

November 27, 2024

Upcoming Events

THANKSGIVING DAY

11/28, Thursday

Advent Begins

12/1, Sunday

**Lay Eucharistic Minister & Lector
Training**

12/7, Saturday

**Election of Delegates & Alternates
to Diocesan Council**

12/8, Sunday

Christmas Pageant

12/15, Sunday

Christmas Caroling

12/15, Sunday

Christmas Eve Services

12/24, Tuesday 5:00 p.m.

12/24, Tuesday 10:00 p.m.

Lessons & Carols Service

12/29, Sunday

Youth Group & Adult Bible Study

Sundays following the service

**Wishing everyone a wonderfully
blessed Thanksgiving holiday!**



A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Dear God, Thank you for your amazing power and work in our lives. Thank you for your goodness and for your blessings over us. Thank you for your great love and care. Thank you for your sacrifice so that we might have freedom and life. Forgive us when we don't thank you enough, for who you are, for all you do, and for all you've given. Help us to set our eyes and our hearts on you afresh. Renew our spirits, fill us with your peace and joy. We love you and we need you, this day and every day. We give you praise and thanks, for You alone are worthy! In Jesus's Name, Amen.



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Sunday Worship Service

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

[Visit our website](#)

Walk in Love Bringing Faith to Life



Walk in Love

Bringing Faith to Life Campaign

We are off to a great start based on the number of commitment cards that have been received thus far. It's not too late to submit your commitment card for 2025. There are cards available in the entryway to the sanctuary and in the church office. You may place your card in the offering basket this Sunday as it's being passed down the pews. The commitment cards that come in during the week are taken to the sanctuary by Fr. Doug where he places them on the altar and blesses them.

**Thank you to each of you who have chosen to support
God's Kingdom work through St. Mark's!**

Poinsettia Plants



Poinsettia Plants to

Decorate Altar for Christmas Eve Services

Our Christmas Eve services will be at 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. as usual this year. As part of our tradition, we use poinsettia plants to decorate the altar for the Christmas Eve services. There will be red inserts in the bulletins this Sunday to use if you would like to sign up for a plant or two. Sponsoring a plant is great way to honor a special someone or event in your life, or you may write down a dedication in memory of someone. The plants cost \$12.00 each. Thank you for helping to make the altar beautiful this Christmas Eve.

Youth Group



Youth Group

Meets Sundays, except for this Sunday so families may spend time together.

Thank you everyone who helped with the Fishpond Living Apartment Thanksgiving food distribution this past Tuesday, 11/26. The residents were certainly blessed.

December heads up: The Christmas pageant is scheduled for Sunday, December 15th. Look for more information in the coming weeks. The pageant will be followed by caroling at the Corpus Christi Nursing & Rehabilitation Center next door.

Youth Group will also make plans to see the Best Christmas Pageant Ever movie sometime in December. The date has yet to be determined.

Adult Bible Study

Adult Bible Study

Meets Sundays after the service, except for this Sunday, so families may spend time together.



Participants in the Adult Bible Study Group usually meet in the Fellowship Hall for Bible study after the service; however, the group will not meet this Sunday. The group plans to continue the study of the Gospel of Mark on Sunday, December 8th. Bring your Bibles if you'd like; however, there will be some available if you need one. Grab some refreshments and join in the conversation.

Below are the links to the previous study guides for chapters one through twelve if you'd like to review them or catch up. The group is currently discussing chapter 14.

Previous Chapters 1-10:

[Chapter 1 Mark](#)

[Chapter 2 Mark](#)

[Chapter 3 Mark](#)

[Chapter 4 Mark](#)

[Chapter 5 Mark](#)

[Chapter 6 Mark](#)

[Chapter 7 Mark](#)

[Chapter 8 Mark](#)

[Chapter 9 Mark](#)

[Chapter 10 Mark](#)

[Chapter 11 Mark](#)

[Chapter 12 Mark](#)

New Chapters 13-16:

[Chapter 13 Mark](#)

[Chapter 14 Mark](#)

[Chapter 15 Mark](#)

[Chapter 16 Mark](#)

2025 Flower Chart



2025 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 special date in your life. Please sign up on the flower chart that is available in the entryway to the sanctuary. As a gentle reminder, you will receive an email the last week of the month before your assigned date giving details about the flowers, cost, etc. and asking that you provide the dedication for that particular Sunday.

Here are the dates that are still available:

August 23rd

October 12th

October 26th

November 30th

December 28th

Thank you to all who have signed up to sponsor the altar flowers for next year!

Upcoming December Dates

December Events

12/1--Advent begins Sunday, December 1st. We will use Rite I, as we did last year.



12/7--Lay Eucharistic and Lector training is set for Saturday, December 7th, beginning at 9:00 a.m. This training is for all who currently serve and anyone who would like to begin serving in this ministry.

12/8--Election of delegates and alternates to the 2025 Diocesan Council will take place Sunday, December 8th in the sanctuary after the service.

12/15--St. Mark's Christmas Pageant will be presented during the service, and Christmas Caroling at Corpus Christi Nursing & Rehabilitation Center is scheduled after the pageant.

12/24--Christmas Eve Services will held at 5:00 p.m., our family oriented service, and at 10:00 p.m., our candlelight service.

12/29--We will worship through a Lessons and Carols service that Sunday.

Timon's Ministry



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, and 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 Mondays from 8:45 - 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 & National

Church News



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 [December schedule](#) for our ministries. The schedule is an ongoing work in progress, so please check each week to see if there are any changes. Here's a link to the [December calendar](#).

November 28 - Thursday

THANKSGIVING DAY

December 1 - Sunday

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

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

December 2- Monday

8:45 a.m. - Clothing Sorting--Timon's Ministry, 10501 S. Padre Island Dr.

9:00 a.m. - Staff Retreat--Wandel Home, 44 Hewit Pl.

December 3 - Tuesday

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

12:00 p.m. - Conversations with God--Cimarron Senior Apartments, 2802 Cimarron Blvd.

December 4- Wednesday

11:30 a.m. - Lunch with the Old Guys--Niko's Steakhouse, 5409 Saratoga Blvd.

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

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

December 7 - Saturday

9:00 a.m. - Lector/LEM Training—Sanctuary

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](#)

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