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Catholic Church

Our Mission

To invite all
on our journey to:

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Orar (Pray)
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and that you will consider
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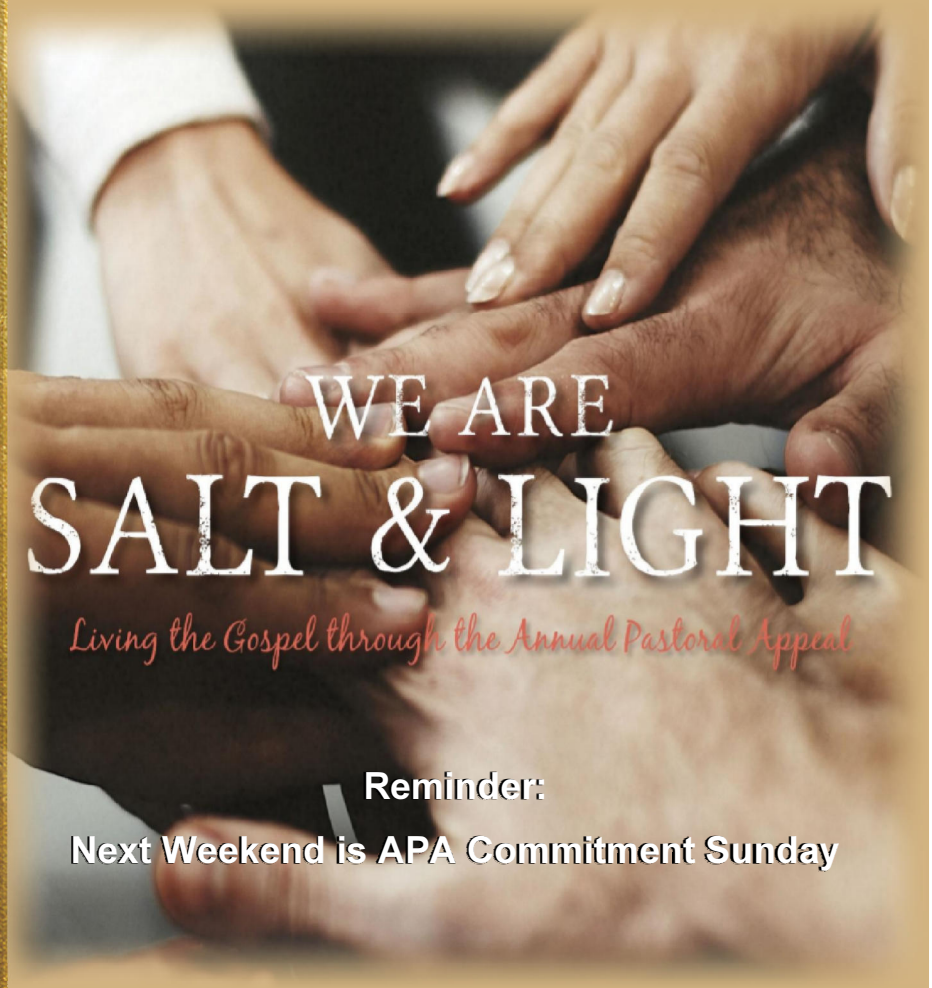

Reminder:

Next Weekend is APA Commitment Sunday

February 9th, 2020 **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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.)

Rosary
Every weekday half hour before Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Every weekday after Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena & Rosary
Thursday 7 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

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Parish Hours

Monday & Tuesday: 9 AM - 5 PM
Wednesday & Thursday: 9 AM - 9 PM
Friday: 9 AM - Noon
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Sacramental Preparation

Baptism

Please call (813) 907-7746 to sign up
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Brochures, forms, and sponsor letters can
be found online at: 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.

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

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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 or
stmarktampa.org/confirmation-1

