

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

December 22, 2023

Upcoming Events

Christmas Eve Services

12/24, Sunday 5:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.

Lessons & Carols Service

12/31, Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Office Closed

12/22/23 through 1/2/23

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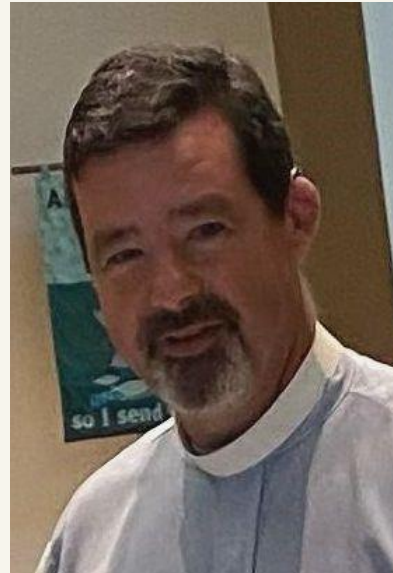
Sunday Worship Service

There will be no 10:00 a.m. service this Sunday, 12/24.

We will have two Christmas Eve services, one at 5:00 p.m. geared toward families and the other at 10:00 p.m. which will be a Candlelight Service.

From the Rector

Fr. Doug Wasinger



We are drawing close to the much anticipated celebration of the arrival of God in our world. Over the last several weeks the dedicated leaders of St. Mark's have been committed to making the commemoration of this momentous event the best it can be for all to enjoy. Corpus Christi has also been in a festive mood, and last week I visited for the first time the well-known "Candy Cane Lane" near my neighborhood. I was impressed by what I saw and glad I chose to walk rather than drive. I was able to take in the view without being concerned about slowing someone down or being in an accident. Well done, Corpus Christi!

To read the rest of the article, [click here](#).

Click here for the link to [For King & Country's Little Drummer Boy](#) video.

[Visit our website](#)

December 24th Service Times

May Your World Be
Filled With Warmth
and Good Cheer
This Holy Season,
We Wish You a
Joy-Filled Christmas.

Merry Christmas!



**We wish
You a
Very
Merry**

Christmas Filled with Blessings and Love!

December 24th Service Times

December 24th Services

The Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve are on the same day this year. So, we will not have a Fourth Sunday of Advent service the morning of the 24th. Instead, we will have our two regular Christmas Eve services: the Family Service at 5:00 p.m. and the Candlelight Service at 10:00 p.m. Please make a note of this change. David Sutanto and the choir will lead the congregation in singing some Christmas carols beginning at 9:45 p.m. We'll also experience a special treat because Bella Rysavy will sing "O Holy Night" before the service begins.



If you'd like to attend a Christmas Day service, Church of the Good Shepherd will be offering one at 10:30 a.m. on December 25th

Christmas Pageant Pics

Christmas Pageant Rehearsal



Christmas Pageant Rehearsal and Event Pictures

Thank you to Gay deMontel and her cast of characters for giving us a wonderful Christmas Pageant this year.

Christmas Pageant



Christmas Pageant



Christmas Caroling Pics

Christmas Caroling at Corpus Christi Nursing & Rehab Center



Christmas Caroling at Corpus Christi Nursing & Rehab Center Pictures

The residents of Corpus Christi Nursing and Rehab Center were so happy to see our crew of carolers arrive to sing to them last Sunday. They also enjoyed receiving the colorful Christmas socks and candy canes. Great fun was had by all.

Many thanks to Molly Wandel for organizing this event. We know it meant a great deal to the residents.

Shining Our Light Campaign

Ingathering of Ministry Support Cards

It's still not too late to submit your Ministry of Support for 2024 cards. We will have extra cards available Sunday if you need one. You may also mail yours in. Fr. Doug will take them to the sanctuary, where he'll place them on the altar to bless them before they are accounted for.

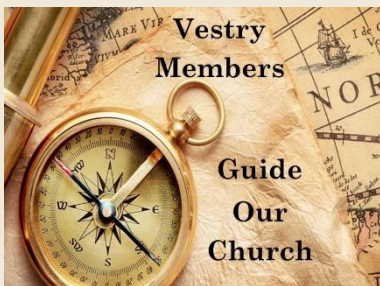
Here's a PDF of the [Ministry Support Card](#) if you would like to print out a copy.

