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# St. Mark's Episcopal Church

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## Re-Opening Services

**THIS SUNDAY--June 14**  
**8AM "Under the Oaks" *Bring Your Own Bread / Chairs***  
**10AM In the Sanctuary**



**God is in Control!**

It's a date!

St. Mark's has never closed. The Church is alive and at work. BUT, it's been three months since we've gathered for worship. If you are healthy enough to be among others, I hope you'll come for this happy reunion to worship the living Lord.

As we've emphasized, services will be different. We will observe physical distancing in strict accordance with our covenant with our diocese. The places where you may sit will be

marked. Everyone has to be wearing a mask to enter. We expect everyone to wash their hands or at least use sanitizer upon entering.

So it *will* feel different. Whether you will be joining us in person or not, please pray for these services, that we will be attentive to God's Word, sincere in our self-examination and offering, and led into genuine worship.

A recorded service will be available online for those who can't join us in person.

**Fr. John**

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## ProActivity and Perspective in time of unrest

Christians are called to the ministry of reconciliation. Stories of reconciliation are a bit rare on FaceBook.

So here are some resources that address issues of discrimination and responsibility.



Here's [a link](#) to a highly recommended book entitled [A Gentle Answer](#) by Scott Sauls.

[This link](#) is to a documentary called "Accidental Courtesy-Daryl Davis: Race in America". It's about a talented musician who has extended a hand in friendship to many Ku Klux Klan members with extraordinary effect.

The most entertaining recommendation is a dramatic story told through the movie "[Black or White](#)" starring Kevin Costner.

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## Make-up Training for Worship Volunteers Wednesday, June 17th at 7:00 pm



Volunteer worship leaders have shown up in force for our two trainings. Everyone who attended was enthusiastic about reopening the sanctuary for worship, and for keeping all people as safe as possible.

There are a few Sunday ministries that we cannot open yet - like the prayer ministry and children's chapel. But we very much need extra greeters and ushers and altar guild. So, if you find yourself without a ministry for Sundays, come to this training so you'll be eligible. Training is required for all who wish to serve.

Time for training: one hour.

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## Youth Zoom with Fr. John



Fr. John is reducing his scheduled online meetings this week.

He IS meeting with the Youth online Sunday, June 14, at 5 pm on Zoom.

AND he is available to talk on the phone or meet over Zoom. Request your appointment by texting 361-443- 4916.



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## worship ONLINE

If you are unable to attend either the 8:00 am or 10:00 am service, the recording of this Sunday's (6/14) service will be available via our ENews Saturday. 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 9:00 am Sunday morning.

The sermon and Fireside Chats will be posted separately on Facebook. If one of them blesses you, share with your Friends!

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

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## Bible Verse of the Week

***Romans 5:4b***

***"God's love has been poured into our hearts by the  
Holy Spirit who has been given to us."***

In the ups and downs of your day, remember your verse. As you share it with your friends and family, as them to think about it how it applies to their situation. Share with them how it applies to yours. Put it into a prayer to God. Even if, for the moment, it may not seem to connect to what's going on in your life, thank God for it. Someday you'll remember it when it does make a difference.



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## Calling All Weed-Eating, Weed-Whacking St. Markans



We prayed for rain. We got rain. And with it some VERY TALL WEEDS.  
Now we need to go where the mower can't mow.

**Weed Party in The King's Forest!**

**Time: 6:30 pm SUNDAY**

**Your weeding skills are needed!**

**Text Fr. John at 361-443-4916 to let him know you're willing to help.**

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## Mangold Family Farewell Parade Thursday, 6/18 6:30 pm

The Mangold family: Lucas & Brianna, Logan, Lucianna, Lauralynn and Luke; became a big part of our St. Mark's family some time ago. They moved here when Lucas was stationed at the Coast Guard base in Port Aransas. We were blessed when they found St. Mark's and decided to make us part of their family while they were here in Corpus Christi.



The Coast Guard is now sending them to northwestern California to create the next chapter in the Mangold Family Adventure Story.

Jenny Remlinger and Lauren Laird have organized a farewell parade for this Thursday, 6/18 at 6:30 pm at St. Mark's to send them off in style. Celebrate in any way you can: decorate your car, make signs, bring noise makers or just come to cheer and wave to them.

They would love to see you!

**Instructions:** Drive into the church parking lot. They will be standing in front of the Fellowship Hall near the parking lot, which will be on the passenger side of your car. Drive through slowly and exit through the nursing home parking lot by turning left.



Lucianna



Luke

**Come out and join  
the fun!**



Lauralynn



Logan

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## THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ARE CONTINUING TO SUPPORT ST. MARK'S CHURCH!

Is the Lord blessing you? Are you grateful for what He has done in your life? Remember His Church. Though we haven't been worshipping, we still 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 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 & June Schedule

Here is [the link](#) to the June schedule for our ministries.

### **June 14 - Sunday--Trinity Sunday**

8:00 am - Worship Under the Oaks--Courtyard

9:00 am - Coffee Fellowship--Online--Zoom Meeting

10:00 am - Holy Eucharist Service--Sanctuary

Holy Eucharist Service--Online--Facebook Page

5:00 pm - Youth Zoom with Fr. John--Online--Zoom Meeting

### **June 15 - Monday**

6:30 pm - Vestry Meeting--Fellowship Hall

### **June 16 - Tuesday**

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

### **June 17 - Wednesday**

12:00 pm - Elders Meeting--Fellowship Hall

7:00 pm - Training for Worshiping amidst COVID-19

### **June 18- Thursday**

6:45 am - Elders Prayer Group--Under the Oaks

6:30 pm - Mangold Farewell Parade--Parking Lot

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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 Children's Ministry Facebook](#)

[Diocese of West Texas Website](#)

[Diocesan Newsletter and Reflection Magazine](#)

[Denison Forum--News Discerned Differently](#)