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

Sunday	***Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time***	**Feb. 9, 2020**
Readings:	*Is 58:7-10, 1Cor2:1-5,Mt. 5:13-16*	
PRIVATE EVENT	***(The Venetian)***	
8:30 AM	***Mass (Parishioners of St. Mark)***	
10:30 AM	***Mass (Margit Pollard (d) Margaret & Alan Rezai-Zadeh)***	
11:00 AM	RCIA (St. Michael the Archangel)	
12:30 PM	***Mass (Fanny Pernia (d) Claudia Garzon Pernia)***	
2:00 PM	Cursillo Ultrea (St. Michael)	
5:30 PM	***Mass (Pablo Nilo Martinez (d) Lissett Farina)***	
Monday	***Memorial of Saint Scholastica***	**Feb 10, 2020**
Readings:	*1Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13, Mk 5:53-56*	
9:30 AM	Legion of Mary (Mark 1 & 2)	
12:00 PM	***Mass (Richard Larson (d) Warren & Mary Dietz)***	
7:00 PM	New Reader Training (Nave, St. Therese)	
Tuesday	***Our Lady of Lourdes***	**Feb. 11, 2020**
Readings:	*1Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30, Mk 7:1-13*	
8:30 AM	***Mass (Vincent Fiacco (d) Emily Hopeck)***	
9:30 AM	Bible Study - Mary (Mark 2)	
11:00 AM	SMARTS Cards (John 1 & 2)	
7:00 PM	Bible Study - Mary (Matthew 1 & 2)	
7:00 PM	Venezuelan Choir (St. Michael the Archangel)	
Wednesday	***Fifth Week in Ordinary Time***	**Feb. 12, 2020**
Readings:	*1Kgs. 10:1-10, Mk 7:14-23*	
8:30 AM	***Mass (Vocations)***	
9:30 AM	Bible Study - Mary (Matthew 1)	
11:00 AM	SMARTS (The Venetian)	
6:00 PM	Columbiette Tea Party Planning (Mark 1 & 2)	
6:30 PM	33 Days to Morning Glory (St. Therese)	
7:00 PM	Bible Study - Mary (Matthew 2)	
7:00 PM	Parish Choir Rehearsal (St. Cecilia)	
7:00 PM	Charismatic Prayer Group (Daily Chapel)	
7:00 PM	Lord of the Miracles Team (Matthew 1	
7:00 PM	Understanding Liturgy (Luke 2)	
7:00 PM	Spanish Bible Reflections (John 1 & 2)	

Thursday	***Fifth Week in Ordinary Time***	**Feb. 13, 2020**
Readings:	*1 Kgs 11:4-13, Mk 7:24-30*	
9:30: AM	Bible Study - Mary (Matthew 1 & 2)	
9:30 AM	Called to Accompany: Youth Ministry Training (The Venetian)	
12:00 PM	***Mass (Gerardo & Amelia Verna (d) Cam & Marilyn Verna)***	
6:00 PM	Legion of Mary -Spanish (Mark 1 & 2)	
6:45 PM	Novena (St. Michael the Archangel)	
7:00 PM	Bible Study - Mary (San Giorgio)	
7:00 PM	Spanish Charismatic Prayer Group (Daily Chapel)	
7:00 PM	Financial Peace University (John 1 & 2)	
7:00 PM	Prayer & Life Workshop (Matthew 2)	
8:00 PM	Spanish Choir (St. Cecilia)	
Friday	***Memorial of Sts. Cyril & Methodius***	**Feb. 14, 2020**
Readings:	*1Kgs.11:29-32, Mk 7:31-37*	
6:30 AM	Marksmen (Mark 1)	
8:30 AM	***Mass (Rudolph Lombarski (d) Michael Lombarski)***	
Saturday	***Saturday in Ordinary Time***	**Feb. 15, 2020**
Readings:	*1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34, Mk 8:1-10*	
On the Piazza:		
	Boy Scout Breakfast Fundraiser Ticket Sales	
	Columbiette Tea Party Ticket Sales	
10:00 AM	Baptism (Nave)	
4:00 PM	***Mass (Edward Sholl (d) Ceci & Gene Gutierrez)***	
Sunday	***Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time***	**Feb. 16, 2020**
Readings:	*Sir 15: 15-20, 1Cor 2:6-10, , Mt. 5:17-37*	
8:30 AM	***Mass (Matthew Edassery (d) Kunjamma Edassery)***	
10:30 AM	***Mass (Parishioners of St. Mark))***	
11:00 AM	RCIA (St. Michael)	
12:30 PM	***Mass (Antonio Parreira (d) Margarita Angel)***	
2:00 PM	Brotherhood of the Lord of the Miracles (Mark 1 & 2)	
2:00 PM	WWME Team Meeting (John 1 & 2)	
2:00 PM	Cursillo Apostolic Hour (Adoration Chapel)	
5:30 PM	***Mass (Catherine House (d) Willie Morrell)***	

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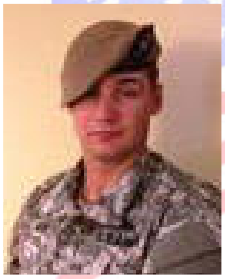
Orar ~ Pray

Pray for Our Heroes



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Sanctuary Candle

Burns the week of February 9th
in Memory of Juan Jose Del Carmen
by Yanina Albornoz

Please stop by the Parish Office to request a week-long **Intention** for the **Sanctuary Candle.** Due to the surfeit of parishioner requests, we limit one week per family. The cost is $25.

Mass Intentions

Please stop by the Parish Office to request your Mass Intentions. Due to the surfeit of parishioner requests, only 4 Mass Intentions will be allowed per family, one of which can be a weekend Mass. The Mass Stipend is $20.

