

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

February 18, 2022

Upcoming Events.

Access Plus Ramp Build

2/19 Sat, 8:00 a.m.

Diocesan Council

2/25-26 Fri-Sat

Courses to Prepare for Confirmation Begin

3/6 Sun, 11:15 a.m.

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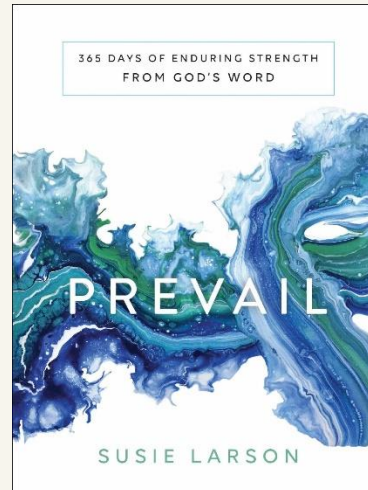
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Sunday Worship Service:

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

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An excerpt taken from
"Prevail,"
a devotional by Susie Larson.

*"For I am planting seeds of peace
and prosperity among you. The
grapevines will be heavy with fruit.
The earth will produce its crops, and the
heavens will release the dew"*
Zechariah 8:12

God's people wandered far away from His best for them. They sinned, practiced idolatry, cheated the poor, and exploited the weak. They looked more like the world than they did their Maker. Then their temple was destroyed, and they were carried off into captivity. After seventy years they returned to their homeland and began the work of rebuilding the temple. And yet they lost heart once they encountered opposition and delay. Their apathy led them to care more about their personal comfort than they did God's kingdom. This grieved the heart of God. But then they heeded the prophet's charge to get back to work. As a result, God pronounced blessing over their lives and their land for their obedience. Though we have to be careful not to always attribute blessing to obedience or poverty to disobedience, it is important to note that something changes in the land and in our lives when we sincerely seek the

heart of God. He plants seeds of peace and prosperity in our midst. He offers us an otherworldly peace and He prospers our soul. Worldly treasures may come and go, but these treasures belong to *anyone* who sincerely seeks Him.

**Seek God! Pray!
Give it ALL to Him!**

Access Plus Ramp Build

Ramp Build 2/19 8:00 a.m. 1560 Eunice Dr

A ramp build benefitting Severo is scheduled for tomorrow morning beginning at 8:00 a.m. Since he has difficulty accessing his home, this will truly be a blessing to him.

If this ministry interests you, come join the team. No experience is necessary, just a willing heart. Doug Wayland is always glad to train folks and always has a pot of hot coffee on site.



Walk to Siloam Baked Goods

Baked Goods Due THIS Sunday

The Walk to Siloam is a three day retreat, very similar to Cursillo or Walk to Emmaus. It is designed for men who are currently homeless.

John deMontel, who is overseeing the food for the event, would like some help from us regarding baked goodies. He's asking for cookies, brownies or small finger desserts. There are no restrictions on what can be made. However, there is a deadline. It's this Sunday, February 20th!



Youth and Children's Ministry

SEEK Youth Group and Kids in Christ

Kids in Christ

Kids in Christ will meet at their regular time this Sunday at 11:30 a.m. during coffee hour. Come join in the fun!



SEEK Youth Group

Youth will meet this Sunday, Feb 20, in the fellowship hall at 9:30 am to travel as a group to South Bluff Park, 500 S. Tanchua to serve our homeless community at a "family picnic" sponsored by the Free Store of Corpus Christi. John and Molly Wandel will drive and participate with the youth, but other parents may certainly join the group if they wish. We will be missing our worship service that day — our worship will be serving others. (Livi is staying to acolyte.) We will return about noon.



Please let Molly Wandel know if you are planning to participate so she can make sure we have enough room in our vehicles. Text her at 214-762-8792.

Thank you all of St. Mark's for your generosity! We are overflowing with toiletries and socks and will be able to help again in the near future. Well done!

Proverbs 14:31: Whoever oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God.

Walk to Siloam Retreat

Retreat Begins 2/24

The Walk to Siloam, a three day retreat for homeless men sponsored by Mission 911 begins next Thursday at Camp Zephyr at Lake Mathis. To learn more about the event, click [here](#). The team will have approximately 35 members to serve 25 pilgrims.

If you know of someone who would benefit from being a part of the retreat, here is an [application](#). Contact John deMontel at (361) 815-9498 for more information.

Here is a list of [supplies](#) needed for the event.

