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St. Mark UMC
(McAllen, TX)

Regular Church Schedule

Sunday:	Worship Service	10:45 am
	Live Stream (via Facebook)	10:45 am
Wednesday:	Prayer Time	11:30 am
	Youth & Young Adult Bible Study	06:30 pm
	Faith Sharing Group	06:30 pm

ATTENDANCE AVERAGE	COMMUNION RAIL OFFERING	FINANCIAL REPORT
Month: May 2025 Worship Service: 64 Online Service: 15 Bible Studies: 25	Month: May 2025 Total = \$230.00 \$115.00 for Peace with Justice UMC & \$115.00 for Open Heart Ministries, West Virginia	Month: April 2025 Income: \$27,527.26 Expenses: \$18,003.80 Months: Jan. - Apr. 2025 Income: \$87,804.69 Expenses: \$84,412.63

St. Mark Events

June 2025



*From the rising of the
sun to its setting the
name of the LORD is to
be praised.*

~Psalm 113:3 (NRSV)



Pastor
Rev. Joe Tognetti
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8am to 12pm & 1pm to 3pm

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Events this Month!

June 2025



June
Saturday,
June 21st
11:00am

Items Needed:

Rice, Beans, Tomato Sauce,
Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables,
Crackers, Peanut Butter, Jelly



WE ARE HIRING TEACHERS

- ✓ High-School Diploma - GED
- ✓ Clear Background Check
- ✓ Paid Holidays & Sick Days
- ✓ For information:
956-686-2650
- Send Resume to:
stmarkumcpreschool@yahoo.com

ST. MARK UMC
PRESCHOOL



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Ivy Marie Landis



All are invited to Ivy's
Graduation Luncheon after
worship service on Sunday,
June 1st in the church gym.
She will be graduating from
McAllen High School on June
7th and then head to UTSA in
the fall! Congratulations!

Prayer Time

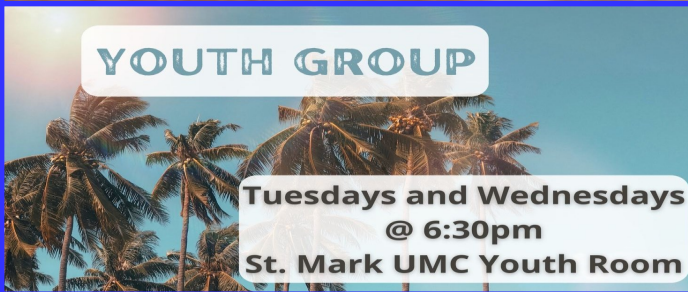
ALL are Welcome!

Pastor Joe will be leading a brief
prayer service in the Narthex.
Prayer Time is every Wednesday
at 11:30am.



YOUTH GROUP

Tuesdays and Wednesdays
@ 6:30pm
St. Mark UMC Youth Room



UPPER ROOM MAY - JUNE

AVAILABLE
TODAY

INSIDE
NARTHEX
ENTRANCE

ENGLISH
LARGE PRINT



Flag Day

Saturday, June 14th
2025



Gather up your Coins Noisy Offering Sunday, June 29th



Hello SUMMER!

June 20th, 2025



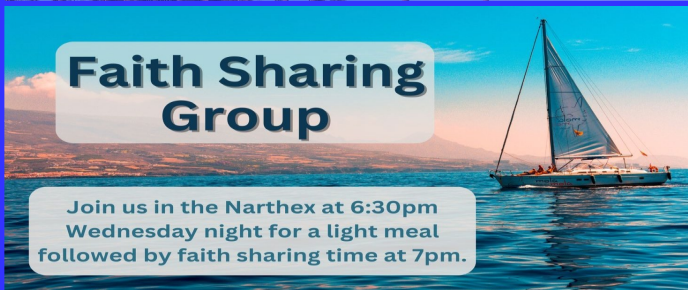
Holy communion

Every Sunday



Faith Sharing Group

Join us in the Narthex at 6:30pm
Wednesday night for a light meal
followed by faith sharing time at 7pm.



Juneteenth

Thursday, June 19th
2025



SAFE
GATHERINGS



ALL people who work with and
are around children, youth, &
elderly **NEED** to have safe
gatherings backgrounds done.
Go to safegatherings.com to
start your application. You can
also call the church office to
schedule a time to do it at our
computer in the church office.

St. Mark UMC 2025 VBS

July 7th to July 11th

Mark your calendars for VBS 2025!
Please keep an eye out for different ways
you can help with prep work, decorating,
and volunteering as we get closer to the
big event. Get Ready to see the church
transform into the True North!



POTLUCK



You are invited to join us after
service on Sunday, **June 29th**
in the gym for a luncheon.
Please see side list on what
to bring if you like!

A-E ----- Main Dish
F-J ----- Side Dish
K-O ----- Salad
P-R ----- Dessert
S-Z ----- Clean Up



Pentecost Sunday, June 8th



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

SUNDAY, JUNE 15TH



Young Adult Bible Study

Every Wednesday at 6:30pm
in the Duplex Room
(East Side of building)

Staff Meeting

Staff meeting with Pastor Joe
1st & 3rd Wednesday each
month following Prayer Time
in Narthex.



