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Worship Under the Oaks

Good News! We had our highest attendance yet last Sunday - 47. If you missed it, we missed you, too! Consider bringing your mask and your chair and join in the great gathering of the masked lay ministry!



Worship Under the Oaks



Holy Communion

About the King's Forest Can You Say "Dry?"

Even though we are not technically in a drought, some of our trees don't know it. August heat has come with a vengeance and the trees need more water than they are currently getting.

Would you like to help? If you have 90 minutes per week in the morning or evening, we'd love to show you how to water a section of trees.

We hope to install some automatic irrigation later in the fall, but for now, the trees need you! Just call or text Fr. John at (361) 443-4916 and he will show you the ropes (or, uh, the hoses).

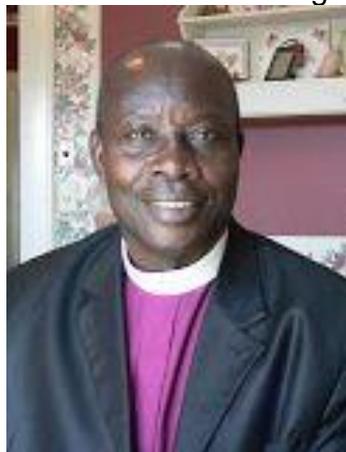


A Note from Bishop Charles in Uganda Retired Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Soroti and Host of Three Visits St. Mark's

Dear John,

Our love and greetings to you all in Texas but more especially to you at St Marks. We love you and pray for you daily in our family prayers.

We have been thinking of you as we listen to stories about COVID-19 in the



U.S.A. We share grief and pain with those who have lost their dear ones.

Above all may the Good Lord Bless you and watch over you all and your beloved friends and families.

Your friends in Christ,
Charles and Margaret

Note: Uganda has not been immune from COVID-19 either. Many have lost work due to strictly enforced travel restrictions. Choices of food have become limited. As we pray for Bishop Samuel in our prayers of the people and "friends" in Uganda, let's be sure to remember Bishop Charles who has been here and preached, and his family, and faith community. "Lord, hear our prayers for this man of God!"

Prayer for Today's World

In light of all that is going on these days, we need to be purposeful about prayer. Here are [suggestions](#) for your prayer time.

There are three areas to pray for:

- our nation
- all affected by COVID-19
- our students, teachers and school staff

You can print out a copy to use. Allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you other areas that need prayer which are not listed here.



Reach Out to Someone

Has someone crossed your mind as you were working or thinking or daydreaming? Have you thought about a person you haven't thought about in a while? Well, that's the Holy Spirit nudging you to check on them. Give them a call or send them a note and pray for them. Get your kids involved too!



If you need contact information for a parishioner, let Judy know and she can get you what you need. Call the office at (361) 994-0285 or email her at judy@stmarksgc.com.

These seemingly small acts have a profound impact in people's lives. Let's continue to let others know they are loved and missed!



If you are unable to attend the 9:00 a.m. outdoor service or it is rained out, the recording of this Sunday's 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.

Fr. John is now doing an introduction to our Sunday service on Fridays and a recap of Sunday's service on Mondays 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

"Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good."

Romans 12:9



With this verse, the great apostle begins a section on how those who bear the name of Christ must comport themselves in the world.

Jesus gave us the law of love. He did not just act polite and pretend to love in order to be well thought of, like we often do. He really loved and loves. His love is genuine. It is his disposition,

his orientation; it was in his bones, and his love reigns now from heaven.

We who are His are to love the same way, one person and one moment at a time. And when we see anything that God hates going on, we must hate it, too. If we belong to Jesus, He will help us learn to do these things as we grow in sanctification. More and more they will become natural and enjoyable. Until then, it remains a choice for us that we make to honor Him.

"Hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good."

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 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 & August Schedule

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

August 30 - Sunday

9:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist Under the Oaks--Courtyard

10:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer Service--Online--Facebook Page

September 1 - Tuesday

11:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall

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

September 2 - Wednesday

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

September 3- 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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