

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

February 23, 2023

Upcoming Events

Lenten Soup & Study

3/1 Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

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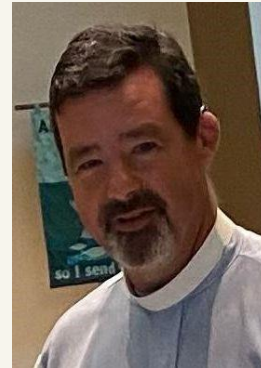
Sunday Worship Service:

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

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From the Rector

Fr. Doug Wasinger



This coming Sunday, the Episcopal Church will start the liturgical season of Lent, and the assigned gospel readings, often referred to as the Sermon on the Mount, come from Matthew. This part of Matthew is the most recognized and is often quoted. The primary audience of this sermon was the disciples and Jesus's closest followers of the time. But the teaching was also directed to those who wanted to become disciples and followers of Jesus. We have become familiar with the message, so it is easy to skim over it due to the familiar nature of its content. This is why I find it important to take time to slow down and ask in a positive light what we can learn from this well-known part of Matthew's Gospel.

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

Access Plus Ramp Build



Access Plus Ramp Build Saturday, 2/25, at 8:00 a.m. 4933 Moravian St.

The ramp build for February was moved to the fourth Saturday of this month because of Diocesan Council. The ramp is for a young boy named Jose. His grandmother cares for him and has a difficult time getting him in and out of their home. This ramp will be a tremendous blessing for them.

If you enjoy working with your hands or power tools, join Doug Wayland and his team this Saturday morning. They would be happy to train you. You may contact Doug by phone at (361) 813-1781 for more information.

Camp Sunday

Camp Sunday THIS Sunday, February 26

Each year our diocese designates a Sunday to take a loose offering to support the diocesan camping programs, which include Camp Capers, Mustang Island Conference Center, and Duncan Park in Colorado. The diocese offers scholarships for our kids and families to attend camp, and this offering will go to support that effort. Please consider offering a gift.

Here's a video about [Camp Capers](#).



The Season of Lent



Lenten Soup and Study of *The Chosen* Series Wednesdays beginning March 1st

Lent has officially begun. This year our Lenten event will consist of a soup supper with bread, followed by a discussion of five episodes of *The Chosen* series. Each week an episode will be assigned for you to view. The link for our first gathering on March 1st is below, as well as discussion questions for you to ponder. The link and questions will be sent out in the weekly ENews. If you can't view the episodes at home, you may stay during Coffee Hour on Sundays to watch them in the Fellowship Hall after you get some refreshments. The discussion questions for Wednesday will be available at that time.

March 1st video link and questions:

I Have Called You by Name

Guiding question to consider: “Which of the four flawed-but-still-called characters in *The Chosen* do you identify with most? Do you feel worthy of being called by Jesus? Why, or why not?”

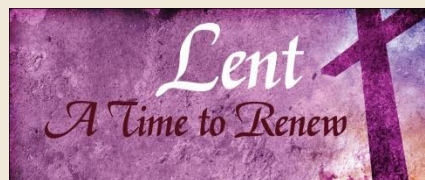
Reference Scriptures: Isaiah 43:1; Psalm 139; (Easter theme) Mark 16:9; John 20:11-16

If you would like to attend, you may sign up on the back of your Connection Card this Sunday. Please indicate how many members of your family will attend, so we can plan for the meals.

Invite your friends and family to come too.

The Season of Lent

We will be bringing back the Rite I liturgy during the season of Lent. Rite I is a more formal liturgy, which uses traditional language. You may recall that we used Rite I during Advent. This change can help lead to more reflection and introspection, which is appropriate for the season of Lent.

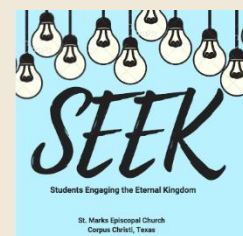


SEEK Youth Group

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Coming up in February:

- **Sunday, 2/26 11:30 a.m.** We will watch season 1, episode 1 of *The Chosen* together. All are welcome to stay and watch with us!
- **Wednesday, 3/1 6:00 p.m.** We begin the Lenten Soup and Study.



Summer Camp Opportunities at Camp Capers

Registration is now open for:

Summer Camp:

Senior High (10th-12th grade)
Junior High (8th-9th grade)
Intermediate (6th-7th grade)
Primary (3rd-5th grade)

Here's a link to the [diocesan website](#) for registration and additional information.

Council Update



Diocesan Council Update

Volunteers: Approximately 46 parishioners from St. Mark's volunteered to serve at our Diocesan Council. That's quite a substantial number! They represent

hundreds of hours, tens of thousands of steps, and hundreds of travel miles. A simple "Thank You" is not adequate, but it's what can be offered to all who participated. So.....

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SERVED!

Cookie Update: Thank you to everyone who baked cookies. We had an overwhelming response from you and the area churches, so much so, that we were able to bless the Good Samaritan Center, Tacos Not Bombs, and the Walk to Siloam with cookies too.

Bishop Coadjutor Election: A new Bishop Coadjutor Elect was elected Saturday. The Rev. David G. Read was voted in by the lay and clergy delegations. Our current Bishop, David Reed, will begin the work of orienting the Bishop Coadjutor Elect to his new position. When they both feel that goal has been accomplished, Bishop Reed will officially retire.



Shrove Tuesday Pictures





Diocesan Events



Diocesan News

Bishop's Update on Uvalde--Click here for a [letter from Bishop Reed](#) with an update on what's been happening in Uvalde.

Diocesan Council--Click on [the link](#) for more information on Council and the link for the livestream.

Relief Fund for Turkey and Syria--Click on [this link](#) if you'd like to donate to support relief efforts for the victims of the earthquakes.

Youth/Children's Camp at Camp Capers--For [information and registration](#), click here.

Diocesan ENews--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. 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 [February schedule](#) for our ministries, which is still a work in progress. Please check each week to see if there are any changes.

February 25 - Saturday

8:00 a.m. - Access Plus Ramp Build--4933 Moravian St.

February 26 - Sunday

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

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

11:15 a.m. - *The Chosen* Watch Party Week 1 Video--Fellowship Hall

February 28 - Tuesday

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

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

March 1 - Wednesday

6:00 p.m. - Lenten Soup & Study--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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