ST. MARK the EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

Our Mission

To invite all on our journey to:

Learn

Orar (Pray) GiVe

Evangelize

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 or call the Parish Office at 813-907-7746.

For more information, visit our website at www.stmarktampa.org



September 27th, 2020

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

FrRichard@stmarktampa.org

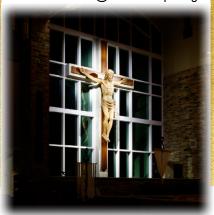
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Parish Hours

(Pre-Post COVID-19 Schedule)
Monday & Tuesday: 9 AM - 5 PM

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Wednesday & Thursday: 9 AM - 9 PM
Friday: 9 AM - Noon
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Fax: (813) 907-7556
9724 Cross Creek Blvd
Tampa, FL 33647.

Website: www.stmarktampa.org Email: info@stmarktampa.org Venetian Rental Info: (813) 995-7480

Events Calendar and Tickets www.stmarktampa.org/events

Bulletin Submissions

Bulletin@stmarktampa.org
Weekly deadline: Wednesday by 5 PM
the week prior to publication,
earlier holiday deadlines TBA

Big Screen Submissions
Bigscreens@stmarktampa.org
Per Ministry Guidelines

Hearing Assist Receivers Available Sign-Out Required in AV Room

Ministry Contacts

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

www.stmarktampa.org/ministries

Or contact our Ministry Coordinator at mstrickland@stmarktampa.org

Sign Up Now! www.FORMED.org

Enjoy Catholic content (like Netflix!) all in one place!

Go to https://formed.org/ - Choose "I'm a Parishioner of a Parish" next type in our name: "St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church" and then out of the many St. Mark the Evangelist parishes... choose the one with our address

(9724 Cross Creek Blvd, Tampa, FL 33647).

That's all there is to it!



Deanery Events

For more information about our Deanery and their events, visit our website:

www.stmarktampa.org/our-deanery.



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www.instagram.com/StMarkLOVE www.instagram.com/WeAreStMark



www.pinterest.com/StMarkLOVE



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.

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

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.

<u>Children and Teens</u>: 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



Drive-Thru Communion

Who: For all parishioners unable to attend due to COVID-19 concerns.

What: A Drive Thru Communion to receive the Precious Body of Christ

When: On Saturdays from 5:15pm - 5:30pm

Where: Drive up & Drive Thru around our Belltower Circle

Why: Because we know you have missed receiving the Sacrament of Eucharist AND we miss you!!!

Some more very important details for your safety & the safety of our Clergy & Ushers:

- 1. You must wear your mask.
- 2. You must stay in your car & follow the directions of the Ushers.
 - 3. You must receive in the hand.
- 4. You must consume the Precious Body of Christ before you drive away.

Thank you in advance for following these guidelines which allows us to offer the Sacrament!

You will most likely be receiving Communion from Father Richard or one of our Deacons until possibly our Eucharistic Ministers are asked to assist.

Beginning Monday, October 5th We will resume our normal Parish Hours & Mass Times

Monday & Tuesday 9am - 4pm Wednesday & Thursday 9am - 9pm Friday 9am - noon

REQUIRED: Wear a face covering or mask & practice safe social distancing. (If we can help you by phone, this is preferred at this time.

Feel free to call us anytime at 813-907-7746.

If no answer, leave a message and we will return your call as soon as we can).

Beginning Saturday, October 3rd We will resume our normal Weekend Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm (Spanish) & 5:30pm Saturday Vigil 4pm (Live Streamed to Facebook & YouTube)

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday & Thursday noon Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 8:30am

REQUIRED: If you or someone in your household is ill, please stay home
Wear a face covering or mask
Safe Social Distancing of 6 feet apart
(You may sit next to people in your own household)
PREFERRED: Communion - We strongly recommend & encourage

PREFERRED: Communion - We strongly recommend & encourage you to receive Communion in your hand for greater safety for everyone (Please wear your mask to receive the Host in your hand, then after you have passed the priest, deacon or EM, remove a portion of the mask to receive and then replace your mask immediately).

Livestream Masses

Saturday 4pm Vigil Mass & Sunday 1pm (Spanish) Mass

Our Livestreamed Masses can be found & viewed from either our Facebook page & our YouTube Channel. For Facebook: type www.facebook.com/stmarktampa into your URL. You do not have to be a Facebook user to view our Livestream Masses

or go to YouTube.com and type in St. Mark Tampa and look for our Gold Winged Lion in a Circle and click to open.

Drive-thru Communion

Receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist
Saturdays from 5:15pm-5:30pm around the Belltower Circle

A Guide to our Virtual Church

www.stmarktampa.org

Everything listed can be found on the lower right side of our website homepage www.stmarktampa.org

Sunday Masses:

Our Saturday 4pm Vigil & Sunday 1pm (Spanish) Masses will be Livestreamed onto our Facebook Page or our YouTube Channel.

