



# ST. MARK *the* EVANGELIST

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

### *Our Mission*

To invite all on our journey  
to:

**L**earn

**O**rar (Pray)

**G**i**V**e

**E**vangelize

### *All Are Welcome!*

If you are a visitor, we hope you will find our bulletin to be a reflection of our vibrant and spirit filled parish, and that you will consider becoming part of our family!

To join us, please register online at [www.stmarktampa.org/join](http://www.stmarktampa.org/join) or call Valerie at 813-907-7746 x 333.

Once registered, you will be invited to attend a Welcome Reception hosted by our pastor, Father David DeJulio to learn more about your new church community.

#### **Our next Welcome Receptions are:**

*English: Sun. Mar. 24th at 9:30am,  
(San Giorgio Room).*

*Spanish: Sun., Mar. 24th at 1:30pm  
after the Spanish Mass  
(St. Michael the Archangel Room).*

*For more information, visit our  
website at [www.stmarktampa.org](http://www.stmarktampa.org)  
or call Mary at 813-907-7746 x 329.*



**LENT**  
season of preparation

**March 17th, 2019**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

# Take a Step to

# L

## Learn

Join us this Wednesday, March 20th, FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY...  
"The Problem of Evil: Why Bad Things Happen to Good People?"  
presented by our pastor, Father David. In The Venetian at 7pm  
No fee, No RSVP, Just Come!



Attend our Parish Lenten Mission April 7-10 at 7:30pm in the Nave  
featuring Fr. Eugene "Red" O'Reilly, C.Ss.R on Intimacy with God & Self,  
Living the Reign of God Today, Reconciliation & Discipleship.

# V

## Give

No need to give up anything for Lent, how about just making a commitment to God to give more for 40 Days?

Cultivate Virtue in small ways

Be Patient and Merciful with others

Offer Positivity instead of Negativity or Indifference

Give your loved ones an extra hug everyday for 40 days

Eat Healthy to Honor the Fruits of the Bounty God has given you.



# L.O.V.E.

## O

### Orar/Pray

Come to the Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturdays at 3pm-3:45pm in the Reconciliation Chapel

"Confession heals, confession justifies, confession grants pardon of sin...  
In confession there is a chance for mercy.  
Believe it firmly. Hope and have confidence in confession." -St. Isidore

Attend one of our daily Masses during the week.  
Monday and Thursday 12pm  
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 8:30am



## E

### Evangelize

Like and SHARE our posts on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/stmarktampa](http://www.facebook.com/stmarktampa)) or Instagram ([www.instagram.com/StMarkLOVE](http://www.instagram.com/StMarkLOVE))

Invite a friend or neighbor to our Friday Fish Fries during Lent!!

Go out of the comfort zone and talk with someone new after Mass!

Invite a friend to Mass with you - All are welcome here at St Mark!





## Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 5:30 PM

Sunday in Spanish: 12:30 PM

Monday\* & Thursday: Noon

*\*Mondays that fall on a holiday: 8:30 AM*

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 8:30 AM

### Reconciliation

Saturdays 3 PM - 3:45 PM (or by appt.)

### Liturgy of the Hours and Rosary

Every weekday half hour before Mass

### Miraculous Medal Novena & Rosary

Thursday 7:00 PM in Chapel

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Open during Parish Hours

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

First Wednesday of Month: 9 AM - 7:30 PM

Followed by Benediction at 7:30 PM

### Hearing Assist Receivers Available

Sign-Out Required in AV Room

**Pastor**  
**Rev. David DeJulio,**  
FrDavid@stmarktampa.org

### Assisting Clergy

Fr. Ed Lamp (*retired*)

FrEd@stmarktampa.org

Deacon Moises Gutierrez

DeaconMoises@stmarktampa.org

Deacon Jose Moronta

DeaconJMoronta@stmarktampa.org

Deacon Scott Paine

DeaconScott@stmarktampa.org



## Parish Hours

Monday & Tuesday: 9 AM - 5 PM

Wednesday & Thursday: 9 AM - 9 PM

Friday: 9 AM - Noon

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Tampa, FL 33647.

Website: [www.stmarktampa.org](http://www.stmarktampa.org)

Email: [info@stmarktampa.org](mailto:info@stmarktampa.org)

Venetian Rental Info: (813) 508-2735

### Events Calendar and Tickets

[www.stmarktampa.org/events](http://www.stmarktampa.org/events)

### Bulletin Submissions

[Bulletin@stmarktampa.org](mailto:Bulletin@stmarktampa.org)

Weekly deadline: Thursday by 5 PM

the week prior to publication,

*earlier holiday deadlines TBA*

### Big Screen Submissions

[Bigscreens@stmarktampa.org](mailto:Bigscreens@stmarktampa.org)

Per Ministry Guidelines

## Ministry Contacts

To find out more information about our many ministries  
or to contact the ministry leader visit our website:

[www.stmarktampa.org/ministries](http://www.stmarktampa.org/ministries)

Or contact our Ministry Coordinator at  
[mstrickland@stmarktampa.org](mailto:mstrickland@stmarktampa.org)

## Sign Up Now! [www.FORMED.org](http://www.FORMED.org)

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Enter our Parish Code **93G688** on the homepage.

