

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

October 21, 2022

Upcoming Events

Fall Festival

10/29 Saturday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Consecration Sunday

11/6 Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

Giving in Gratitude Lunch

11/13 Sunday, 11:10 a.m.

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Sunday Worship Service:

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

Reflections from the Rector



Fr. Doug Wasinger

I hope everyone is doing well this week. I have attended my first Clergy Retreat in the Diocese of West Texas, and I consider myself to be blessed to be related to a strong supportive group of clergy. When I told them I was the new Rector of St. Mark's in Corpus Christi, they responded with, "Oh, you are the one from Wyoming! We're so glad you are here." With a smile on my face and warmth in my heart, my response was, "I am so blessed to be here."

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

Visit our website

Food for His Table

Meals for Fr. Doug

Fr. Doug's wife Kellie and his daughter Rowan won't be moving to Corpus Christi until January. In the meantime we want to make sure he's well fed!

Please consider participating in this project by either preparing a couple of meals for him or purchasing gift cards to local restaurants between now and the end of January. Here is a link for you to sign up to bring him a meal through TakeThemaMeal.com. Information about his dietary restrictions and his likes and dislikes are included. You can sign up for as many dates as you'd like.



Renewal Stewardship



Pray Gratefully - Serve Responsibly - Give Generously

Reflection from *Sixty Second* *Stewardship Sermons* by Charles Cloughen, Jr.

"In his Gospel, John shares with us the wonderful story of how Jesus fed

5,000 hungry men with the two fish and five barley loaves that a small boy gave him. Jesus took the loaves and the fish, gave thanks, and not only was able to feed the thousands that were there with him, but also, he had twelve baskets of barley loaves left over, a marvelous sign of God's abundance.

I see ourselves as the boy in the story, giving to Jesus our time, talents and treasure, however small they may be. Jesus receives them, blesses them, and accomplishes so much more with them than you or I could ever imagine!

What a wonderful Jesus, who takes and appreciates our gifts, multiplies them, and makes it possible for us to be his eyes, ears, mouth, mind, hands, and heart, empowering us to serve him in the world for which he sacrificed his life on the hard wood of the cross."

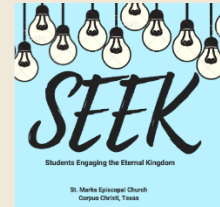
Our Consecration Sunday is November 6th. We will present our Estimate of Giving cards on the altar of St Mark's, where they will be blessed and released to Jesus to be used by Him.

We will celebrate the blessings Jesus has given us during the past year at our Giving in Gratitude Lunch Sunday, November 13th. Be sure to mark your calendars for these two important dates in the life of our St. Mark's family.

SEEK Youth Group

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"...neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:38-39)



Last week we dug into Romans 8:35-39. God loves us with a great love from which we can never be separated! What great news!

This Sunday stay after church for a conversation with Father Doug. Have a snack and share highs and lows, then get to know our new priest. We have some questions ready, but you may bring your own too!

Please put these special events on your calendars:

Saturday 10/29 9 a.m.- 12 p.m.--Help with Fall Festival at St. Mark's.

Sunday 10/30--Bring a pumpkin and stay after church to carve it!

Tuesday 11/22 8 a.m.--Sea Gulf Villa Thanksgiving Dinner delivery

Fall Festival



Fall Festival
Saturday, October 29
9 a.m.-12 p.m.

St. Mark's and KinderCare Learning Centers will host a fall festival on our campus on the morning of Saturday, October 29. Chrystal Wilkey has lots planned! Attendees will enjoy a bounce house, children's games, Trunk or Treat, and other fun activities. Kona Ice will be here too!

We can help now by donating candy and prizes for the games. There are boxes set up in the entryway to the sanctuary and in the fellowship hall for donation drop-off.

Volunteers will be needed the morning of the event too. You'll be able to sign up to help with games, face painting, decorating your vehicle for Trunk or Treat, etc. Sign up this Sunday on the back of your Connection Card.

You may contact Chrystal at (361) 549-8917 for more details.

Here is a [flyer](#) that you can print to use to invite your friends and family.

Pumpkin Carving

Calling all Pumpkin Carvers! Sunday, 10/30

Let's get a little messy after church on Sunday, October 30! Bring your own pumpkin and carving supplies, and carve a pumpkin with your St. Mark's family. All ages are welcome to participate!



Hurricane Support



Financial Help for the Victims of Hurricanes Fiona and Ian

Bishop Reed put out a plea for prayer and financial support for those who were affected by Hurricanes Ian and Fiona. We will take up a special collection Sunday, **October 30th** to send to the diocesan office. You may also [donate through a link](#) on the diocesan website.

Cookie for Council

Calling all Cookie Bakers!

We need your help with the cookie project for Diocesan Council. We are supplying over 500 dozen cookies, but we're not responsible for baking all of them. Thank goodness! We will be inviting the eleven churches in our area for help. That means each church would need to bake 55 dozen, which is much more doable.



Here are the instructions:

- Chocolate Chip cookies were reported as the favorite amongst Council delegates and alternates, but all types are encouraged.
- Please package your cookies in quart size baggies.
- Write the type and quantity on the bag.
- Freeze them.
- Please keep them at your house until we can clear some room in our church freezer.

November Vote



Mid-Term Elections 11/8

Your vote carries more weight than you may realize and may be more important now than in years past. Often people think their vote doesn't count because someone else's just cancels out their vote. There is some truth to that, but if you and others think that way and choose not to vote, those uncast votes could determine the outcome of an election. So, in reality your uncast vote is actually a vote for whatever you don't agree with.

Here is some information to help you:

- **Early voting** will take place October 24 through November 4. Here's a link to [Early Voting Locations](#).
- This is a link to [ballot information](#), including the candidate name and party affiliation.

Please prayerfully consider voting in the upcoming mid-term elections, and pray for God's guidance concerning your vote.

Diocesan Events

Diocesan News



Message from Bishop Reed--Click here for Bishop Reed's article "[Signs of the Kingdom](#)". It's his Fall Reflection on change.

Bishop Search Process--Here is a [link for information](#) on the search process for our next Bishop, including the diocesan profile.

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

October 23 - Sunday

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

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

11:15 a.m. - SEEK Youth Group with Fr. Doug--Fellowship Hall

October 24 - Monday

Early voting Begins

October 25 - Tuesday

6:00 p.m. - Women's Group--Fellowship Hall

October 26 - Wednesday

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

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

October 29 - Saturday

9:00 a.m. - Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat--Parking Lot and Fellowship Hall

Helpful Links

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](#)

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

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