To view the Livestream Mass, on Facebook: type www.facebook.com/stmarktampa into your URL. You do not have to be a Facebook user to view the Mass.

Or - go to YouTube.com and type in St. Mark Tampa and look for our Gold Winged Lion in a circle and click to open and choose the Mass video.

Ways to Give:

The various ways to donate to St. Mark are available here.

Our **Text To Give** # & **Donate Now** button are there for your convenience as well as our address to mail in your donations or add to St. Mark to your Personal Bank Online Bill Pay. If you'd like to set up recurring donations so that you don't need to login each week or month please email our Business Manager, Joe at jphillips@stmarktampa.org and let him know the dollar amount, the fund collection (Offertory, Building Fund, APA) & how often you'd like your donation to recur. Deacon Jose's weekly **Bilingual Liturgical Reflections**.

A link to Deacon Scott's Facebook page where he shares videos to join him each day during his **Morning & Evening Prayers**.

A link to St. Leo Abbey's Facebook page where you can join Abbot Isaac & the Benedictine Monks celebrating their LIVESTREAMED Daily Mass at noon each weekday.

Connecting info to join Deacon Hector each evening at 8pm for a *LIVE Rosary* via Zoom.

Enjoy 30 minutes with our Lord in *Adoration* during a virtual *Exposition*.

Pray The Divine Mercy Chaplet.

The scheduled day & time for Confession with Father Richard.

A link to our Weekly Bulletin.

A link to ALL our wonderful *Family Resources* brought to you by our Faith Formation & Youth Ministry Department.

Community Flu Shot Day

September 18 & October 16

Most insurance plans cover flu shots at no cost.



For those who do not have insurance or are unable to afford a flu shot, participating Walgreens pharmacies will provide a voucher for a flu shot at no cost while supplies last.

Orar ~ Prav

Pray for Our Heroes



Kevin Howell

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Brian Artienda Ulio & Francisco Arocho Morgan Boruty *Stephen Brown Tanya Buckley Ron Caputo Neal Cheramie Ryan Clisset Adrian A. Cruz Tyler Emerick *Jorge Farchakh Christopher A. Garcia *lan Garia Andrew Gephart Kevin Howell Kyle Howell *Bryan Hunt *Ryan Irwin Mark Kieweg Harold La Rock Jason Larson Robert Letzeisen Jr. *Antonio Lopez Jack Manning

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Jacob Meier

Get Well Prayers

Casey Maclear
Denize Soobit, Maryore Mora Gallardo
Mercedes & Luis, David Johnson

Dearly Departed

George McKenzie

Maryanne Pitre

Please send your request to Prayers@stmarktampa.org

Sanctuary Candle

Burns the week of September 29th In Memory of Thomas Dunleavy From Maureen & Brian Daly & Girls

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

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.



The Big Red Bus
will be in our parking lot
for blood donations
before and after each Mass on
Saturday, October 24th
&
Sunday, October 25th

Registration is needed the registration links on the slider on
the top of our website homepage:
www.stmarktampa.org
or
on our Facebook Page:
www.facebook.com/stmarktampa.

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

We will resume

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

on Wednesday, October 7th

in the Nave

(for Social Distancing)

following the 8:30am Daily Mass.

We will close with Benediction

at 7:00pm that evening

(instead of 7:30pm as we did previously).

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament
will be held the 1st Wednesday
of each month.



Collections have dropped significantly & your continued support is VERY important!

Many parishioners enjoy the ease of our quick new

Donatestmark.org

If you'd like to set up recurring donations so that you don't need to login each week or month please email our Business Manager, Joe at jphillips@stmarktampa.org and let him know the dollar amount, the fund collection (Offertory, Building Fund, APA) & how often you'd like your donation to recur.

OR

Text To Give - via Smartphone - just TEXT 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.

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".

OR

Simply use your own bank's electronic Bill Pay

to schedule your weekly offertory contribution by setting up a weekly or monthly payment by adding St. Mark as a payee

St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church 9724 Cross Creek Blvd. Tampa, FL 33647

Note either Offertory, APA, Capital Campaign in the FOR or MEMO field.

OR

Sign up on our traditional Online Giving platform at www.stmarktampa.org/donate

All of our options are simple and secure ways to make and track your parish giving.