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Living the Gospel through the Annual Pastoral Appeal

Over the past 2 weeks, we hope you have gained valuable insight into the many ways our APA support, combined with the support of our 82 other diocesan parishes, can do more good works than we could ever do alone!

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Scramble Format - 4 member scramble
All levels of players welcome!

Check in & free range balls : 11:00am

Shotgun Start: 12:30pm

Immediately after the tournament:
Dinner, 50/50 Raffle
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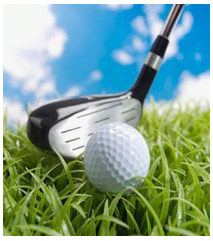
Please join us for a day of golf, fun, fellowship and food to raise money to pay off our beautiful Church!



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Sunday, March 29th
REGISTRATION FORM

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Extra Dinner Tickets (No Golf)	$40	____	_____
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Learn ~ Aprender

Teachings from this week's liturgy - Deacon Jose Moronta

Let's talk about the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Today's First Reading has been chosen from the chapter 58 of the Book of the Prophet Isaiah. It belongs to what is considered "a third book" within the whole Book. Let me explain better…

The Book of the Prophet Isaiah has 66 chapters and until the 18th century it was presumed that it had only one author, Isaiah, the prophet who lived about seven centuries before Jesus Christ.

The tradition of single authorship was first questioned in the 12th century (around the year 1167) but serious questions were not raised until the around year 1780. At that time scholars maintained that chapters 40 through 66 were written during the Babylonian exile by a different author who lived some 150 years after Isaiah. They named this unknown author Deutero- or Second-Isaiah.

We know that there are a few poems dedicated to a "suffering servant". Scholars discovered that these "songs" were composed by another third author. They argued for a different author for chapters 56 through 66, who was named "Third Isaiah". This theory was better welcome by Protestant scholars than by their Catholic colleagues, who tolerated it with hesitation. After a negative response of the Pontifical Biblical Commission in 1908 Catholic scholars decided to revert to a conservative viewpoint of single authorship.

There was a theological debate that arrived at the conclusion that the inspiration of major parts of the Bible was not being questioned but only the literary and historical questions of an author's name and date. After this, Catholics began to argue again for the split authorship of Isaiah. Most Catholic scholars now work with a Second and Third-Isaiah thesis. The reasons for separate authorship of chapters 40 through 55 are basically historical: The addressees are no longer inhabitants of Jerusalem, but exiles in Babylon. Jerusalem has in fact been destroyed and now awaits reconstruction. Babylon is no longer an ally, for she has destroyed Jerusalem and deported the Israelites. The former prophecies about Jerusalem's destruction have been carried out (Chapter 1 of the Book) and Israel now awaits a new, more glorious future. In Third-Isaiah (chapters 56 through 66), Israel is back again in her own land, and the problems are different than those pictured in Isaiah chapters 1 through 39.

Jesus preached with insistence about the practice of mercy by his followers and disciples. Toward the end of the gospel of Matthew we read the "final judgment sermon" in which the Lord calls to feed the hungry, dress the naked and comfort the oppressed. This is rather an unusual Theology in the Old Testament and it's clear that Jesus Christ wanted to emphasize about the active practice of love in the form of acts of mercy in addition to all the demands of the different Covenants in the Old Testament. However, this Sunday's First Reading brings an exceptional passage as we read,

«… Sharing your bread with the hungry, sheltering the oppressed and the homeless; Clothing the naked when you see them, and not turning your back on your own…. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer… If you bestow your bread on the hungry and satisfy the afflicted; Then light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday…»

Although with a different twist from Jesus' sermon, it's obvious that this text wants us to reflect about the fact that when lowliness unites all men, then God will fill the need of the world with his glorious presence… through us. Despite our imperfections, we're called to cooperate in His plans of salvation and mercy for the whole world. Isn't this great?

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Hablemos del libro del profeta Isaías

La primera lectura de hoy ha sido elegida del capítulo 58 del Libro del profeta Isaías. Pertenece a lo que se considera "un tercer libro" dentro de todo el Libro. Déjenme explicarlo mejor ...

El Libro del profeta Isaías tiene 66 capítulos y hasta el siglo XVIII se presumía que solo tenía un autor, Isaías, el profeta que vivió unos siete siglos antes de Jesucristo.

La tradición de la autoría única se cuestionó por primera vez en el siglo XII (alrededor del año 1167), pero no se plantearon preguntas serias hasta alrededor del año 1780. En ese momento, los estudiosos sostenían que los capítulos 40 al 66 habían sido escritos durante el exilio en Babilonia por un autor diferente. quien vivió unos 150 años después de Isaías. Llamaron a este autor desconocido Deutero o Segundo-Isaías.

