

# St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

March 26, 2026

## Upcoming Events

### Church Cleanup Day

3/28, Saturday

### Hosanna Chalk Art

3/28, Saturday

### Palm Sunday

3/29, Sunday

### Holy Week Services

3/30-4/1--Evening Services

4/2--Maundy Thursday

4/3--Stations of the Cross

### Resurrection Easter Sunday

4/5, Sunday

### Conversations with God at the Cimarron Senior Apartment Complex

4/6, Monday

### Inquirer's Class

4/19, Sunday



## Reflections from the Rector



This Palm Sunday, our liturgy draws us into the moment when Jesus enters Jerusalem for the last time. The crowds cheer with hopes that the oppressive Roman Empire will finally fall. Many expect God to restore David's throne and return Jerusalem to regional power. Behind that theology, the desire for political and economic control grows louder than the call to be a people through whom God blesses the world.

Jesus enters to expose that misplaced hope. Pilgrims gather for Passover expecting freedom from a modern Pharaoh, yet they already live in the land of promise. In Jesus, God's Passover does not move people from one place to another; it moves hearts from bondage to false beliefs. God refuses to be confined to geography or used as a tool of control. In Christ, God frees us from treating people as objects and forms us again as a beloved people.

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## Sunday Worship Service

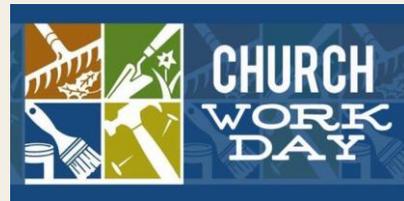
Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

[Visit our website](#)

## Church Work Day

### Church Work Day Saturday, 3/28, at 8:00 a.m.

Mark your calendars for THIS Saturday, March 28th, for a church work day to get our buildings and grounds ready for Holy Week and Easter Sunday. There will be tasks to complete indoors and outdoors. You are invited to bring any tools or supplies that could be useful (gloves, broom, etc.). Please consider coming to help, even if you only have 30 minutes to give. Everyone's efforts are welcomed and appreciated.



## Hosanna Chalk Art



### Hosanna Chalk Art Saturday, March 28th, at 10:00 a.m.

All are invited to come decorate St. Mark's sidewalks with Hosanna chalk art on Saturday, March 28th, in preparation for Palm Sunday.

## Easter Egg Fillers

### WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH EASTER EGG FILLERS Due THIS Sunday, 3/29

We have hundreds of plastic Easter eggs that need to be filled with small trinkets, stickers, or candy. But we've had very little come in. We need your help to fill them all. Please consider picking up some filler items to drop off at church by Sunday, March 29th. There are boxes in the sanctuary and the fellowship hall in which you may place your items. Our youth group will be stuffing the eggs this Sunday after the service.



Thank you for your help with this project!

## Easter Lily Plants



### Easter Lily Dedication Forms Deadline is THIS Sunday, 3/29

Please consider sponsoring a lily plant or two to help decorate the altar for Easter Sunday. It's a wonderful way to honor a special someone or a special event in your life. The dedication forms for lily plants will be available in the worship bulletins this Sunday. You can also click here to [print a dedication form](#) to fill out to bring with you. The plants cost \$12. Please fold the form and place your payment inside it. If you would like to take care of your lily order using our eGiving, please write that on your dedication form. The deadline for the Easter lily plants is this Sunday, March 29th.

## Holy Week Details

### Important Details for Holy Week Services



#### Palm Sunday

- We will begin the service in the fellowship hall. Fr. Doug will bless the palms before we begin processing to the sanctuary singing "Hosanna" and waving our palm branches.

### Rehearsals

- Maundy Thursday service rehearsal for **all acolytes** will be at 5:45 p.m. on April 1st, Wednesday evening before the Holy Wednesday Service.
- Easter morning service rehearsal for **altar guild members** will be at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, 4/4.

### Easter Sunday Service

- Bring fresh-cut flowers to use to decorate our white cross.
- Bring noise-makers to use during the service each time we say "Alleluia."
- Make plans to stay after the service for mimosas and extra special refreshments.

