

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

January 20, 2022

Upcoming Events.

Annual Meeting Potluck

1/30 Sun, 11:30 a.m.

Diocesan Council

2/24-26 Thur-Sat

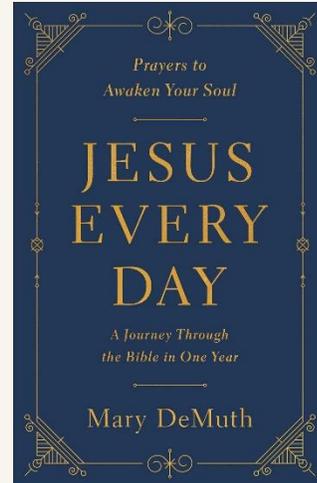
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Sunday Worship Service:

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

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An excerpt taken from
**"Prayers to Awaken Your Soul;
Jesus Every Day,"**
a devotional by Mary DeMuth.

*"Say to the people of Israel: I am the Lord. I will free you from your oppression and will rescue you from your slavery in Egypt. I will redeem you with a powerful arm and great acts of judgement. I will claim you as my own people, and I will be your God."
Exodus 6:6-7a*

Jesus, I am so grateful that you are a God of freedom for many--including me. Thank you for freeing me from the oppression of the sin that surrounded my heart and marred my view of you and myself. Thank you for rescuing me from the power of the enemy who wanted me enslaved and destroyed.

Today keep me mindful of the ways you've redeemed me in the past. Help me to spend a little time recounting how you've rescued me from so much. I confess that I often get mired in today's to-do list, and my personal failure taints my joy. Instead of concentrating on the ways I've fallen short, redeem the way I view my life. I want to boast about the amazing things you have done instead.

So replace my overwhelmed thoughts with reminders of your provision. And as you do that beautiful work in my mind today, I will settle into the truth that you have claimed me as your own. I'm stunned about your kind affection and rescue, Jesus, Let me live in wholehearted gratitude today. Amen.

**Seek God! Pray!
Give it ALL to Him!**

Warden's Corner

Opportunity to Serve

Vestry Candidates

Each year, as part of our annual meeting, we elect new members to serve on our vestry. Serving on the vestry at this time is particularly exciting because of where we find ourselves--searching for a new rector to begin a new chapter in the life and ministry of St. Mark's.

Being a part of the process will be very rewarding, even though the vestry's part is relatively small. The Search Committee does all of the work: researching and interviewing candidates, and then recommending the person they believe God intends as our next rector to the vestry for approval.

Typically, three members rotate off the vestry each year and are replaced by three new members. However, this year only two vestry positions will be vacated. I was scheduled to rotate off the vestry but have agreed to serve as Senior Warden one more year as we continue to go through the search process for our new rector. So we will have two positions to fill instead of three at our annual meeting at the end of the month.

Vestry members typically serve a three year term, which means three positions are normally open each year to ensure both continuity and opportunities for fresh ideas. If you'd like more information about serving on the vestry, please contact any member of the vestry to get answers to your questions. Here's a list of our vestry members:



Those continuing to serve:

Jon Reily--Senior Warden
John Wandel
Mark Hartlaub
Doug Wayland
Dayna Chimelski
Jane Helm
Terry Wright

Those rotating off:

Cecilia Colbourne

Eddie Jackson

Please thank them for their service!

Please prayerfully consider being nominated for one of the vestry positions.

Yours in service,
Jon

Worship Service Live Stream

Change in How We Live Stream

Last Sunday Facebook decided to do an update that took out our ability to live stream our Sunday services through Facebook. Donna Burks has figured out a way for us to continue to live stream without going through Facebook. Thank you, Donna!



The live stream link will be available on our website through this [link](#). You may also go to www.stmarksgcc.org, click on the "Media Center" tab, and click on "Live Streaming" in the drop-down menu, which will give you the page with an arrow to click on to start the live stream.

A link will also be permanently pinned to the top of our Facebook page and in the St. Mark's Family Facebook group. So, you can still go to Facebook to get the link. It will be the first item you see when you open our page or group.

Annual Parish Meeting

Sunday, January 30th

Our annual meeting is scheduled for NEXT Sunday, January 30th, immediately after our worship service. We'll eat lunch while a photo roller of the year 2021 plays. Then we'll move right into the nuts and bolts of the meeting. We'll hear about ministry highlights from 2021, look at how the year ended financially, vote for two new vestry members, review the 2022 budget, and dream about our future.



The lunch will be an Italian themed potluck. So, start thinking about your favorite recipes as you decide what you'll want to bring. You can sign up on the back of the Connection Card during the service this Sunday. During the meeting, Molly will have activities for the children, while Stephanie hangs out with our little ones.

Please mark your calendar for this very important meeting and make every effort to be there.

Search Process

Links for Search Process Resources

We had a great search committee meeting last night and are continuing to prepare for receiving candidate names (hopefully) in early February. We did a trial zoom interview last night with Tony Reyes, Founder and Director of Mission 911. Tony played the role of a candidate pastor. He also helped us to test and work out details, giving suggestions for our technical IT, presentation techniques, and such. As usual, Tony was a wonderful “test candidate” and offered some thoughtful and appropriate suggestions. We also discussed some ways of continuing to work together as servants for Jesus.



Scripture for the Week

1 John 5:13-15 NIV

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.