Sabemos que hay algunos poemas dedicados a un "siervo sufriente". Los estudiosos descubrieron que estos "cantos del siervo doliente" fueron compuestos por otro tercer autor, un autor diferente para los capítulos 56 a 66, a quien llamaron "Tercer-Isaías". Esta teoría fue mejor recibida por los eruditos protestantes que por sus colegas católicos, quienes la toleraron con vacilación. Después de una respuesta negativa de la Pontificia Comisión Bíblica en 1908, los eruditos católicos decidieron volver a un punto de vista conservador de autoría única.

Hubo un debate teológico que llegó a la conclusión de que la inspiración de las partes principales de la Biblia no estaba siendo cuestionada sino solo las preguntas literarias e históricas del nombre y la fecha de un autor. Después de esto, los católicos comenzaron a discutir nuevamente por la autoría dividida de Isaías. La mayoría de los eruditos católicos ahora aceptan la tesis de tres autores diferentes para los 66 capítulos del Libro.

Las razones para la autoría separada de los capítulos 40 a 55 son básicamente históricas: los destinatarios ya no son habitantes de Jerusalén, sino exiliados en Babilonia. De hecho, Jerusalén ha sido destruida y ahora espera la reconstrucción. Babilonia ya no es una aliada, porque ha destruido Jerusalén y deportado a los israelitas. Las antiguas profecías sobre la destrucción de Jerusalén se han llevado a cabo (Capítulo 1 del Libro) e Israel ahora espera un nuevo y más glorioso futuro.

En el Tercer--Isaias (capítulos 56 a 66), Israel está de regreso en su propia tierra, y los problemas son diferentes a los representados en los capítulos 1 a 39 del Libro.

Jesús predicó con insistencia sobre la práctica de la misericordia por parte de sus seguidores y discípulos. Hacia el final del evangelio de Mateo leemos el "sermón del juicio final" en el que el Señor llama a alimentar a los hambrientos, vestir a los desnudos y consolar a los oprimidos. Esta es una teología bastante inusual en el Antiguo Testamento y está claro que Jesucristo quería enfatizar sobre la práctica activa del amor en forma de actos de misericordia, además de todas las demandas de las diferentes Alianzas en el Antiguo Testamento. Sin embargo, la primera lectura de este domingo trae un pasaje excepcional cuando leemos:

«... Así dice el Señor: "Parte tu pan con el hambriento, hospeda a los pobres sin techo, viste al que ves desnudo, y no te cierres a tu propia carne…Entonces clamarás al Señor, y te responderá…, cuando partas tu pan con el hambriento y sacies el estómago del indigente, brillará tu luz en las tinieblas, tu oscuridad se volverá mediodía."... »

Aunque con un giro diferente del sermón de Jesús, es obvio que este texto quiere que reflexionemos sobre el hecho de que cuando la necesidad une a los hombres, Dios responderá con su gloriosa presencia ... a través de nosotros. A pesar de nuestras imperfecciones, estamos llamados a cooperar en sus planes de salvación y misericordia para todo el mundo. ¿No es genial?

This article can also be viewed in Deacon Jose's Bilingual Blog on our St. Mark website: stmarktampa.org/liturgy-reflections

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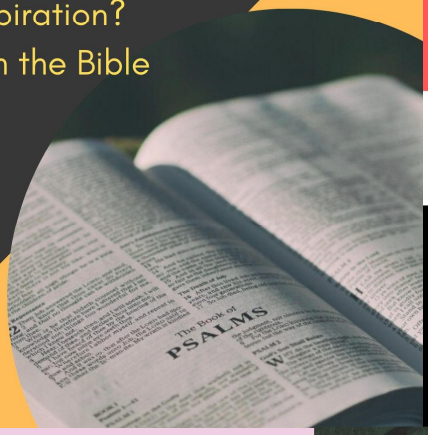

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THE GIFT OF FRIENDSHIP

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This month's FORMED.org Hot Picks

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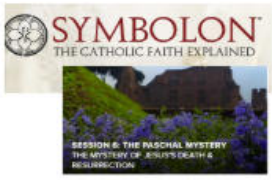

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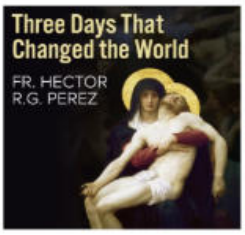

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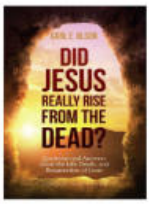

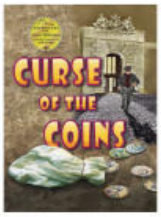

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SMARTS

St. Mark's Active Retired Trend Setters

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Tues., Feb. 11, 2020
Card Social at St. Mark's 11:00 – 3:00 PM.
Contact: Elaine King at 813-388-9196 or eaking@ptd.net