Create a personal account with your  
username/email & password.



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[www.instagram.com/WeAreStMark](http://www.instagram.com/WeAreStMark)



[www.pinterest.com/StMarkLOVE](http://www.pinterest.com/StMarkLOVE)



[www.twitter.com/@StMarkTampa](http://www.twitter.com/@StMarkTampa)

## Sacramental Preparation

### Baptism

Please call (813) 907-7746 to sign up  
for required pre-baptism classes.

Brochures, forms, and sponsor letters can  
be found online at: [stmarktampa.org/baptism](http://stmarktampa.org/baptism).

### Marriage

Couples planning their marriage should call  
(813) 907-7746 ext. 317 at least six months  
prior to their wedding date in order to complete  
their pre-marital assessment, discernment,  
and marriage preparation enrichment.  
For info go to: [stmarktampa.org/marriage](http://stmarktampa.org/marriage).

### RCIA

Adults, older children, or teens who have not  
been baptized, or have been baptized in another  
Christian Community, who desire to enter into  
full communion with the Catholic Church,  
please call (813) 907-7746 ext. 317.  
For info go to: [stmarktampa.org/RCIA](http://stmarktampa.org/RCIA)

### First Communion & Confirmation

Adults who have been baptized, but have not  
received their First Communion and/or Confirmation,  
should call (813) 907-7746 ext. 317.

Children and Teens: Students must attend  
two consecutive years. Preparation in the parish  
is necessary for the sacraments  
(even for those at parochial schools).

Brochures and forms can be picked up at the  
Parish Office or found online at:  
[stmarktampa.org/communion](http://stmarktampa.org/communion) or  
[stmarktampa.org/confirmation-1](http://stmarktampa.org/confirmation-1)



## Parish Schedule & Mass Intentions - Learn, Orar, giVe & Evangelize

Sunday	Second Sunday of Lent	Mar 17, 2019
Readings: Gn 15:5-12; 17-18; Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 9:28b-36		
<b>On the Piazza: Blood Drive Sign-Ups</b>		
<b>8:30 AM Mass (Dominick &amp; Alexavier Ferris (L) Therese Dorval)</b>		
9:00 AM RCIA (St. Michael the Archangel)		
<b>10:30 AM Mass (Hailey Acierno (d) The Mills Family)</b>		
<b>12:30 PM Mass (Tomasita Solorzano (d) Ana Munoz)</b>		
2:00 PM Cursillo Apostolic Hour (Blessed Sacrament Chapel)		
<b>5:30 PM Mass (Mr &amp; Mrs Cyril Peters (d) M/M Gerard Peters)</b>		
Monday	Saint Cyril of Jerusalem	Mar 18, 2019
Readings: Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38		
9:30 AM Legion of Mary (Mark 1 & 2)		
<b>12:00 PM Mass (Mary Noone (d) Jim &amp; Mary Jo MacAulay)</b>		
7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Officers (Mark 1 & 2)		
Tuesday	Saint Joseph	Mar 19, 2019
Readings: 2 Sm7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a		
<b>8:30 AM Mass (Sofia Bustillo (d) James Gawlick)</b>		
6:00 PM Columbiettes General Meeting (Venetian)		
6:00 PM Couple Prayer Sessions - WVME (St. Michael the Archangel)		
6:00 PM Family Church Tours (Nave)		
6:30 PM Boy Scout Troop 148 (John 1 & 2)		
7:00 PM Adult Faith Enrichment Team (Luke 1)		
7:00 PM Bible Study - Philippians (Luke 2)		
7:00 PM Spanish Charismatic Leaders (Matthew 1)		
7:00 PM Thirsting for God (Matthew 2)		
7:00 PM Spanish Children's Choir (Mark 1 & 2)		
Wednesday		Mar 20, 2019
Readings: Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28		
<b>8:30 AM Mass (Vocations)</b>		
11:00 AM SMARTS Game Day (John 1 & 2)		
5:00 PM Cherub Choir - Rehearsal (St. Cecilia)		
6:30 PM St. Vincent De Paul (Mark 1 & 2)		
7:00 PM FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY - The Question of Evil (Luke 1 & 2)		
7:00 PM Adult Confirmation (Matthew 2)		
7:00 PM Bible Study - Philippians (Mark 2)		
7:00 PM Brotherhood of the Lord of the Miracles (Matthew 1)		
7:00 PM Charismatic Prayer Group - English (Daily Chapel)		
7:30 PM Spanish Bible Reflection (John 1 & 2)		

