



# 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,  
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to be a reflection of  
our vibrant and  
spirit filled parish,  
and that you will consider  
becoming part of our family!

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813-907-7746.

*For more information,  
visit our website at  
[www.stmarktampa.org](http://www.stmarktampa.org)*



**April 19th, 2020**

**Divine Mercy Sunday**



## Mass Schedule

(Pre-Post COVID-19 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

## Pastor

**Rev. Richard Jankowski**

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Deacon Jose Moronta

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## Parish Hours

(Pre-Post COVID-19 Schedule)

Monday & Tuesday: 9 AM - 5 PM

Wednesday & Thursday: 9 AM - 9 PM

Friday: 9 AM - Noon

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

Weekly deadline: Wednesday by 5 PM

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Per Ministry Guidelines

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## Ministry Contacts

To find out more information about our many ministries  
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[www.stmarktampa.org/ministries](http://www.stmarktampa.org/ministries)

Or contact our Ministry Coordinator at

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

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## 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)



DIVINE  
MERCY

JESUS,  
I TRUST IN  
YOU!

## Divine Mercy Chaplet

Today, Sunday April 19th at 3:00PM  
(STREAMED FROM OUR DAILY CHAPEL)  
*Participate in praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy  
from our Facebook Page or our Website Homepage*

### UPDATE:

#### Cancellations and Closures

All Masses are suspended until further instruction from Bishop Parkes.  
Stations of the Cross are canceled.  
Parish Office is closed.

We will communicate future updates via our All Parish Email Blasts  
If you are not on our Mailing List - Please go to the slider on the top of our web page at  
[www.stmarktampa.org](http://www.stmarktampa.org) and click on the one the slider that reads  
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Orar ~ Pray

#### Pray for Our Heroes



**Jorge A.  
Perez III**

\* No Photo

Brian Artienda	Yerandy Molina
Ulio & Francisco Arocho	Merridith Morrison
Morgan Boruty	Brandon Nidasio
*Stephen Brown	Kyle Novac
Tanya Buckley	Ismael A. Olivo-Alvarez
*Ron Caputo	Anthony Orcajo
Neal Cheramie	Christopher Parkes
Ryan Clisset	Jorge A. Perez III
Adrian A. Cruz	James Phillips
Tyler Emerick	Paul Pita
*Jorge Farchakh	Pedro Rico
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	Bobby Thomas
Mark Kieweg	Ana Maria Vargas
Harold La Rock	*Camilo Andres Vargas
Jason Larson	Disney Velez
Robert Letzeisen Jr.	Khiry White
*Antonio Lopez	Daniel Woodard
Jack Manning	Steven Woodard
Jacob Meier	Robert Woodards

#### Get Well Prayers

**Barney Barnard**

Please pray for all those  
who are infected with the COVID-19 virus.  
Please send your request to [Prayers@stmarktampa.org](mailto:Prayers@stmarktampa.org)

#### Dearly Departed

**Andy Sileccia**

#### Sanctuary Candle

Burns the week of April 19th  
in Memory of **Andrew Blaskovich**  
from The Balskovich Family

Please stop by (or call 907-7746) the Parish Office  
to request a week-long Intention for the Sanctuary Candle.  
Limited to one week per family. The cost is \$25.

#### Mass Intentions - Stipend \$20

*Celebrated privately by priest at this time.*  
Please stop by the Parish Office to request your Mass Intentions.  
4 Mass Intentions per family per year,  
one of which can be a weekend Mass.

# Learn ~ Aprender

Origin of Divine Mercy Sunday, the Divine Mercy image, the Chaplet, and the Novena

**Saint Faustina:** Mankind's need for the message of Divine Mercy took on dire urgency in the 20th Century, when civilization began to experience an "eclipse of the sense of God" and, therefore to lose the understanding of the sanctity and inherent dignity of human life. In the 1930s, Jesus chose a humble Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, to receive private revelations concerning Divine Mercy that were recorded in her Diary. St. John Paul II explains:

*This was precisely the time when those ideologies of evil, nazism and communism, were taking shape. Sister Faustina became the herald of the one message capable of off-setting the evil of those ideologies, that fact that God is mercy—the truth of the merciful Christ. And for this reason, when I was called to the See of Peter, I felt impelled to pass on those experiences of a fellow Pole that deserve a place in the treasury of the universal Church.*

~ Pope Saint John Paul II, *Memory and Identity* (2005)