Wed., Feb. 12, 2020
SMARTS Pot Luck Meeting in The Venetian At 11:00AM. Come early for sign-ins. Please bring a dish to share.
Contact: Fran Chmura at 813- 374-0049 or fchm1943@gmail.com

Fri., Feb. 14, 2020
Bowling – AMF University Lanes – 11:00AM 13109 N. 56th Street, Temple Terrace.
Contact: Geri Phelan at 918-851-6442 or gm1544@gmail.com

Mon., Feb. 17, 2020
Miniature Golf at Plantation Palms Golf Club – 11:00AM. 23253 Plantation Palms Blvd., LOL
Contact: Geri Phelan at 918-851-6442 or gm1544@gmail.com

Tues., Feb. 18, 2020
Bus Trip to St. John's River Luncheon Cruise Paddle-Wheeler on Lake Monroe in Sanford Leaves St. Mark at 8:15a.m. Sharp – Arrive back approx. 4:15PM. Cost: $65
Contact: Gerry Hammill at 813-949-3344 or gph123@aol.com

Tues., Feb.18, 2020
Billiards at Peabody's on Amberly Drive – 11:00AM. Pool is free if you buy lunch.
Contact: Geri Phelan at 918-851-6442 or gm1544@gmail.com

Wed., Feb. 19, 2020
Game Day to be held at St. Mark's – 11:00AM
Contact: Linda Klecar at 813-385-0651 or Fran Sigle at 813-973-0843

Tues., Feb. 25, 2020
Card Social at St. Mark's 11:00 – 3:00 PM.
Contact: Elaine King at 813-388-9196 or eaking@ptd.net

Remember to Update Your Info!

ConnectNow My Own Church

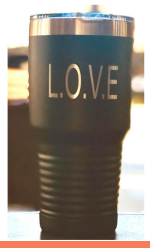
Go to our website to update your personal information & receive contribution statements electronically.

Our Food Pantry Needs Your Help!

The Red Wagon Collection This Week is:

Canned Fruit or Apple Sauce

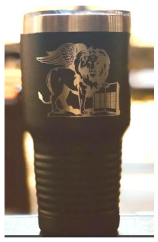
Please drop off at the wagon near the church entrance before all Masses. Thank you for your continued support!
If you would like to volunteer to help distribute food at our food pantry please go to: **www.stmarktampa.org/FoodPantrySchedule** to check the schedule for vacant dates & send an email to: **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.



Stay Warm in This Cold Weather!

Winged Lion / L.O.V.E 30oz Tumblers (Yeti-like Insulation)

are on sale now in the Gift Shop or at the Parish Office - $30 each



Trivia Night

Please Note:
TRIVIA NIGHT has been CANCELED until further notice

New Altar Server Training

Tuesday, February 11 at 6:00pm in the Church

Are you interested in becoming an Altar Server?

Children and Teens who have received First Communion are eligible.

For more information contact: leader-altarservers@stmarktampa.org

Going through divorce? Already divorced? You are not alone.

12-week program begins Feb. 6th at St. Timothy Catholic Church in Lutz
Will meet Thursdays 7-9pm. $30 includes materials.
Open to all - regardless of faith or length of your separation or divorce.
Register online: https://sainttims.org/surviving-divorce/
For more information, please contact Gina Gawienczuk at gina@sainttims.org.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

The next Marriage Encounter weekend is Feb. 28-Mar. 1, 2020 at the Hampton Inn in Oldsmar. Space IS limited! For info call 813-270-7832.

Attention Online Shoppers:

Click on the black Amazon link box located on our website **www.stmarktampa.org** to support St. Mark while you do your online shopping.

We get a percentage of all sales purchased through the link our site.
It's a great way to support St. Mark at no cost to you!

Search New and Used amazon.com.

Ash Wednesday Information

February 26

8:30am Mass

12:00N Communion Service with Distribution of Ashes

7:30pm Bilingual Mass

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 of renewal of baptism at Easter.

Corpus Christi Catholic School

Accepting new student applications, apply online www.cccstt.org starting Monday, February 10

The Knights wish to thank all parishioners for their devoted and on-going support!!

Knight of Columbus Pat Fahey presents a $5,629.00 check to Geoff Hopkins, Supervisor of Rec & Creative Artistic Therapy at the James A. Haley Veteran's Hospital. Monies are specifically to benefit needs of recovering wounded warriors. Over the past 10 years, the Knights of Columbus have partnered with our parishioners to raise more than $40,000 through collections over Veteran's Day weekend masses

Applebee's Breakfast Fundraiser

Sat., February 22 at 8-10AM (Tickets only $7.00 each)

All proceeds go to St. Mark Scout Troop 148

Pancakes, Sausage, Coffee/tea/juice/soda; Cash / Check / Credit Card. Tickets available at table in Piazza after Mass.

