

# St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

December 18, 2025

## Upcoming Events

### Access Plus Ramp Build

12/20, Saturday

### Office Closed

12/24-1/4

### Christmas Eve Family Service

12/24, Wednesday

### Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

12/24, Wednesday

### Lessons & Carols

12/28, Sunday

### New Year's Eve

12/31, Wednesday

### Annual Meeting

1/25, Sunday



## From the Rector Fr. Doug Wasinger



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Here's a fun conversation starter: Ask parents to share the birth stories of their children. I love hearing my own birth story! I was my parents' first child, and they hadn't even been married for a year. It was April, and my mom was watching *The Carol Burnett Show*. She was laughing at Tim Conway and Harvey Korman in the famous sketch "The Dentist." My mom, who is a nurse, found Tim's attempt to give a shot so hilarious that she laughed until her water broke. I like to think my arrival began with laughter.

The birth of Jesus is told in two of the four Gospels. Luke focuses on Mary, her experience of learning she would bear a child, and includes her extended family, showing how Jesus's cousin John was also born under challenging and unexpected circumstances. Matthew, on the other

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## Sunday Worship Service

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

hand, highlights Joseph and his crucial role in following God's will for humanity.

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

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## Access Plus Ramp Build



### Access Plus Ramp Build Saturday, 12/20, 8:00 a.m. 1002 Acacia Dr.

The Access Plus December ramp build is for a lady named Rachal. She and her family will be very happy to gain better access to her home.

If this ministry is of interest to you but you don't feel like you have the skills to participate, please don't let that stop you. Doug Wayland and his

team are happy to train people. Just bring a willing heart!

## Christmas Services

### Christmas Eve Services

5:00 p.m. Family  
Service  
(Holy Communion &  
Childcare)

8:45 p.m. Time of  
Caroling

9:00 p.m. Candlelight  
Service  
(Holy Communion)



## Christmas Day Service

10:30 a.m. Church of the Good Shepherd  
700 S. Upper Broadway

**Office Closed**



Wasinger at (307) 620-0061.

**Office Closed for the  
Holidays  
from 12/24 at Noon  
until Monday, 1/5**

The office will be closed during the holidays. However, we will monitor phone messages and our email. If you have an emergency, please contact Judy Netek at (361) 425-8249 or Fr. Doug

## 2026 Flower Chart

### 2026 Flower Chart Available

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to sponsor the altar for flowers on a Sunday in 2026. There are only a few dates remaining:

- May 10
- July 5
- September 6
- September 27
- November 1



You may sign up on the flower chart in the entryway to the sanctuary. If you would like to sponsor a Sunday but can't be here to sign up, call Judy at the office at (361) 994-0285 or email her at [judy@stmarksgc.org](mailto:judy@stmarksgc.org) so she can put your name down for that date.

Near the beginning of each month, an email will go out to all who signed up to sponsor a Sunday in that month, reminding them of the Sunday they signed up to sponsor. The email will include a request for a dedication for the flowers and information on how to cover the \$55 cost of the flowers.

**Thank you for helping to make our altar beautiful each Sunday!**

## Youth Ministry



### SEEK Youth Group Meets Sundays after the Service

Registration for [Mid-Winter Camp and Summer Camp at Camp Capers](#) is open. Click on the link to the diocesan page to obtain more information and to register.

*Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His face continually. (1 Chronicles 16:11)*

## Cimarron Senior Apartments Ministry

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



### Conversations with God Bible Study Monday, 1/5, at 11:00 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 11:30 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 the residents after it has arrived. If you have an hour or so to give, please consider helping with the monthly food distribution.

## Adult Bible Study



### Adult Bible Study Class

The class met for the final time for 2025 on December 7th. It will resume in January. Check back to find out which Sunday the Bible study will start again.

## Timon's Ministry

### Ministry in Partnership with Timon's Ministries

Over the course of many years, St. Mark's has partnered with Timon's Ministries 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 Ministries, working in the Clothing Closet, organizing items, and visiting with people. The group has asked for help with their efforts in any of the following ways:

- Donating band aids, bandages, gauze, etc.
- Donating clothing, especially men's shirts, jeans, shorts, athletic shoes, flip-flops, socks, and belts, and women's jeans, shorts, undergarments, socks, and purses
- Donating sleeping bags, backpacks, tote bags, suitcases, and recyclable plastic bags
- Donating travel-size deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, bars of bath soap, body wash, bath towels
- Donating toothbrushes and new or used shoelaces
- Donating laundry supplies
- Donating items for to-go food bags: tuna and cracker packs, granola bars, chips, bottled water, etc.
- Sorting clothing and helping clients on Mondays from 8:45 to noon

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.**

## Diocesan Events



### Diocesan News

#### Mid-Winter Camps and Summer

**Camps at Camp Capers**--Mid-Winter I, for youth 6th through 12th grade, begins on January 2nd. Mid-Winter II, for kids in 2nd through 5th grade, starts on January 9th. Registration for Summer Camps has also opened. [Here is a link for more information.](#)



**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.

## Year-End Giving

### Year-End Giving Information

As the year comes to a close, many people want to bless others with a year-end gift. Here is a flyer that explains some of [the opportunities](#) that are available to us and what needs to be considered.



## 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 our [December ministry schedule](#). Click here for the [December church calendar](#).

#### **December 21 - Sunday**

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

11:30 a.m. - Coffee & Conversation--Fellowship Hall

#### **December 24 - Wednesday**

12:00 p.m. - Office Closes

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

8:45 p.m. - Singing of Christmas Carols--Sanctuary

9:00 p.m. - Candlelight Christmas Eve Service--Sanctuary

#### **December 25 - Thursday**

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

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

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