NO One Board Meeting in June



Project Transformation 2025

We are excited for our 4th year working with Project
Transformation to help the children in our community!



June Events:

June 1st - Meet the Interns!
June 3rd - PT Open House 4:30pm-6:30pm
June 4th - First day of Summer PT
June 18th - PT Free Book Fair for the PT kids
June 19th - NO PT CAMP
June 26th - PT Family Fun Night!
(open to Church members & PT families)

Summer Reading Camp
June 4th - July 24th

Happy June, St. Mark Family!

by: Jessica Flores - Children & Youth Director

Summer is here, and with it comes an exciting season of ministry at St. Mark! Our church is buzzing with activity, and our youth and children's programs are especially full of opportunities for growth, service, and fellowship.

This summer, our youth will be heading to **Youth Summer Camp, July 17–22**, and we're also looking forward to many fellowship events, service opportunities, concerts, and, of course, our much-anticipated **Children's Vacation Bible School—True North, happening July 7–11**.

As we enter this vibrant season, I encourage you to pray about how God might be calling you to support the spiritual journeys of the young people in our congregation. Whether it's volunteering your time, offering words of encouragement, or simply lifting our kids and leaders in prayer, every bit makes a difference.

Our Youth Group has been joyfully active—attending events, camps, and outreach activities. However, all this activity has left our youth ministry fund running low. We'll soon be launching a **fundraiser** to help offset the costs for our campers heading to camp in July. Please be on the lookout for more details, and prayerfully consider how you might be able to help support this important opportunity for spiritual growth.

As Paul encouraged the church in Thessalonica, "*Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing*" (1 Thessalonians 5:11). Thank you, St. Mark, for being a community that lives this out so beautifully.

We are deeply grateful for our church family. Thank you for the many ways you continue to love, support, and guide the next generation in their walk with Jesus.

With love and appreciation,
Jessica Sargent Flores
Youth Director

Pastor Musings

Thoughts and Advice from Pastor Joe, St. Mark UMC, June 2025
Numbers

"And [Peter] testified with many other arguments & exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, & that day about 3,000 persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching & fellowship, to the breaking of bread & the prayers."—Acts 2:40-42, NRSV

Those who've been to St. Mark Board meetings know that I like numbers. On a weekly basis, I pay attention to the number of worshippers and small group participants we've had. On a monthly basis, I await the numbers related to church finances, food pantry recipients, Communion Rail offering, and Preschool enrollment. This summer, I'm tracking Project Transformation enrollment and volunteer signups. Our own newsletter includes worship, small group, and giving numbers from the prior month. I even keep track of related annual metrics for the congregations in our regional conference, as time allows!

Certain sections of the Bible also care about numbers. The Bible even has the Book of Numbers, which begins and ends with a census of the Israelites in the desert. The first several chapters of Acts also share numbers of new converts who were responding to the gospel message of salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. Jesus even tells us that our heavenly Father makes sure that "all the hairs of your head are counted" (Luke 12:7).

Do you ever numerically keep track of your faith journey and commitments? How many times do you attend public worship (at St. Mark or elsewhere) each month? Bible studies? How many hours do you volunteer for St. Mark or other faith or community focused service opportunities each month? How much time do you read the Bible on your own each week? How much do you contribute financially to the church and charities that serve those in need—and how much of your income does that encompass? I do not mean to add this as a burden to anyone—I'm not requiring this as homework or anything! But if you're a numbers person like me, I'd encourage you to keep track--& see how the Lord empowers your faith commitments to increase!

Meet the St. Mark UMC Preschool Teacher

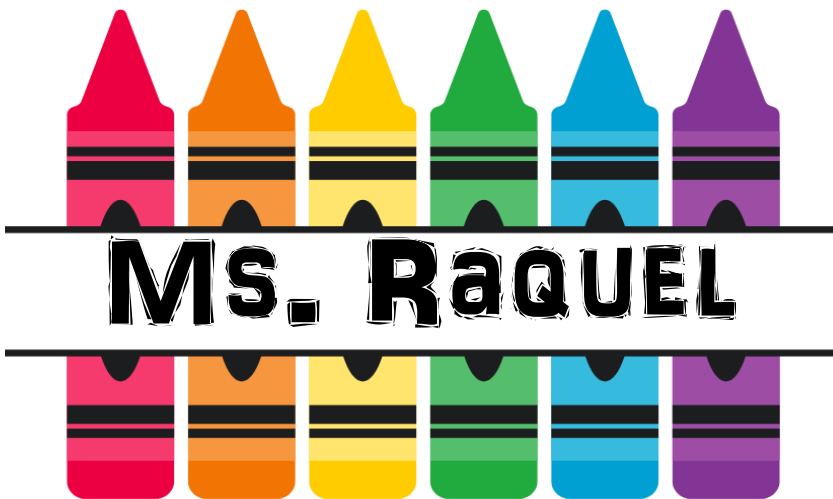
Hello! My name is Ms. Raquel. I am the Floater Teacher for all the classrooms. I come to work and help the classroom that needs it the most that day. I have been in the Infant Room a lot this year because we have 5 infants and need a second person to help. When an infant is not here for a day, I then help out the other classrooms.