L.O.V.E.

Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

SPARC:

Do you find it hectic to come to weekly faith formation? If yes, join our awesome Summer Program called SPARC!
This is two week program.
All rising 3rd-8th grade children are welcome to join.
The children are with us from 8:30-3:30 Mon-Thursday.
Dates: June 8-11 and June 15-18.

We didn't forget about how hectic High School is so for our teens we offer our High School Summer Program for all 9th-12th graders
July 20-24 retreat on 7/25 & 7/26 July 27-30.

Both programs $150 first child and $100 each additional sibling.
Registration begins March 1st

Adult Confirmation

Are you a baptized Adult Catholic that have not completed initiation? If you have not made your Confirmation our Adult Confirmation classes begin in March. This is a 6 week program on Wednesday evenings. Please call (ext 317) or email (lrivera@stmarktampa.org) Laura Rivera for more information.

Communion Dresses:

We are currently collecting gently worn Communion Dresses and Suits for our families here at St. Mark. If you have a clean, gently worn Communion dress or suit please think about donating. We also accept new Communion Dresses and Suits. All donations can be brought to the faith formation office.

Preparing for your Sacrament?

All children and teens that are preparing for Sacrament this year, please remember to place those "Mass Participation" cards into the offertory basket or in the rock (next to the altar) when you attend Mass.

Beacon & Lighthouse 2:42 Youth Nights!

Join us every Wednesday for High School & Middle School Youth Night at 6:30pm All teens are welcome to attend! A complete 2019-2020 registration form must be submitted prior to participating. Come this week, you are always welcome!

Youth Ministry Social Media!

Make sure to have teens follow us on social media for most recent updates on events, news, and spiritual resources! Instagram - @stmarkym, Twitter - @stmarkym1

YDISCIPLE MAKE-UP WORK

Please visit the Youth Ministry page on our website to locate and complete any make-up work for sessions teens have missed over the last few months. It is important all make-up work be submitted to Jaclyn as soon as possible for credit towards Faith Formation completion.

Any Questions? Email Jaclyn at jlreddic@stmarktampa.org

Andy's Corner Fun Fact:

When Pope John Paul II was crossing St. Peter's Square in Vatican City an attempt was made on his life by a man named Mehmet, who had escaped from a Turkish prison. Despite severe blood loss, the Pope survived, and asked for all Catholics to pray for Mehmet whom he had "sincerely forgiven." Even after that the Pope would visit him in jail. Later ask for his release. Mehmet converted to the Catholic faith while in jail.

Donate to St. Mark by purchasing a

Memorial Brick

at the entrance of our beautiful new

Blessed Mary Shrine and Rosary Garden

Each 4x8 inch brick
is a **tax deductible** donation
of $500 (cash or credit).

Includes engraving of 3 lines
of 13 characters each.

For more information or to purchase:
Contact Val at (813) 508-2735

Please consider joining our
St. Mark the Evangelist Legacy Society

To remember St. Mark in your will or trust, please ask your attorney to use the following terminology:

I give, devise, bequeath (amount, article, stock, property, etc.) to
St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church
9724 Cross Creek Blvd,
Tampa, FL 33647

For more information, please contact Val anytime at 813-907-7746 x 333 or vmainguy@stmarktampa.org

The Venetian Event Center

http://thevenetiantampa.com

- **Over 11,000 sq ft Event Space**
- **Seats Up to 880 Banquet Style**
- **Seats Over 1,000 Theatre Style**
- **Wet Bar / Cafe & Reception Area**
- **Piano Available**
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- **Shure Clear Audio and Components**
- **Your Choice of Caterers & Vendors**
- **Catering Staging Area**

Wedding Receptions ~ Anniversary Parties
Banquets ~ Quinceañeras
Birthdays ~ Concerts

For rental information call 813-995-7480
Events@The VenetianTampa.com

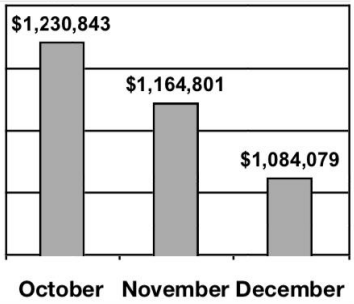
Financial Update (as of Nov. 2019)

Capital Campaign & Building Loan

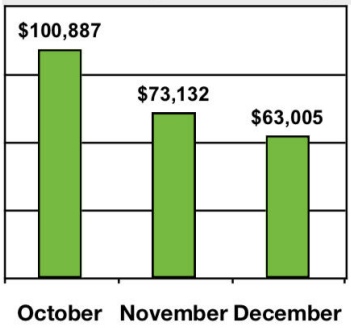
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN	$ Amount	# Pledges	%
Pledged	$10,790,489	3,300	100%
Paid	$10,330,869	3,114	94%
Outstanding Pledges	**$459,620**	186	6%

