St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

November 5, 2026

Upcoming Events

Sutanto/Petruzziello Recital
11/5, Thursday

Missionary Erin Cottos Visit
11/8, Sunday

Giving in Gratitude Potluck
11/8, Sunday

Ingathering of the Estimate of Giving Cards
11/8, Sunday

Fishpond Thanksgiving Food Collection Due
11/22, Sunday

Blood Drive
11/22, Sunday

Fishpond Living Apartment Thanksgiving Food Distribution
11/24, Tuesday

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Bringing Faith to Life.

Reflections from the Rector



Being a moderate-paced person, I tend to live in the present, and I don't like making snap decisions. I prefer to slow down and think situations through before I act. So, when my brother texted the other day and asked me to let the family know my travel plans for my oldest daughter's wedding, my first reaction was, "Are you kidding? The wedding is next year. I don't know what I'm going to be doing in the next hour!" Somehow, in my head, a simple request had turned into a demand.

Matthew's Gospel ends by pointing the Church toward the future. In its final verses, the risen Jesus tells his disciples, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to

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Sunday Worship Service

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

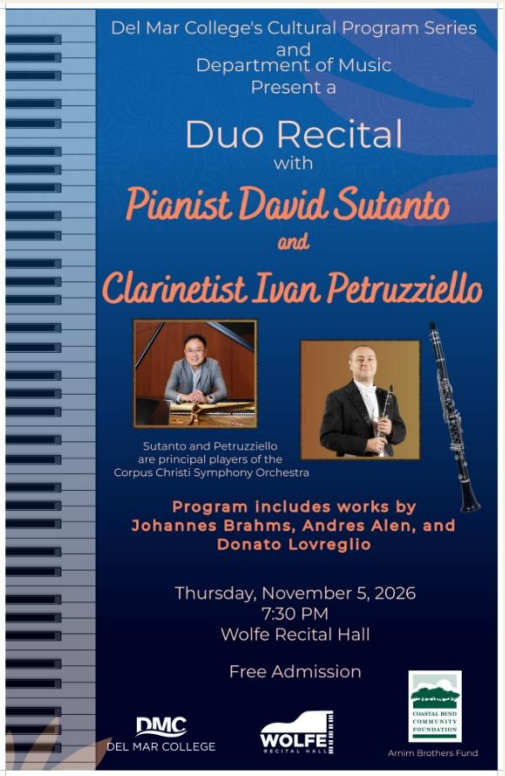
obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18b–20) Jesus commissioned his disciples to do what he had done. He also gave them the promise that not even death can stop God's love from reclaiming our lives. We join in the disciples' work in our daily lives, and we never do it alone.

Click here for the rest of the article.

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Sutanto & Petruzziello Concert

Duo Recital with David Sutanto and Ivan Petruzziello TONIGHT, 11/5, at 7:30 p.m.



Plenty Good Room Stewardship Campaign

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Our 2027 stewardship campaign wraps up this Sunday. We will hear from Erin Cottos during the service as she shares what God has done through her ministry this past year and how our support of her ministry has impacted the community she ministers to. The loose offering and any designated gifts will go to support Erin's ministry.

You should have received an Estimate of Giving card for 2027 in the mail. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the kingdom of God through St. Mark's by making a pledge for 2027. During the service on Sunday, Fr. Doug will invite people to come forward to lay their Estimate of Giving cards on the altar so he can bless them and offer them to God. If you did not receive a card or forget yours on Sunday, there will be extras available.

Immediately after the service, we'll head over to the fellowship hall to enjoy our Giving in Gratitude potluck and watch a photo video of events and ministries that have happened so far this year. It's always eye-opening to see how much ministry work we are able to accomplish, and it wouldn't happen without you.

Thank you for your commitment to St. Mark's and the work done through your gifts of time, talent, and treasure to our community!

Thanksgiving Food Collection

Thanksgiving Meal Food Collection for the Residents of Fishpond Living Apartments



We are collecting nonperishable food items for the residents of the Fishpond Living Apartments so they can prepare their Thanksgiving dinners. We don't know exactly how many residents will participate, so for now we're planning for 110 residents, which is last year's number of participants. There will be weekly updates as to how many more of each item we need.

Here is the list of specific items we need:

- **Stuffing--6 oz. box**
- **Turkey gravy-- 1 oz. packet**
- **Sweet Potatoes/Yams--individual cans, 15 oz. (no large cans, please)**
- **Cranberry Sauce--14 oz. can**
- **Green Beans--14 oz. can**
- **Corn--14 oz. can**

Here is a PDF of the list that you can print to take with you when you're shopping. There will also be a list in your bulletins this Sunday.
The food items will be delivered to the residents on Tuesday, November 24th.

2027 Flower Chart



2027 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 a special event in your life while adding beauty to our altar. You can sign up for a Sunday on the flower chart in the entryway. Please note that we don't have altar flowers during Lent because it's a somber, penitential season.

Each flower arrangement costs $60. You will receive an email prior to your selected Sunday with information on how to take care of the cost, and you will be asked for your flower dedication, which will be printed on the back of the Sunday bulletin.