**Divine Mercy Sunday:** St. Faustina's Diary records 14 occasions when Jesus requested that a Feast of Mercy (Divine Mercy Sunday) be observed, for example:

*My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. ... Let no soul fear to draw near to Me. ... It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy. (Diary, no. 699)*

**On May 5, 2000, five days after the canonization of St. Faustina, the Vatican decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.**

**The Image:** Jesus appeared to St. Faustina in a vision, with his right hand raised in a blessing and his left touching his garment above his heart. Red and white rays emanate from his heart, symbolizing the blood and water that was poured out for our salvation and our sanctification. The Lord requested that "Jesus, I trust in You" be inscribed under his image. Jesus asked that his image be painted and venerated throughout the world: "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish" (Diary, no. 48) and "By means of this image I will grant many graces to souls" (Diary, no. 742).

**The Chaplet of Divine Mercy:** The Chaplet was also given to St. Faustina with this promise: "Encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given you" (Diary, no. 1541). "Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. ... Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy. I desire that the whole world know My infinite mercy" (Diary, no. 687). (Instructions for its recitation are provided on a separate page.)

**The Divine Mercy Novena:** Jesus gave St. Faustina nine intentions for which to pray the Chaplet beginning on Good Friday and ending on the Saturday before Divine Mercy Sunday.  
(<http://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/mercy/novena.htm>. . . )





## **Act of Spiritual Communion**

**My Jesus,  
I believe that You  
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.**

**I love You above all things,  
and desire to receive You into my soul.**

**Since I cannot at this moment  
receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.**

**I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You.**

**Never permit me to be separated from You.**

**Amen**







## How to Recite the Chaplet

The Chaplet of Mercy is recited using ordinary rosary beads of five decades. The Chaplet is preceded by two opening prayers from the Diary of Saint Faustina and followed by a closing prayer.

1. Make the Sign of the Cross

2. Optional Opening Prayers

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

(Repeat three times)

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!

3. Our Father

4. Hail Mary

5. The Apostles' Creed

6. The Eternal Father

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

7. On the 10 Small Beads of Each Decade

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

8. Repeat for the remaining decades

Saying the "Eternal Father" (6) on the "Our Father" bead and then 10 "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion" (7) on the following "Hail Mary" beads.

9. Conclude with Holy God (Repeat three times)

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

10. Optional Closing Prayer

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion — inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.



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**I give, devise, bequeath (amount, article, stock, property, etc.) to  
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 9724 Cross Creek Blvd,  
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# L.O.V.E.

## Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

**"St Mark Faith Formation  
wishes all families**

**A**

**Happy, Blessed, and Safe  
Easter Weekend**

**and Break!**

**God Bless!**

**We are praying for you!"**

### **Check out the St Mark Website**

for fun, faith-filled online content! home!  
[stmarktampa.org/families](http://stmarktampa.org/families)

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Join us for Crafts, Story time, skits, Stations of the Cross, a virtual Church Tour, and all kinds of Fun programs for children produced by Faith Formation for you to use during this time of staying home!

### **High School Scholarship Applications!**

Scholarships are open for all graduating High School Seniors to apply for a scholarship from the Faith Formation Office to help with college expenses! Find scholarships on [stmarktampa.org](http://stmarktampa.org)

### **Social Media**

Follow us for updates and fun on our social media platforms!

**Instagram - @stmarkym & @stmarkLOVE**

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### **YDISCIPLE MAKE-UP WORK -**

**ALL TEENS ARE REQUIRED TO MAKE UP  
YDISCIPLE SESSIONS DURING THIS TIME**

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](mailto:jlreddic@stmarktampa.org)

### **SPARC Registration now Live!**

Our Middle School Faith Formation Summer Intensive Option is now open for registration! All rising 3rd-8th grade children are welcome to join. This is a two week program: Mon-Thursday. Dates: June 8-11 and June 15-18. The cost for the program is \$150 first child and \$100 for each additional sibling. Call Faith Formation to sign up!