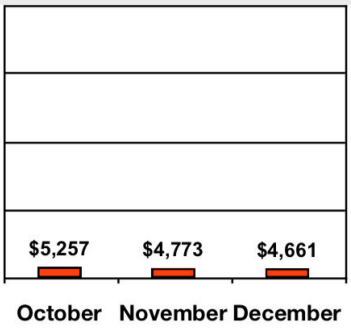
December 2019 Contributions - Expenses	
Contributions	
Total Funds Received	$63,005
Expenses	
Mortgage Loan Interest Payment	$4,661
Contributions - Expenses (*)	**$58,344**

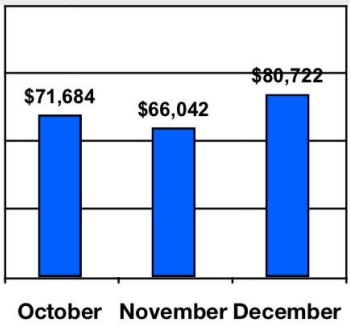
BUILDING LOAN	$ Amount
December 2019	
Beginning Balance	**$1,164,801**
Less	
Principal Payment (*)	$80,722
Ending Balance	**$1,084,079**



Quarterly Summary







Total Contributions Received **$237,024**

Total Interest Paid **$14,691**

Total Principal Paid **$218,448**

These figures are time sensitive which changes on a monthly basis.

Notes : (*) *The payment is due the 1st of the month.*
The check is generally written 4 to 7 days before the end of the month.
However, contributions are still being received to the last day of the month.
Also with the Capital Campaign account agreed each month to leave $30,000 at the time of writing the check.
Remaining balance will be paid the following month.

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 2017 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

Bienvenido a tu Sección en Español

El evangelio hoy nos invita a ser sal y luz. Sin sal la comida es sosa e insípida, sin luz no disfrutamos de la claridad del día. Para los cristiano la sal es la Palabra de Dios que sala y anima, y la luz alegra e ilumina nuestra vida.

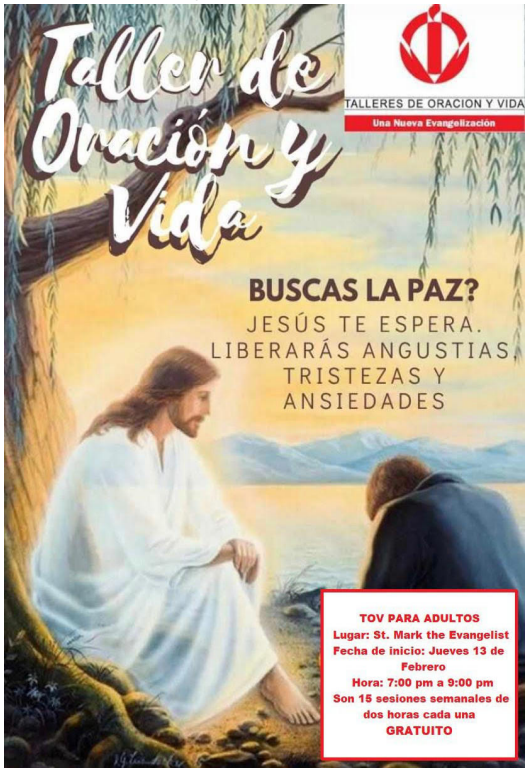
Los creyentes somos invitados a ser sal y luz en un mundo que olvida ser chispa y salero. Un mundo que le da la espalda a la luz para recrearse en la oscuridad y la ceguera. Por ello, la Iglesia, los cristianos debemos ser personas abiertas, acogedoras, no pensar y mirarnos sólo a nosotros, sino salir al encuentro de los hermanos, en especial de los marginados y olvidados por una sociedad, que busca su propio bienestar.

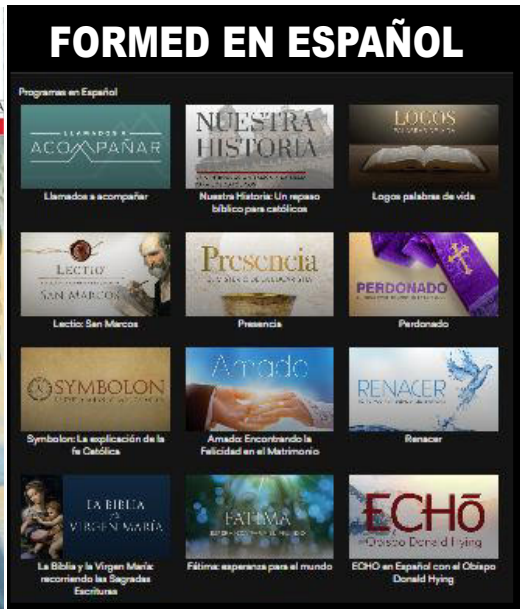
Estamos inmersos en una crisis mundial. Los creyentes en Jesús tenemos el deber de compartir la alegría y la luz que cada día nos regala nuestra fe, no dejarla para nosotros porque de esa forma no ayudamos a que otras personas encuentren el salero y la Luz que es la Palabra de Dios, que sana y cura todas las heridas que el ser humano pueda tener.