Thursday		Mar 21, 2019
Readings: Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31		
<b>12:00 PM Mass (Parishioners OF St. Mark)</b>		
6:00 PM Family Church Tours (Nave)		
6:45 PM Novena (St. Michael the Archangel)		
7:00 PM Spanish Charismatic Prayer Group (Daily Chapel)		
7:00 PM Financial Peace University (John 1 & 2)		
7:00 PM Legion of Mary - Spanish (Mark 1)		
7:00 PM Spanish Children's Choir (St. Cecilia)		
8:00 PM Spanish Adult Choir (St. Cecilia)		
Friday		Mar 22, 2019
Readings: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46		
<b>8:30 AM Mass (Virgilio Lusterio (d) Lusterio Family)</b>		
5:00 PM Knights of Columbus Fish Fry (Venetian)		
Saturday	Saint Turibius	Mar 23, 2019
Readings: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32		
Austria, Germany & Medjugorje Fall Tour - Sign-Ups (Piazza)		
<b>4:00 PM Mass (Robert Roeder (d) Nick &amp; Lydia Piscitelli)</b>		
Sunday	Third Sunday of Lent	Mar 24, 2019
Readings: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9		
<b>On the Piazza: Austria, Germany &amp; Medjugorje Fall Tour - Sign-Ups</b>		
<b>8:30 AM Mass (Asa Beebe (d) Julie &amp; Jerry Hurley)</b>		
9:00 AM RCIA (St. Michael the Archangel)		
9:30 AM Welcome Reception (San Giortio)		
<b>10:30 AM Mass (Pedro &amp; Aniceta Ylagan (d) Sonny &amp; Cecilia Ylagan)</b>		
<b>12:30 PM Mass (Blanca &amp; Miguel Bonilla (d) Gio &amp; Juan Bonilla)</b>		
1:30 PM Welcome Reception in Spanish (St. Michael the Archangel)		
2:00 PM Brotherhood of the Lord of the Miracles (Mark 1 & 2)		
<b>5:30 PM Mass (Patrick Gallagher (d) Marie &amp; Joe D'Angelo)</b>		

To View the Online Calendar: [www.stmarktampa.org/schedule](http://www.stmarktampa.org/schedule)  
 To Make Room Scheduling Requests:  
[RoomSchedule@stmarktampa.org](mailto:RoomSchedule@stmarktampa.org)

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
 his mercies never come to an end;  
 they are new every morning;  
 great is your faithfulness."*

-Lamentations 3:22-23

### Orar ~ Pray

#### Pray for Our Heroes

#### Get Well Prayers



**Andrew Gephart**

\* No Photo

Brian Artienda	Jack Manning
Ulio & Francosco Arocho	Jacob Meier
Morgan Boruty	Yerandy Molina
*Stephen Brown	Merridith Morrison
Tanya Buckley	Brandon Nidasio
*Ron Caputo	Kyle Novac
Neal Cheramie	Ismael A. Olivo-Alvarez
Ryan Clisset	Anthony Orcajo
Adrian A. Cruz	Christopher Parkes
Tyler Emerick	James Phillips
*Jorge Farchakh	Paul Pita
Christopher A. Garcia	Daniel Sabarese
*Ian Garia	*Cory Singleton
Andrew Gephart	*Justin Singleton
Kevin Howell	Maura Stepanski
Kyle Howell	Nicholas Stiegler
*Bryan Hunt	Tiffany Stiegler
*Ryan Irwin	Ana Maria Vargas
Mark Kieweg	*Camilo Andres Vargas
Harold La Rock	Disney Velez
Jason Larson	Khiry White
Robert Letzeisen Jr.	Daniel Woodward
*Antonio Lopez	Steven Woodward
*Marc Mainguy	Robert Woodards

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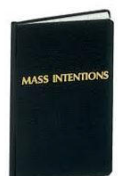
Please send your requests to [Prayers@stmarktampa.org](mailto:Prayers@stmarktampa.org)

#### Sanctuary Candle

Burns the week of March 17th  
 in Honor of **Julia Peters**  
 by **The DePiero Family**

#### Mass Intentions

Please visit the Parish Office to request  
 your Mass Intentions for 2019.



