

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

September 4, 2025

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SEEK Youth Group
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From the Rector
Fr. Doug Wasinger



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Large crowds were drawn to Jesus. There was something about him—his miracles, his compassion, his challenge to the status quo—that attracted people from all walks of life. They came to see what he would do next, how he would disrupt expectations to reveal how deeply God loves even the unlovable. Jesus never disappointed.

Noticing the excitement of the crowds, Jesus addressed them with a serious question: "What are you willing to do to follow me?" At first, it sounds innocent, even inspiring. But Jesus was laying the foundation for a deeper, more challenging truth. His question carries long-lasting implications that aren't immediately understood.

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

Sunday Worship Service

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

[Visit our website](#)

Beach Day

St. Mark's Beach Day September 6th, beginning at 10:00 a.m.



Join your St. Mark's family this Saturday for a day of fun in the sun!

Meet near the Wyndham Hotel, which used to be a Holiday Inn, at 14926 Windward Dr. Park in the free public parking lot and walk down the ramp to the beach. Look for the pirate flag and a blue and white striped umbrella. There will be a couple of canopies set up by 10:00 a.m., but more are welcome. Contact Molly Wandel at (214) 762-8792 if you have a canopy to bring.

Restrooms and showers are available. Bring towels, snacks, and drinks for your family.

Beach days are the best days!

Youth & Children's Ministry



SEEK Youth Group Resumes This Sunday

Youth group will meet on Sunday, September 7, after church. Please meet in the youth room for our first meeting of the fall! We'll have lunch together and play some games too! Your family can pick you up between 12:45 p.m. and 1:00 p.m., or

let Molly know if you'd like a ride home.

Also, come to the beach on Saturday! As always, your friends are invited too!

Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His face continually. (1 Chronicles 16:11)

Inquirer's Class

Inquirer's Class Sunday, 9/14, after the Service

An Inquirer's Class is being offered for those new to St. Mark's or for those who would simply like to learn more about our church family. Fr. Doug will facilitate the class. Please sign up on the back of your Connection Card this Sunday if you would like to attend. If you will need childcare, please indicate that as well.



Cimarron Senior Apartments Ministry



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

Food Distribution Monday 9/15, at 11:30 a.m.

Conversations with God Bible Study on the First Tuesday 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 11:30 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 the residents after it has arrived. If you have an hour or so to give, please consider serving to help with the monthly food distribution.

Access Plus Ramp Build

Access Plus Ramp Build Saturday, 9/20, 8:00 a.m. Location to be Determined

Mark your calendars for the September ramp build on Saturday, September 20th. We don't have the address yet, but we will soon.



Adult Bible Study



Adult Bible Study Class Resumes, Sunday 9/21

The Adult Bible Study Class is scheduled to resume on Sunday, September 21st. Tom Curry will lead a study entitled "Understanding the Old Testament in Jesus's Time."

We would like your help in determining when the class should meet, either at 8:45 a.m. before the service or at 11:45 a.m. after the service. Please click here for the [Survey Page](#) to cast your vote.

Blue Mass for First Responders

**Blue Mass for First
Responders
Monday, 9/29, at 6:30 p.m.
St. Christopher's by the Sea
Episcopal Church
830 Wildcat Dr., Portland**



St. Christopher's by the Sea Episcopal Church will celebrate the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels, as well as honor all First Responders (Law Enforcement, EMS personnel, Firefighters, Military Personnel, and others) to pray for them and the people they serve. The service begins at 6:30 p.m. There will be a meal for the First Responders after the service. Fallen First Responders will be remembered with a traditional "End of Watch" ceremony following Communion.

This is a time for us to come together and pray for those who protect our communities. Please let St. Christopher's know if you plan to attend. They want to make sure they have enough seating available for everyone. Click here for the link to [St. Christopher's Facebook page](#) to let them know if you plan to attend.

Timon's Ministry



Ministry in Partnership with Timon's Ministries

Over the course of many years, St. Mark's has partnered with Timon's Ministries 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 Ministries 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, gauze, etc.
- Donating clothing, especially men's shirts, jeans, shorts, athletic shoes, flip-flops, socks, and belts and women's jeans, shorts, undergarments, socks, and purses
- Donating sleeping bags, backpacks, tote bags, suitcases, and recyclable plastic bags
- Donating travel size deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, bars of bath soap, body wash, bath towels
- Donating toothbrushes and new or used shoelaces
- Donating laundry supplies
- Donating items for to-go food bags: tuna and cracker packs, granola bars, chips, bottled water, etc.
- Sorting clothing and helping clients on Mondays from 8:45 - noon

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.**

Diocesan Events

Diocesan & National Church News



Fishin' for Mission--This annual fishing tournament supports mission work in our diocese. It will be held in Rockport on **September 12-13**. Click this link for more [details and registration for the tournament](#).

Annual Christian Formation Ministry Summit--The summit is for those who are leaders of children, youth, and adult formation. It is an overnight event hosted at Camp Capers on **October 3-4**. Click here for [details on the summit and registration information](#).

Cursillo Weekends--A Cursillo is a three-day spiritual retreat weekend for adults. There are two planned: one at **Mustang Island Conference Center, 10/9-12**, and one at **Camp Capers, 11/6-9**. [Click this link](#) for more information and to register.

Discovery Weekend at Camp Capers--This weekend, scheduled for **November 14-15**, is designed to help both lay and ordained persons discern a deeper call to ministry . [Click here 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 which 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 our [September ministry schedule](#). Click here for the [September church calendar](#).

September 6 - Saturday

10:00 a.m. - Beach Day--Near Wyndham Hotel, 14926 Windward Dr.

September 7 - Sunday

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

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

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

September 8 - Monday

8:45 a.m. - Clothing Shop, Timon's Ministry, 10501 S. Padre Island Dr.

September 9 - Tuesday

7:30 a.m. - Women's Reunion Group--Corner Bakery Cafe, 4928 S. Staples St.

9:00 a.m. - Staff Planning Retreat--Wandel Home

September 10 - Wednesday.

11:30 a.m. - Lunch with the Old Guys--House of Burgers & Wings, 1645 Airline 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.**

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