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St. Mark's Episcopal Church

Weekly E-News

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Under the Oaks Outdoor Service It's not just for 'the brave' anymore!

Yes, the oak trees provide a wonderful canopy, and the birds do sometimes join in song. But did you know that this is a *safe* place to be? Safer than HEB?

As you can see in the photos, we are wearing masks and social distancing to ensure everyone's safety. We aren't having to squeeze past shoppers in aisles like we do at the grocery store. Those who attend feel completely safe.

Susan Ames has been attending. She stated that she too feels safe. She takes precautions, such as sitting upwind of the breeze and wearing a face shield. But she stated that being able to worship with others is very important to her and what we're doing is providing a safe place for her to do that.

We've had some families bring children. We welcome them! Spread out. Most children understand that we are not hugging right now. It's hard, but it's also fun to smile, make faces, and wave! And if a hug somehow slips in... Well, like Jesus said, "Forbid not the children..."

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.

School to Begin Soon

The new school year start is just around the corner, which marks yet another first as a result of COVID-19 for our students, teachers and school staff--wearing masks in class, social distancing, and so on. There are many unknowns, changes and opportunities for new adventures.

We typically have a Back to School event for our students, teachers and school staff; but we won't be able to that this year. So, let's do a prayer event instead. Here are some suggestions to start you off:

- Pray for peace knowing Jesus is with them
- Pray that kindness fill their classrooms
- Pray that understanding and compassion be the first thing that comes from their hearts
- Pray that they don't worry or grow weary
- Pray that they are challenged beyond what they think they are capable of
- Pray that they are Jesus' hands and voice to those He puts in their path

Wishing everyone a wonderful, adventurous new school year!



Blessing of our students, teachers and school staff for the fall of 2019.

Zoom with Fr. John Youth



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

him by texting
361-443- 4916.

Anybody of any age may request a visit with





If you are unable to attend the 9:00 a.m. outdoor service or it is rained out, the recording of this Sunday's (8/9) 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 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!

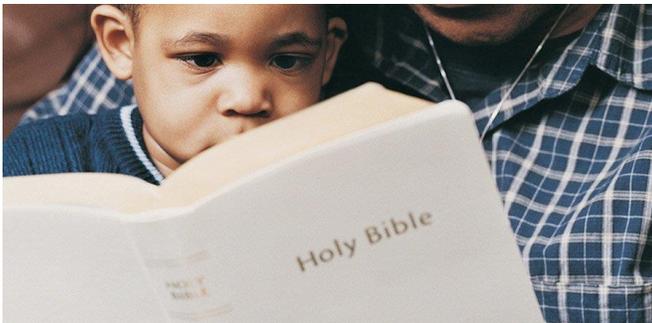
Remember to "Like" us or comment. It lets us know someone out there is listening!

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

Bible Verse of the Week

Romans 10:9

"If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."



This week's Verse of the Week is a wonderful translation of the apostle Paul's confident declaration... *You will be saved!*

But what comes before that is just as important. He says, *If.*

"If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart..." It's not just about saying in your own head that Jesus is Lord, it's about "openly declaring" Jesus' lordship and victory to others! That means we are aligned with His plan to spread the Good News!

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 9 - Sunday

9:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist Under the Oaks--Courtyard
10:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer Service--Online--Facebook Page
5:00 p.m. - SEEK Youth Group Meeting--Zoom Meeting

August 11 - Tuesday

10:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. - Bible Study and Prayer Group--Online--Zoom Meeting

August 12 - Wednesday

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

August 13- 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](#)

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