# Learn ~ Aprender

Teachings from this Week's Liturgy - Deacon Jose Moronta

## Lenten historical review of the 'Plan of Salvation' – Chapter Two

Last Sunday we wrote that “during the Five Sundays of Lent, the storyline of the Liturgy of the Word is dictated by the First Readings. They will take us to a walk through the “Story of Salvation”, one chapter at a time on each Sunday.” Today we’ve got the ‘second chapter’ of such historical recount.

In today’s first reading we hear of God’s first covenant with Abram. Previously we read in Genesis that God had made a three-fold promise of blessing to Abram: nationhood, dynasty (name), and worldwide blessing. These promises were then secured by covenants.

Abram was called at the age of 75 when the Lord told him “Leave your country, your people and your father’s household and go to the land I will show you”. Abram obediently set out with Sari his wife, Lot his nephew, and all the possessions and servants they had acquired and went to Canaan. Canaan was occupied by the descendants of Canaan the son of Ham (who was one of the three sons of Noah).

Canaan was cursed by Noah because of his father’s actions when he discovered Noah drunk in his tent. Because of the curse, the Canaanites were thought to be subject people of the Semites (descendants of Shem, the firstborn of the three sons of Noah).

After living in Canaan, Abram fled to Egypt to escape the famine that came over that land. While in Egypt Abram passed Sari off as his sister and she was incorporated into Pharaoh’s harem. Because of this, God inflicted serious diseases upon Pharaoh and his household. Pharaoh then learned of the deception and expelled Abram and Sari and all their possessions. Abram and Lot then separated, and Lot went to live near Sodom while Abram returned to Canaan.

Four kings took Lot prisoner. Upon hearing of Lot’s capture, Abram took his 318 trained men and defeated them. When he returned, he was blessed by Melchizedek, the king of Salem and priest of God Most High.

This brings us up to the time of our reading today, some 10 years after Abram started on his journey. Abram (the name means “father who is exalted”) and Sari remain childless although God had promised him once he arrived in Canaan that He would give the land to his offspring. Abram has despaired to God that he has no offspring and that his servant will inherit his estate.

God now makes His promise into a covenant, as we read in the First Reading today:

«... God took him outside and said: “Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so,” he added, “shall your descendants be.” ... Abram put his faith in the Lord... It was on that occasion that the Lord made a covenant with Abram...»

## Repaso histórico del ‘Plan de Salvación’ en Cuaresma – Capítulo Dos

El domingo pasado escribimos que “durante los cinco domingos de Cuaresma, el tópico de la Liturgia de la Palabra está dictada por las Primeras Lecturas. Nos llevarán a un paseo por la “Historia de la Salvación”, un capítulo a la vez cada domingo. Hoy tenemos el “segundo capítulo” de tal recuento histórico.

En la primera lectura de hoy escuchamos del primer pacto de Dios con Abram. Anteriormente leemos en Génesis que Dios había hecho una promesa triple de bendición a Abram: nacionalidad, dinastía (nombre) y bendición mundial. Estas promesas fueron aseguradas por las alianzas.

Abram fue llamado a la edad de 75 años cuando el Señor le dijo: “Deja tu país, tu gente y la casa de tu padre y ve a la tierra que te mostraré”. Abram partió obedientemente con Sarai, su esposa, Lot, su sobrino y todas las posesiones y sirvientes que habían adquirido y fueron a Canaán. Canaán estaba ocupada por los descendientes de Canaán, hijo de Cam (que era uno de los tres hijos de Noé).

Canaán fue maldecido por Noé debido a las acciones de su padre cuando descubrió a Noé borracho en su tienda. Debido a la maldición, se pensaba que los cananeos eran súbditos de los semitas (descendientes de Sem, el primogénito de los tres hijos de Noé).

Después de vivir en Canaán, Abram huyó a Egipto para escapar de la hambruna que vino sobre esa tierra. Mientras estaba en Egipto, Abram hizo pasar a Sarai como su hermana y ella fue incorporada al harén del faraón. Debido a esto, Dios infligió enfermedades graves al faraón y su familia. El faraón se enteró del engaño y expulsó a Abram y Sarai con todas sus posesiones. Abram y Lot se separaron, y Lot se fue a vivir cerca de Sodoma mientras Abram regresaba a Canaán.

Cuatro reyes hicieron prisionero a Lot. Al enterarse de la captura de Lot, Abram tomó a sus 318 hombres entrenados y los derrotó. Cuando regresó, fue bendecido por Melquisedec, el rey de Salem y sacerdote del Dios Altísimo.

Esto nos lleva al momento de nuestra lectura de hoy, unos 10 años después de que Abram comenzó su viaje. Abram (el nombre significa “padre que es exaltado”) y Sarai permanecen sin hijos, aunque Dios le prometió una vez que llegó a Canaán que le daría la tierra a su descendencia. Abram se desespera ante Dios porque no tiene descendencia y será su siervo quien heredaría su patrimonio.

