

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

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Upcoming Events

Diocesan Council

2/26-28, Thursday-Saturday

Acolyte Training

3/1, Sunday

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3/1, Sunday

Healing Service

3/5, Thursday

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3/16, Monday

Healing Service

3/19, Thursday

Palm Sunday

3/29, Sunday



Reflections from the Rector



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Abram—who is later named Abraham—is the patriarch of three major world religions. Judaism, Christianity, and Islam all look to Abraham as the father of their faith and their connection to Almighty God. His call story in Genesis is surprisingly brief and direct. God tells Abram, *“Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you.”* (Genesis 12:1)

Those of us reading this story thousands of years later are not given any background about why God called Abram or what Abram thought. Instead, Scripture simply says, *“So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.”* (Genesis 12:4a) Between God’s command to go and Abram’s obedience lie just a few short sentences, yet those words carry profound meaning and still guide us today.

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

Sunday Worship Service

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

[Visit our website](#)

Diocesan Council



Diocesan Council 2/26-2/28

Please keep our Diocesan Council and our delegation in your prayers as they vote, learn, worship, and fellowship with one

another.

Diocesan Camp Day

Camp Day
Sunday, 3/1,
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

The Diocese of West Texas Camps & Conference Center invite you and your family to our Coastal Bend Camp Day!

They will be in the fellowship hall and the courtyard for the afternoon, so feel free to show up when you're able to learn about the camps! This will be an amazing opportunity for families to come and experience the joy of camp for a day—whether they are a family new to DWTX Camps, or a returning family.

The Camp Day will include a presentation and information on the DWTX Camps and their programming, meeting various DWTX camp staff members, classic camp activities, as well as snacks

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CAMPS + CONFERENCES

DWTX CAMP DAY

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Come Experience the Joy of Camp for a Day!

Learn about all Camp Programming in the Diocese of West Texas!

Inviting All Coastal Bend Churches & Families!

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Coprus Christi
Sunday, March 1st, 2pm-4pm

Join Us for a DWTX Camps Info Session, Camp Activities, and to Meet Camp Staff!

INTEREST FORM & MORE INFO
Contact outreachcc@dwtx.org with any questions

and beverages. They will have information and staff from all three Diocesan Camps: Camp Capers, Mustang Island, and Duncan Park. No matter which of the camps your family has attended (or if you're new to the Diocesan Camps), the Camp Day is an opportunity to learn more about the camps and their mission before registering for this summer!

If you plan to come, please fill out this [interest form](#) to let them know what you'd like to learn about!

If you have any further questions about our Camp Day Event, please contact Ali Fowler at outreachcc@dwtx.org.

Cimarron Senior Apartments Ministry



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

**Conversations with God
Monday, 3/2, at 11:00 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 11:30 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 helping with the monthly food distribution.

Lenten Soup & Study

**The Lenten Soup and Study
The Chosen Series Season 4
Week 2
Wednesday, 3/4, at 6:00 p.m.**

Our Lenten study began last week. We begin with a soup supper followed by discussion of the fourth season of *The Chosen*. Please let the office know if you didn't sign up earlier but would like to attend, so we have enough soup for everyone. You can call the office at (361) 994-0285 or email Judy at judy@stmarksc.org.



Please watch the episodes assigned each week before the Wednesday gathering. There will be scripture to reflect on, items to watch for when you view the episode, and a Lenten practice.

Here is the information for this coming week:

- **Watch:** Episodes 2 "Confessions" and 3 "Moon to Blood" before Wednesday.
- **Reflect on:** 2 Timothy 1:7
- **Watch for:** Fear that resists repentance

The cost of truth-telling

Choosing comfort or conversion

- **Lenten practice:** Fast this week from one habit that dulls your spiritual awareness.

Four Ways to Watch *The Chosen*

Below are four ways to watch *The Chosen*. *The Chosen App* is free, but the streaming services may have a cost.

Install *The Chosen App* on your smart TV.