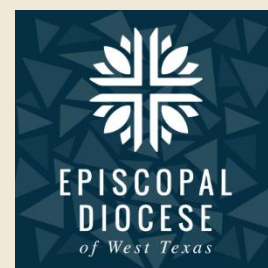
Everyone is invited to come to Camp Zephyr to help support the pilgrims and the team at a candlelight service Saturday, 2/27, at 7:00 p.m. It will begin with a worship service to pray for the Walk. The team and the pilgrims will join the service at approximately 8:00 p.m. Here are [directions](#) to Camp Zephyr.



Diocesan Council

Council Opens Friday, 2/25

Diocesan Council begins Friday 2/25 at 9:00 a.m. and concludes Saturday at noon. All members of the Diocese are invited to view Council in its entirety and engage online through the live broadcast streamed on the diocesan [Facebook](#), [Vimeo](#), and at dwtx.org/council. Tune in to hear reports on diocesan ministries, the financial well being of the diocese, and what's going on in other parishes.



Please keep Council in your prayers next week.

Search Process

Links for Search Process Resources

Please continue to keep the search committee, the candidates, and the process in your prayers.

God's Blessings! John D.



Scripture for the Week

Matthew 11:27-30

"All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Here is a list of useful links to use during the search process for our new rector:

Parish Profile on St. Mark's [website](#)

Diocese of West Texas website [churches in transition](#)

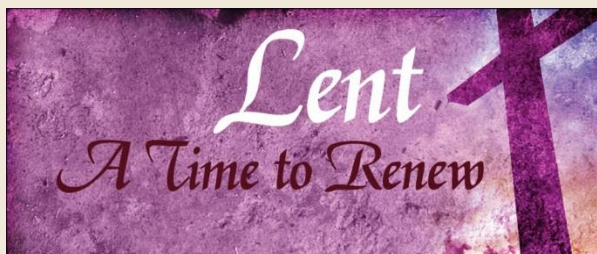
Prayers during the search process: [prayers](#)

Lent Season Events

Lent Begins 3/2 with Ash Wednesday

Shrove Tuesday is an evening of celebration before the season of Lent begins. We'll start with a pancake supper prepared by our men's group Tuesday, March 1. There will be games and of course fellowship.

Lent officially begins Ash Wednesday, which is March 2nd. There will be two services, one at 7:00 a.m. and one at 7:00 p.m. The evening service will include Holy Eucharist.



Lenten devotionals will be available soon, hopefully by Sunday, February 27th. If by chance they don't arrive by that time, they should be available at the Shrove Tuesday gathering and the Ash Wednesday services. Please remember to pick yours up.

Bishop's Visit & Confirmation Sunday

Classes to Start March 6th

Each year one of our bishops visits St. Mark's for our annual Bishop's Visit. While here, the bishop will provide the Rite of Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation for those who wish to publicly affirm or reaffirm their faith and commitment to their baptism vows. This year, Bishop Reed will be with us on Sunday, April 10th, Palm Sunday.



The Rite of Confirmation is for those who are new to the Church and want to join.

The Rite of Reception is for those who come from a Catholic background and want to join the Church.

The Rite of Reaffirmation is for those who were previously confirmed and want to reaffirm their commitment.

Youth in the tenth grade and up and adults who are new to the Church or who want to reaffirm their faith need to attend a course to prepare them. The start date for the classes is set for Sunday, March 6th. If this interests you, please contact Judy at (361) 994-0285 or judy@stmarkscc.org.

Everyone is invited to come to the class. Even if you don't need to be confirmed, received, or reaffirm your commitment, it's a wonderful refresher course!

Confirmation Sunday is always a special Sunday because it's a time to celebrate new and renewed life in the Holy Spirit.

Ways to Support God's Kingdom through St. Mark's

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORT ST. MARK'S CHURCH!

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 the four 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.
- **NEW APP**----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.

**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 February schedule for our ministries, which is still a work in progress. Please check each week to see if there are any changes.

February 20 - Sunday

9:30 a.m. - The Free Store Distribution--Fellowship Hall

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

11:15 a.m. - Coffee Hour--Fellowship Hall

11:30 a.m. - Kids in Christ--Fellowship Hall

February 22 - Tuesday

10:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall

6:00 p.m. - Women's Group--Jason's Deli, 1416 Airline Rd.

6:30 p.m. - Men's Reunion Group--Nolan's Restaurant, 7426 S. Staples St.

7:00 p.m. - Bible Study & Prayer Group--Online-Zoom

February 23 - Wednesday

11:30 a.m. - Lunch with the Old Guys--Location to be determined

12:00 p.m. - Noon Prayer Group--Fellowship Hall

5:30 p.m. - Search Committee Meeting--Fellowship Hall

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](#)

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