

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

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Sunday Worship Service

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

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From the Rector Fr. Doug Wasinger



On April 20, 2010, an explosion occurred on the Deepwater Horizon drilling platform in the Gulf of America, aka the Gulf of Mexico. The explosion, which killed 11 men, caused the rig to sink and started a catastrophic oil leak from the well. Shortly thereafter, I saw a cartoon that featured three men representing British Petroleum, Transocean (the owner of the oil rig), and Halliburton pointing at each other so as to indicate that the others were responsible for what had happened. The companies were following legal advice to try to place the blame elsewhere and avoid large fines. Who was the worst sinner? These three companies each worked hard to shift blame to others rather than owning their part in the explosion. The court system had its work cut out for it. Do we do this in our personal lives?

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

Lenten Soup & Study



Lenten Soup & Study Wednesdays, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

In *The Chosen* Season 3, Jesus sends his disciples on their first missions, leading them to face new challenges and confront personal struggles as they grapple with their newfound spiritual gifts and the complexities of ministry. They encounter many issues like family reconciliation,

unresolved pasts, and the growing crowds seeking Jesus's healing touch. This season delves deeper into the disciples' individual lives, exploring their doubts, conflicts, and personal burdens while showcasing Jesus's teachings on faith and compassion amidst increasing opposition from religious leaders and the Roman authorities, culminating in significant events like the feeding of the multitude and Jesus walking on water.

Key points about Season 3:

- Each apostle faces unique challenges, including Matthew's family estrangement, Simon Peter's marital issues with Eden, and Little James's unhealed disability.
- The season tackles themes like forgiveness, grief, the nature of faith, and the consequences of power.
- New characters like Veronica and Jairus, as well as the expansion of Jesus's ministries to different regions, are introduced.
- Major miracles are featured, like the feeding of the 5,000 and Jesus walking on water.
- Further exploration is provided into the backstories of characters like Simon the Zealot and his past with the Zealots.

People may watch *The Chosen* series by downloading *The Chosen App* from the Apple or Google store. *The Chosen App* may also be downloaded to your Roku, Firestick, or other devices.

Fr. Doug will provide a Guiding Question to keep in mind while watching each week's episode as well as the name and number of the episode to watch.

March 23, Session 3: Please watch Season 3, Episode 3, called "**Physician, Heal Thyself.**"

Guiding Question: What claims does Jesus make about himself when he is in the synagogue? Of all the things Jesus *could* have said about himself, why do you think he focused on this?

A soup supper will be provided by a different ministry each week, and childcare will be available.

Inquirer's Class

Inquirer's Class THIS Sunday, March 23rd, After the Service

INQUIRER'S CLASS



Fr. Doug will lead an Inquirer's Class for those who are new or newish to St. Mark's and would like to learn about St. Mark's beliefs, ministries, and so much more. If you'll be attending, please meet with Fr. Doug in the Parlor at the back of the Sanctuary at 11:30 a.m. this Sunday.

Missionary Sunday



Missionary Sunday March 30th

Four months in every year have five Sundays. Those fifth Sundays have been designated as Missionary Sundays, which means that the loose offering and any other designated gifts will go to support our two missionaries, Erin Cottos and Duane and Sharon Miller and their family. Please keep that in mind when you come Sunday, March 30th. And more importantly, please keep our missionaries in your prayers.



Easter Egg Filler Donations



Easter Egg Fillers Due Sunday, April 13th

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Easter Sunday morning. We need your help to make this a fun event for our children. Please consider picking up some stickers, small egg fillers, or candy to put in the eggs. There will be designated boxes in the sanctuary and the fellowship hall. You may leave your donations in either box. Thank you for your help in making this a special event for our children.

Adult Bible Study

Adult Bible Study Sundays after the Service

The Adult Bible Study Group meets in the Fellowship Hall library at 11:45 AM. You may 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.



The group will complete the study of the Epistle of 1st John this Sunday, March 23rd. If you'd like to be a part of this study, please read the book of 1st John, which is short, then join the group Sunday. The group plans to begin the study of Philippians on March 30th, which would be a perfect time to join the discussion.

Holy Week Schedule



Join us for Holy Week April 13 through April 20

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Palm Sunday

Monday—Wednesday 12:15 p.m.
Noonday Prayer

Thursday 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service
9:00-10:00 p.m. Hour of Prayer

Friday 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Easter Resurrection Service
Flowering of the Cross
Alleluia Banner Hunt
11:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt & Celebration

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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, shorts, athletic shoes, flip-flops, belts and women's jeans, shorts, undergarments, and purses
- Donating sleeping bags, backpacks, tote bags, and recyclable plastic bags
- Donating travel size deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, bars of bath soap, body wash
- Donating toothbrushes and new or used shoelaces
- 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

Cursillo Weekends--Cursillo weekends are spiritual retreats for adults. There is a Cursillo planned for May 1-4 at **Mustang Island Conference Center**. For more information, please [click this link for May](#).

Summer Camp at Camp Capers--The schedule for kids' summer sessions for Camp Capers is available. [Click here for more information](#). Just scroll down until you find the camp that you are interested in.

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 [March 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 [March calendar](#) for the church.

March 23 - Sunday

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

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

11:30 a.m. - Inquirer's Class-Sanctuary Parlor

11:30 a.m. - SEEK Youth Group--Fellowship Hall Youth Room
11:45 a.m. - Adult Bible Study--Fellowship Library

March 24 - Monday

8:45 a.m. - Clothing Sorting--Timon's Ministry, 10501 S. Padre Island Dr.
9:30 a.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library

March 25 - Tuesday

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

March 26 - Wednesday.

12:00 p.m. - Prayer Group--Fellowship Hall Library
6:00 p.m. - Soup & Study--Fellowship Hall

March 20 - Thursday

11:30 a.m. - Crossroads College Ministry--TAMUCC

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

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