

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

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Easter Sunday is one of the pinnacles of our Church year. After six weeks of intentionally focusing on the parts of our lives we would rather leave alone—addressing the personal and institutional flaws we often ignore—we emerge with a new perspective on the depth of God's love. We find a renewed capacity to carry on with the difficult, yet holy, task of self-reflection. Where humanity anticipates failure, defeat, and betrayal, God reveals healing, love, and the restorative power of hope that points toward joy. Jesus experienced these very human emotions during his final week on earth, before returning to his friends to gather the scattered and the broken.

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Sunday Worship Service

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

[Visit our website](#)

Newest Little St. Markan



Welcome Ember Farris Born 4/8 to Sahara & Noah Farris

Sarah Farris gave birth to Ember yesterday at 3:40 a.m. She weighed 8 pounds 7 ounces and was 20 inches long. Sahara and Ember are doing well, and they are home now.

A [meal train](#) was organized to bring meals to them. Here's the link to sign up. It begins next Wednesday, but if you'd like to take care of a meal between now and then, just check out the dietary restrictions on the website and contact the Farris family to coordinate. You may either cook them a meal or send them a gift card.

Welcome to the family, precious little one!

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. Jeremy Wilkey developed an app for us to use to log the hours we serve. You can [click on this link](https://MyTimeTithe.org/stmarksc) 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 if you'd like about your service.



Adult Bible Study



Adult Bible Study Class Meets on Sundays after the Service

The Adult Bible study class will resume meeting this Sunday, April 12th, 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.

Ultreya

**Ultreya
Thursday,
4/16
6:00-8:00 p.m.
St. Andrew's
Episcopal
Church**

If you've been to a Cursillo weekend, please consider attending this Ultreya gathering at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Callalen.

Pizza will be provided. Please bring a snack or drink to share.

PLEASE JOIN US...

COASTAL BEND AREA
ULTREYA

**Thursday, April 16th
6:00p-8:00p**

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*please bring a snack or drink to share!
Pizza will be provided.*

**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
13026 Leopard St.
Corpus Christi, TX**

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Easter Lily Plants



Easter Lily Plants

If you sponsored a lily plant and opted to take yours home, you may do so after the service this Sunday.

**Thank you to everyone who sponsored the lilies this year.
They help make our altar simply beautiful!**

Access Plus Ramp Build

**Access Plus Ramp Build
Saturday, April 19th, 8:00 a.m.
3305 Gollihar Rd.**

Doug Wayland and his team will be working on a ramp for Emma this month. She and her family will be blessed to have better access to her home.



You don't need any building or construction experience to help with the ramp build. The team is happy to train people. If this ministry interests you and you would like more information, please contact Doug at (3610 813-1781). He would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Inquirer's Class

**INQUIRER'S
CLASS**



**Inquirer's Class
Sunday, April 19th
After the Service**

Fr. Doug is offering an Inquirer's Class on Sunday, April 19th. The class is designed for those who are newer to St. Mark's and those who want to learn more about our church history and our beliefs. If you'd like to attend the class, you can sign up on the Connection Card in your bulletin this Sunday, or contact Judy in the office by calling (361) 994-0285 or emailing judy@stmarksgc.org.

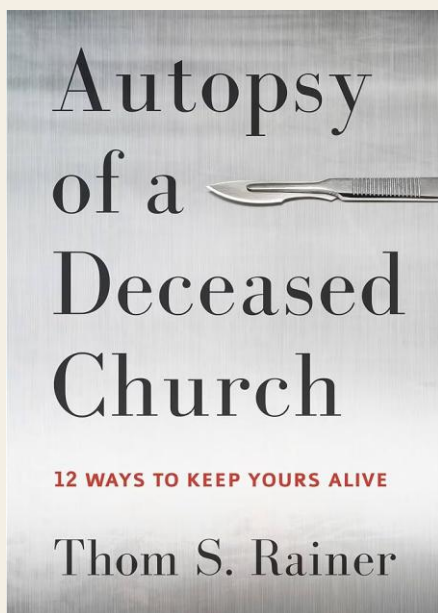
Time of Contemplation & Healing Prayer Service

Time of Contemplation & Healing Prayer Service Wednesday, April 22nd, 5:45 p.m.



The Time of Contemplation and Healing Prayer services held during Lent were quite meaningful to people, so St. Mark's will offer them on a regular basis on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. The next service will be held in the chapel of the sanctuary on April 22nd.

Book Discussion



Autopsy of a Deceased Church 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, contact the church office by calling (361) 994-0285 or emailing Judy at judy@stmarkscc.org. Copies of the book are available in the church office. Just let Judy know if you'd like to have a copy. You don't need to have read the book to be a part of the discussion, but it would be helpful. The book is about 100 short pages long, so it's a fast read.

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.



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

Cimarron Senior Apartments Ministry



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

**Food Distribution
Monday, 4/20, 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.

Timon's Ministry

Ministry in Partnership with Timon's Ministries

Over the course of many years, St. Mark's has partnered with Timon's Ministries 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 Ministries, working in the Clothing Closet, organizing items, and visiting with people. The group has asked for help with their efforts in 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 to 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 News

Spiritual Retreat in Recovery--These weekends are designed for those who are in recovery from alcohol or other abuses and their families. [Here is a link for more information.](#)

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 [April ministry schedule](#). Click here for the [April church calendar](#).

April 12 - 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

11:30 a.m. - Adult Bible Study--Fellowship Hall Library

April 13 - Monday

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

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

April 14 - Tuesday

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

April 15 - Wednesday

11:30 a.m. - Lunch with the Old Guys--Nolans' 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.

April 16 - Thursday

6:00 p.m. - Ultreya--St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 13026 Leopard St.

April 18 - Saturday

8:00 a.m. - Access Plus Ramp Build--3305 Gollihar Rd.

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

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