

# St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

September 7, 2023

## Upcoming Events

### Bring a Friend to Church Sunday

9/10, Sunday 10:00 a.m.

### Access Plus Ramp Build

9/16, Saturday 8:00 a.m.

### Worship Under the Oaks

9/17, Sunday 10:00 a.m.

### Youth Group Begins

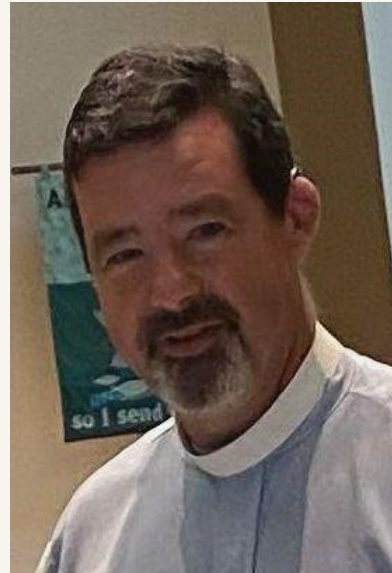
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### Communion Class

9/23, Saturday 9:00 a.m.

## From the Rector

Fr. Doug Wasinger



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This coming Sunday is "Invite a Friend to Church". The purpose of this service is to provide an opportunity for people to learn about the Episcopal Church without feeling the pressure to join the church. It's a great way to see and experience God's kingdom in action. People can experience the liturgy of our church, and long-time members can learn a bit more about what we do and why we do it. The liturgy was developed long before the complex and effective marketing world we currently live in. I have read reports which stated that people feel that the liturgy doesn't sell God. However, the purpose of worship is to join with God through our actions in the world. One of Jesus's big actions is forgiveness. Jesus experienced betrayal at social and personal levels and still forgave the offenders. Being followers of Christ, can we attempt to do any less?

To read the rest of the article, [click here](#).

## Sunday Worship Service:

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

[Visit our website](#)

## Bring a Friend to Church

### Bring a Friend to Church Sunday, 9/10

We've got another Bring a Friend to Church this Sunday, September 10th. The Instructional Eucharist will be a part of the liturgy. Mark Hartlaub will again be our guide.



Travelin' Tom's Coffee truck will be here after the service too. They will donate a portion of their sales back to St. Mark's. Isn't that generous! Our first time Sunday guests will receive a ticket for a free coffee from Travelin' Tom's.

Be sure to pray about whom you might invite to worship with us, and feel free to use an invitation card to invite those people Jesus identifies for you. You may even want to offer to pick them up and bring them with you!

## Access Plus Ramp Build



### Access Plus Ramp Build Saturday, 9/16, at 8:00 a.m. 313 Pueblo St.

This month's ramp recipient is a lady whose family struggles to get her in and out of her home. This ramp will be a blessing to them all.

If you enjoy working with your hands or love the sound of power tools, consider helping with this month's build. You don't need to have any experience with building. There will be plenty of helpers at the site to teach you.

## Worship Under the Oaks

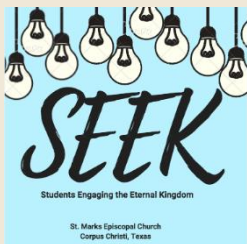
### Worship Under the Oaks Sunday, 9/17

Many of us have fond memories of our worship services under the oaks during the pandemic. We decided to take a trip down memory lane and worship under the oaks Sunday, September 17th, at our regular time of 10:00 a.m.

Don't forget to bring a camp or lawn chair. We'll have chairs set out for those who may not have chairs to bring. It'll be a real treat to worship in God's creation.



## Youth Group



### Youth Group begins Sunday, 9/17

Youth group will begin meeting again for the school year on Sunday, September 17th. We will meet right after the worship service, so grab a snack and a drink, and bring them with you to the youth room. Come see everyone and catch up!

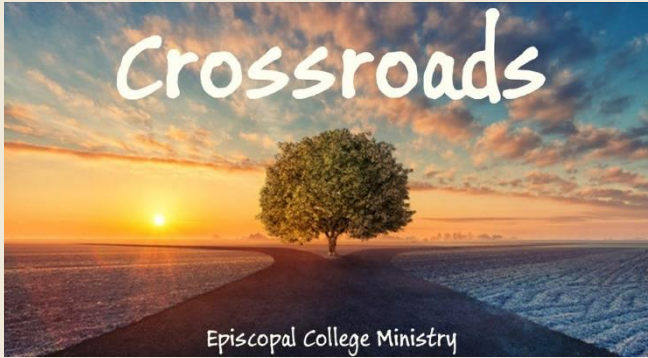
## Communion Class

### Communion Class Saturday, 9/23, at 9:00 a.m.

Fr. Doug will lead a class on our Holy Eucharist Saturday, September 23rd, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The class is open to anyone who would like to know more about this sacrament, especially our children and youth. Those receiving communion for the first time will receive a special acknowledgement Sunday morning, 9/24, during the Holy Eucharist liturgy.



## Crossroads College & Young Adult Ministry



### Crossroads College & Young Adult Ministry begins Thursday, 9/28

The start date for the new Crossroads College and Young Adult ministry has been moved to

Thursday, September 28th. Fr. Doug will be at TAMUCC in the Tejas Lounge of the University Center to offer this ministry for the students there. He's calling these Thursday gatherings Table Talk. He'll be available to spend time with students and offer prayer beginning at 7:00 p.m.

This ministry is in its infancy, and there will be opportunities for us all to offer our gifts to these young people. Stay tuned!.

## Diocesan College and Young Adult Missions Council

### College and Young Adult Missions

The College Missions Council of our diocese is requesting contact information for our college students to use to get them connected with college ministry opportunities and Episcopal churches in the community where they are going to school.

Here is a link to the [diocese website](#) to find out more and submit contact information.



A fall [College and Young Adult Retreat](#) is planned for September 22-24 at Mustang Island Conference Center. Click the link for details and registration information. The cost is \$50 and scholarships are available.

## Diocesan Events



## Diocesan News

### Connecting with College Missions--

Click on [this link](#) if you'd like to get connected with the

diocesan college ministry.

**Fall College and Young Adult Retreat--**[Click here](#) for details and registration information. It will be at Mustang Island Conference Center.

**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.
- 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 the [September schedule](#) for our ministries, which is an ongoing work in progress. Please check each week to see if there are any changes. Here's a link to the [St. Mark's September calendar](#).

#### **September 10- Sunday---Bring A Friend to Church Sunday**

10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist--Sanctuary  
11:30 a.m. - Travel's Tom's Coffee Truck--Parking Lot  
11:30 a.m. - Coffee Hour--Fellowship Hall

#### **September 11 - Monday**

9:30 a.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library

#### **September 13 - Wednesday**

11:30 a.m. - Lunch with the Old Guys--Cafe Italia, 4117 S. Staples St.  
12:00 p.m. - Prayer Group--Fellowship Hall Library  
6:30 p.m. - Men's Reunion Group--Nolan's Restaurant, 7426 S. Staples St.

#### **September 16 - Saturday**

8:00 a.m. - Access Plus Ramp Build--313 Pueblo St.

**Below you will find several links to websites or  
Facebook Pages that you might find helpful.**

[St. Mark's Episcopal Church](#)

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[St. Mark's Church Facebook Page](#)

[Diocese of West Texas](#)

[Diocesan Newsletter and Reflection Magazine](#)

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