

Join us as we live out "Real Faith for Real Life" together!



St. Mark's Episcopal Church

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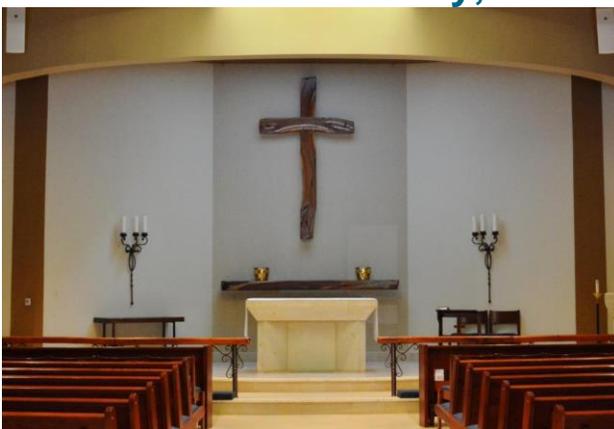
The President, The Bible and the Church



One of the strangest images of this strange time will undoubtedly be that of the president of the United States standing in front of a boarded and burned Episcopal church, clutching a Bible for a photo-op. You may wonder, "What's wrong with that?" A bit. Well, maybe two bits. First, the White House did not seek permission from the parish or its diocese for the photo-shoot, a normal courtesy. Secondly, in order to gain access to the front of the church, security was pretty rough. They plowed through peaceful protesters, forcing them to disperse and they used a sort of chemical spray for intimidation. The protesters were not given the respect of forewarning or time to clear the area.

[click here to continue reading](#)

Training for Worship Volunteers Saturday, June 6th at 3:00 pm



training this Saturday June 6th, at 3:00 pm.

Volunteer worship leaders showed up in force for our first training last Thursday. Everyone was enthusiastic about reopening the sanctuary for worship, and for keeping all people as safe as possible.

All Ushers, Greeters, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Guild and Acolytes who missed last week's training, and who wish to serve during our modified worship, must attend the

Re-Opening Day

June 14



God is in Control!

It's a date!

Mark your calendars for June 14. This is the reopening of gathered worship for St. Mark's.

I'm excited. Worshiping together is a privilege so assumed that it feels like a human right. And yet, for love's sake, we have stopped doing it for three months. That feels like a long time. I have missed you. And yet, I have felt the Holy Spirit working - still.

Everyone needs to be prepared for the service to feel different. We will have a maximum capacity of 80. We will observe physical distancing in strict accordance with our covenant with our diocese. The places where you may sit will be marked. Everyone will be wearing masks.

So it *will* feel different. And yet the Holy Spirit will be working - still.

I've written a letter about the reopening for worship. It lists some changes you can expect, and the protocols we are following to keep one another safe. Click here for [the link](#).

Several people have asked about holding an outside service. Does that interest you? We envision gathering in the courtyard under the oaks at 8AM while it's cool. Interested? Let us know!

In the meantime, remember to walk and sit and wait with the Lord. Be in prayer and in His Word. Consider the opportunities the Lord is giving you to share His life with others. Real Faith for Real Life has taken on a new meaning for many of us.

Fr. John

"Taking Christ's Ministry to People"

What are you doing for your neighbors? Here are some opportunities to serve our Lord by serving our neighbor in need.

Kids in Christ:

Sally Buck has invited our families with children to make pictures or write notes to those who are in our church family who are isolated because of COVID-19. She has come up with a plan to help keep the works of art and notes of love safe. If you would like to receive those instructions, please contact her at sallyrbuck@gmail.com and she'd be happy to send them to you.

Sea Gulf Villa:

Needs masks, hand sanitizer, Lysol wipes, and (of course) toilet paper
You can leave donations at the church office, which is open Tuesdays from 9 am-1 pm.

Mission 911 needs Volunteers:

Lend a helping hand by:

- making masks (materials supplied) and,
 - helping with their clothing closet
- Tuesday and Friday mornings from 9-12
- answering phone calls and e-mails

For more details, contact their office at (361) 881-0911



Coastal Bend Food Bank:

-Log onto coastalbendfoodbank.org to sign up to volunteer or make financial donations. You may call Sylvia at (361) 887-6291 ext 5119 or email her at sdelacerda@coastalbendfoodbank.org. Young volunteers need to be at least eight years old.

Ronald McDonald House:

The Ronald McDonald House is in need of supplies. If you are coming to the Pentecost Bring-Your-Own-Strawberry Shortcake Picnic this Sunday, bring any supplies you would like to donate with you to drop them off.

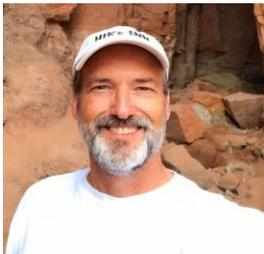
Paper Towels
Ziploc Storage Bags (Gallon)
Ziploc Freezer Bags (Gallon)
Ziploc Sandwich Bags

Paper Plates
ToGo Box's
Olive Oil
Paper Plates
Assortment of individual chips
Individual Milk to drink
Orange Juice

THANK YOU!!

PLEASE CHECK THESE DATES
This Week with Fr. John

NEED TO UPDATE



with Children
Parents*

This week, he is offering opportunities for you to join him either through a Facebook Live or Zoom meeting to share a little time together. Here's this week's schedule:

Friday June 5, 9 am-----Zoom with Adults

Sunday, June 7, 5 pm-----Zoom with Youth

Monday, June 8, 9 am-----Facebook Live

Wednesday, June 10, 5PM.----Zoom with

Mark you calendars!

*Parents please copy and paste: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86133787791>
Meeting ID: [86133787791](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86133787791)

Zoom Coffee Fellowship Returns to 9:00 am Sunday, June 7

Missing the fellowship of St. Mark's? Others are, too. Join our online coffee fellowship this Sunday, June 7, at 9:00 am. If you don't know a bunch of people at St. Mark's, this is a great way to start. (You don't actually have to talk!)



Here's [the new link](#) to the Zoom meeting for our Coffee Fellowship gathering. The password is Gather.

Some of you may be new to Zoom. It's not hard. [Click here](#) for the instructions.



The recording of this Sunday's (6/7) service will be sent out via the 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 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
worshiping our Lord together.**

Bible Verse of the Week

Genesis 1:31a
God looked over all he had made,
and he saw that it was very good!

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.



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 or call her if you have a prayer need. This group has been praying for everyone in our congregation as well as your families.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ARE CONTINUING TO SUPPORT 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.**

Calendar

June 6 - Saturday

3:00 pm - Training for Re-Opening--Courtyard

June 7 - Sunday--Trinity Sunday

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

10:00 am - Holy Eucharist Service--Online--Facebook Page

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

June 8 - Monday

9:00 am - Fr. John live with the Children--Online--Facebook Stream

June 9 - Tuesday

10:00 am - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall

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

June 10 - Wednesday

12:00 pm - Elders Meeting--Online--Zoom Meeting

June 11- Thursday

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

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](#)