

# St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

August 29, 2024

## Upcoming Events

### Labor Day

9/2, Monday--OFFICE CLOSED

### Conversations with God

9/3, Tuesday

### Youth Group & Adult Bible Study

9/8, Sunday

### Bishop's Visit

10/6, Sunday

## From the Rector Fr. Doug



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The religious traditions that Jesus inherited were based on sound principles about how to live daily. These traditions provided an identity for a people who lived in many different cultural settings. Some of these traditions seem to be timeless as they continue to be observed even today. One tradition is that of washing food and one's hands before eating. The Hebrew scriptures designate hand washing as a religious rite, and it is sound personal hygiene. Another religious rite is the observation of Sabbath. This again speaks of the value of human labor and the need for rest so that people can continue to provide their best efforts. After all, even machines need down time to be repaired and maintained for proper functioning.

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

## Sunday Worship Service

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

[Visit our website](#)

## A Christian Journey Course



### The Discovery Series A Christian Journey Course Sunday, 9/8, at 11:30 a.m.

One of the rich traditions of the Episcopal Church is the Rite of Confirmation / Reaffirmation / Reception into the Episcopal Church. The Bishop of each Episcopal diocese is the primary celebrant for this service. Sunday, October 6, 2024, will be our annual opportunity to host this service when the Right Reverend Dr. David Read will be visiting St. Mark's. For those who would like to be Confirmed / Reaffirmed / or Received into the Episcopal Church, Fr. Doug will be hosting a preparation series. During the one-hour sessions we will learn about:

- **Roots of Ministry**, which will cover topics like the Anglican Communion, the different roles of ministers, and church governance.
- **Episcopal Worship**, which will help people become familiar with The Book of Common Prayer and the sacraments.
- **What We Believe**, which will provide a review of the Creeds of the Episcopal Church, thus promoting a deeper understanding of them.
- **The Baptismal Covenant**, which is the final session where participants will learn more about the Episcopal Church's theology pertaining to this rite of adoption into God's family.

Fr. Doug will be hosting these one-hour sessions after church starting September 8, 2024. If you are interested in participating, please sign up on your Connection Card Sunday, or phone the office at (361) 994-0285, or email [stmarksccl@stmarksccl.org](mailto:stmarksccl@stmarksccl.org).

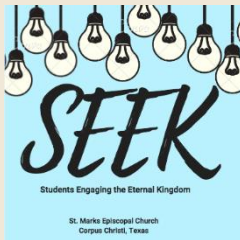
## Adult Bible Study

### Adult Bible Study to Resume Sunday, 9/8, after the service

Participants in the Adult Bible Study Group will begin meeting again in the Fellowship Hall after the service Sunday, September 8th, to continue their study of the Gospel of Mark . 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.



## Youth Group Fall Kickoff



### Youth Group Fall Kickoff Sunday, 9/8, after Church Service

Youth group will begin the fall season on Sunday, September 8th! We will leave from coffee hour to go to the Wandels' house where we will have our first meeting of the year and welcome our new 6th grade members. Then we'll have lunch together, followed by pool time. All youth 6th-12th grade are invited, and that includes your friends!

- Molly and John will be providing transportation from church, so please R.S.V.P. in case we need to enlist another car. Friends can meet us at church or 44 Hewit Place.
- Parents can join us. If you choose to drop off your youth, please pick him/her up at 2 pm.
- Bring your swimsuit and towel to church that day if you plan to swim!

We're going to have lots of fun this year as we grow in community, serve the Lord together, and complete the sentence, "JESUS IS \_\_\_\_\_."

Questions, comments, or to R.S.V.P.:  
Molly (214)-762-8792  
[Molwandel@gmail.com](mailto:Molwandel@gmail.com)

## Instagram

### We're Now on Instagram

We now have an Instagram account. Search for [stmarkschurchcc](#) to find us or click on the link. This will be used to compliment what is currently being posted on Facebook. Check it out!



## Church Clean Up Day



### Church Clean Up Day Saturday, 9/28 9:00 a.m.

A church clean up day is scheduled for the last Saturday of September in preparation for Bishop Read's visit in early October. We'll work on the grounds as well as the interior of the buildings. There will be something for everyone to help with. Please mark this day on your calendars and plan to come help.

