

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

October 8, 2026

Upcoming Events

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10/10, Saturday

Time of Contemplation and Healing Prayer

10/14, Wednesday

Food Distribution at Cimarron Senior Apartments

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Ultreya

10/24, Saturday

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11/8, Sunday

Giving in Gratitude Potluck

11/8, Sunday

Ingathering of the Estimate of Giving Cards

11/8, Sunday



Reflections from the Rector



During Jesus's final Passover of his earthly ministry, he told a parable about a king who was hosting a wedding banquet for his son. Everything was ready. The feast had been prepared, the celebration arranged, and the invitations sent. Yet those who were invited refused to come. Some ignored the invitation. Others made excuses. Still others responded with hostility. Even when the king extended the invitation more broadly, gathering people from the streets until the banquet hall was full, one guest appeared unwilling to fully embrace the gift he had been given.

For many years, I have found this parable both fascinating and puzzling. Why would anyone refuse such an invitation? Why would people become angry over an offer of hospitality and celebration? Why would someone accept the invitation but fail to

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honor the occasion? The more I reflect on this story, the more I wonder if Jesus is revealing something important about the human heart. Perhaps the deepest challenge in this parable is not accepting an invitation. Perhaps it is receiving a gift.

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

Sunday Worship Service

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

[Visit our website](#)

Access Plus Ramp Build



Access Plus Ramp Build THIS Saturday, October 10th Beginning at 8:00 a.m. 3817 Prescott St.

Please make a note that the October Access Plus Ramp build has been moved from the third Saturday of the month to the second Saturday.

This month's ramp build is for a man named Arturo, whose family has had to carry him in and out of his home for quite some time. The ramp will be a blessing to them all.

If you are interested in this ministry, please come on the 10th, even if you don't have any building experience. Doug Wayland and his team are happy to train. All are welcome to come help!

Chrismons Project

Come Help Make Chrismons for Our Trees for Advent Fridays, October 9th & 16th

The **final** group session for making Chrismons will be Friday, October 16, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. After that, folks are welcome to get materials and assistance from Paula Baen at her house by prior arrangement, by texting or calling her at (832) 289-9842.



A huge Thank You to all of those who have and are participating in this project!

Plenty Good Room Stewardship Campaign



Plenty Good Room Stewardship Campaign Begins Sunday, 10/4

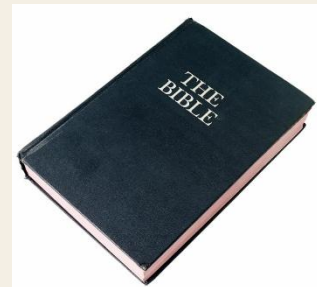
Our 2027 stewardship campaign is underway. We will hear from Jill Crain this Sunday as she shares her personal stewardship experiences to inspire us as we consider our own stewardship practice for 2027.

The campaign will culminate on Sunday, November 8th, with the ingathering of our Estimate of Giving cards for 2027 and our annual Giving in Gratitude potluck.

Bibles for Nursing Home Residents

Bible Request for Residents of Corpus Christi Nursing & Rehabilitation Center

We received a call from the activities director at the nursing home (CCNRC) across the parking lot from us asking if we could help get a few large-print Bibles for residents who have requested a Bible but don't have the means to buy one. The director asked for four Bibles, two in English and two in Spanish. They cost around \$21.00 each. If you could help with this project, please let Judy know in the office at (361) 994-0285, or email her at judy@stmarkrscc.org. Thank you!



Healing Prayer



Time of Contemplation and Healing Prayer Wednesday, 10/14, 5:45 p.m.

If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, this service is for you. The first part of the service includes hearing scripture, listening to worship music, being

quiet before the Holy Spirit, and praying for people as a group. The second part is a time for individual prayer with prayer ministers.

The services are scheduled for the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Please consider joining us for prayers for yourself or for others you know.

Personal Prayer Sessions

If you would ever like personal prayer, just let Judy know; prayer ministers can be available to pray with you individually. They usually pray in pairs. Just call the office at (361) 994-0285 to schedule a time. If you can't set up a time, just come into the office, where Judy and Fr. Doug would be happy to pray with you.



Pictorial Directory



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The updated pictorial directories will be available Sunday. They'll be on the blue information table in the sanctuary and on the information table on the right side of the fellowship hall as you walk in.

outside Judy's office door.

If you still have an incorrect copy, please put it in the box

Thank you for your help with this project!

Fall Festival

**Mark Your Calendars on
Saturday, October 24th, for
Our Annual Fall Festival!**



Chrystal Wilkey and her team are busy planning the Fall Festival. They need our help in several areas:

- Volunteers to help the day of the event
- Donations of game prizes
- Donations of Halloween candy

Boxes will be available in the entryway to the sanctuary and in the fellowship hall where you may drop off your donations.

If you'd like to volunteer to help, you can sign up on the back of your Connection Card, which can be found in your bulletin this Sunday. Here are areas where help is needed:

- Trunk-or-Treat Vehicle (decorate vehicle and hand out candy)
- Games
- Face Painting
- Crafts
- Bounce House
- Support Staff (direct traffic, help with hayride, deliver candy to trunk-or-treat vehicles, etc.)