Dios ahora hace su promesa en una alianza, tal como leemos en la primera lectura de hoy:

«...Dios sacó a Abram de su casa y le dijo: “Mira el cielo y cuenta las estrellas, si puedes”. Luego añadió: “Así será tu descendencia”... Abram creyó lo que el Señor le decía y, por esa fe, el Señor lo tuvo por justo... de esta manera hizo el Señor, aquel día, una alianza con Abram...»



# Year to Learn

"O FIRE OF LOVE!

WAS IT NOT ENOUGH FOR YOU TO HAVE CREATED US TO  
YOUR IMAGE AND LIKENESS, AND TO HAVE RECREATED US  
IN GRACE THROUGH THE BLOOD OF YOUR SON, WITHOUT  
GIVING YOURSELF WHOLLY TO US AS OUR FOOD, O GOD,  
DIVINE ESSENCE?

WHAT IMPELLED YOU TO DO THIS?

YOUR CHARITY ALONE"

**Saint Catherine  
of Siena**



*Why Does God allow bad things to  
happen to good people?*

*Why is there suffering in the world?*

*Why does it always happen to me?*

## *The Problem of Evil*

Presentation with Q&A with Fr. David DeJulio

Wednesday March 20

7:00pm

Luke 1&2 Classrooms

Email Will at [echoapprentice@stmarktampa.org](mailto:echoapprentice@stmarktampa.org) with any questions

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## LENTEN REFLECTIONS

EXPERIENCE THE CATHOLIC FAITH IN A WHOLE NEW WAY

## St Mark Lenten Mission

April 7-10

nightly in the Nave at 7:30pm with  
Fr. Eugene "Red" O'Reilly, C.Ss.R

Join the St Mark Young Adult Group (Ages 18-35)  
for our Lenten Bible Study

*The Beloved Waiting in the Heart of Darkness:  
The Sorrowful Mysteries in Scripture*



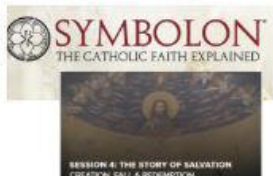
This Sunday at 6:30pm  
The St Michael the Archangel Room

Info? Email Will at [echoapprentice@stmarktampa.org](mailto:echoapprentice@stmarktampa.org)



## This month's FORMED.org Hot Picks

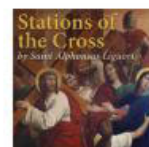
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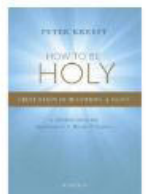
### WATCH



### LISTEN



### READ



# Learn, Orar, giVe & Evangelize (& Engage!)



**Mon., March 18, 2019**

Miniature Golf at Plantation Palms Golf Club – 11:00AM

23253 Plantation Palms Blvd.

Land O'Lakes, FL – Contact: Margaret Menke at

813-866-1434 or

insanity19166@gmail.com

**Tues., March 19, 2019**

Billiards at Peabody's on Amberly Drive at 11:00AM.

Pool is free if you buy lunch.

Contact: Roger Menke at 813-866-1434 or

[rogmenke@netzero.net](mailto:rogmenke@netzero.net)

**Wed., March 20, 2019**

Game Day to be held at St. Mark's– 11:00AM

Contact: Marlene Lawson at 813-991-4445

**Thurs., March 21, 2019**

Bus Trip to Heritage Village, Largo, FL

Cost: \$25 (Admission is Free)

(Cost includes Bus and Driver Tip)

Bus leaves St. Mark's at 9:30 AM

Lunch is extra at 1:15PM at Savory Restaurant & Pizzeria

Contact: Gerry Hammill at

[gph123@aol.com](mailto:gph123@aol.com) or call

813-949-3344

**Fri., March 22, 2019**

Bowling – AMF University Lanes – Start 11:00AM

13109 N. 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Temple Terrace

Contact: Roger or Margaret Menke at

813-866-1434

or [rogmenke@netzero.net](mailto:rogmenke@netzero.net)

**Tues., March 26, 2019**

Card Social at St. Mark's 11:00 – 3:00 PM.

Contact: Elaine King at 813-388-9196 or [eaking@ptd.net](mailto:eaking@ptd.net)

**Mon., April 1, 2019**

Miniature Golf at Plantation Palms Golf Club – 11:00AM

23253 Plantation Palms Blvd.

Land O'Lakes, FL – Contact: Margaret Menke



**Our Food Pantry Needs Your Help!**

**The Red Wagon Collection This Week is:**

**1 lb bag Rice & Canned Beans**

Please drop off at the wagon near the church entrance before all Masses. Thank you for your continued support!

