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St. Mark's Episcopal Church

Weekly E-News

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Bishop's Visit Tomorrow Bishop David Bailey from Navajoland

Bishop David Bailey and his lovely wife Anne will be here for our Annual Bishop's Visit tomorrow. Susan Bateman and Ruth Ramos will be confirmed during the worship service. After the service there will be a reception in the fellowship hall to celebrate with Susan and Ruth. We will also have the opportunity to hear about Bishop Bailey's ministry in Navajoland. He has been the bishop there since August 2010. Be sure to come to the fellowship hall after the service.



The Encounter Tuesdays beginning February 25, 6:00 pm at St. Mark's

Not getting much out of church these days? Not feeling close to God? Life seem to be going nowhere? Come to The Encounter! This time-tested course is proven to make one's faith come alive. Seniors in high school are welcome to join the adults.

There is no cost to those attending the Tuesday Night Program. There will be a retreat midway through the course, April 3-5, at Camp Zephyr near Mathis. The cost will be nominal.

Bring your children! They will have their own program.

The first night (Feb. 25) will be combined with our **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**. We'll enjoy "Pancakes Plus" and some games before we start the Encounter. Anyone who comes for the pancake supper is welcome to stay for the first session to check it out.



There are blue brochures on the name-tag table in the sanctuary to use to invite others to come or [click here](#) to print your own. There is a registration form in the brochure and there will be goldenrod colored forms in the Sunday bulletins.

[Click here](#) for a copy of just the registration form if you'd like to print your own.

THE ENCOUNTER - 2020

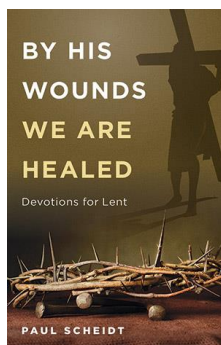
Mark your Calendars today!

Lenten Discipline

Need an idea for your Lenten discipline? How about picking up a copy of "The Cross: How the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Changed Everything" devotional to read during the season of Lent? You'll be able to explore how your present life is changed by Good Friday and Easter.

If you choose to read this devotional, please join a group that will meet every Sunday after church to talk about the week's readings. Ron George will lead the discussion.

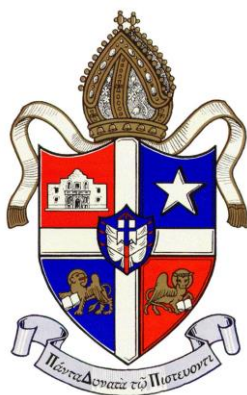
If you'd rather have an individual, more private devotional discipline for Lent, pick up a copy of "By His Wounds We Are Healed."



The devotional books will be available tomorrow on the table between the two sets of double doors in the entry way. There's a basket available for a love offering for the devotionals. A suggested donation is \$2.

2020 Diocesan Council

Our Diocesan Council concluded late this morning. If you'd like to know more about what happened during Council, ask one of our delegates or alternates. They are Teresa Bacon, Sally Buck, Dayna & Scott Chimelski, Gay DeMontel, Maria Skidmore, John Wandel and Terry Wright and of course Fr. John.



If you'd like to check out the diocesan reports or videos of Council, [click here](#).

250th Ramp Build Was Last Saturday for Ninfa at 660 Robert St.

The Access Plus Wheelchair Ramp Ministry hit a *huge* milestone this past, Saturday as they completed their 250th ramp! (How many wood screws do you suppose they've drilled?)