## **Precautionary Measures & Safety**

**In an abundance of caution and consideration,  
we will not have Faith Formation and Youth Ministry programming  
until after May 1st.**

**At this time,  
we will communicate any updates  
via email or REMIND Instant Message.**

**For all classes and retreats,  
we will produce online content that we will communicate  
to participant families directly,  
so that our journey to sacraments**

**& the end of the Faith Formation year is minimally affected.  
Please reach out with any questions and keep your emails updated!**

# Learn ~ Aprender

Teachings from this week's liturgy - Deacon Jose Moronta

## Second Sunday of Easter, "Divine Mercy Sunday"

Twenty years ago, on April 30, 2000, John Paul II declared that "the Second Sunday of Easter henceforth throughout the Church will also be called Divine Mercy Sunday." The desire for this celebration was expressed by Our Lord to Saint Faustina as can be found in her Diary (No. 699): "... My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession, and receive Holy Communion on this day shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment..."

### First Reading through Easter

During Easter we'll have a change in the source of texts for the First Reading. Instead of having passages from the Old Testament, during these seven Sundays we'll have texts from the Acts of the Apostles. It's a much needed review of the historical events that happened in the early years of the Church, after Jesus Christ's Resurrection and Ascension.

Our reading today takes place immediately after Peter's stirring address on the day of Pentecost when 3,000 asked to be baptized. This is the first of the passages that outline the chief characteristics of the Christian community in Jerusalem: adherence to the teachings of the Twelve and the centering of religious life in the Eucharistic liturgy; a system of distribution of goods that led the wealthier Christians to sell their possessions when the needs of the poor of the community required it; and continual attendance at the Temple.

«...They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayer...»

We may notice four elements in this simple sentence,

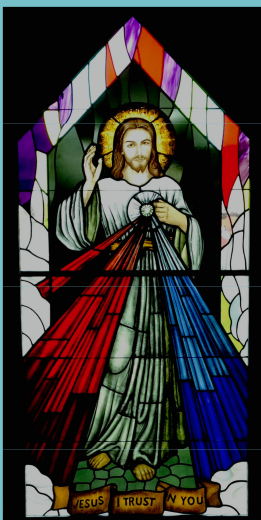
The apostles provided a type of catechesis aimed at explaining to the disciples the Christian meaning of sacred Scripture and the basic truths of faith which they had to believe and practice in order to attain salvation. Out of this grew the Profession of Faith statements of the Church.

The fellowship among Christians was a relevant fact. The profound solidarity among the disciples resulted from their practice of faith and their appreciation of it as a treasure they all shared; a gift to them from the Father through Jesus the Christ. Their mutual affection enabled them to be detached from material things and to give up their possessions to help those in need.

They celebrated the Eucharist, calling it "Breaking of the Bread." After Pentecost the Mass and Eucharistic communion formed the center of Christian worship, celebrated at Christians' homes. Later it was developing into a more elaborated liturgy, what we now call Mass.

The Christians used to pray through the Scriptures, singing the psalms, and reading what some of them were writing, like the first versions of the Gospels, and the letters that some of the apostles were writing to the different churches they had been established.

«...and every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved...»



## Divine Mercy Chaplet

Today, Sunday April 19th at 3:00PM

(STREAMED FROM OUR DAILY CHAPEL)

Participate in praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy  
from our Facebook Page or our Website Homepage

During his Homily at the mass for canonization of Sr. Mary Faustina Kowalska on April 30, 2000, St. John Paul II declared the second Sunday of Easter "...from now on throughout the Church will be called "Divine Mercy Sunday".

Our Lord said to St. Faustina:

"Encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given you...  
Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death..."



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



**NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED.  
TRY US!  
COME TO ANY EVENTS.**

## **For Your Information**

Please be advised  
that all SMARTS events  
have been canceled  
until further notice.  
Members will be advised  
when they will be resumed.  
In the meantime,  
we can all pray  
that everyone stays well.



## **Our Food Pantry Needs Your Help! The Red Wagon Collection This Week is: No Collection - COVID restrictions**

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.

## **Enjoy the Daily Readings!**

[www.usccb.com/bible/readings](http://www.usccb.com/bible/readings)

## **MARRIED COUPLES:**

In Lent we try to clear away the things in our lives that impedes our joyful relationship with God. Why not also clear away some of the impediments that interfere with your joy-filled relationship with your spouse?  
Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and experience an even greater closeness and depth of your love for each other!  
Register for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend today!  
For information call the Application Couple at (813) 270-7832 or go on-line at <http://wwwme-floridawestcoast.com>  
The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend in this area is May 29-31 at the Franciscan Center in Tampa. Space IS limited, so please, apply early!



