

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

August 14, 2025

Upcoming Events

Ultreya Gathering

8/16, Saturday

Food Distribution

8/18, Monday

Baptism Sunday

8/24, Sunday

Missionary Sunday

8/31, Sunday

Shirt Order Deadline

8/31, Sunday

Beach Day

9/6, Saturday

SEEK Youth Group Resumes

9/7, Sunday

Diocesan Fishin' for Mission

9/12-13, Friday & Saturday

From the Rector Fr. Doug Wasinger



It is August, and that means that football season is next month. I have my own pre-season ritual; I catch up on football documentaries that are streaming on the internet. I am fascinated by the coaches who have placed their livelihoods in the hands of 18- to 21-year-olds. I am curious about how coaches motivate these kids. What are they saying? How are the coaches delivering the often blunt message of needed improvement? More importantly, how are the players responding? The coaches' messages need context to be understood. Without context a person could draw the conclusion that the coaches are angry all the time. They are not angry; they care, and they want their players to be successful.

The common image of Jesus is a man who is calm and gentle. However, there are those passages in the Gospel that show a different side of the Son of God. In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus demonstrates a passionate and fiery side of his personality. He tells a large group of people that he came to bring fire to the earth and wishes it was already kindled. In this context, the image of fire implies that there is a pending event of a purge or reckoning. Jesus makes it clear that in this moment what he

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Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

is doing will not bring peace to the world, but rather division. In other words, Jesus is going to expose evil, and people will have to make a forced choice: will they continue to follow Jesus or will they embrace the darker side of human nature? This choice will run deep into their relationships, and those who choose Jesus will face rejection as they accept God's gift of life.

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

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Ultreya

Coastal Bend Area Ultreya

Saturday, 8/16,
10:30 a.m. to
12:30 p.m.

Church of the Good
Shepherd Episcopal
Church
Munds Hall

Please bring a snack or
dish to share!



PLEASE JOIN US...



COASTAL BEND AREA
ULTREYA



Saturday, August 16th
10:30a-12:30p

please bring a snack or potluck dish to share!

Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd
Munds Hall
700 S Upper Broadway
Corpus Christi



Episcopal Diocese of West Texas
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Ramp Build Cancelled



Access Plus Ramp Build Cancelled

The ramp build scheduled for August 16th to benefit Silvia has been canceled because she passed away. Please keep her family in your prayers for peace and comfort.

Cimarron Senior Apartments Ministry

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

**Food Distribution
Monday, 8/18, 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.

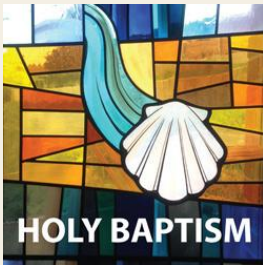
St. Mark's Shirt Orders

Order St. Mark's Shirts Deadline 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 "shirts" on your payment.



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. The next one is August 31st. The loose offering and any designated gifts will support the ministry of Erin Cottos, as well as Duane and Sharon Miller and their children.



Corpus Christi Hooks Game



An Episcopal Night at Whataburger Field

We ended up with 62 people at the Hooks baseball game last Friday night. Everyone had a wonderful time! We were blessed by the generosity of Fr. John Blackburn for sponsoring this event for our area Episcopal Churches.

Thank you, Fr. John!

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)

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, and gauze
- 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.](#)

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](#).

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 to register for the tournament](#).

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](#).

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 17 - Sunday

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

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

August 18 - Monday

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

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

11:30 a.m. - Food Distribution--Cimarron Senior Apartments, 2802 Cimarron Blvd.

6:30 p.m. - Vestry Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library

August 19 - Tuesday

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

August 20 - Wednesday.

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

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

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

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