

# St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

July 25, 2024

## Upcoming Events

### **Conversations with God at Cimarron Senior Apartments**

8/6, Tuesday at 12:00 p.m.

### **Hollen Renewal of Vows**

8/10, Saturday

### **Blessing of Students, Teachers, Staff, and Backpacks**

8/11, Sunday

### **Ultreya**

8/17, Saturday

### **Parish Meeting & Potluck**

8/25, Sunday

### **Hooks Baseball Game**

8/30, Friday at 7:05 p.m.

## From the Rector Fr. Doug



Jesus does incredible things in the Gospel of John. Each time I read a story about one of Jesus's miracles or signs I can imagine Jesus smiling as he sees people caught up in the grandeur of what he is doing or has just done. Jesus keeps taking complicated or overwhelming circumstances and making them simple and powerful. When Jesus fed five thousand people with five loafs of bread and two fish, the people were so excited about what he had done that they came back the next day looking for him to do it again. When they returned, they found that Jesus and his disciples had left the area. However, this did not prevent the crowds of people from diligently seeking Jesus out; they would not stop until they found him.

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

## In This Issue

From our Rector Fr. Doug  
Episcopal Night at Whataburger Field  
Hollen Renewal of Vows  
Ultreya Gathering  
Back to School Blessing  
Parish Meeting & Potluck  
Access Plus Ramp Ministry  
Hurricane Preparedness  
Timon's Ministry Opportunity  
Cursillo & Women's Reunion Groups  
Diocesan Events  
Giving Information  
Weekly Calendar  
Helpful Links

## Sunday Worship Service

Morning Prayer at 10:00 a.m.

[Visit our website](#)

## Episcopal Night at Whataburger Field



The Corpus Christi Hooks will take  
on  
the Tulsa Drillers  
Friday, 8/30, at 7:05 p.m.

Do you enjoy watching our local Hooks baseball team play?  
Then plan to come to the Episcopal Night at Whataburger Field

at the end of August.

Fr. John Blackburn from St. Christopher's by the Sea in Portland has 150 free tickets that he's offering to our local Episcopal churches' parishioners. If you would like to attend, you may sign up on your Connection Card that will be in your bulletin the next several Sundays or let the church office know by calling (361) 994-0285 Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., or by emailing Judy at [judy@stmarksc.org](mailto:judy@stmarksc.org). The sign up will be open to the Corpus Christi Episcopal churches until 8/1. It will then be opened to all Episcopal churches in the Coastal Bend area. The hard deadline is 8/23. **Be sure to sign up by August 1st to secure your tickets.**

## Hollen Renewal of Wedding Vows

Michael & Cathy Hollen  
to Renew Wedding Vows  
Saturday, August 10, at 2:00 p.m.



Michael and Cathy Hollen will celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary on July 31st. They want to mark this milestone in their life by renewing their wedding vows, and they would like to share this special event with their church family. So, everyone is invited to come to St. Mark's sanctuary on August 10th to help them celebrate.

## Ultreya Gathering



Make a friend,  
Be a friend,  
Bring a friend to Christ.



### COASTAL BEND AREA **ULTREYA**



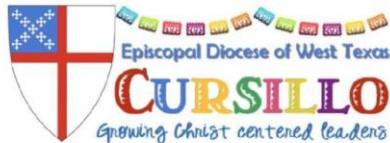
**Saturday, August 17th**  
**1:00pm**

**Trinity by the Sea Episcopal Church**

**433 Trojan St.  
Port Aransas**

*please bring  
a snack to share!  
Beverages  
provided!*

*Questions?  
Ivette Sullivan  
361-739-0656  
isullivan@d@gmail.com*



**Ultreya  
Gathering  
Saturday, 8/17,  
at 1:00 p.m.  
Trinity by the  
Sea Episcopal  
Church**

If you've attended a Cursillo weekend, you're invited to an Ultreya meeting at Trinity by the Sea in Port Aransas. Drinks will be provided, but people are asked to bring a snack to share with everyone.

## Back to School Blessing

**Back to School Blessing  
Sunday, August 11**

Our annual Back to School Blessing will be the Sunday before school starts. Students, teachers, school staff, and backpacks will be blessed during the service on August 11th to promote a good start to the new school year.



## Parish Meeting and Potluck



## Parish Meeting and Mexican Theme Potluck Sunday, August 25

We'll begin the fall with a potluck and parish meeting to catch up on the year and learn what the plans are through the end of the year. Lunch will be a potluck with

a Mexican food theme. Please sign up on your Connection Card Sunday. You may also call the office Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., or email Judy at [judy@stmarksc.org](mailto:judy@stmarksc.org).

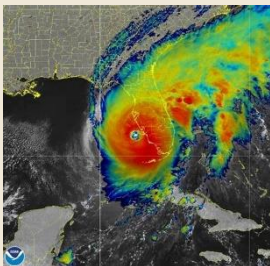
## Access Plus Ramp Ministry

### No Ramp Builds in July and August

Due to the extreme heat, it has been decided that we will not build ramps in the months of July and August. The team will resume the ramp builds in September.



## Hurricane Preparedness Info



### Hurricane Preparedness

Our diocese has made available a helpful disaster preparedness checklist for those of us living near the Gulf of Mexico. [Here's a link to it.](#)

## 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.

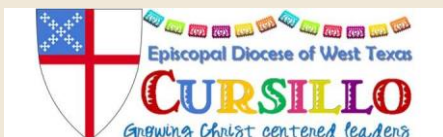
Members of the group have been volunteering their time at Timon's Ministry working in the Clothing Closet organizing items and visiting with people. The group has asked for help with their efforts through any of the following ways:

- 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 Wednesdays from 8:10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

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.**

## Cursillo & Women's Reunion Groups



### Cursillo Community Information

A reunion group for women who have completed a Cursillo weekend are being formed. Both daytime and evening times are possible. If you are interested in participating in a group or just being kept informed of upcoming Cursillo events and activities, please contact Pam Cater at (361) 446-4498 or at [pamela.j.cater@gmail.com](mailto:pamela.j.cater@gmail.com).

Looking ahead, two Cursillos are scheduled for the fall: October 3-6 at Mustang Island Retreat Center and November 7-10 at Camp Capers.

## Diocesan Events

## Diocesan News



### **Family Camp Sessions**--Family Camp

sessions at Mustang Island Conference Center are well underway. If you'd like to have a fun-filled family getaway, click here for information about [Family Camp](#).

**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 [July 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 [July calendar](#).

#### **July 28 - Sunday**

10:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer--Sanctuary  
11:30 a.m. - Coffee Hour--Fellowship Hall

#### **July 30 - Tuesday**

7:30 a.m. - Women's Reunion Group--Corner Bakery, 4938 S. Staples St.

#### **July 31 - Wednesday**

8:10 a.m. - Clothing Sorting--Timon's Ministries, 10501 S. Padre Island Dr.  
12:00 p.m. - Prayer Group--Fellowship Hall Library  
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.

[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](#)

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

2727 Airline Rd

(361) 994-0285

[www.stmarkscc.org](http://www.stmarkscc.org)



[Subscribe to our Weekly ENews](#)

St. Mark's Episcopal Church | 2727 Airline Rd | Corpus Christi, TX 78414 US

[Unsubscribe](#) | [Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)



Try email marketing for free today!