of a Deceased Church: 12 Ways to Keep Yours Alive Discussion **Saturday, May 9th, 10:00 a.m.**

John deMontel will facilitate a discussion of the book *Autopsy of a Deceased Church* by Thom S. Rainer on Saturday, 5/9. The book exposes twelve pitfalls that churches that are no longer open fell into, leading to their demise.

If you'd like to be a part of the discussion, even if you haven't read the book or signed up. You can still contribute to the conversation. Everyone is welcome.



Mother's Day and Youth Sunday



Mother's Day and Youth Sunday THIS Sunday, May 10th

We will celebrate our mothers and our youth on Mother's Day, as we have done the last few years.

Our youth will take over various ministries during the service, such as ushering and greeter roles. It's always a treat when the kids serve.

In honor of our moms and our youth, the loose offering and any designated gifts will go to support the Youth Endowment Fund Scholarship Ministry.



Time of Prayer and Contemplation

Time of Contemplation & Healing Prayer Service Wednesday, May 13th, 5:45 p.m.

Our next Time of Contemplation and Healing Prayer is scheduled for Wednesday, May 13th, at 5:45 p.m. It's a time to sit quietly with God, listen for what He might be saying to us, and pray for various needs. Prayer teams are available after the time of contemplation ends for those with prayer needs.



Access Plus Ramp Build



Access Plus Ramp Build Saturday, May 16th, 8:00 a.m. 4035 W. Vanderbilt

The ramp build for May is for Pedro and Lydia. They have been waiting for quite some time for their ramp and are excited about the accessibility it will provide to their home.

If this ministry interests you, please come to build and learn from the best ramp builders in Corpus Christi. You don't need any experience, just be willing to serve; they are happy to train. If you would like more information, please contact Doug Wayland at (361) 813-1781.

Pool Party

Pool Party Sunday, May 17th 12:00-3:00 p.m. 44 Hewit Place

Enjoy a fun afternoon with your church family at the Wandel house on Sunday, May 17. We will have hot dogs and burgers on the grill, plus the fixings. Bring a side dish or dessert to share if you'd like, or just bring yourself - or a friend! We'll have plenty!



ALL ARE INVITED!!!

Non-swimmers, come take a seat and visit! Swimmers, please bring a towel.

Meals for the Farris Family



Meal Train Created for Sahara & Noah Farris

Sahara, Noah, and Everette recently welcomed little Ember into their family. A [meal train](#) was organized to furnish meals for them these first several weeks now that they are home. The link to sign up is above in blue text. You may sign up to cook them a meal, donate funds, or send them a gift card via DoorDash.

Thank you for helping this precious family!

Cimarron Senior Apartments Ministry

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

**Food Distribution
Monday, 5/18, 11:30 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 11:30 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 residents after it arrives. If you have an hour or so to give, please consider helping with the monthly food distribution.

Pentecost Sunday



Pentecost Sunday May 24th

It has been our tradition to celebrate Pentecost Sunday by wearing red and enjoying strawberry shortcake. The shortcake will be supplied, but we need your help with the strawberries. Please bring one pint of washed, cut strawberries on Sunday, May 24th, to use as a cake topping. Of course, we'll have whipped cream too!

Youth Endowment Scholarship Applications

Youth Endowment Scholarship Applications Now Being Accepted Deadline 5/31



The Youth Endowment Scholarship Committee is currently accepting scholarship applications from students planning to attend college or trade school in the fall. You may access the [application form and the guidelines](#) here. Print out the form and guidelines, complete the form by providing the requested information, and turn in your paperwork to the church office by **Sunday, May 31st**. The committee will meet in June to make determinations, and the checks will be issued once those decisions are made.

Altar Flowers



Sponsor Flowers for 5/31

If you missed out on sponsoring the altar flowers this year, you still have an opportunity. May 31st has become available. If you'd like to sponsor the flowers for that Sunday, please contact the church office by phoning (361) 994-0285, or email Judy at judy@stmarksc.org.

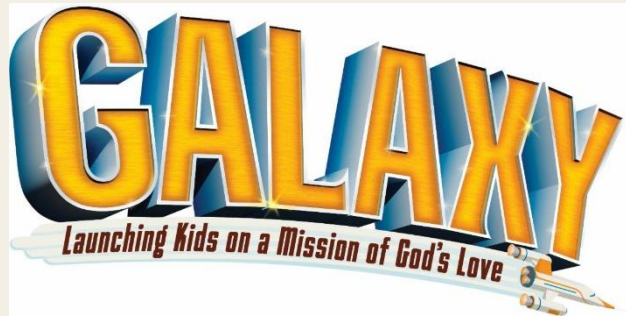
Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School June 19-21

Coming this summer! June 19-21, times to be announced.

GALAXY is a weekend VBS designed to Launch Kids on a Mission of God's Love. You will hear more about ways you can be involved soon, but one is

by contributing needed supplies. Follow this link to our [gift registry](#). Whether you give a little or a lot, it's an important way to be part of our mission! Thank you for sharing God's love with children!



Volunteer Hours App

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

MyTimeTithe App to Track Volunteer Hours

The time we serve in ministry at St. Mark's, or 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 the hours we serve. You can [click on this link](#) or scan the QR code 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.



Adult Bible Study

Adult Bible Study Class Meets on Sundays after the Service

The Adult Bible study class will meet in the fellowship hall library. The new topic is "Post-Resurrection Narratives in the New Testament."



If you'd like to join in the study, head to the fellowship hall after the service for some refreshments and then find a seat around the table in the library. Bibles will be available if you need one.

The Bible study will take a break during the summer, beginning May 17th.

Youth Ministry



SEEK Youth Group

Summer Camp--Registration for [Summer Camp at Camp Capers](#) is open. Click the link to the diocesan page for more information and to register.

Pool Party-Enjoy a fun afternoon with your church family at the Wandel house (44 Hewit Pl.) on Sunday, May 17. We will have hot dogs and burgers on the grill, plus the fixings. Bring a side dish or dessert to share if you'd like, or just bring yourself - or a friend! We'll have plenty!

Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His face continually. (1 Chronicles 16:11)

Timon's Ministry

Ministry in Partnership with Timon's Ministries

The volunteer work at Timon's Clothing Closet has been temporarily suspended due to changes in its hours of operation. We are hoping the volunteers can return soon to the ministry they have come to enjoy. So, we will not be collecting items for the time being. Thank you!



Diocesan Events



Diocesan News

Summer Camps at Camp Capers--

Registration for Summer Camps has opened up for campers. [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 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 our [May ministry schedule](#). Click here for the [May church calendar](#).

May 10 - Sunday

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

May 11 - Monday

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

May 12 - Tuesday

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

May 13 - Wednesday

11:30 a.m. - Lunch with the Old Guys--Niko's Steakhouse, 5409 Saratoga Blvd.
12:00 p.m. - Prayer Group--Fellowship Hall Library
5:45 p.m. - Time of Contemplation & Healing Prayer--Sanctuary
6:30 p.m. - Men's Reunion Group--Nolan's Restaurant, 7426 S. Staples St.

May 16 - Saturday

8:00 a.m. - Access Plus Ramp Build--4035 W. Vanderbilt

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

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

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

[Diocese of West Texas](#)

[Diocesan Newsletter and Reflection Magazine](#)

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