## Fishin' for Mission

### Fishin' for Mission Fishing Tournament Friday-Saturday, 9/20-9/21

The Fishin' for Mission Fishing Tournament is a fundraiser that supports the diocesan Missions Department. Teams of four anglers will compete to see who can catch the most fish. It will begin with a fried fish dinner hosted by St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Rockport on Friday night. The fishing begins at 6:00 a.m. Saturday morning. All are welcome to participate. The cost per adult angler is \$85 and anglers under the age of 17 are \$35 each. Please contact Jeremy Wilkey at (361) 658-9950 if you are interested in being part of team.



## Stuffed Animal Drive



### Stuffed Animal Drive to Benefit the Children of Plaza de Paz Deadline October 6th

The diocese has asked that diocesan churches participate in a stuffed animal drive. Please consider donating new or gently used stuffed animals. The collection will conclude Sunday, 10/6. There will be

boxes in the entry way to the sanctuary and the fellowship hall for the donations.

The Plaza de Paz is a respite center for immigrants in San Antonio. Many of the families arrive with very little. These stuffed animals will serve as an encouragement to the children.

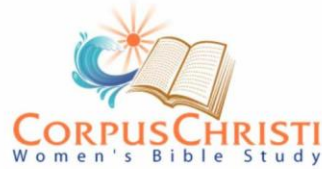
## Volunteers Needed at Mustang Island

### Need Volunteers for the Fall College and Young Adult Retreat Mustang Island Conference Center 9/13-15



The diocesan College Missions department needs volunteers to help with the Fall College and Young Adult Retreat at Mustang Island Conference Center. If you are interested in helping, please [click on this link](#), then click on one of the links for either Tami Woods or Walt Buzzini to let them know.

# Corpus Christi Women's Bible Study



**Celebrating 20 Years of Fellowship and Learning**

## **COME FOR COFFEE**

Information • Registration  
Wednesday, September 11, 10:00 AM  
First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall • 900 S. Shoreline Blvd.  
(Main Entrance facing Water Street)  
Nursery provided

## **CLASSES BEGIN WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**

9:30-11:30 AM  
First United Methodist Church  
Sanctuary  
Music • Small Group Discussion • Message  
Nursery provided

### **Teaching Directors**

Jan Ayliffe • Judy Hamrick • Gwen McMath • Brenda Tollett

### **Curriculum: Gospel of Mark**

Gwen McMath, Author

Registration fee \$40 payable to "Corpus Christi Women's Bible Study"

Pay fee and get your book at the Registration Coffee

*If you cannot attend the Coffee, mail your check to:*

*47 Lake Shore Drive, Corpus Christi, TX 78413*

*Questions: Susan Lewis, [susanlewis846@gmail.com](mailto:susanlewis846@gmail.com)*

**Community  
Bible Study  
Opportunity  
for Women  
begins  
September 18th**

Be sure to register by  
September 11th.

# 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:

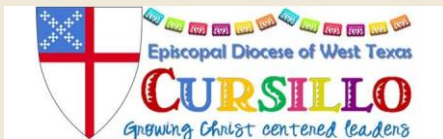
- Donating band aids, bandages, and gauze

- Donating clothing, especially men's shirts, jeans, 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

Reunion groups 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, which will be a Spanish speaking retreat, and November 7-10 at Camp Capers.

## Diocesan Events

### Diocesan News



**Suffragan Bishop Election News**--Meet the Candidate meetings have been scheduled. [Click here for more information](#) on the meetings and the process.

**Fishin' for Mission Fishing Tournament**--The tournament will be in Rockport on 9/21. [Click for registration and details for the event.](#)

**Spiritual Retreats in Recovery** --This spiritual retreat is geared for those dealing with addiction personally, whether it is their addiction or recovery, or that of someone they love. Click here for information about the [Recovery Retreat](#).

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

#### **September 1 - Sunday**

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

#### **September 2 - Monday--Labor Day OFFICE CLOSED**

#### **September 3 - Tuesday**

7:30 a.m. - Women's Reunion Group--Corner Bakery, 4938 S. Staples St.  
9:30 a.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library  
12:00 p.m. - Conversations with God--Cimarron Senior Apartments, 2802 Cimarron Blvd.

#### **September 4 - Wednesday**

8:10 a.m. - Clothing Sorting--Timon's Ministries, 10501 S. Padre Island Dr.  
11:30 a.m. - Lunch with the Old Guys--Silverado Smokehouse, 4522 Weber Rd.  
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](#)

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[Diocese of West Texas](#)

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