

# St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

March 16, 2023

## Upcoming Events

### Walk to Siloam

3/16-19 Thursday-Sunday

### Access Plus Ramp Build

3/18 Saturday, 8:00 a.m.

### Week 4 Lenten Soup & Study

3/22 Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

### Week 5 Lenten Soup & Study

3/29 Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

### Hosanna Chalk Art

4/1 Saturday, 10:00 a.m.

### Holy Week, beginning with Palm Sunday

4/2-4/8

### Resurrection Easter Sunday

4/9 Sunday, 10 a.m.

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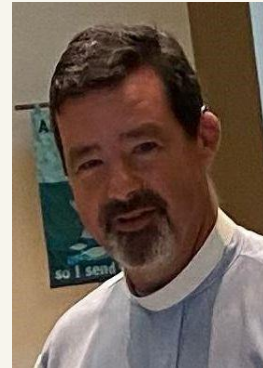
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## From the Rector Fr. Doug Wasinger



This week I want to expand on my sermon from March 12, 2023, concerning the story of the Woman and the Well from the Gospel of John. At one point during his conversation with the woman Jesus requests that she go get her husband, and she responds that she does not have a husband. Jesus then replies that she is correct because she has had five husbands, and the current one is not her husband. I was often puzzled by that statement until a colleague of mine shared with me that a biblical scholar had interpreted "husbands" as a reference to populations from five different nations that previously had been placed in the area of Samaria. I made the connection that in that period of history, "gods" were thought of as being local, and so when people were forced to leave their homes, they took their "gods" with them.

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

## Sunday Worship Service:

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

[Visit our website](#)

## Access Plus

### Ramp Build 2724 Morrow Dr. THIS Saturday, March 18th, at 8:00 a.m.

This month's ramp build is for a lady named Julie who is bedridden. So, a ramp will help her family get her in and out of her home for doctor's appointments and other outings.



### Need for an Additional Ramp Building Team

The need for building ramps for others in our community is huge. Doug Wayland, who oversees this vital ministry, indicated that there are approximately 35 people on his list waiting for a ramp, which equates to about a two year wait. There are very few resources available for those who need help getting a ramp built.

Doug would like to create a second team in order to double the number of ramps that can be completed. He'd be happy to visit with you about all that's involved. No skills are required; he is willing to teach anyone who would like to learn. You can call him at (361) 813-1781.

## Walk to Siloam



### Walk to Siloam Retreat Provided by Mission 911 March 16-19

Mission 911 offers spiritual retreat weekends called Walk to Siloam to men who are struggling, homeless, living in poverty or near poverty. John deMontel works with Tony Reyes, founder of Mission 911, to provide these retreats. The latest retreat began today. Please keep the team, the participants and the entire retreat in your prayers.

## Early Easter Activities

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#### Easter Lily Plants

Beginning this Sunday, yellow lily dedication forms will be in your bulletins for you to fill out to sponsor a lily that will be used to decorate the altar for our Resurrection Easter Sunday service. This is a great way to honor a special someone or event in your life. You may sponsor more than one lily if you'd like. The cost of each plant is \$12. Just fill out the form and put it, along with your payment, in the offering basket as it's being passed during the offertory song during the service.



#### East Egg Filler Collection

We need your help to collect enough trinkets (small toys) and candy to fill several hundred plastic eggs for our annual Easter Egg Hunt that will take place after the Resurrection Easter Service. There will be boxes available in the entryway to the sanctuary and in the fellowship hall for donations. Please bring your items by Sunday, April 2nd.

## Lenten Soup and Study Event

### Lenten Soup and Study of *The Chosen* Series Week 4, March 22nd



Our Lenten Soup and Study is going really well. We enjoyed a wonderful meal and lively discussion of the content of the third video in *The Chosen* series, entitled "Jesus Loves the Little Children".

The link for the video for week four's gathering on March 22nd is below, as well as a discussion question for you to ponder. You may also stay during Coffee Hour Sunday to watch the video in the Fellowship Hall after you have had time to get some refreshments. The discussion question for Wednesday will be available at that time.

#### **March 22nd video link and questions:**

#### **[The Rock on Which It Is Built](#)**

**Guiding question to consider:** What area of your life do you find most difficult to relinquish control of (relationships, job, future plans)?