Here is a PDF of an article from [Doug Wayland with an update](#) on where we are currently for our 2024 finances.

THANK YOU for your support of the ministry that will happen through St. Mark's!



Vestry Nominations



Savior through St. Mark's.

Vestry Nominations January 2024

Dear St. Mark's Faithful. It continues to be a blessing and an honor to serve as your Senior Warden on our vestry. Our St. Mark's family is amazing, so full of the Holy Spirit and God's love for each other and the communities in which we live and serve. Your vestry is a small example of that love and commitment to serving our Lord and

The responsibilities and duties of the vestry are many: from managing the business and affairs of the Parish, acting as the Board of Directors; managing the property and financial resources; conducting Parish business openly and with full communication to our Parishioners and the Diocese of West Texas; leading and serving on Parish committees; all the way to officers approving and signing checks and online payments. We take our duties seriously, with the love and respect of our Lord and our congregation in mind.

January 28th, 2024, at our Annual Parish Meeting , we will be returning to a full vestry committee of 9 members. That means, that we will need 3 new members to serve our normal 3-year terms; one new member to serve a 1-year term (to coordinate with Penny and Chrystal serving one remaining year) and 1 new member to serve a 2-year term (coordinating with John D. and Lori serving 2 remaining years).

We would like to invite you to consider joining our vestry team. It is important, serious, and fulfilling service to St. Mark's and to our Lord. If you have been on a vestry before at any parish, please consider offering your name for any of the 1, 2, or 3 year commitments. If you have not served on a prior vestry, we would love to encourage you to offer your nomination for one of the 3-year terms.

Please consider serving and pray for guidance to assist St. Marks so "that all who connect with St. Mark's experience the unconditional love of Jesus, prayerfully encouraging real faith for real life by taking Christ's ministry to people."

In Him, John DeMontel

Timon's Ministry Collection

Timon's Ministry Men's Clothing Collection

Timon's Ministry has requested donations of new or gently used men's small or medium sweatpants and jeans. They are also in need of tennis shoes of all sizes for men. If you can donate any of these items, please bring them by the church office. Thank you for your help.



Adult Bible Study



Adult Bible Study of the Gospel of Mark Not Meeting Due to the Holidays Will Resume Sunday, 1/7/24

All are welcome to join the Bible study. Come to one week, or come to them all. The class meets in the fellowship hall at noon and ends around 1:00 p.m. Grab a cup of coffee and some snacks, then head over to the designated tables to sit down.

Here are links for past study dates and the upcoming Sunday:

[the introduction](#) to the class

[map of the Sea of Galilee](#)

[chapter one](#) study notes

[chapter two](#) study notes

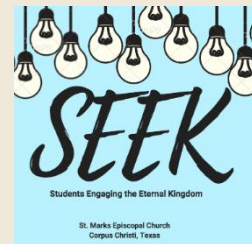
[chapter three](#) study notes

[chapter four](#) study notes

[chapter five](#) study notes

Youth Group & Children's Ministry

SEEK Youth Group Meets Sundays at 11:30 a.m. Not Meeting Due to the Holidays Will Resume Sunday, 1/7/24



Youth group will begin meeting again in 2024, right after the worship service, so grab a snack and a drink, and bring them with you to the youth room. Come see everyone and catch up!

Diocesan Events



Diocesan News

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.
- 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 [December schedule](#) for our ministries, which is an ongoing work in progress. Please check each week to see if there are any changes. Here's a link to the [December calendar](#).

December 24 - Sunday--Christmas Eve

10:00 a.m. - NO SERVICE AT 10:00 A.M.

5:00 p.m. - Family Christmas Eve Service--Sanctuary

10:00 p.m. - Candlelight Christmas Eve Service--Sanctuary

December 25 - Christmas Day

10:30 a.m. - Christmas Day Service--Church of the Good Shepherd, 700 S. Upper Broadway St.

OFFICE CLOSED 12/25/23-1/2/24

**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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