

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

June 2, 2022

Upcoming Events

Baptism of Dawn Oruka

6/5 Sun, 10:00 a.m.

Pentecost Sunday

WEAR SOMETHING RED!

6/5 Sun, 10:00 a.m.

Loose Offering for Uvalde

6/5 Sun, 10:00 a.m.

Access Plus Ramp Build

6/25 Sat, 8:00 a.m.

Zoomerang Vacation Bible School

7/11-7/14 Mon-Thur

9:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

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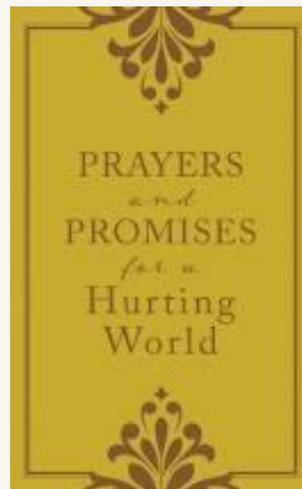
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Sunday Worship Service:

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

God's Promises



An excerpt taken from
*Prayers and Promises for
a Hurting World*
written by Laura Freudig

"Jesus saw the huge crowds as he stepped from the boat, and he had compassion on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began to teach them many things."

Mark 6:34

Lord, this world is full and bursting at the seams. More people are alive today than have lived in all of history. The cities of the world teem with life--and the curses that can come with high population: pollution, crime, disease, and hunger. There is no utopia here; that waits for heaven. We don't see how the earth can continue to sustain us all, yet we know that to You, all life--small, large, unformed, aged, misshapen, comely, rich, poor--is precious.

Jesus, You ministered surrounded by needy, grasping crowds, but You didn't push them away, and You didn't ignore little hands pulling at You. You had compassion on them. They

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were like sheep without a shepherd, You said. When we think of the world and its billions, do we think of people as Your sheep? Do we think in terms of harvest? Each person is a soul poised before heaven or hell. Lord, let us be willing to be moved with compassion. Let us be willing to be crowded, jostled, pushed, and inconvenienced. Let us be willing to endure the noise, smell, and confusion of the unsaved. Let us be willing to go, to speak, to give, to pray. Let us be willing to be Your gentle hands in service to the lost. Praise the Lord of the harvest! Amen.

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

Pentecost Sunday Celebration

Pentecost Sunday June 5th

Our tradition has been that everyone wear red on Pentecost Sunday. We also celebrate by having cake topped with strawberries and whipped cream during coffee hour.



Please consider bringing a pint of fresh, cut, and sugared strawberries this Sunday to be used to top the cake. We could use your help.

And don't forget to wear something red!

Prayers and Offering for Uvalde

**Please keep our brothers and sisters in
Uvalde in your prayers.**

An offering will be collected to assist the families of Uvalde **THIS**
Sunday, June 5th.

Here's the link to our [diocesan resources](#).

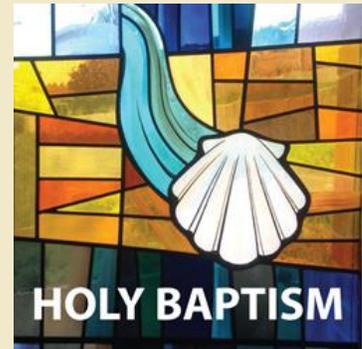


Baptism Celebration

Baby Dawn Oruka's Baptism Sunday, June 5th

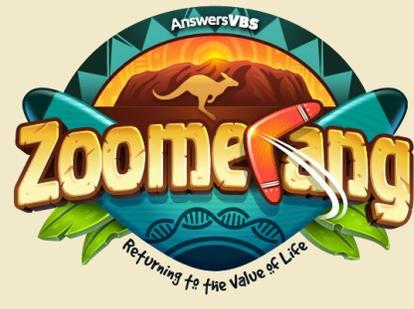
On Pentecost Sunday, we will also be celebrating the baptism of little Dawn Oruka. Come help us welcome her into the family of God while we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit.

There will be an enlarged copy of Dawn's baptismal certificate on the black table in the entryway to the sanctuary. Please stop and sign it to show your support of her baptism.



There will be a reception immediately after the worship service in the fellowship hall.

Vacation Bible School



Zoomerang Vacation Bible School July 11-14 9:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

G'day mates!

Zoom around Australia with us to discover amazing animals and breathtaking locations like the Great Barrier Reef. And like a boomerang, we'll return to what the Bible says about the the value of life with games, science, crafts, music, and treats! It's gonna be a hoppin' good time you don't want to miss!

July 11-14, Monday- Thursday
9 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
Age 4- 5th grade

Older than 5th grade?
We love our youth helpers!

Click on [this link](#) to register online.

Search Process Update

The search committee is meeting regularly and working hard to achieve all of our goals to find the person that God has chosen for us!



“Do all the good you can,

*By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.”*

John Wesley

New Way to Communicate

New Text Messaging Service

We now have the capability of sending out one-way text messages through our database program ICON CMO. We will use this service primarily to send messages during emergencies, like a hurricane or other important event. The communication is only one-way, so if you respond to the message from ICON CMO, no one will receive it.



The phone number that the text will originate from is 1-844-745-0571. You might want to put it in your phone so you'll recognize it as coming from St. Mark's.

Asked for Financial Help?

Approached by Someone in Need?



Have you ever been approached by someone who asked for financial help? It can be an awkward situation. Did you know that St. Mark's has provisions in place to help those who are in need?

We have teamed up with Mission 911 to offer assistance to anyone who may be in need. You can either refer that person to Mission 911 directly at (361) 882-0911, or have him or her go to the facility at 911 Park Ave. You can also ask him or her to contact Fr. Rick, John deMontel, or Judy at the church at (361) 994-0285. The staff at Mission 911 has provided forms to the church office to be filled out to

assess how to best meet an individual's need. The forms can be picked up at St. Mark's. After they're filled out, the individual can take them to Mission 911.

Diocesan Training Opportunity

Join the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas's Christian Formation Committee for a one-day, in-person Bible Study Facilitator training. Taking place at All Saints' Episcopal Church, Corpus Christi on Saturday, June 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the training is open to anyone interested in facilitating a Bible study, Sunday school, small group or other formation classes for adults. Whether you are brand new to facilitating or have years of experience, this class will give you new tools and ideas to bring to your group.

The registration fee is \$20 and includes lunch.



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

June 5 - Sunday--Pentecost Sunday and Baptism Sunday

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

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

NO Kids in Christ or SEEK Youth Group

June 6 - Monday

11:00 a.m. - Women's Reunion Group--Sanctuary Parlor

June 7 - 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.

June 8 - Wednesday

12:00 p.m. - Noonday Prayer Group--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](#)

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