If you would like to volunteer to help distribute food at our food pantry please go to: [www.stmarktampa.org/FoodPantrySchedule](http://www.stmarktampa.org/FoodPantrySchedule)

to check the schedule for vacant dates & send an email to:

[smpantry@gmail.com](mailto:smpantry@gmail.com) with the vacant date(s) you would like to volunteer.

FYI... the nearest SVDP Thrift Store is located at

12310 N. Nebraska Ave in Tampa. (813) 977-7057.

**Award-Winning Knights Of Columbus  
Fish Fry Fridays!!!**

**EVERY FRIDAY during Lent**

**(except Good Friday)**

Dinners are served in The Venetian from 5-8 PM.

Dinner options include fish or shrimp (adult \$10 –

child \$7), a fish and shrimp combo (adult \$11 –

child \$9), and macaroni and cheese (adult \$8 –

child \$6). All dinners come with fries, coleslaw,

hush puppies, ice tea/coffee. Clam chowder and a

variety of beverages are also available.

**Come and join the fun and enjoy a great meal!**



**Bishop Gregory Parkes wants  
to connect with you!**

Will you participate in our communications survey?

What's your favorite form of media? What topics interest you?

Take the survey between March 18 - March 29 and make a difference

in the future of communications at your parish and in the Diocese of St. Petersburg!

(A \$50 gift card will be given away to one participant.)

[www.dosp.org/survey](http://www.dosp.org/survey)

**Baptism Preparation Ministry Looking for Stewards to Serve**

If you have the desire to share the teachings of our faith with parents and god-parents that have decided to baptize their children, then this may be the calling from God to say YES! You should feel comfortable leading a group and most importantly, spreading Jesus' love and joy. **Pray, discern & if YES is your**

**answer, then contact Vivian Sola, Baptism Prep Ministry Coordinator.**

Email: [leader-baptismministry@stmarktampa.org](mailto:leader-baptismministry@stmarktampa.org)

**Married Couples!**

Prepare for Easter in a special way this year. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is April 12-14 at the Franciscan Center. Space IS limited, so please apply early! For more information about taking a private time away, check out [flwc-wwme.org](http://flwc-wwme.org) or call 813-270-7832.

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# PARISH LENTEN MISSION

With Fr. Eugene O'Reilly, C.Ss.R. (Redemptorist)

Affectionately known as "Red" Fr. O'Reilly was born in Ireland and lives in Canada. Since 1983 he has preached Missions and retreats to parishes, teachers, school boards, clergy and religious throughout Canada and the U.S.. He also has a particular interest in music and has composed a number of religious songs. Preaching has become Fr. Red's full time ministry and he brings to it a ready smile, a wonderful sense of humor and a compassionate understanding of people and the complex world in which we live.



**Sunday April 7th at 7:30 pm**

Topic: Intimacy with God/Self

**Monday April 8th at 7:30 pm**

Topic: Living the Reign of God Today

**Tuesday, April 9th at 7:30 pm**

Topic: Reconciliation

(There will be confessions by several priests)

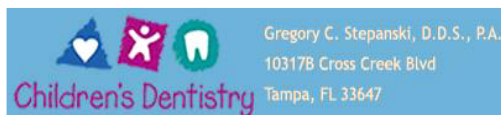
**Wednesday, April 10th at 7:30 pm**

Topic: Discipleship

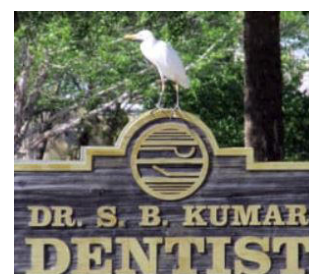
(Fr. O'Reilly will celebrate Mass and his homily will be the preaching of the night)



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**St Mark Cancer Ministry**



# L.O.V.E.

## Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

### Faith Formation Spotlight:

#### No Faith Formation this week!

There is no Faith Formation this week or next week due to Spring Break. Have a wonderful break!

See you on March 31st/April 1st

### Scholarships for High School Seniors

Congratulations, Class of 2019! Need some help paying for those expensive college textbooks? Visit <https://stmarktampa.org/scholarships> for more info

### Mass Attendance

First Communicants & Confirmandi, please remember to put your Mass Attendance slips into the offertory baskets when you attend Mass. Going to Mass is an important part of being Catholic and Sacrament Prep.

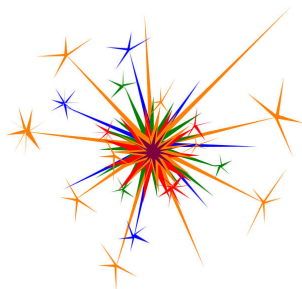
### First Holy Communion Attire Needed

Did you come across your child's gently used Communion attire during spring cleaning? Donate it to the FF Office so that another child can wear a beautiful dress or suit for their First Holy Communion too!

