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St. Mark's Episcopal Church

Weekly E-News

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"Under the Oaks" Outdoor Service

Worshiping under the oaks offers a special nuance that being inside a building can't provide. We had to cancel the service last Sunday, but the Sunday before was a beautiful service, with Gay DeMontel on the keyboard and Fr. John playing the guitar and singing. Most importantly, the Holy Spirit was there with us in our worship and in God's creation.

Join us! If possible bring your own chairs and masks.



We will resume indoor worship when the numbers of active cases have substantially dropped. In the meantime, we will continue to record a service from St. Mark's Memorial Chapel. We will send the links to you by e-mail. They will also be posted on our Facebook page and Family Group page, as well as our website.

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

Youth Endowment Fund Scholarship Awards



Our Youth Endowment Fund was set up years ago to assist young adults with their college education by awarding scholarships to them when funds were available. The donor knew that through education our young people could achieve anything they wanted.

The fund must grow by three percent each year through market value adjustments, dividends and gifts. That requirement was not met last year and there were no funds able to award any scholarships.

Fast forward to this year and what a difference a year can make! The fund growth satisfied the three percent growth requirement and more. The Youth Endowment Fund Committee was able to award six college students a scholarship of \$1,000 each.

The scholarship recipients are: Lauren Evans, Antony Sutanto, Cynthia Sutanto, Jack Wandel, Kate Wandel and Preston Wilkey. Your St. Mark's family is excited to be a small part of your journey into adulthood.

CONGRATULATIONS TO EACH YOU!

Zoom with Fr. John Youth



Fr. John will meet with the Youth online this Sunday via Zoom at 5 p.m.

Anybody of any age may request a visit with him by texting 361-443- 4916.



worship ONLINE

If you are unable to attend the 9:00 a.m. outdoor service or it is rained out, the recording of this Sunday's (8/2) service will be available via our ENews Saturday. It will also be posted on our St. Mark's Episcopal Church, SEEK Youth, and Kids in Christ Facebook pages, and in our St. Mark's Facebook Group before 9:00 am Sunday morning.

Instead of recording a Fireside Chat, Fr. John will now be doing an introduction to our Sunday service on Fridays via Facebook. Be sure to check them out.

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

Remember to "Like" us or comment. It lets us know someone out there is listening!

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

Bible Verse of the Week

Psalm 145:19a

"The LORD is near to those who call upon him."

This week's Verse of the Week is a beautiful promise. God's grace and mercy are such a huge part of Him, He promises to be near to those who call upon Him.

It's not unusual for people to feel as though their prayers are not heard. Sometimes the heavens can feel as impenetrable as brass. In those times, it's important to ask ourselves if there is something the Lord may be waiting for us to confess, or some attitude that He's waiting for us to change.



Psalm 145 shows us that God's eyes are upon the humble who revere Him, all those who love Him. But He does not heed the proud and the wicked. When we remember to love the Lord our God, to humble ourselves before Him, then we can be sure that not only will He hear us when we cry to Him, but that He will draw near to us as well. That's a beautiful promise, right?

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 worshiping, 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 the 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 & July Schedule

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

August 2 - Sunday

9:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer Under the Oaks--Courtyard

10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist Service--Online--Facebook Page

5:00 p.m. - SEEK Youth Group Meeting--Zoom Meeting

August 3 - Monday

10:00 a.m. - Kids in Christ--Online--Zoom Meeting

August 4 - Tuesday

10:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. - Bible Study and Prayer Group--Online--Zoom Meeting

August 5 - Wednesday

12:00 p.m. - Elders Meeting--Fellowship Hall

August 6- Thursday

6:45 a.m. - 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](#)

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