**St. Mark Cancer Support Ministry**  
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# Learn ~ Aprender

Teachings from this week's liturgy - Deacon Jose Moronta

## Segundo domingo de Pascua, "Domingo de la Divina Misericordia"

Hace veinte años, el 30 de abril de 2000, Juan Pablo II declaró que "el segundo domingo de Pascua en toda la Iglesia también se llamará Domingo de la Divina Misericordia". El deseo de esta celebración fue expresado por Nuestro Señor a Santa Faustina como se puede encontrar en su Diario (No. 699): "... Hija mía, cuéntale a todo el mundo sobre Mi inconcebible misericordia. Deseo que la Fiesta de la Misericordia sea un refugio y amparo para todas las almas, especialmente para los pobres pecadores. En ese día están abiertas las profundidades de Mi tierna misericordia. Derramo todo un océano de gracias sobre esas almas que se acercan a la fuente de Mi misericordia. El alma del que vaya a la Confesión y reciba la Sagrada Comunión en este día obtendrá el perdón completo de los pecados ..."

Primera lectura en el tiempo de Pascua

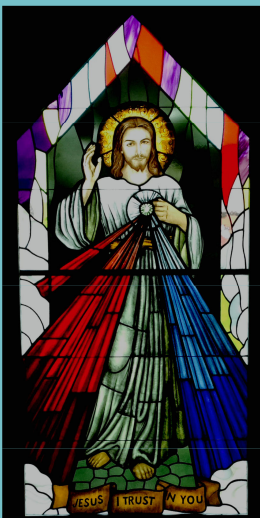
Durante la Pascua tendremos un cambio en la fuente de los textos para la primera lectura. En lugar de tener pasajes del Antiguo Testamento, durante estos siete domingos tendremos textos de los Hechos de los Apóstoles. Es una revisión muy necesaria de los acontecimientos históricos que ocurrieron en los primeros años de la Iglesia, después de la Resurrección y Ascensión de Jesucristo.

Nuestra lectura de hoy tiene lugar inmediatamente después del conmovedor discurso de Pedro el día de Pentecostés, cuando 3.000 pidieron ser bautizados. Este es el primero de los pasajes que describen las principales características de la comunidad cristiana en Jerusalén: la adhesión a las enseñanzas de los Doce y el centro de la vida religiosa en la liturgia eucarística; un sistema de distribución de bienes que llevó a los cristianos más ricos a vender sus posesiones cuando las necesidades de los pobres de la comunidad lo requerían; y asistencia continua al Templo.

«... Se dedicaron a la enseñanza de los apóstoles y a la vida comunitaria, a la fracción del pan y a la oración ...»

Podemos notar cuatro elementos en esta simple línea,

- 1) Los apóstoles brindaron un tipo de catequesis destinada a explicar a los discípulos el significado cristiano de las Sagradas Escrituras y las verdades básicas de la fe que tenían que creer y practicar para alcanzar la salvación. De aquí surgieron las declaraciones del Credo de la Iglesia.
- 2) La comunión entre cristianos fue un hecho relevante. La profunda solidaridad entre los discípulos fue el resultado de su práctica de la fe y su apreciación como un tesoro que todos compartían; un regalo del Padre a través de Jesús el Cristo. Su afecto mutuo les permitió separarse de las cosas materiales y renunciar a sus posesiones para ayudar a los necesitados.
- 3) Celebraron la Eucaristía, llamándola "Fracción del Pan". Después de Pentecostés, la comunión eucarística formó el centro de la adoración cristiana, celebrada en las casas de los cristianos. Más tarde se convirtió en una liturgia más elaborada, lo que ahora llamamos misa.
- 4) Los cristianos solían orar a través de las Escrituras, cantando los salmos y leyendo lo que algunos de ellos escribían, como las primeras versiones de los Evangelios, y las cartas que algunos de los apóstoles escribían a las diferentes iglesias que habían establecido. .



## Divine Mercy Chaplet

Today, Sunday April 19th at 3:00PM  
(STREAMED FROM OUR DAILY CHAPEL)

Participate in praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy  
from our Facebook Page or our Website Homepage

During his Homily at the mass for canonization of Sr. Mary Faustina Kowalska on April 30, 2000, St. John Paul II declared the second Sunday of Easter "...from now on throughout the Church will be called ""Divine Mercy Sunday".

Our Lord said to St. Faustina:

"Encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given you...  
Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death..."



# 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 2020 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.**

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