**Reference Scriptures:** Deuteronomy 10:20-11:7; Isaiah 43:5-7; Luke 5:1-11

**Soup Meals:**

The schedule for the ministries providing the meals are as follows:

3/1--**Italian Pasta Soup with Garlic Bread**--Fr. Doug, John deMontel and Judy Netek

3/8--**Italian Wedding Soup**--Men's Group

3/15--**Chicken Tortilla Soup with Chips and Fixings**--Choir

3/22--**Red Potato Soup and Herbed Cheese Bread**--Ushers and Greeters and Altar Guild

3/29--**16 Bean Soup with Cornbread**--Vestry and Children's Chapel

**Invite your friends and family to come too.**

## Mission Statement Survey



### Mission Statement Evaluation

We have already started the work with Funding for Good to develop a new strategic plan for St. Mark's. They have requested that we, as a church, evaluate our mission statement. It was created in 2004, nearly 20 years ago! We need your input as to whether it still applies to what our church values, or whether it is time to make a change.

We say our mission statement at the end of every service. It is:

***Taking Christ's Ministry to People  
Know His Spirit Lives  
Bringing Faith to Life***

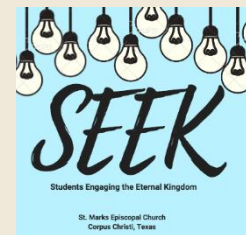
Here is a link to a [short survey](#) concerning our mission statement. Please take five minutes to fill it out. We need your responses by 3/31. Thank you for your help with this project.

## SEEK Youth Group

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**Coming up in March:**

- **Sunday, 3/19 11:30 a.m.**--We will watch season 1, episode 4 of *The Chosen* together. All are welcome to stay and watch with us!
- **Wednesday, 3/22 6:00 p.m.**--Week 4 of the Lenten Soup and Study.



Join us to watch *The Chosen* after church this Sunday. Even if you haven't seen previous episodes, episode 4 stands alone and is really good! It's a great place to jump into the series.

## Summer Camp Opportunities at Camp Capers

Registration is now open for:

### Summer Camp:

Senior High (10th-12th grade)

Junior High (8th-9th grade)

Intermediate (6th-7th grade)

Primary (3rd-5th grade)

Here's a link to the [diocesan website](#) for registration and additional information.

## Holy Week Schedule



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Here's the schedule for Holy

Week this year:

- **4/1, Saturday, 10:00 a.m.**--Hosanna Chalk Art Activity to decorate the sidewalks around the sanctuary and the courtyard with drawings and scripture depicting the Palm Sunday story. **EVERYONE** is welcome to come.
- **4/2, Sunday, 10:00 a.m.**--Palm Sunday
- **4/3-4/5, Monday through Wednesday, 12:15 p.m.**--Noonday Services
- **4/6, Thursday, 7:00 p.m.**--Maundy Thursday
- **4/7, Friday, 7:00 p.m.**--Stations of the Cross
- **4/9, Sunday, 10:00 a.m.**--Easter Resurrection Sunday with the hunt for the Alleluia Banner and an Easter Egg Hunt after the service

Here is [a flyer](#) to print to give to friends and family to invite them to be a part of our Holy Week activities.

## Diocesan Events

### Diocesan News



### Relief Fund for Turkey and Syria--Click

on [this link](#) if you'd like to donate to support relief efforts for the victims of the earthquakes.

**Youth/Children's Camp at Camp Capers**--For [information and registration](#), click here.

**Diocesan ENews**--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. Though we have experienced limitations for worshiping 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 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.
- 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 [March schedule](#) for our ministries, which is still a work in progress. Please check each week to see if there are any changes.

### **March 18 - Saturday**

8:00 a.m. - Access Plus Ramp Build--2724 Morrow Dr.

### **March 19 - Sunday**

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

11:30 a.m. - Coffee Hour--Fellowship Hall

11:30 a.m. - *The Chosen* Watch Party Week 4 Video--Fellowship Hall

### **March 20 - Monday**

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

### **March 21 - Tuesday**

10:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library

### **March 22 - Wednesday**

11:30 a.m. - Lunch with the Old Guys--Cafe Italia, 4117 S. Staples St.

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

6:00 p.m. - Lenten Soup & Study--Fellowship Hall

### **March 23 - 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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