

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

March 2, 2023

Upcoming Events

Holy Locusts (Yard Crew) Meeting

All are welcome

3/4 Saturday, 9:30 a.m.

Week 2 Lenten Soup & Study

3/8 Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Week 3 Lenten Soup & Study

3/15 Wednesday, 6:00 p.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.

Holy Week, beginning with Palm Sunday

4/2-4/8

Resurrection Easter Sunday

4/19 Sunday, 10 a.m.

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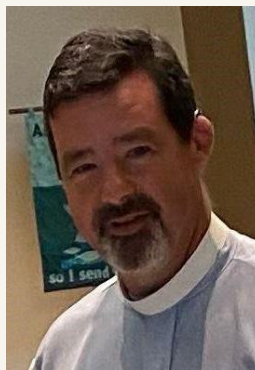
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From the Rector Fr. Doug Wasinger



I was very fortunate to have my youngest brother come visit me early in February. After arriving in Corpus Christi, he sat in on a staff meeting at St. Mark's. My brother is a good listener, so when the topic of the King's Forest was brought up as I was sharing my ideas about the space with the staff, he turned to me and said, "That sounds like it could be a 3rd space." A third space is a location that is neither one's home nor workplace which provides a space for relaxation or recreation. Major businesses and corporations are developing 3rd spaces for their customers and employees. For some, churches are natural third space choices. Can Lent be a time for all of us to discover a 3rd space in our lives?

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

Sunday Worship Service:

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

[Visit our website](#)

Lenten Soup and Study Event



Lenten Soup and Study of *The Chosen* Series Week 2, March 8th

Lent has officially begun, and our first night's Lenten Soup and Study event was a good success. We enjoyed a wonderful meal and lively discussion of the content of the first video in *The Chosen* series, entitled "I Have Called You by Your Name".

The link for the video for week two's gathering on March 8th 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 8th video link and question:

[Shabbat](#)

Guiding question to consider: When it comes to practicing your own Sabbath-day rest, which character do you relate the most, and why?

Reference Scriptures: Exodus 20:8-11; Psalm 46; Matthew 11:28-30

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--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 is it 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.

Camp Sunday



Camp Capers Testimony

Last Sunday was Camp Sunday. We watched a short, informative video depicting the ministry at Camp Capers. We now have a video from one of our very own campers, Rebecca Markert.

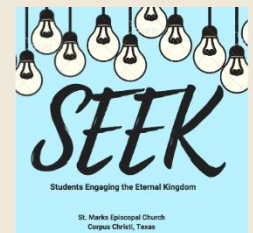
Here is a video of [Rebecca Markert's testimony](#) about Camp Capers, and here's a [PDF](#) of it too.

SEEK Youth Group

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Coming up in March:

- **Saturday, 3/4 1:25 p.m.**--Go see the movie *Jesus Revolution*
- **Sunday, 3/5 11:30 a.m.**--We will watch season 1, episode 2 of *The Chosen* together. All are welcome to stay and watch with us!
- **Wednesday, 3/8 6:00 p.m.**--Week 2 of the Lenten Soup and Study.



The Jesus Revolution Movie

In the 1970s, Greg Laurie and a sea of young people descend on sunny Southern California to redefine truth through all means of liberation. Inadvertently, Laurie meets a charismatic street preacher and a pastor who open the doors of a church to a stream of wandering young people. What unfolds is a counterculture movement that becomes the greatest spiritual awakening in American history. Here is a link to the trailer for the [Jesus Revolution](#).

Father Doug, Molly, and some youth are going to see the movie this Saturday, March 4 at 1:25. Buy your tickets and meet at Century 16 located at 6685 S Padre Island Dr. if you'd like to join them!

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.

Walk to Siloam



Walk to Siloam March 16-19, 2023 Provided by Mission 911

Mission 911 offers a spiritual retreat weekend 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.

They need our help in a couple of areas. First is prayer, second is donating needed items, and third is providing monetary support. Here are the items they are requesting (here's a [printable list in a PDF](#)):

- cases of water
- cases of individual tea
- cases of lemonade
- homemade cookies, brownies
- bags of chips, large and individual
- individual cheese snacks
- individual beef sticks, jerky snacks
- individual cookie snacks
- cases/bags of fruit
- cases of juice drinks
- socks
- t-shirts
- shoes, boots
- rain coats
- hats, caps
- jeans
- coats, light and heavy
- toothpaste (small)
- toothbrushes
- soap
- shampoo

The items are due at St. Mark's by Monday, March 13th.

You may send monetary donations to Mission 911 at P.O. Box 3157, Corpus Christi, TX 78404.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Diocesan Events

Diocesan News



Bishop's Update on Uvalde--Click here for a [letter from Bishop Reed](#) with an update on what's been happening in Uvalde.

Diocesan Council--Click on [the link](#) for more information on Council and the link for the livestream.

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 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 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 4 - Saturday

9:30 a.m. - Holy Locust Meeting--Fellowship Hall

1:25 p.m. - The Jesus Revolution Movie--Century 16, 6685 S Padre Island Dr.

March 5 - 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 2 Video--Fellowship Hall

March 7 - Tuesday

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

March 8 - Wednesday

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

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

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