

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

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Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

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From the Rector Fr. Doug Wasinger



People who have watched the television series *The Chosen* over the past few years may have a clear picture in mind of the upcoming Gospel reading from John about a wedding in Cana of Galilee. The story is familiar. There was a problem as the wine being offered to the wedding guests was running low. In that setting running out wine, or for that matter having anything occur that would upset the festive spirit, was considered a bad sign for the newly married couple. As the story is told, Jesus's mother understood what was at stake and talked to Jesus. As Jesus's mother, she holds an important position in Jesus's life. When she told Jesus that the wine had run out, he responded to her in a way that might be off-putting to the modern reader. Basically, Jesus told his mother, whom he referred to as "woman," that running out of wine was not his concern.

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

Access Plus Ramp Build

Access Plus Ramp Build 3155 Huisache St. Saturday, 1/18, 8:00 a.m.

The January ramp build is for a man named Floro. He is currently in a wheelchair, which means this ramp will be a blessing to him, his caregivers, and his family.

If this ministry appeals to you, but you think that you don't have adequate skills to help, please be assured that no prior building expertise is needed. Doug Wayland, who oversees this ministry, and his crew would be happy to train you. Please be at the location by 8:00 a.m.



Training Opportunity



Training for Lay Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors Saturday, 1/25, at 9:00 a.m.

If you are currently serving as a lay Eucharistic minister or lector, this is an important training for you to attend, especially if you weren't able to attend the previous training session. If you're currently not serving but would like to serve

on the altar as a chalice bearer or reader of scripture, please come. Fr. Doug and Doug Wayland will lead the training.

Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting and Potluck Lunch Sunday, 1/26

Our annual meeting is scheduled for the last Sunday in January. We'll begin with a tailgate-themed potluck lunch. After the meal, we'll begin the meeting with a movie of photos taken during events of 2024. We'll also elect three new vestry members, hear about how we ended up financially for 2024, and learn about plans for 2025.



Please sign up to bring a dish on your Connection Card this Sunday. You may also contact the church office by calling (361) 994-0285 to let the staff know what you'd like to bring. Here are some ideas of typical tailgate food:

- Chili/Frito Pie
- Little Smokies Sausages in BBQ Sauce
- Sloppy Joe Sandwiches
- Pulled Pork Sandwiches
- Chicken Wings
- Slider Sandwiches
- Pigs in a Blanket
- Chips with Dips
- Queso with Corn Chips
- Veggie Tray
- Sweet Treats

These are just suggestions; you may have other tailgate favorites you'd like to bring.

Blood Drive



Coastal Bend Blood Center
Giving so that others may live

Blood Drive
Sunday, 2/9
9:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The Coastal Bend Blood Center asked us to host another blood drive in February because there is always a need for more blood donations. The bloodmobile will be available before the service begins, and you may donate after the service as well because it will stay until 1:00 p.m. or as long as there are people wanting to donate. [Click here for a flyer](#) that contains more details.

A goal of twelve units of blood has been set for us. Last year, we were given the same goal and surpassed it. Let's do that again with this blood drive!!

Nursery Refresh

Help with Nursery Supplies and Equipment

Our nursery is in need of a refresh, and we would love to update the space with help from our St. Mark's family if anyone would like to help. After partnering with our caregiver Ms. Stephanie, we created an [Amazon wish list](#). All items ordered will be delivered straight to the church. If you have other items you would like to donate, please feel free to reach out to Chrystal Wilkey at 361-549-8917.



Adult Bible Study



Adult Bible Study Sundays after the Service

The Adult Bible Study Group meets in the Fellowship Hall. You can bring your Bibles if you'd like; however, there will be some available if you need one. Grab some refreshments and join in the conversation.

Below are the links to the previous study guides for chapters one through twelve if you'd like to review them or catch up. The group will continue its discussion of the Gospel of Mark this Sunday but will not meet January 26th due to the scheduling of the annual meeting.

Previous Chapters 1-10:

[Chapter 1 Mark](#)

[Chapter 2 Mark](#)

[Chapter 3 Mark](#)

[Chapter 4 Mark](#)

[Chapter 5 Mark](#)

[Chapter 6 Mark](#)

[Chapter 7 Mark](#)

[Chapter 8 Mark](#)

[Chapter 9 Mark](#)

[Chapter 10 Mark](#)

[Chapter 11 Mark](#)

[Chapter 12 Mark](#)

New Chapters 13-16:

[Chapter 13 Mark](#)

[Chapter 14 Mark](#)

[Chapter 15 Mark](#)

[Chapter 16 Mark](#)

Timon's Ministry

Ministry in Partnership with Timon's Ministry

Over the course of many years, St. Mark's has partnered with Timon's Ministry 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 Ministry 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, and gauze
- Donating clothing, especially men's shirts, jeans, or athletic shoes
- Donating travel size deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, bars of bath soap, body wash
- Donating toothbrushes
- Donating items for to-go food bags: tuna and cracker packs, granola bars, chips, bottled water, etc.
- Sorting clothing 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

California Wildfire Support--The Episcopal Relief and Development Department has set a way for people to support those affected by the wildfires in Southern California. For more information, please [click this link](#).

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 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 the [January schedule](#) for our ministries. The schedule is an ongoing work in progress, so please check each week to see if there are any changes. Here is the [January calendar](#) for the church.

January 18 - Saturday

8:00 a.m. - Access Plus Ramp Build--3155 Huisache St.

January 19 - Sunday

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

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

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

11:45 a.m. - Adult Bible Study--Fellowship Hall

January 20 - Monday

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

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

6:30 p.m. - Vestry Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library

January 21 - Tuesday

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

January 22 - 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.

January 23 - Thursday

7:00 p.m. - South Texas Amateur Radio Club--Fellowship Hall

January 25 - Saturday

10:00 a.m. - Lay Eucharistic Minister & Lector Training--Sanctuary

**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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