

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

10/22/2020

Upcoming Events

Wheelchair Ramp Build
Sat, 10/24 8:00 a.m.

Parish Meeting
Sun, 11/1 10:45 a.m.

Commitment Sunday
Sun, 11/8 9:00 a.m.

Sea Gulf Villa Thanksgiving Baskets
Week of Thanksgiving

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Sunday Worship Services:

9:00 a.m.--Holy Eucharist--Under the Oaks
10:00 a.m.--Morning Prayer--Recorded Service--
Online



Parish Meeting

*Come together, right now... over me
(or 'over Zoom')*

Mark your calendar for Sunday, November 1st for our parish meeting. Brunch will be provided after the 9 a.m. "All Saints Sunday Under the Oaks" service. We'll have breakfast tacos, fruit, and drinks, all of which will be self-contained.

We'll begin around 10:45 a.m. sharing our plans for returning to in-sanctuary worship, and what we need to do to move forward in hope into the new year.

You can signup through the ENews invitation that went out earlier this week. Call the church office (361) 994-0285 if you need additional information or would like to register that way.

You may also attend via Zoom.

We're looking forward to getting together!

Visit our website

Access Plus Ministry

**Wheelchair Ramp Build
7859 Bearden
THIS Saturday, 10/24 8:00 a.m.**

Access Plus is scheduled to build a wheelchair ramp for Ruben and Mely the last Saturday in October, the 24th. This ramp will make a huge difference for them.

If you're interested in this ministry, love to work with power tools or your hands, contact Doug Wayland (361) 813-1781. He would be happy to visit with you.

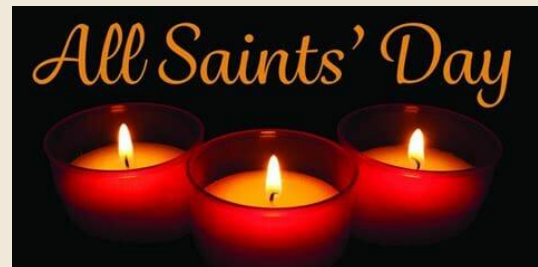


All Saints' Day Remembrance

All Saints' Day November 1st

All Saints' Sunday is November 1st. If you would like the name of one you have entrusted to God to be included in our service and the diocesan All Saints' Day service, please submit the name no later than October 26th.

You can email Judy at judy@stmarksgcc.com or call the office (361) 994-0285.



Bible Verse of the Week

**"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul, and with all your mind." Matthew 22:37**

Impossible Love

"Don't tell *me* who to love!"

My parents told me I must love my brother, but I didn't. Married people know they should love their spouse even when they're hurt and angry, but sometimes they don't.



It's just hard to love on command.

Yet here's Jesus saying that the greatest teaching in the world is to love God with our whole heart, mind, and strength.

"Man! I can't even see God! How am I supposed to love Him?"

First, when you read the Bible, remember that God is real. He's not made up. He is Spirit, so we can't see Him. But God IS real and personal. He seeks relationship with us, with me, with you.

Second, when you read the Bible, think about how much love it takes to love all people. People are sometimes so bad! When we think we need to, we will lie, cheat, steal, and betray. We can be terrible! And yet God loves us. He's still around. He hasn't gone away.

Finally, when you read the Bible, remember that God sent Jesus. His only Son. God gave what He loved most - for us. And that He loves us the most, too. So is it really that hard to love God?

The Bible says, "We love Him, because He first loved us." 1 John 4:19. So let's do all we can to love Him with all we have. Amen?

Commitment Sunday

Commitment Sunday is November 8th

This year finds many of us in a very different place than we found ourselves last year. All of us have been impacted in some way by COVID-19 or the hurricane or the election/campaign or the unrest in our country, yet we can still find blessings in our lives.



Giving thanks for God's provision, in whatever form that may have taken in our lives, is an important exercise for us to do. One of the ways we do that is by giving. Each year we ask everyone to submit a commitment card indicating how you want to support God's work through St. Mark's Church. We'll do that this year during the outdoor service, Sunday November 8th. Digital versions of the commitment cards will be made available. Cards will be mailed out, as well.

Please prayerfully help us to plan for next year by submitting your commitment card.

New Assistant Diocesan Bishop Named

Bishop Rayford High Named as Assistant Bishop to Bishop David Reed

The Rt. Rev. David M. Reed, Bishop of West Texas, is delighted to announce the appointment of the Rt. Rev. Rayford B. High, Jr. as Assistant Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas. Bishop High has served as the Provisional Bishop of the Diocese of Fort Worth and as Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Texas. Following his retirement in 2015, he has continued ministry as an Assisting Bishop to the Diocese of Fort Worth. His appointment in West Texas will begin on Monday, February 1, 2021.

For more information on Bishop High, you can ask Jerry or Kay Pierce. They've been dear friends for decades.



Thanksgiving Food Basket Collection

Sea Gulf Villa Thanksgiving Food Baskets

Each year we furnish everything necessary for a Thanksgiving Dinner to residents of Sea Gulf Villa, a low income apartment complex. The residents always look forward to our annual visits, not just the food baskets. They enjoy seeing our youth and the volunteers who help with the delivery.

We invite you to consider participating by supplying the nonperishable food items listed below and joining the team who make the delivery. We will be collecting the food items for the next several weeks.

Stuffing—6 oz boxes
Turkey Gravy—1 oz packet
Sweet Potatoes/Yams—15 oz can
Cranberry Sauce—14 oz can
Green Beans—15 oz can
Corn—15 oz can



The church will supply the perishable items, the turkey, rolls and pies to round out the food baskets.

Thank you for assisting us in blessing the residents of Sea Gulf Villa!

Online Giving

**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 page. 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.
- 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.**

Weekly Calendar

Calendar & Ministry Schedule

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

October 24 - Saturday

8:00 a.m. - Ramp Build--7859 Bearden

October 25 - Sunday

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

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

October 27 - Tuesday

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

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

October 28 - Wednesday

12:00 p.m. - Elders Meeting--Online--Zoom Meeting

October 29 - Thursday

6:45 a.m. - Elders Prayer Groups--Under the Oaks

Helpful Links

Below you will find several links to websites or Facebook Pages that you might find helpful.

[St. Mark's Episcopal Church](#)

[Donate to St. Mark's Church](#)

[St. Mark's Church Facebook Page](#)

[Diocese of West Texas](#)

[Diocesan Newsletter and Reflection Magazine](#)

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