

# St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

April 24, 2025

## Upcoming Events

### Welcome Liturgy

5/4, Sunday

### Conversations with God Bible Study

5/6, Tuesday

### Youth Sunday and Mother's Day

5/11, Sunday

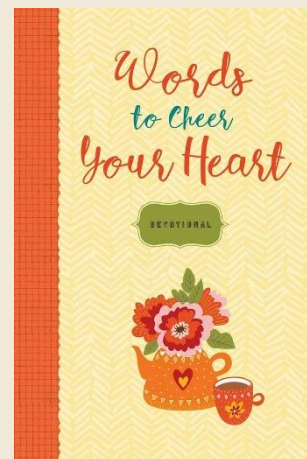
### Memorial Day

5/26, Monday

### Adult Bible Study & Youth Group

Sundays after the service

## Words to Cheer Your Heart Devotional by Ellie Claire



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## Sunday Worship Service

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

*"I am the Alpha and the Omega--the beginning and the end," says the Lord God. "I am the one who is, who always was, and who is still to come--the Almighty One." Revelation 1:8*

God lives in the *and*. He's the beginning *and* the end. Jesus is fully God *and* fully man. He is justice *and* mercy. Grace *and* truth. Completely powerful *and* completely gentle.

Humans are uncomfortable in the *and*. We don't know how to live in the present *and* the future at the same time. We struggle with knowing we are perfect in Christ while we still experience human failure.

When it comes to trials, the *and* is tricky business. Jesus wept. Paul says rejoice always. David says to pour our complaints before God one minute and the next he says he will continually speak God's praises.

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Real-life struggles require time to grieve, but in our need for real emotion it's easy to forget the *and*. When we do, life's struggles are harder to bear.

Thankfully we are children of the God of the *and*. Ours is not all or nothing thinking.

The trial is hard *and* God is good. Money is short *and* we have a warm coat. That relationship is strained *and* this relationship is a blessing. Today there are problems *and* for eternity there is joy.

It is possible to cry *and* laugh in the same hour.

Rejoicing in the *and* gives unlimited access to the good in life.

**Lord, today I rejoice in the *and*, remembering that there is more to my life than the problems I face. I celebrate each good gift in gratitude to You, the gift-giver. Amen.**

## Welcome Liturgy



## Newest Members Welcomed Sunday, 5/4

May 4th will be another special day in the life of our church as we welcome new members into the family of St. Mark's. Please make plans to come to support them and celebrate our new life together.

## Lily Plant Pickup

### Time to Pick Up Lily Plants

If you sponsored a lily plant and opted to take it home, you may take this Sunday after the service. Thank you to those of you who sponsored the lily plants this year.



## Youth & Children's Ministry



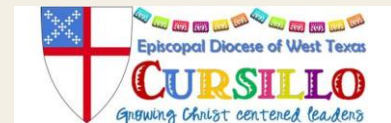
### SEEK Youth Group

**Youth Group Meeting**--All middle school or high school age youth are encouraged to join in on Sundays after the service for youth group. Grab some refreshments and head to the youth room to talk about highs and lows and pray for one another.

**Youth Sunday**--Mark your calendars for Youth Sunday on May 11th. We would like to see as many of the youth serving that Sunday as possible. Please let Mrs. Molly know if you'd like to serve as a greeter, an usher, or a reader. May 11th is also Mother's Day, so we'll need help passing out their acknowledgement gifts.

## Cursillo Weekend

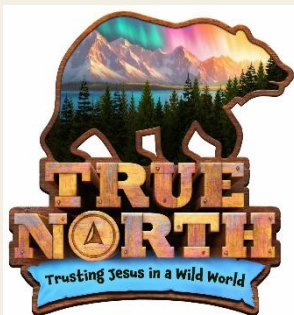
### Cursillo Weekend May 1-4 Mustang Island Conference Center



Would you like to participate in a spiritual renewal retreat? Our diocese offers Cursillo weekends three to four times a year. The next one on the calendar is the first weekend in May, the 1st through the 4th, at the Mustang Island Conference Center.

Lori Jones is a member of the Cursillo team for the May retreat. There are a couple of people from St. Mark's signed up to attend. If you're interested in going, please register through the diocesan website using [this link](#). If you have questions, feel free to contact Lori at (361) 903-5060. She'd be happy to talk to you.

## Vacation Bible School



### True North Vacation Bible School July 14-17

We're gearing up for our Vacation Bible School, which is scheduled for July 14-17. The program, *True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World*, will take the children on an Alaskan adventure.

We need volunteers to help with decorating and setup beforehand as well as during the four days of the VBS program.

We also need help with purchasing supplies. The first QR code below will take you to the website to register as a volunteer and to register children to attend. The one below it will take you to the website to view the Vacation Bible School Registry.



## Cimarron Senior Apartments Ministry

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



**Conversations with God Bible Study on the First Tuesday of Every Month**

**Tuesday, 5/6, 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 for 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**

**Monday, 5/19, 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.

## Adult Bible Study



### Adult Bible Study Sundays after the Service

The Adult Bible Study Group meets in the fellowship hall library at 11:45 a.m. You may bring your Bibles if you'd like; however, there will be some available if you need one. Grab some refreshments and join in the conversation.

The group is studying the book of Philippians; however, you may join in at any time.

## 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, 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
- Donating toothbrushes and new or used shoelaces
- 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

**Cursillo Weekends**--Cursillo weekends are spiritual retreats for adults. There is a Cursillo planned for May 1-4 at **Mustang Island Conference Center**. For more information, please [click this link for May](#).

**Summer Camp at Camp Capers**--The schedule for kids' summer sessions for Camp Capers is available. [Click here for more information](#). Just scroll down until you find the camp which interests you.

**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 that 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 [April schedule](#) for our ministries. Click here for the [April](#) and [May](#) church calendars.

#### **April 27 - 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

#### **April 28 - Monday**

- 8:45 a.m. - Clothing Sorting--Timon's Ministry, 10501 S. Padre Island Dr.
- 1:30 p.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library
- 6:30 p.m. - Vestry Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library

#### **April 29 - Tuesday**

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

#### **April 30 - 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.

#### **May 1 - Thursday**

- 11:30 a.m. - Crossroads Ministry--TAMUCC Campus

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

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