

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

November 24, 2023

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11/26, Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Election of Delegates & Alternates to Diocesan Council

12/3, Sunday 11:30 a.m.

Christmas Pageant

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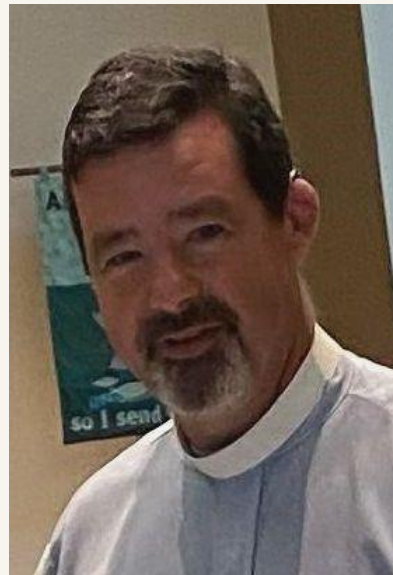
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Sunday Worship Service

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

From the Rector Fr. Doug Wasinger



I do trust that people had a rewarding Thanksgiving. This is my second Thanksgiving in Corpus Christi, and I admit I do enjoy the change in the weather, as compared to the weather of Wyoming. Although this is the start of a second year my primary family remains away in Wyoming, I am not alone for I am able to be with my brothers and sisters in Christ to celebrate and to enjoy good company. We serve a mighty God who continues to surprise me with unexpected blessings and gifts of good cheer. This year's Thanksgiving was no different.

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

[Visit our website](#)

Baptism

Ayden Guerra Baptism Sunday, November 26th

Ayden Guerra's baptism has rescheduled for Sunday, November 26th. Make plans to welcome him into the family of God through the Sacrament of Baptism.



Fishpond Thanksgiving Food Baskets

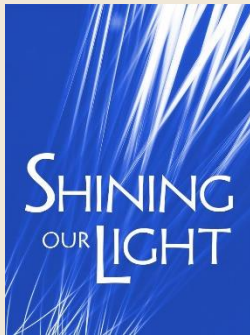
Fishpond Thanksgiving Meal Delivery



**Thank You to All
Who Made Our
Thanksgiving
Meal Delivery
Such a Success!**



Shining Our Light Campaign Results



Ingathering of Ministry Support Cards

The initial ingathering of the 2024 Ministry Support Cards on Sunday, November 5th, was quite good. The total amount of support for 2024 to date is \$233,000. It's a great start.

It's not too late to submit your Ministry of Support for 2024 cards. We will have extra cards available Sunday if you need one. You may also mail yours in. Fr. Doug will take them to the sanctuary, where he'll place them on the altar to bless them before they are accounted for.

Here's a PDF of the [Ministry Support Card](#) if you would like to print out a copy.

THANK YOU for your support of the ministry that will happen through St. Mark's!

Council Delegate & Alternate Election

Election of Delegates & Alternates Sunday, December 3rd



Our diocesan council for 2024 is scheduled for February 22-24 in San Marcos at the Embassy Suites Hotel Conference Center. We may send three delegates and three alternates to represent St. Mark's. Those who serve as our representatives at council will also represent us at the election of the new Suffragan Bishop in the fall. If you would like to be a delegate or alternate, please be sure to be present on December 3rd for the election. You may also submit your name to the church office if you can't be here but would like to serve.

Adult Bible Study



Christmas Pageant Sunday, December 17th

Gay deMontel has agreed to organize this year's Christmas Pageant once again. She needs people to sign up to help as either assistants or characters. All ages are invited to participate; there's something for everyone.

You may sign up on the back of your Connection Card Sunday or visit with Gay. You may also contact her by calling her at (361) 944-4544, or email her at gaydemontel@gmail.com.

Adult Bible Study

Adult Bible Study of the Gospel of Mark Sundays, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

All are welcome to join the Bible study. Come to one week, or come to them all. The class meets in the fellowship hall at noon and ends around 1:00 p.m. Grab a cup of coffee and some snacks, then head over to the designated tables to sit down.



Here are links for past study dates and the upcoming Sunday:

[the introduction](#) to the class

[map of the Sea of Galilee](#)

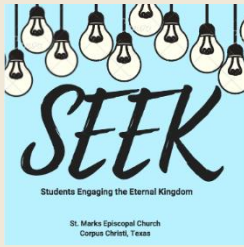
[chapter one](#) study notes

[chapter two](#) study notes

[chapter three](#) study notes

[chapter four](#) study notes

Youth Group & Children's Ministry



SEEK Youth Group Meets Sundays at 11:30 a.m.

Youth group meets 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!

Camp Capers Mid-Winter Camps I, II, and III: January 2024

Registration is open for Mid-Winter Camps at Camps Capers the first three weekends of January 2024. With dedicated sessions for 9th-12th graders, 6th-8th graders, and 2nd-5th grade campers, Mid-Winter Camps are opportunities to recharge midway through the school year, reuniting with camp friends and making new ones, while growing and learning in faith.

Camp I--1/5-1/7--9th - 12th grade
Camp I--1/12-1/14--6th - 8th grade
Camp III--1/19-1/21--2nd - 5th grade

[Click here](#) for more information or to register.

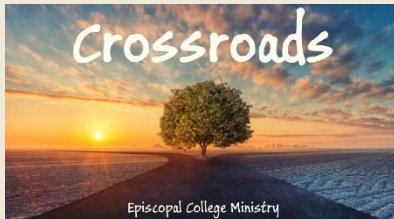
Timon's Ministry Collection

Timon's Ministry Men's Clothing Collection

Timon's Ministry has requested donations of new or gently used men's small or medium sweatpants and jeans. They are also in need of tennis shoes of all sizes for men. If you can donate any of these items, please bring them by the church office. Thank you for your help.



College & Young Adult Ministry



Crossroads Table Talk Thursdays, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Del Mar College

The ministry to college students and young adults began recently and will continue weekly on Thursdays beginning at 12:00 p.m. Del Mar College is hosting the gathering in the Harvin Student Center in Conference Room #1. Fr. Doug is leading a themed discussion each week to offer a safe place for those who are curious about faith to come learn and share their lives.

December 24th Service Times

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The Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve are on the same day this year. So, we will not have a Fourth Sunday of Advent service the morning of the 24th. Instead, we will have our two regular Christmas Eve services: the Family Service at 5 p.m. and the Candlelight Service at 10:00 p.m. Please make a note of this change.



2024 Flower Chart



2024 Flower Chart Available

If you'd like to sponsor the altar flowers on a Sunday to honor a special event or person in your life, please sign up on the new 2024 flower chart available in the entryway to the sanctuary. A reminder email will be sent at the beginning of the month for which you signed up to sponsor the flowers. It will include a request for how you would like the dedication to read and information about taking care of the cost, which is \$55. Please remember that we won't have altar flowers during Lent.

Diocesan Events

Diocesan News



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 worshipping 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 [November 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 [November calendar](#).

November 26- Sunday

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

11:30 a.m. - Baptism Reception--Fellowship Hall

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

November 27 - Monday

No Staff Meeting

November 28 - Tuesday

7:30 a.m. - Women's Reunion Group--Corner Bakery, 4938 S. Staples St.

6:30 p.m. - Financial Committee Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library

November 29 - Wednesday

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

6:30 p.m. - Men's Reunion Group--Nolan's Restaurant, 7426 S. Staples St.

November 30 - Thursday

12:00 p.m. - Crossroads Table Talk--Del Mar Harvin Student Center, Conference Room #1, 101 Baldwin Blvd.

**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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