### SPARC

#### Summer Program for Art, Religion, and Culture

Do you have trouble getting your child to Faith Formation every week during the school year? We have some great news for you! SPARC, the Summer Program for Art, Religion, and Culture, will be back this summer. We have classes for rising 3rd-8th graders, but spaces will fill fast! Interested? More information is available at [stmarktampa.org/sparc](https://stmarktampa.org/sparc). If you register and pay in full before March 28th you will receive a 10% discount.



### Ask Jared:

What happens if I can't make it to the Confirmation Mass?



If you aren't able to attend the scheduled Confirmation liturgy, you will have to wait for a future opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. In the Latin or Western Church, Confirmation is normally conferred only by the bishop. There are some exceptions to this rule, but essentially Confirmation will only be celebrated in our parish on a special occasion that has been planned well in advance. We cannot licitly confirm a teen whenever we want.

Most likely, if you miss the Confirmation Mass, you will have to wait for the next scheduled Adult Confirmation liturgy. However, even in this case, everything must be planned well in advance because our pastor must receive permission ("faculty") from the bishop to confirm a baptized Catholic. We request this permission by submitting the names of everyone who will receive Confirmation, so it is very specific!

### BEACON & Lighthouse 2:42 Youth Night

All 6th - 12th graders are invited to BEACON and Lighthouse 2:42, though a completed 2018-2019 Registration Form is required. See you Wednesday for fun games and fellowship! All are welcome!

# Introducing our NEW St. Mark App

## TO DOWNLOAD:

iPhone Users Text: ParishApp1 to 555888

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Group Messaging for Ministries  
Meet the Staff  
Events at Your Fingertips  
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# Orar/ Pray - The Season of Lent

During the season of Lent we examine and reflect on the reality of sin and the need for penance in our lives. The journey of Lent leads us from the ashes received at the beginning of Lent to the renewal of baptism at Easter. This journey from ashes to water, from death to life enables us to enter more deeply into the process of conversion as we continue on the journey of life that leads us to eternal life with God.

**Ash Wednesday - March 6 - Distribution of ashes during:**  
**Mass 8:30 am \* Communion Service 12 Noon \* Mass 7:30 pm (bilingual)**

## Regulations on Fasting and Abstinence

The dual disciplines of fasting and abstinence have a long history in the Catholic Church. Going back to the early Church, the purpose behind the custom of self denial is not punishment; it is to simplify our lifestyles so that we create a certain emptiness. In this way, freed from all distractions, we are able to hear and respond to God's continued call to conversion and holiness.

- ★ **Fasting** is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics between the ages of 18 to 59 years (inclusive). On days of fasting, one full meal is allowed. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed.
- ★ **Abstinence** from meat is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 years of age and older. Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday are days of abstinence.

**NOTE:** If a person is unable to observe the above regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons, they are urged to practice other forms of self denial that are suitable to their condition.

Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or the renewal of baptism at Easter.

# Tax Free Contribution Information

If you are over 70 ½ and have an IRA or similar retirement account you are required to take annual distributions prescribed by the IRS. These distributions are then taxed at your ordinary income tax rate.

**A new law was passed on 12/15/2015 allowing you to contribute any part of your IRA including these required distributions to St. Mark TAX FREE!**

**Example: If you contribute \$5000 from your IRA to St. Mark and are in a 20% tax bracket, the church receives the \$5000 and you save \$1000 in taxes. A WIN-WIN for both the church and the parishioner!**

If you want to contribute from your 2019 required annual distribution or even from your current IRA, instruct your IRA custodian to make the check out to: St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church.

They can either send it to you or directly to the church.

**This is a great way to fulfill your pledge and/or contribute your annual offering in a lump sum.**

Questions: please contact Val at 813-508-2735

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# giVe - Monthly Financial Report

Our Monthly St. Mark Financial Information  
can always be found on our website at

<https://stmarktampa.org/finances>  
or

Go to our homepage [www.stmarktampa.org](http://www.stmarktampa.org) > About Us > Financial Summary

## giVing Technologies: Square Kiosk & Text to Give

**Square Kiosk Giving** - via Debit/Credit Card located at the Information Desk in the Social Narthex.  
**Text To Give** - via Smartphone - **Dial 813-296-5116**.

The first time you do this, please text your donation amount, (ex: 25 which will result in a \$25 donation). A return text will be sent back to you immediately requesting you to set up your giving info. Once complete, you will receive a confirmation text stating, "Successful Registration and Donation".

