

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

April 20, 2023

Upcoming Events

Bring a Friend to Church & Instructional Eucharist

4/23 Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

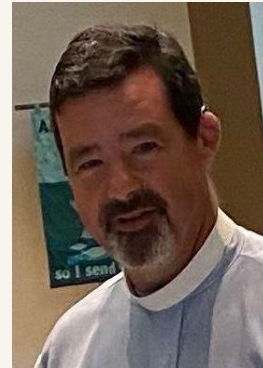
Altar Guild Training

5/6 Saturday, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Newcomer Class

5/7 Sunday, 11:30 a.m.

From the Rector Fr. Doug Wasinger



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Sunday Worship Service:

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

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This coming Sunday the Gospel text is about two people who were walking along a road after Jesus's crucifixion. As they talked a stranger approached and joined the conversation. This stranger was curious and asked them what they were discussing as they walked along. These men then shared their thoughts about what had taken place and their grief and sorrow following a loss of a dream, a hope, a promise. They shared that Jesus of Nazareth was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people. They had hoped and expected that people would embrace what Jesus had to share and would act accordingly by being bold in action and confident in thought. They had believed that God was acting once again and the dark days of being subject to evil were ending. Yet, in a surprising twist of fate, the crowds and leaders had rejected this message of hope in clear and uncertain terms. Jesus may have been mighty in deed and word before God, but that had not changed everyday life for the local population. The promise had been too much to embrace all at once. The energy and needed to change a way of seeing and living life had required

too much to be successful. To embrace an attitude of respect and even trust of fellow neighbors had been a set up to fail. The results of that Passover event reinforced this belief. They questioned why they should have bothered to be excited about a new future; it now seemed an act of futility.

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

Bring a Friend to Church Sunday



Bring a Friend to Church Day THIS Sunday, April 23rd

We will have a designated Sunday for you to initially invite someone to come to church. You might even consider offering to pick him or her up to come with you.

Fr. Doug will also lead an Instructional Eucharist, which is a time designated in the service to explain why we do what we do and say what we say during the Holy Eucharist liturgy. This will be a great way for newcomers to learn about our liturgical service, and we might even learn something too!

Start thinking about others you would like to invite!

Children & SEEK Youth Group

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Summer Camp Opportunities at Camp Capers

Registration is now open for:

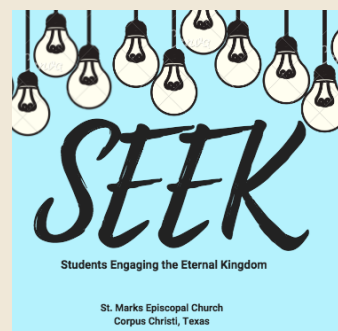
Summer Camp:

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.

Altar Guild Training

Altar Guild Training Saturday, May 6 9:00-11:00 a.m.

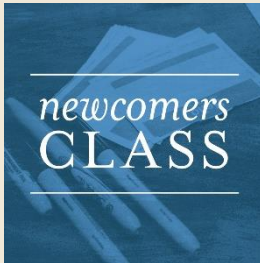
The altar guild ministry is a vital part of our worship service Sunday mornings. They make sure the elements for Holy Eucharist are in place and the altar is set beautifully to enhance our worship experience.



IMPORTANT: Please note the time was changed from 9:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Nancy Leming and Ann English from the Diocesan Office will be here Saturday, May 6th, to hold a training for everyone interested in learning about the altar guild ministry. Please R.S.V.P. to Nancy at lemingsa2007@satx.rr.com by May 1st.

Newcomer Class



Newcomer Class Sunday, May 7, at 11:30 a.m.

Are you new or newish to St. Mark's Church and would like to learn more about our history, ministries, and what we believe corporately? If so, then mark you calendars for a Newcomer Class on Sunday, May 7th, after the service. The class will begin right after the worship service in the Fellowship Hall Library.

Please let the office know if you'd like to attend by calling (361) 994-0285 or emailing Judy at judy@stmarkscc.org.

Queen Bees' Tea & Style Show

**St. Bartholomew's
Women's Group is
hosting a tea and style
show to celebrate
Earth Day on
Saturday, April 22.**

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal
Church in the Parish Hall
622 Airline Rd.

*The Queen Bees' Afternoon
Tea and Style Show
April 22, 2-4pm
St. Bartholomew's Parish Hall.*



In honor of Earth Day, the style show models will wear clothes and accessories from local resale shops such as "Heart and Soul". Gifts and raffle items are also from resale as we are promoting the recycling movement.



(Tea and food items are not recycled.)

Tickets are now available.

\$15.00/person

For tickets call Robin Vahle at (443)996-8552.

Diocesan Events



Diocesan News

Connecting with College Missions--

Click on [this link](#) if you'd like to get connected with the diocesan college ministry.

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 worshiping 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 [April schedule](#) for our ministries, which is still a work in progress. Please check each week to see if there are any changes.

April 23 - Sunday--Bring a Friend to Church

10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist--Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. - Coffee Hour--Fellowship Hall

April 25 - Tuesday

NO Staff Meeting

April 26 - Wednesday

11:30 a.m. - Lunch with the Old Guys--Nolan's Restaurant, 4117 S. Staples St.
12:00 p.m. - Noonday Prayer Group--Fellowship Hall Library
6:30 p.m. - Men's Reunion Group--Nolan's Restaurant, 7426 S. Staples St.

April 27 - Thursday

7:00 p.m. - South Texas Amateur Radio Club--Fellowship Hall

April 28 - Friday

11:00 a.m. - SWOTA Meetings--Online via Zoom

April 29 - Saturday

10:00 a.m. - Rudy Steinbruck's Memorial Service--Sanctuary

Helpful Links

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

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[Diocese of West Texas](#)

[Diocesan Newsletter and Reflection Magazine](#)

[Denison Forum--News Discerned Differently](#)

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