As always, THANK YOU for your continued support of St. Mark!

giVe - July 2020 Financial Report

The Financial Results of the Parish will be published on a rotation basis:

1st Week:

2nd Week:

3rd Week:

4th Week:

- Operating Income Operating Expenses
- Capital Campaign

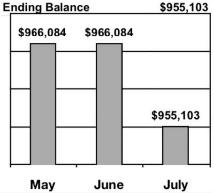
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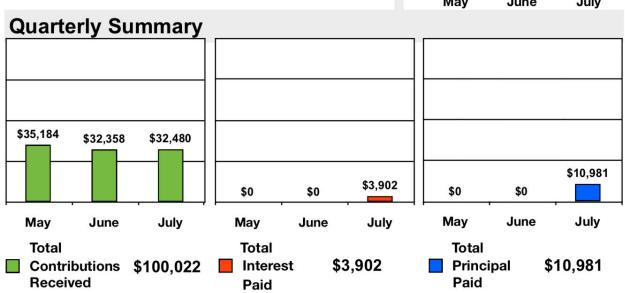
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- * APA
- ❖ Forward in Faith
- Monthly Summary Current Initiatives
- Interesting Facts

Capital Campaign & Building Loan

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN	\$ Amount	# Pledges	%					
Pledged	\$10,809,052	3,368	100%					
Paid	\$10,601,400	3,100	92%					
Outstanding Pledges	\$207,652	268	8%					
July 2020								
Contributions - Expenses								
Contributions								
Total Funds Received	\$32,480							
Expenses								
Mortgage Loan Interest Payment	\$3,902							
Contributions - Expenses (*)	\$28,578							

BUILDING LOAN	\$ Amount
July 2020	
Beginning Balance	\$966,084
Less	
Principal Payment (*)	\$10.981





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

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.

Learn ~ Aprender

By Deacon Jose Moronta

Theophory in the Old Testament

Theophory is a custom to adapting the name of a deity in a proper name. For example, Apollonius is a common Greek name for men, after their god Apollo. Likewise, names as Theodore or Theophilus include the root "Theo" that means "God". We find many, many examples of names in the Old Testament that practice this rule of Theophoric, especially those including "EL", a word meaning power and God.

We have for example, Daniel ("justice from God"), Gabriel ("God is my strength"), Israel ("who struggles with God"), Joel (Yahweh is God"), Michael ("Who is like God?"), Elijah (my God is Yahweh"), Elizabeth (my God is abundance") or Ezekiel ("God will strengthen") from whom our First Reading has been taken this Sunday.

Prophet Ezekiel grew up in a priestly family, in Jerusalem. He was familiar with the Temple, and contemporary to Jeremiah, to whom must have known.

We may find three sections in the book of Ezekiel: Chapters 1 through 24 contain his call and prophecies of doom against Judah and Jerusalem. These were given before the Temple was destroyed in 586 b.C. Chapters 25 through 32 are oracles against foreign nations, arranged in geographical and chronological order. Chapters 33 through 48 contain prophecies of restoration.

Our First Reading today has been taken from chapter 18, before the destruction of the Temple. Ezekiel while lamenting Judah's abandonment of the covenant as a nation, points out that each person is responsible for himself and his actions:

«... When a virtuous man turns away from virtue to commit iniquity, and dies, it is because of the iniquity he committed that he must die...»

To be a follower of God and to do what He wants you to do instead of what you want to do, means giving up things of self-pleasure. God respects our freedom, even when we use this freedom to ignore His will and doing ours. But this message is not just a threat, because it includes one of the best descriptions of God's mercy, as the paragraph continues,

«... But if a wicked man, turning from the wickedness he has committed, does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life; since he has turned away from all the sins which he committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die...»

What else can I say to praise God's mercy and unconditional love? God's mercy is remarkable to those who sin, especially with those who may think that they're not worthy of God's forgiveness.

MASS INTENTION & SANCTUARY CANDLE OPPORTUNITIES!!

We are pleased to announce that there are still Mass Intentions available in the current year, with options for both weekday or weekend Masses.

The opportunity to memorialize the Sanctuary Candle is also still available.

Due to the circumstances with Covid-19 and the temporary closure of the Parish Office and now our temporary shortened hours of operation...

we are willing to waive our 'one weekend Mass' and 'one Sanctuary Candle' limits through the end of this calendar year (as long as there are availabilities).

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

Message from the

Faith Formation And Youth Ministry Office.

Help the faith formation office keep our children healthy!

We are in need of Lysol spray, clorox wipes, Microban 24 spray or cleaner, pocket size tissues, hand sanitizer, and individual packets of baby wipes. Please drop off any of these donations to the faith formation or you can leave in church.

Sacrament Preparation 2020-2021

If your intention is for your child to receive Sacrament in the upcoming year you will need to have your child registered for faith formation and make a separate meeting with Laura Rivera to receive the sacrament request form. Please go to misslaura.youcanbook.me to schedule your sacrament meeting ONLY.

Registration continues.