For future Text To Give donations, you only need to text the dollar amount you wish to donate and the name of the fund you wish to donate to. Available Fund Names: Offertory, Capital Campaign, APA.

Examples of what you would text: 10 offertory or 5 capital campaign.

After texting your donation amount & fund name, you will receive a confirmation text stating "Your giving was successful".

## Thank you to the 40 parishioners who donated during our 2019 APA Drive

\$7500 was collected toward our \$308,000 2019 APA Responsibility

*Please prayerfully consider a donation or pledge toward APA  
to help us meet our goal by year end.*

Any deficit must be paid by St. Mark through our Offertory funds which are needed to pay for our church / parish overhead expenses, Faith Formation, Youth Ministries (and others) & Outreach.

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**For more information or to purchase:**

Contact Val at (813) 508-2735

or [vmainguy@stmarktampa.org](mailto:vmainguy@stmarktampa.org)





# Bienvenido a tu Sección en Español

## A la luz de la gloria por la sombra de la cruz

“Jesús se llevó a Pedro, a Juan y a Santiago a lo alto de una montaña para orar.”

(Lc 9, 28)

Continuando con la lección de la semana anterior, el Evangelio de este domingo nos muestra un ejemplo concreto sobre la necesidad de orar para poder resistir la tentación. Cristo, preocupado por fortalecer a sus discípulos para la inminente prueba de la Cruz, se los llevó al monte Tabor y allí se transfiguró ante ellos. Quería robustecer su fe en que Él era el Hijo de Dios y en que Dios estaba de su parte, para que cuando le vieran colgando del madero no entraran en crisis. Sabemos que aquella experiencia, algo parecido pero infinitamente más fuerte que unos ejercicios espirituales, no dio en principio los resultados esperados, pero a la larga sirvió para que los apóstoles volvieran a recuperar la fe que perdieron el Viernes Santo.

Si eso hizo el Maestro con aquellos discípulos que tantas veces le habían visto ya hacer milagros, cuánta más necesidad tendrá de hacerlo con nosotros. Él quiere prepararnos para las pruebas de la vida, quiere darnos fuerzas para que resistamos los golpes. Nosotros, en cambio, lo que queremos es que esas pruebas no existan, lo cual es imposible. Por eso, porque es inevitable tener problemas y sufrir tentaciones, nos conviene “dejarnos iluminar”, dejarnos fortalecer. Y para eso, como la semana pasada, la oración y la participación en la Eucaristía son los mejores instrumentos. “No soy tan fuerte”, debes decirte a ti mismo, para correr enseguida a buscar ayuda y consuelo en el único que te la puede dar siempre: Cristo. Dejémonos ayudar, dejémonos iluminar por Cristo para poder retener algo de esa luz, de esa fuerza, en los momentos de oscuridad, en los momentos de decaimiento. Y cuando éstos llegan, recordemos los buenos momentos, los tiempos dulces en que sentíamos a Dios muy cerca de nosotros.

**Propósito:** Acudir a rezar siempre, con perseverancia, al margen de nuestra apetencia. Hacerlo tanto si tenemos ganas como si no, para estar preparados para cuando vengan los problemas.



Les invitamos a vivir un momento de oración,  
meditando el Camino de la Cruz de nuestro Señor Jesucristo.

### Vía Crucis en Español



Cada Viernes durante la Cuaresma a las 8:00 p.m.

#### Misa en Español

Domingo a las 12:30 p.m.

Santo Rosario

a las 11:50am - 12:15 p.m.

#### Horario de la Parroquia

Lunes - Martes 9:00 am a 5:00 pm

Miércoles - Jueves 9:00 am a 9:00 pm

Viernes 9:00 am a 12:00 m

Bienvenida en Español para  
Nuevos Miembros de la Parroquia

Marzo 24 después de la Misa.

Salon San Miguel Arcangel.

#### Grupo de Oración Carismática

“La Divina Misericordia”

Jueves 7:00 a 9:00 pm

#### Reflexión Bíblica

Miércoles 7:30 pm

Encuentra la reflexión bíblica  
en el website:

<http://www.stmarktampa.org/reflexion-biblica>

#### Exposición del Santísimo:

Primer Miércoles de cada mes,  
comenzando después de la  
misa de 8:30 am  
y terminando a las 7:30 pm  
con la Bendición.

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el segundo Domingo del mes.  
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Julio 2 al 10  
Asunción de María

Agosto 7 al 15  
Nuestra Señora de los Dolores  
Septiembre 7 al 15  
El Rosario de María  
Octubre 7 al 15  
Nuestra Señora de la Medalla  
Milagrosa  
Noviembre 19 al 27  
Inmaculada Concepción de María  
Diciembre 8 al 16

**Te Esperamos Jueves 7:00 p.m. Mark 1**

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