## Holy Week Schedule

### Holy Week Schedule March 29th through April 5th

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on March 29th. We will have evening services all week. Monday through Wednesday will be evening prayer. The Maundy Thursday service is on Thursday, and the Stations of the Cross will be on Friday. All of the services are at 7:00 p.m. The culmination of Holy Week will be on Sunday, April 5th, with our Easter Resurrection service.

Here is a link to a PDF of the [Holy Week flyer](#), if you'd like to print a copy for yourself or give it to family and friends as an invitation to join us for our Holy Week services. There will be copies of the flyer in the bulletins on Sunday as well.



Join us for...

Holy Week  & Easter

**March 29 through April 5**

3/29 Sunday 10:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday
3/30-4/1 Monday—Wednesday 7:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer
4/2 Thursday 7:00 p.m. 9:00-10:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service Hour of Prayer
4/3 Friday 7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
4/5 Sunday 10:00 a.m.	Easter Resurrection Service Flowering of the Cross Alleluia Banner Hunt
11:30 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt & Celebration

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## Youth Ministry



### SEEK Youth Group Meets after Worship on Sunday!

**Come join in the fun of Easter egg stuffing** this Sunday after the service during Youth Group!

Maundy Thursday service rehearsal for **all acolytes** will be at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening, April 1st, before the Holy Wednesday Service. Please gather in the sanctuary to meet with Fr. Doug.

**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)

Here is a picture of Ava Rios  
serving as a Senior Acolyte  
for the very first time!  
Way to go, Ava!



## Altar Flowers



### Altar Flower Price Increase

We have been using the Saratoga H.E.B. floral department for our altar flowers for over 15 years. During that time, we've only seen one price increase. They have been very gracious in helping us keep the cost down.

Due to corporate changes, the director of the floral department let us know that HEB will need to increase the cost of our altar flowers from \$55 per week to \$60. Please be aware of the increase if you signed up to sponsor altar

flowers for this year. Thank you!

## Adult Bible Study

### Adult Bible Study Class Sundays at 11:45 a.m.

The Adult Bible study class meets on Sundays in the fellowship hall library. If you'd like to join in the study, head to 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.



## Timon's Ministry Fish Fry Fundraiser

**\$15**

INCLUDES FRIED FISH, FRIED SHRIMP, HUSH PUPPIES, FRENCH FRIES, & CORN ON THE COBB

**TIMON'S MINISTRIES FISH FRY FUNDRAISER**

MARCH 27, 2026  
11:00AM-UNTIL SOLD OUT

10501 S. PADRE ISLAND DR

**361-9376196**

For more information, please visit: [www.Timonministries.com](http://www.Timonministries.com)

### Timon's Ministry Fish Fry Fundraiser Friday, 3/27, 11:00 a.m. until sold out

We have a team of people who work in the Clothing Boutique at Timon's Ministry sorting donated clothing and helping those who come in to shop.

To further support Timon's Ministry, you can purchase fish lunch plates on Friday, 3/27, either by clicking [the link](#) or by paying at Timon's when you pick up a plate.

## Cimarron Senior Apartments Ministry

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



**Conversations with God  
Bible Study**

**Monday, 4/6, 11:00 am**

**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

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

#### **March 29 - Palm 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

11:45 a.m. - Adult Bible Study--Fellowship Hall Library

#### **March 30 - Monday**

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

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

7:00 p.m. - Holy Monday Evening Service—Sanctuary

**March 31 - Tuesday**

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

7:00 p.m. - Holy Tuesday Evening Service--Sanctuary

**April 1 - Wednesday**

11:30 a.m. - Lunch with the Old Guys--Silverado Smokehouse, 4522 Weber Rd.

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

5:45 p.m. - Maundy Thursday Rehearsal--Sanctuary

7:00 p.m. - Holy Wednesday Evening Service--Sanctuary

**April 2 - Thursday**

7:00 p.m. - Maundy Thursday Service--Sanctuary

**April 3 - Friday**

7:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross Service--Sanctuary

**April 4 - Saturday**

10:00 a.m. - Easter Service Rehearsal--Sanctuary

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

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[Diocese of West Texas](#)

[Diocesan Newsletter and Reflection Magazine](#)

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