Go to the main menu, locate **SETTINGS**, use the **SEARCH** option to search for *The Chosen* app, then select **DOWNLOAD**. Log in as **GUEST** or set up a free account. Open the app on your smart TV and search for *The Chosen*.

Amazon Prime Video – You will need a Prime Membership.

Open Prime Video, then search *The Chosen*.

Peacock – You will need a subscription to use Peacock

Open Peacock, then search *The Chosen*.

Use your phone to scan the code to install the apps, then open the same app on your TV.

QR Code to *The Chosen App*



QR Code to Peacock streaming service

Time of Contemplation & Healing Prayer



Time of Contemplation & Healing Prayer Thursday, March 5th, at 5:45 p.m.

During Lent, we will offer a “Time of Contemplation and Healing Prayer” on Thursday, March 5th, and Thursday, March 19th. Both will be at 5:30 pm and last 30-

40 minutes. This time can be a way to enhance our relationship with our Creator and Savior.

Have you ever heard about Contemplative or Centering Prayer? Do you have any idea what it's all about? There probably are many theological answers, but in layman's terms, the answer might be that it consists of a couple of themes. It is a time to quietly contemplate your relationship with God through prayer to Him. And, more importantly, it is a chance to spend time listening to what He wants to tell you or have you hear.

[For more information, click this link.](#)

Youth Ministry

SEEK Youth Group

Acolyte Training this Sunday



Happening Weekend--Youth in the 10th through 12th grade are invited to consider attending a Happening weekend retreat. The retreats are hosted by various churches in our diocese. The next one is March 6th-8th at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Harlingen. Scholarships are available. Click [Happening](#) to register. If you've attended a Happening and would like to serve on the H.I.S. Love team, use the same link to register.

Summer Camp--Registration for [Summer Camp at Camp Capers](#) is open. Click the link to the diocesan page for more information and to register.

Youth are invited to attend the **Soup and Study** on Wednesdays during Lent. After dinner, we will move to the youth room for our own time of prayer and study. If too much homework is keeping you from attending, consider bringing it with you so you can still join us for a meal!

Acolyte Training will be held after the service THIS Sunday, March 1st. All youth in fifth grade and older who are interested in the acolyte ministry or are currently acolytes, make plans to attend.

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

Adult Bible Study



Adult Bible Study Class Sundays at 11:45 a.m.

The Adult Bible study class meets each Sunday in the fellowship hall library. If you'd like to join in the study, head to fellowship hall after the service, grab some refreshments, and then go to the library. Bibles will be available if you need

one.

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 in 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 to 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 News

Cursillo Weekend--Registration for the March 12th-15th weekend held at Camp Capers closes on March 9th. [Here is a link for more information.](#)

Summer Camps at Camp Capers-- Registration for Summer Camps has opened up for campers. [Here is a link for more information.](#)

Diocesan Camp Day—Representatives from the diocese will be at St. Mark's to provide information about the camping program.

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 [March ministry schedule](#). Click here for the [March church calendar](#).

March 1 - Sunday

10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist--Sanctuary
 11:30 a.m. - Coffee & Conversation--Fellowship Hall
 11:30 a.m. - Acolyte Training--Sanctuary
 11:45 a.m. - Adult Bible Study--Fellowship Hall Library
 2:00 p.m. - Diocesan Camp Day--Fellowship Hall

March 2 - Monday

8:45 a.m. - Clothing Shop--Timon's Ministry, 10501 S. Padre Island Dr.
 9:30 a.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library
 11:00 a.m. - Conversations with God--Cimarron Senior Apartments, 2802 Cimarron Blvd.

March 3 - Tuesday

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

March 4- Wednesday

11:30 a.m. - Lunch with the Old Guys--Carfish Charlie's Seafood Restaurant
 5830 McArdle Rd.
 12:00 p.m. - Prayer Group--Fellowship Hall Library

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

March 5 - Thursday

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

**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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[Diocese of West Texas](#)

[Diocesan Newsletter and Reflection Magazine](#)

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