About Me: When I am not working I enjoy going to the gym, parks and being outdoors. I like to travel to San Antonio, TX and walk the River Walk. I also enjoy going to Fredericksburg, TX. When I'm not outdoors enjoying nature, I enjoy shopping at Target, going to Church, reading, watching Netflix, and cooking.

Some of my favorite things are: Color-Purple, Flower-White Roses, Drink -Diet Coke (Coke Zero), Food-Mexican Food, Movie-A Walk to Remember, Book-The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins, Place to Visit-Houston, TX, Number-4, Hobby-Walking the River Walk, Candy-Snickers, and Shape-Heart.

One of my favorite memories at St. Mark UMC Preschool is helping in Ms. Murillo's Prek- 3/4 classroom with the kids from 2023-2024 school year. I had so much fun in that classroom! Another favorite memory is getting to interact and help with the Prek-1 classroom.

What I love about being at St. Mark UMC Preschool is getting to come to work and be with all the kids. When I clock-in for the day I go to whichever classroom will need me the most for that day. Most days I am with the infants when all five are here. Other days I help the other classrooms if a teacher is out or they can use the extra help with activates. I love being a floater and getting to spend my time in each classroom with all the kids.



Meet our 2025 PT Summer Interns!

St. Mark UMC has hosted Project Transformation (PT) for 3 years, making this year #4! Each year we get a new group of young adult college students who spend 8 weeks living at Campus Ministries at UTRGV and helping the children of our community continue their reading skills during the summer here at St. Mark.

We are so excited to have 5 PT Interns here this summer. First we have Melanie B., who was here last summer as an intern for PT. She attends the University of Miami - Sociology/Criminology. Second we have Juanjose (JJ) G., he attends St. Mary's University - Communication Studies, Third we have Pamela S., she attends University of Texas Rio Grande Valley - Education. Fourth we have Victoria F., she attends University of Texas Rio Grande Valley. And Last we have Jack L., he attends Trinity University - Pre-Law. Let us make sure these amazing interns feel welcomed and blessed while they are here providing a ministry to our community.

The best way to get to know these interns is signing up to provide a dinner for them Monday through Wednesday, at the Campus Ministries where they are staying. This is a great time for you to sit and get to know them over a meal. Meal Train Link to sign up: www.mealtrain.com/trains/e6k972. If you have questions about signing up, please contact the church office.

Pictured Left to Right:

Pamela Sandoval

Melanie Baltierra

Victoria Flores

Juanjose Garcia

Jack Lugo



Project Transformation 2025



Reading Buddies

- one-on-one reading to children in grades 1st-6th
- No prior experience is required
- ALL books and materials are provided
- volunteers can sign up for a single day or multiple days (Monday to Thursday)
- Volunteers 18 or older must complete a background check
- Volunteers 15 to 17 can volunteer independently and those under 15 must serve with a parent or guardian
- a one-time online training is required before your first volunteer session

GivePulse Link to sign up:

<https://www.givepulse.com/event/601043-St.-Mark-2025-Reading-Volunteers>

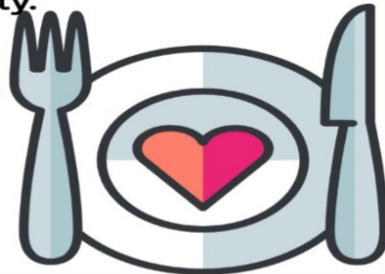
Dinner Volunteers

We are seeking volunteers to provide and serve dinner to our 5 college interns. After a long day of helping children they will really appreciate a delicious meal and connecting to with people from our church and our community.

- meals are need Mondays, Tuesdays, & Wednesday
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- arrive by 6pm to set up
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Reading Testing Volunteers

- help assess children's reading progress at the beginning and end of the summer
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Other Engagement Opportunities -

- ♦ **Family Fun Nights** - St. Mark UMC will host the PT families once the end of June and then again the end of July. These events are to help the church members and PT families connect with dinner, games, and family fun. St. Mark provides the dinners at each event. Please reach out to the church office if you would like to help.
- ♦ **Teach your special passion or talent at camp** - Once a week, someone from our community will come and talk to the children after lunch and explain what their special passion or talent is. If you would like to share you passion or talent please contact the church office.
- ♦ **Book and Supply Drives** - A full and diverse library is needed for PT Summer Reading Camp. There is an amazon Wish list to donate books directly to PT Rio Texas. Select the books (new or used) to add to your shopping cart and then pick Project Transformation Rio Texas for the shipping address. From there, check out as normal. Just save your receipt for your taxes since it is a donation.
- ♦ **Financial Donations** - money can be placed in offering plate Sunday mornings labeled for "PT Summer Reading"
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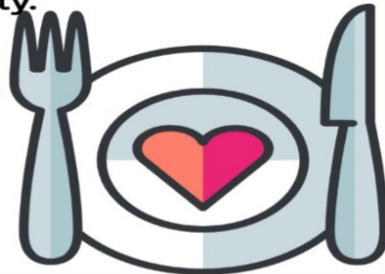
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