At this time we are only accepting registration for our home base program. Visit ffymregistration.youcanbook.me to make your appointment to come in and register.

Calling All Who Would Love to Share The Faith!

We are looking for Catechists and Assistant Catechists for the upcoming Faith Formation Year. If you think God is calling you into this ministry please contact Laura Rivera at Irivera@stmarktampa.org

Supplies needed for our faith formation programs:

crayola crayons (24 count), children's scissors, glue sticks, post it notes, dry erase markers, Ticonderoga pencils, pencil sharpeners and pens. If you are able to donate the above please bring to the faith formation office from Mon-Thurs 9-5 or drop off items at the parish office or church.



Our Food Pantry Is open for those in need!

Drive-up open on 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month from 1pm-4pm

Please help stock our Food Pantry! We are VERY LOW & in need of:

Mac & Cheese

drop off at the wagon inside our Social Narthex by our Information Desk during the week

outside during Weekend Mass Hours..

Drop off times will coincide with our church hours: Monday -Thursday 9-3 Friday 9-noon & at 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.

DID YOU KNOW?

*Hearing Assistance Devices are available! Stop at the AV booth in the back of the Nave *Low gluten hosts are available (0.001% gluten) See Luther Ferris or Kevin Fritz



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

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.

Adult Formation & Enrichment Team

Check out what is coming for our Adult Formation and Enrichment Via Zoom!

September 29: Kevin Fritz begins his monthly study on the Old Testament via Zoom. Tuesday morning and Tuesday evening sessions.

October: Women's Bible Study based on the book Courageous Women of the Bible. More details to come.

October: Deacon Hector and his wife Patti will present an 8 week couples workshop via Zoom based on the popular program called Beloved.

Aprender ~ Learn

Teoforía en el Antiguo Testamento

La teoforía es una costumbre de adaptar el nombre de una deidad a un nombre propio. Por ejemplo, Apolonio es un nombre griego común para los hombres paganos, en honor a su dios Apolo. Asimismo, nombres como Teodoro o Teófilo incluyen la raíz "Teo" que significa "Dios". Encontramos muchos, muchos ejemplos de nombres en el Antiguo Testamento que practican esta regla Teofórica especialmente aquellos que incluyen "EL", una palabra que significa poder y Dios.

Tenemos, por ejemplo, a Daniel ("justicia de Dios"), Gabriel ("Dios es mi fuerza"), Israel ("quien lucha con Dios"), Joel (Yahvé es Dios"), Miguel ("¿Quién como Dios?"), Elías (mi Dios es Yahvé"), Isabel (mi Dios es la abundancia") o Ezequiel ("Dios fortalecerá") de quien ha sido tomada nuestra Primera Lectura este domingo.

El profeta Ezequiel creció en una familia sacerdotal en Jerusalén. Estaba familiarizado con el templo y era contemporáneo de Jeremías, a quien debió haber conocido

Podemos encontrar tres secciones en el libro de Ezequiel: Los capítulos 1 al 24 contienen su llamada a servir a Dios y las profecías de condenación contra Judá y Jerusalén. Estas fueron reveladas antes de que el Templo fuera destruido en el año 586 a.C. Los capítulos 25 al 32 son oráculos contra las naciones extranjeras, organizados en orden geográfico y cronológico. Los capítulos 33 al 48 contienen profecías de restauración.

Nuestra primera lectura de hoy se ha tomado del capítulo 18, antes de la destrucción del templo. Ezequiel, mientras lamenta el abandono de Judá del pacto como nación, señala que cada persona es responsable de sí mismo y de sus acciones:

«... Cuando un hombre virtuoso se aparta de la virtud para cometer iniquidad, y muere, es por la iniquidad que cometió que debe morir ...»

Ser un seguidor de Dios y hacer lo que Él quiere que hagas en lugar de lo que tú quieres hacer, significa renunciar a las cosas que pueden dar placer propio. Dios respeta nuestra libertad, incluso cuando usamos esta libertad para ignorar Su voluntad y en su lugar hacer la nuestra. Pero este mensaje no es solo una amenaza, porque incluye una de las mejores descripciones de la misericordia de Dios, como continúa el párrafo,

«... Pero si el impío, apartándose de la iniquidad que ha cometido, hace lo que es recto y justo, conservará su vida; ya que se apartó de todos los pecados que cometió, ciertamente vivirá, no morirá... »

¿Qué más puedo decir para alabar la misericordia y el amor incondicional de Dios? La misericordia de Dios es notable para aquellos que pecan, especialmente para aquellos que pueden pensar que no son dignos del perdón de Dios.



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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- Tables and Chairs Included
- Floating 16 ft x 9 ft HDMI Projection Screen
- 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

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.

Questions: please contact Val at 813-508-2735