Here is a list of useful links to use during the search process for our new rector:
Parish Profile on Mark's [website](#),
Diocese of West Texas website [churches in transition](#)
Prayers during the search process: [prayers](#)

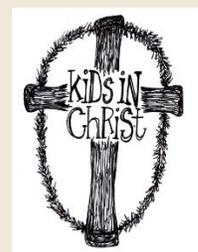
Youth and Children's Ministry

SEEK Youth Group and Kids in Christ

Kids in Christ

Coming up in KIC

Did you know that Jesus was once a child too? He learned the scriptures and talked with temple priests. He took time to learn about his Heavenly Father and prepare for his adult ministry. Over the next several weeks, we'll discover how we can grow closer to God and be prepared for his plans for us too!



SEEK Youth Group

St. Mark's youth are going to make Blessing Bags to be distributed to our homeless community through The Free Store-Corpus Christi. We will purchase some of the items, but would like to ask our St. Mark's family for donations of the following items.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Please bring your donation to the fellowship hall by February 13.

Items Needed:

New Socks (men's & women's)

Lip Balm

Brush or Comb

Dry Shampoo

Hand Sanitizer

Rain Poncho

Travel Size Shampoo

Travel Size Conditioner

Toothbrush

Toothpaste

Wet Wipes

Floss

Feminine Products

Proverbs 19:17 Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done.

We meet every Sunday from 4-5 p.m. in the fellowship hall and would love for anyone 6th-12th grade to join us. Friends are always invited!

New Women's Group

Women's Group Tuesdays 6:00 p.m.

Calling all women! A new group for ladies started recently. They will share their lives, hold each other accountable, and pray for one another. If this sounds appealing to you, join them next Tuesday at Jason's Deli on Airline Road in the Gulfway Shopping Center at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting will begin with dinner, so please try to arrive a few minutes early to order your food, then go look for familiar St. Mark's faces.

For more information, contact Lori Jones at (361) 903-5060 or Judy at (361) 994-0285 in the church office.



Bishop's Visit & Confirmation Sunday

Bishop David Reed Sunday, April 10th--Palm Sunday

Each year one of our bishops visits St. Mark's for our annual Bishop's Visit. While here, the bishop will provide the Rite of Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation for those who wish to publicly affirm or reaffirm their faith and commitment to their baptism vows.



The Rite of Confirmation is for those who are new to the Church and want to join.

The Rite of Reception is for those who come from a Catholic background and want to join the Church.

The Rite of Reaffirmation is for those who were previously confirmed and want to reaffirm their commitment.

Youth in the tenth grade and up and adults who are new to the Church or want to reaffirm their faith need to attend a course to prepare them. The start date has not yet been decided, but it most likely will be near the end of February. If this interests you, please contact Judy at (361) 994-0295 or judy@stmarkscc.org.

Confirmation Sunday is always a special because it's a time to celebrate new and renewed life in the Holy Spirit.

Flowers

Flower Chart for 2022

Sponsoring the altar flowers on a Sunday is a great way to honor a special someone or event in your life, as well as add more beauty to our altar. Each year a flower chart is available for people to sign up on for a particular Sunday. The flower chart for 2022 is currently available in the entryway to the sanctuary.



After you sign up, an email will be sent out at the beginning of the month of the date that you requested. You will be asked how you would like the dedication on the back of the bulletin to read and whether you want to take the flowers after the Sunday service or have them donated. The cost is \$55.

Thank you to those who have signed up to sponsor the flowers during 2022. Here are the dates that are still available:

April 17
May 8
May 15
July 17
Aug 21
Oct 16

You may also indicate a date you would like to sponsor by either calling Judy in the church office at (361) 994-0285 next week or emailing her at judy@stmarkscc.org.

Give Plus App

New App VANCO Mobile

Vanco Payment, our new EGiving provider, will replace the old app "Give Plus". If you choose to use a giving app to support St. Mark's, please be aware that the **"Give Plus" app will be deleted January 31st.**

Below are the directions on how to set up the new app VANCO Mobile.

- **NEW APP**----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.



Ways to Support God's Kingdom through St. Mark's

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORT ST. MARK'S CHURCH!

Is the Lord blessing you? Are you grateful for what He has done in your life? Remember His Church. Though we have experienced limitations for worshipping together, we still 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 the four 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.
- **NEW APP**----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.
- 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.



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 January schedule for our ministries, which is still a work in progress. Please check each week to see if there are any changes.

January 23 - Sunday

10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist--Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. - Kid's in Christ--Fellowship Hall
Coffee Hour--Fellowship Hall
4:00 p.m. - SEEK Youth Group--Fellowship Hall

January 25 - Tuesday

10:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. - Women's Group--Jason's Deli, 1416 Airline Rd.
6:30 p.m. - Men's Reunion Group--Nolan's Restaurant, 7426 S. Staples St.
7:00 p.m. - Bible Study & Prayer Group--Online-Zoom

January 26 - Wednesday

11:30 a.m. - Lunch with the Old Guys--Location to be determined
12:00 p.m. - Noon Prayer Group--Fellowship Hall

January 27 - Thursday

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

Helpful Links

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

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

[Donate to St. Mark's Church](#)

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

[Diocese of West Texas](#)

[Diocesan Newsletter and Reflection Magazine](#)

[Denison Forum--News Discerned Differently](#)



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