Cada persona, joven o mayor, desde su posición en la sociedad: iglesia, gobernantes, trabajadores, amas de casas, etc, debemos hacer gestos que nos unan fraternalmente para que la sal y la luz cumplan su función.

Diálogo con Cristo

Jesús, me llamas a ser la sal y la luz para los demás, esto implica que mi testimonio de vida, palabras y acciones deben ser un reflejo de tu amor, de tu misericordia infinita. Tu gracia es la fuente para la felicidad. Ayúdame, Señor, a guiarme en todo por el Espíritu Santo, para que Él sea quien edifique, en mí, al auténtico testigo de tu amor.





Gran contenido católico en un solo lugar! Acceda a www.FORMED.org e inicie sesión usando nuestro código de acceso St. Mark de 93G688

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
Miercoles - Jueves
9:00 am a 9:00 pm
Viernes
9:00 am a 12:00 m

Grupo de Oración Carismática

¨La Divina Misericordia¨
Jueves 7:00 a 9:00 pm

Reflexión Biblíca

Miércoles 7:00 pm
Encuentra la reflexion biblica en el website:
http:www.stmarktampa.org/reflexion-biblica

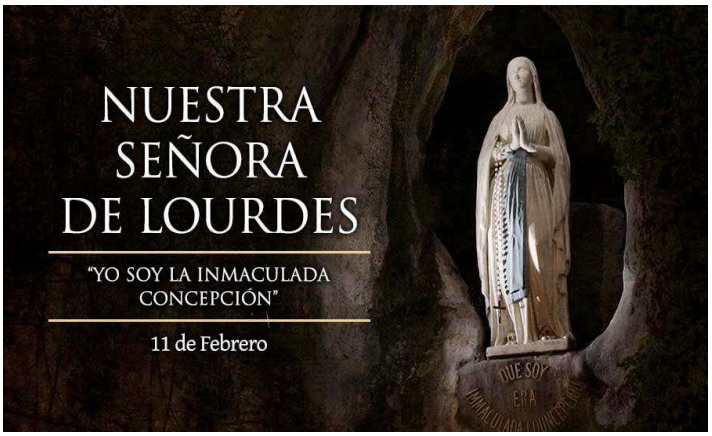
Exposición del Santísimo:
Primer Miércoles de cada mes, comenzando después de la misa de 8:30 am y terminando a las 7:30 pm con la Bendición.

Cursillistas de San Marcos te invitan a la:
Ultreya Parroquial
el segundo Domingo del mes.
¡Cristo cuenta contigo!

La Despensa de San Vicente de Paúl:
solicita de tu generosidad para dar de comer al necesitado.
Canned Fruit or Apple Sauce
¡Dios te bendiga por tu generosidad!

La Tiendita de St. Mark
Tenemos el regalo perfecto para Primera Comunión, Confirmación, Graduación.

Precios razonables y de esta manera contribuyes con la Iglesia.



El 11 de febrero de 1858, tres niñas, Bernadette Soubirous, de 14 años, su hermana Marie Toinete, de 11 y su amiga Jeanne Abadie, de 12 salieron de su casa en Lourdes para recoger leña. Camino al río Gave, pasaron por una gruta natural donde Bernadette escuchó un murmullo y divisó la figura de una joven vestida de túnica blanca, muy hermosa, ceñida por una banda azul y con un rosario colgado del brazo. Se acercó y comenzaron a rezar juntas, para luego desaparecer.

Por un período de cinco meses, la Virgen se le apareció a la niña, en medio de multitudes que se acercaban para rezar y poder observar a la hermosa señora, pero la Virgen sólo se le aparecía a la niña. En reiteradas ocasiones, Bernadette fue víctima de desprecios y burlas por parte de las autoridades eclesiales y civiles de pueblo, pero la niña se mantuvo firme en su fe mariana sobre todo en el especial pedido que la Virgen le había encargado: la construcción de una capilla sobre la gruta y la realización de una procesión.

Luego de la última aparición ocurrida en16 de julio, fiesta de Nuestra Señora del Carmen, Bernadette ingresó a la orden religiosa de las hermanas enfermeras, a la edad de 22 años, y permaneció allí hasta su muerte a los 34 años de edad.