Thank you for helping to make our altar beautiful!

Fall Festival Update

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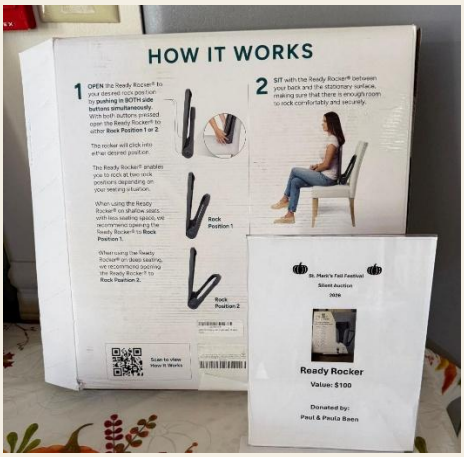


Chrystal and her team want to send out a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make our Fall Festival such a successful event. The feedback from those who attended was very positive. The staff from Corpus Christi Nursing & Rehabilitation Center brought over several of their residents, and they had a great time.

We had over 650 people come to the event, and we raised about $2,000 through the silent auction and bake sale.

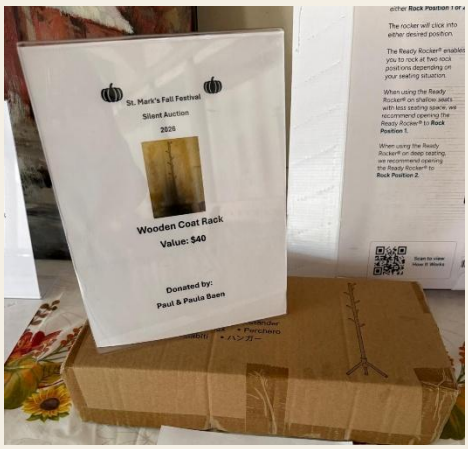
Four items didn't receive any bids in the silent auction and are still available. There is no minimum bid; any offer will be accepted. The value of each item is listed, and a picture of each one is below.

- Ready Rocker valued at $100
- Three Hearts Artwork valued at $45
- Painting of White Farmhouse valued at $80
- Coat Rack valued at $40

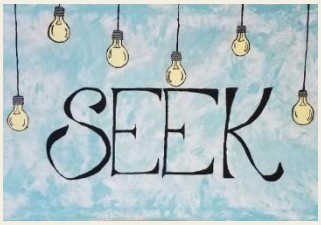

HOW IT WORKS
1 OPEN the Ready Rocker® to your desired rock position by pushing in BOTH side buttons simultaneously. With both buttons pressed open the Ready Rocker® to either Rock Position 1 or 2.
This rocker will click into either desired position.
The Ready Rocker® enables you to rock at two rock positions depending on your seating situation.
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Rock Position 1
Rock Position 2
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2 SIT with the Ready Rocker® between your back and the stationary surface, making sure that there is enough room to rock comfortably and securely.
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Silent Auction
2026
Ready Rocker
Value: $100
Donated by:
Paul & Paula Baen


St. Mark's Fall Festival
Silent Auction
2026
3 Hearts Art Work
Value: $45
Donated by:
Don & Teresa Bacon


Winter Landscape Canvas Painting
Value: $80
Donated by:


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2026
Wooden Coat Rack
Value: $40
Donated by:
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Youth Group



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We won't have youth group this Sunday because of the Giving in Gratitude potluck. We'll resume the next Sunday, 11/15.

A Happening is scheduled for November 20-21 at Episcopal Church of Reconciliation in San Antonio. A Happening weekend is a spiritual retreat for high school students in the 10th through 12th grades. The retreat costs $60 per person. **Click here for more information.**

Adult Bible Study

Adult Bible Study Class Sundays after the Service



The Adult Bible Study class will not meet this Sunday, so everyone can enjoy our Giving in Gratitude potluck. It will resume meeting after the service the next Sunday, November 15th. The group has begun a study of the book of Romans. All are welcome to join!

Healing Prayer



Time of Contemplation and Healing Prayer Wednesday, 11/11, 5:45 p.m.

If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, this service is for you. The first part of the service includes hearing scripture, listening to worship music, being quiet before the Holy Spirit, and praying for people as a group. The second part is a time for individual prayer with prayer ministers.

The services are scheduled for the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Please consider joining us for prayers for yourself or for others you know.

Personal Prayer Sessions



If you would ever like personal prayer, just let Judy know; prayer ministers can be available to pray with you individually. They usually pray in pairs. Just call the office at (361) 994-0285 to schedule a time. If you can't set up a time, just come into the office where Judy and Fr. Doug would be happy to pray with you.

Cimarron Senior Apartments Ministry



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

Food Distribution
Monday, 11/16, 11:15 a.m.

Conversations with God Bible Study on the First Monday of Every Month 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 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 at 11:15 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 residents. If you have an hour or so to give, please consider helping with the monthly food distribution.