For more information, please contact Chrystal at (361) 549-8917.

[Here is a copy of the flyer](#) below that can be printed and given to those you'd like to invite to the Fall Festival.

**Thank you for considering helping us to make this
a wonderful event for our community!**



Timon's Ministry



Reminder: We are no longer collecting clothing for Timon's Ministry

Due to scheduling changes at Timon's Ministry, we stopped collecting clothing at St. Mark's sometime earlier this year. Please feel free to take your donations directly to a ministry that could utilize them: Timon's, Mission 911, or the Purple Door.

Cimarron Senior Apartments Ministry

**Ministry to the Residents at
Cimarron Senior
Apartments
2802 Cimarron Blvd.**

**Food Distribution
Monday, 10/19, 11:15 a.m.**



Conversations with God Bible Study on the First Monday of Every Month at 11:00 a.m.

Once a month, John deMontel, Fr. Doug Wasinger, and others provide snacks and a Bible study they call "Conversations with God" for the residents. It generally lasts an hour. If you'd like to help with this ministry, please contact John at (361) 815-9498.

Food Delivery to Residents on the Third Monday of Every Month at 11:15 a.m.

The Coastal Bend Food Bank delivers food to the Cimarron Senior Apartments once a month. A team of dedicated St. Mark's volunteers helps distribute the food to residents. If you have an hour or so to give, please consider helping with the monthly food distribution.

Adult Bible Study



Adult Bible Study Class Sundays after the Service

The Adult Bible Study class meets after the service on Sundays. The group has begun a study of the book of Romans. All are welcome to join!

Youth Group

Youth Group Information

Youth group will meet this Sunday. Grab some snacks and join Molly in the Youth Room after the church service.



Family Pumpkin Carving October 25

Youth and Children and their Families are invited to stay after church on Sunday, October 25, to decorate pumpkins for Halloween. Bring your own pumpkin to paint or carve and any carving tools you may have. Lunch will be provided.

Will yours be spooky or silly?



Ultreya


PLEASE JOIN US...

COASTAL BEND AREA
ULTREYA

Saturday, October 24th
4:00pm - 5:30pm
Trinity by the Sea Episcopal Church
433 Trojan St
Port Aransas, TX 78373
Please bring a snack or drink to share!
Questions? Contact Ivette Sullivan @ 361-739-0656


Ultreya
Saturday,
October 24th
4:00-5:30 p.m.
at
Trinity by the Sea
Episcopal Church
in Port Aransas

Volunteer Hours App

MyTimeTithe App to Track Volunteer Hours

The time we serve in ministry at St. Mark's, in the community, or in any other capacity matters and has economic value. Wouldn't it be interesting to know how much time we serve? Jeremy Wilkey developed an app for us to use to log those hours. You can [click on this link](#) to get started.

Enter your name in the space provided. If it's your first time, click "Don't see your name? Add yourself" to enter your name. Then fill in the page that opens up. You will select the date, the number of hours you served, which ministry the hours were for, and you may add a note about your service if you'd like.



Spiritual Growth Resources



Tools for Spiritual Disciplines

Here are some online resources to use for spiritual growth. Each one also has an app that you can download on your phone. Just search your app store to find them. Most of them are free; two have subscription fees, which are noted below.

YouVersion Holy Bible--Here's a [link to it online](#). You'll have access to the Bible in several different versions. There are Bible reading plans available. You can also search for a specific subject, such as prayer, and receive reading plans that span several weeks.

Forward Movement Day by Day Devotionals--Here's a [link to it online](#). Once you're on the site, you'll see many resources that you might enjoy.

The Daily Office--Here's a [link to it online](#). If you enjoy the Daily Office, this app makes it easy to access each day.

Centering Prayer--Here's a [link to it online](#). If you enjoy centering prayer, this app offers various ways to participate, including chimes and other sounds, that help you get to a place of inner peace and quiet.

Abide--Here's a [link to it online](#). This site includes meditations set to music, which are especially helpful to use before bed. There is a subscription fee for this one.

She Reads Truth--Here's a [link to it online](#). This one is specifically for women. There is a subscription fee for this one too.

Diocesan Events

Diocesan News



Cursillo Weekends-- There is a Spanish Cursillo at Camp Capers, November 5-8. [Here is a link for more information.](#)

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 on 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 our [October ministry schedule](#). Click here for the [October church calendar](#).

October 10 - Saturday

8:00 a.m. - Access Plus Ramp Build--3817 Prescott St.

October 11 - Sunday

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

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

11:30 a.m. - Youth Group--Fellowship Hall Youth Room

11:45 a.m. - Adult Bible Study--Fellowship Hall Library

October 12- Monday

No Staff Meeting

7:30 a.m. - Kindercare Conference--Fellowship Hall

October 13 - Tuesday

8:00 a.m. - Women's Reunion Group--Corner Bakery Restaurant, 4928 S. Staples St.

October 14 - Wednesday

11:45 a.m. - Lunch with the Old Guys--Bamboo Garden, 1220 Airline Rd.

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

5:45 p.m. - Time of Contemplation & Healing Prayer--Sanctuary Chapel

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.**

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[Diocese of West Texas](#)

[Diocesan Newsletter and Reflection Magazine](#)

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