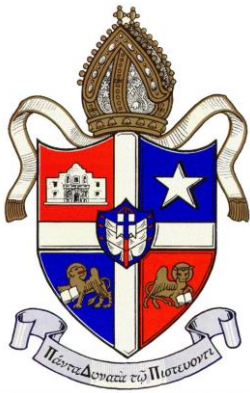




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Search Continues for New Youth Director and Children's Ministry Director

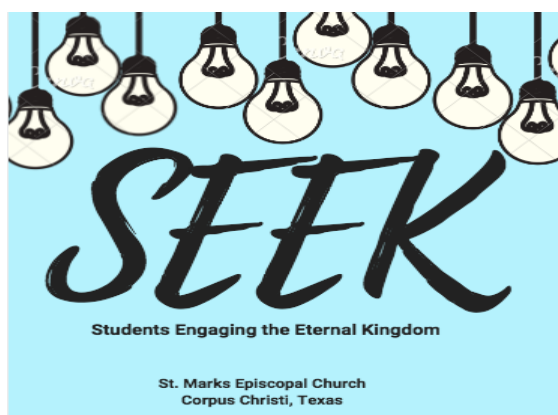
Job flyers available-click the links below.

The search has been underway to find two special people: our new Youth Director and Children's Ministry Director. The job flyer for the Youth Director is available [here](#) and the Children's Ministry Director is [here](#). Share this link with those you think might be interested in either position.

The MOST important part of this process is PRAYER!

Please pray for:

- the persons whom God intends to fill these positions
- God to make the path easy for them
- unity in our decision process
- our youth group and children's ministry during this time of transition
- anything else that the Holy Spirit leads you to pray



SEEK Youth Ministry
Students Engaging the Eternal Kingdom

"But SEEK first His Kingdom and His Righteousness, and all things will be given to you."
Matthew 6:33

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Schedule:

Sunday, February 23 11:45 am-- SEEK Youth Group

**Please pray for our next Youth Director.
We trust that God is already working in the life of
this person to bring him or her to us.**

Below are some helpful links for SEEK Youth Ministry.

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

[Diocesan Youth Ministry Events](#)

Children's Ministry



Sunday, February 23 11:45 am -- Kids in Christ

Please pray for our next Children's Ministry Director. We trust that God is already working in the life of this person to bring him or her to us.

* **Children's Chapel--during the 10:00 am worship service**

* **Kids in Christ--begins after fellowship time, about 11:45 am, after the Sunday morning service**

Kids in Christ Children's Ministry is for children 3 years old through 5th grade.

Click here [St. Mark's Kids in Christ Facebook](#) to go to St. Mark's Kids in Christ Facebook page.

Calendar and Ministry Schedule

Click [here](#) for February Lay Ministry Schedule.

Let the office know if you can fill any of the open spots. **THANK YOU!**

February 23 - Sunday

9:00 am - Adult Bible Study--Fellowship Hall Library

10:00 am - Holy Eucharist--Sanctuary

11:15 am - Coffee Fellowship--Fellowship Hall

11:45 am - Kids in Christ--Fellowship Hall KIC Area

SEEK Youth Group--Fellowship Hall Youth Room

Bishop Bailey--Navajoland--Fellowship Hall

February 24 - Monday

11:30 am - Women's Book Study--Fellowship Hall Library

February 25 - Tuesday

10:00 am - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library

6:00 pm - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper--Fellowship Hall

Encounter Course--Fellowship hall

7:00 pm - Bible Study and Prayer Group--Sanctuary

February 26 - Wednesday--ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00 am - Ash Wednesday Service--Sanctuary

8:00 am - Ashes to Go--Parking Lot

10:00 am - Brookdale Bible Study--Brookdale Senior Living Center

4:00 pm - Ashes to Go--Parking Lot

7:00 pm - Ash Wednesday Service--Sanctuary

February 27 - Thursday

6:45 am - Elders Prayer Group--Sanctuary Parlor

7:00 pm - Fruit of the Vine Women's Book Club--Location to be Determined

Helpful Links

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

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

[Donate to St. Mark's Church](#)

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

[St. Mark's Youth Ministry Facebook](#)

[St. Mark's Children's Ministry Facebook](#)

[EMC2 Facebook](#)

[Diocese of West Texas Website](#)

[Diocesan Newsletter and Reflection Magazine](#)

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