Coastal Bend Blood Center Blood Drive

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Sunday, 11/22

Coastal Bend Blood Center
Giving so that others may live

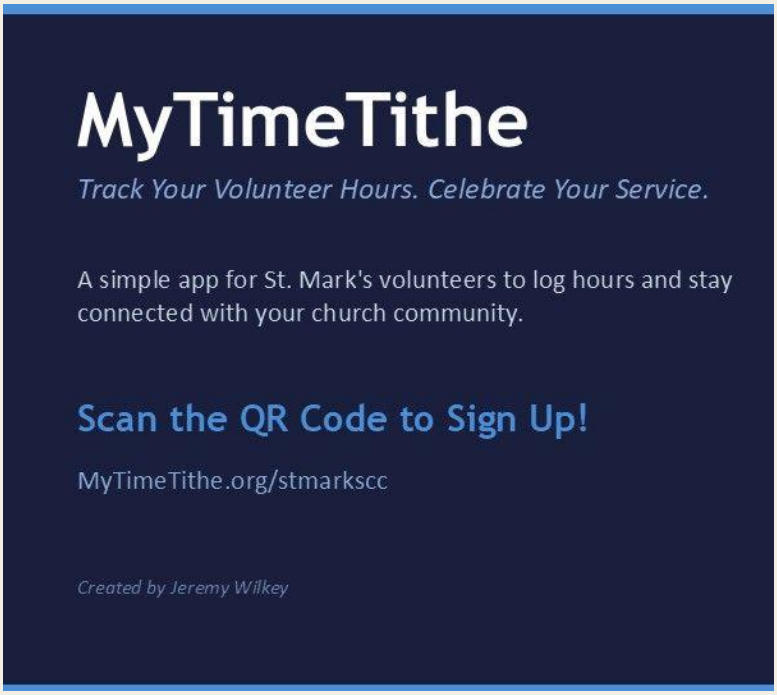
The Coastal Bend Blood Center has asked us to sponsor another blood drive. This time they set a goal of 15 units of blood, which is a little higher than our previous goal of 12.

All donors will receive a donor long-sleeve T-shirt and a pair of Ice Rays tickets.

If you'd like, you can schedule an appointment between 9:15 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. by clicking this link, or you can simply walk in on that Sunday.



Volunteer Hours App



MyTimeTithe App to Track Volunteer Hours

The time we serve in ministry at St. Mark's, in the community, or in any other capacity matters and has economic value. Wouldn't it be interesting to know how much time we serve? Jeremy Wilkey developed an app for us to use to log those hours. You can click on this link to get started.

Enter your name in the space provided. If it's your first time, click "Don't see your name? Add yourself" to enter your name. Then fill in the page that opens up. You will select the date, the number of hours you served, which ministry the hours were for, and you may add a note about your service if you'd like.

Spiritual Growth Resources

Tools for Spiritual Disciplines



Here are some online resources to use for spiritual growth. Each one also has an app that you can download on your phone. Just search your app store to find them. Most of them are free; two have subscription fees, which are noted below.

YouVersion Holy Bible--Here's a link to it online. You'll have access to the Bible in several different versions. There are Bible reading plans available. You can also search for a specific subject, such as prayer, and receive reading plans that span several weeks.

Forward Movement Day by Day Devotionals--Here's a link to it online. Once you're on the site, you'll see many resources that you might enjoy.

The Daily Office--Here's a link to it online. If you enjoy the Daily Office, this app makes it easy to access each day.

Centering Prayer--Here's a link to it online. If you enjoy centering prayer, this app offers various ways to participate, including chimes and other sounds, that help you get to a place of inner peace and quiet.

Abide--Here's a link to it online. This site includes meditations set to music, which are especially helpful to use before bed. There is a subscription fee for this one.

She Reads Truth--Here's a link to it online. This one is specifically for women. There is a subscription fee for this one too.

Diocesan Events

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Diocesan News

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 on 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 so:

- Online accessing our website. There is a blue "Giving" button at the bottom of each page. Just click on it, 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.
- Using the QR code below.
- Mailing in your check to: St. Mark's Church, 2727 Airline Rd, CC, TX 78414. Our drop-in mailbox is locked at all times. We check the mail every day, so your check will be secure.
- Dropping your check off at the church. Just put it in the locked mailbox to the left of the red doors of the fellowship hall.
- Bequest giving 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 our November ministry schedule. Click here for the November church calendar.

November 8 - Sunday
10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist--Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. - Giving in Gratitude Potluck--Fellowship Hall

November 9 - Monday
9:30 a.m. - Staff Meeting

November 10- Tuesday
8:00 a.m. - Women's Reunion Group--Corner Bakery Restaurant, 4928 S. Staples St.
6:00 p.m. - Finance Committee Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library

November 11 - Wednesday
11:30 a.m. - Lunch with the Old Guys--Silverado Smokehouse, 4522 Weber Rd.
12:00 p.m. - Prayer Group--Fellowship Hall Library
5:45 p.m. - Time of Contemplation & Healing Prayer--Sanctuary Chapel
6:30 p.m. - Men's Reunion Group--Nolan's Restaurant, 7426 S. Staples St.

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

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