

# St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

November 21, 2024

## Upcoming Events

### Fishpond Distribution of Thanksgiving Food Baskets

11/26, Tuesday

### THANKSGIVING DAY

11/28, Thursday

### Advent Begins

12/1, Sunday

### Lay Eucharistic Minister & Lector Training

11/7, Saturday

### Election of Delegates & Alternates to Diocesan Council

12/8, Sunday

### Christmas Pageant

12/15, Sunday

### Christmas Caroling

12/15, Sunday

### Youth Group & Adult Bible Study

Sundays following the service

## A Word from the Rector Fr. Doug Wasinger



I find the chosen scripture for this coming Sunday, which brings the focus to Jesus as our King, puzzling. It reads like a trial, and it was. The trial of Jesus occurred during Passover, a Jewish holiday which carries a message of liberation from worldly rulers. The Roman authorities were familiar with the story and the meaning of Passover. They had effective methods to reinforce their own ability to influence local attitudes toward their leadership. Rome would prove its point during every Passover by garrisoning troops to keep order and to remind the local population of who was really in control. What was the message that Rome sent? It said that the Jewish God may be powerful, but Caesar is stronger.

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## Sunday Worship Service

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

[Visit our website](#)

## Walk in Love Bringing Faith to Life



### Walk in Love Bringing Faith to Life Campaign

We are off to a great start based on the number commitment cards that were received last Sunday. It's not too late to submit your commitment card for 2025. There are cards available in the entryway to the sanctuary and in the church office. You may place your card in the offering basket this Sunday as it's being passed down the pews. The commitment cards that come in during the week are taken to the sanctuary by Fr. Doug where he places them on the altar and blesses them.

**Thank you to each of you who have chosen to support  
God's Kingdom work through St. Mark's!**

## Fishpond Food Delivery

### Delivery of the Thanksgiving Food Baskets to Fishpond Living Apartment Residents is Tuesday, 11/26, at 9:00 a.m.



The residents look forward to our youth group coming back each year with their cheerful smiles to distribute Thanksgiving food items. The residents await this visit with great anticipation every year.

If you'd like to participate, please be in the fellowship hall by **9:00 a.m. Tuesday, 11/26**, to help put the bags together, load the vehicles with the food, and travel to the apartment complex to deliver the food items.

**Thank you to everyone who has supported this important ministry to the residents of the Fishpond Living Apartments.**

## Poinsettia Plants



### Poinsettia Plants to Decorate Altar for Christmas Eve Services

Our Christmas Eve services will be at 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. as usual this year. As part of our tradition, we use poinsettia plants to decorate the altar for the Christmas Eve services. There will be red inserts in the bulletins this Sunday to use if you would like to sign up for a plant or two. Sponsoring a plant is great way to honor a special someone or event in your life, or you may write down a dedication in memory of someone. The plants cost \$12.00 each. Thank you for helping to make the altar beautiful this Christmas Eve.

## Youth Group





## Youth Group meets Sundays

Fishpond Living Apartment Thanksgiving food distribution is Tuesday, 11/26. Please be in the fellowship hall by 9:00 a.m. to help put the bags together.

**December heads up:** The Christmas pageant is scheduled for Sunday, December 15th. Look for more information in the coming weeks. It will be followed by caroling at the Corpus Christi Nursing & Rehabilitation Center next door.

Youth Group will also make plans to see the Best Christmas Pageant Ever movie sometime in December. The date has yet to be determined.

## Adult Bible Study

### Adult Bible Study Meets Sundays after the Service

Participants in the Adult Bible Study Group will meet in the Fellowship Hall for Bible study after the service this Sunday. The group will continue the study of the Gospel of Mark. 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.



Below are the links to the previous study guides for chapters one through twelve if you'd like to review them or catch up. The group is currently discussing chapter 14.

#### **Previous Chapters 1-10:**

[Chapter 1 Mark](#)

[Chapter 2 Mark](#)

[Chapter 3 Mark](#)

[Chapter 4 Mark](#)

[Chapter 5 Mark](#)

[Chapter 6 Mark](#)

[Chapter 7 Mark](#)

[Chapter 8 Mark](#)

[Chapter 9 Mark](#)

[Chapter 10 Mark](#)

[Chapter 11 Mark](#)

[Chapter 12 Mark](#)

#### **New Chapters 13-16:**

[Chapter 13 Mark](#)

[Chapter 14 Mark](#)

[Chapter 15 Mark](#)

[Chapter 16 Mark](#)

## 2025 Flower Chart



### 2025 Flower Chart Available in the Entryway to the Sanctuary

Sponsoring the altar flowers on a Sunday is a wonderful way to honor a loved one or special date in your life. Please sign up on the flower chart that is available in the entryway to the sanctuary. As a gentle reminder, you will receive an email the last week of the month before your assigned date giving details about the flowers, cost, etc. and asking that you provide the dedication for that particular Sunday.

Here are the dates that are still available:

August 17th  
August 23rd  
October 12th  
October 26th  
November 30th  
December 28th

**Thank you to all who have signed up to sponsor the altar flowers for next year!**

## Upcoming December Dates

### December Events

**12/1**--Advent begins Sunday, December 1st. We will use Rite I, as we did last year.

**12/7**--Lay Eucharistic and lector training is set for Saturday, December 7th, beginning at 9:00 a.m. This training is for all who currently serve and anyone who would like to begin serving in this ministry.

**12/8**--Election of delegates and alternates to the 2025 Diocesan Council will take place Sunday, December 8th after the service in the sanctuary.

**12/15**--St. Mark's Christmas Pageant will be presented during the service, and Christmas Caroling at Corpus Christi Nursing & Rehabilitation Center is scheduled after the pageant.



## 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, or athletic shoes
- Donating travel size deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, bars of bath soap, body wash
- Donating toothbrushes
- Donating items for to-go food bags: tuna and cracker packs, granola bars, chips, bottled water, etc.
- Sorting clothing 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 Information**--Please use the link below to the diocesan page containing information on upcoming [Cursillo weekends](#).

**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 [November schedule](#) for our ministries. The schedule is an ongoing work in progress, so please check each week to see if there are any changes. Here's a link to the [November calendar](#).

### November 24 - Sunday

- 10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist--Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. - Coffee & Conversation--Fellowship Hall
- 11:30 a.m. - Youth Group--Youth Room Fellowship Hall
- 11:45 a.m. - Adult Bible Study--Fellowship Hall

### November 25- Monday

- 8:45 a.m. - Clothing Sorting--Timon's Ministry, 10501 S. Padre Island Dr.
- 9:30 a.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library

### November 26 - Tuesday

- 7:30 a.m. - Women's Reunion Group--Corner Bakery, 4938 S. Staples St.
- 9:00 a.m. - Fishpond Living Thanksgiving Meal Distribution--Fellowship Hall

### November 27- Wednesday

- 12:00 p.m. - Office Closes

### November 28 - Thursday

## THANKSGIVING DAY

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

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

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[Diocese of West Texas](#)

[Diocesan Newsletter and Reflection Magazine](#)

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