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## St. Mark's Episcopal Church

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### Zoom Coffee Fellowship 9:00 am Sunday, April 26



**COFFEE  
FELLOWSHIP**

**Zoom Fellowship Meeting**

Missing the fellowship of St. Mark's? Others are, too. Here's something to try: Coffee Hour Fellowship via Zoom this Sunday, April. 26, at 9:00 am.

Sorry, you have to supply your own coffee, but here is your ticket, or rather, [Here is the link](#) to the Zoom meeting. If asked, the password is "Gather."

Some of you may be new to Zoom, so here are some Rules of Etiquette when you're on a Zoom call.

**People can see you.** So be aware of what you are presenting.

**If you move in front of your camera, viewers will see you, as if you were walking** around the sanctuary during the service.

- Check yourself before you come online...examples: hair, makeup, clothes, etc. You want to be presentable.
- Check your room (i.e. your viewing environment)...is there something there that you might not want others to see?

**If you need to get up and move around, turn off your visual feed and mute yourself.** When you turn off your camera and mute yourself, it tells everyone that you are still part of the meeting but you may have had to step away for a minute. You are not gone and you will be back in the meeting shortly.

**If you actually do leave the meeting and aren't coming back,** please click on 'leave meeting' and your screen will no longer show up in the feed and everyone will know that you have left. (If we still see your screen, we will assume that you are still listening.)

**Beware of sound.**

- Please keep yourself muted when not speaking or in an active conversation. This helps to keep the noise down from incidental sounds..for example, the rustling of papers and blankets or that of dogs barking or kids playing, etc.
- When someone is talking to someone else 'off camera', if it can be heard, it is distracting and causes confusion. Unless you are participating in an online discussion or conversation...please mute yourself.
- Muting yourself will be a skill that you will have to become good at. There is just no way around this reality when dealing with online meetings.
- Voice signals compete for the same 'space'. This means that one voice may drown out the other when two are talking at the same time. To keep communications clear, try to time your speech and responses. Give others a chance to finish their words and then, when appropriate, come back into the conversation.

**Mute all.**

- The 'Host' of the meeting can 'mute all.' If he or she does, you will not be able to unmute yourself. The Host has to do it. If you get muted, the Host is just making sure that the sound signal is coming through to everyone clearly and that no other signals are trying to compete for sound. You can raise your hand if you want to get the Host's attention.

### **Get to know Zoom software and how it works on your device.**

- There are lots of Zoom tutorials on YouTube for every device.
- Get familiar with how to open the Zoom App or program and how to navigate the menu.
- Zoom is free and you can open it and start your own practice 'meeting' just to play around with the program.
- Get familiar with how to find the proper meeting. Please do this ahead of time.

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## **It's me, it's me... Oh, Lord.**

If you have a need or concern, please don't hesitate to contact Fr. John or Judy on their cell phones. Fr. John's number is (361) 443-4916 and Judy's is (361) 425-8249. We are happy to take any emergency call at any time. For other requests, we appreciate your calls being made during normal business hours.



Our prayer chain is continuing to pray for any requests that come into the office. You can contact Judy at [judy@stmarkscc.com](mailto:judy@stmarkscc.com) or call her if you have a prayer need. This group has been praying for everyone in our congregation as well as your families.

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## **This Week with Fr. John**



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Fr. John is offering four opportunities to join him, either through a Facebook Live or Zoom meeting to share a little time together. Here's the schedule:

**TONIGHT: Thursday 4/23, 7 pm--Zoom Vestry Bible Study  
1 Corinthians, Chapter 2**

**Friday 4/24, 9 am-----FaceBook Live  
Adults**

**Sunday, 4/26, 5 pm-----Zoom with Youth**

**Monday, 4/27, 9 am-----FB Live with Children**

**Wednesday, 4/29, 5 pm-----FB Live with Parents**

**Mark you calendars!**

## Sunday Service Information

**4/26/20 10:00 am**

It's hard to believe that we have not been able to worship together in the same space for a month now. We're so thankful for the technology that enables us to continue meeting online. But more importantly, we're so thankful for those who have worked behind the scenes to produce our worship services.



The recording of this Sunday's service will be sent out via the ENews Saturday evening. It will also be posted on our St. Mark's Episcopal Church and Kids in Christ Facebook pages and in our St. Mark's Facebook Group before 9 am Sunday morning.

We have heard some wonderful stories about how our families are worshipping together in their homes. Some have included beloved pets, others have developed new skills as acolytes, while others enjoy the service with a cup of coffee in hand. We would love to hear from you about how your family is experiencing your worship time together. Please send your stories to Judy at [judy@stmarkscc.com](mailto:judy@stmarkscc.com).

**THANK YOU to ALL who are working to keep us  
worshipping our Lord together.**

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## Remembering Those Who Are Alone



Please continue to check on those who are near and dear to you, especially if they are alone during this stay at home order. When you call to check on their well being, ask them if they need anything that you might be able to pick up for them.

If you don't have contact information for a member of the church, please call Judy (361) 425-8249 or email her at [judy@stmarkscs.com](mailto:judy@stmarkscs.com) and she can email you a PDF of the church's directory.

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## Financial Support of God's Kingdom through St. Mark's Church

Even though we are not able to congregate as we normally do, the church still has many expenses. We urge you to give out of faith, thanksgiving, and generosity, and never out of guilt. If you are blessed to be able to give, here are the four 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. 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 at the bottom of this ENews.
- Through your cell phone using our app, Give+Plus. To get the app, go to the app store and search for "Give+Plus". The icon background is white, the word "Give" is gray and the "+Plus" is a mustard color. Download the app and follow the prompts. You can use it to set up a one-time or recurring gifts.



- 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 will be checking 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 left of the red door at the fellowship hall.

**THANK YOU for helping spread the Kingdom  
through your continuing support of  
St. Mark's Church.**

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## Calendar

### **April 26 - Sunday**

10:00 am -Morning Prayer Service--Online

### **April 28 - Tuesday**

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

### **April 29 - Wednesday**

12:00 pm - Elders Meeting--Online

### **April 30 - Thursday**

6:45 am - Elders Prayer Group--Online

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## 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](#)

