



ST. MARK *the* EVANGELIST

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Our Mission

To invite all
on our journey to:

Learn

Orar (Pray)

Gi**V**e

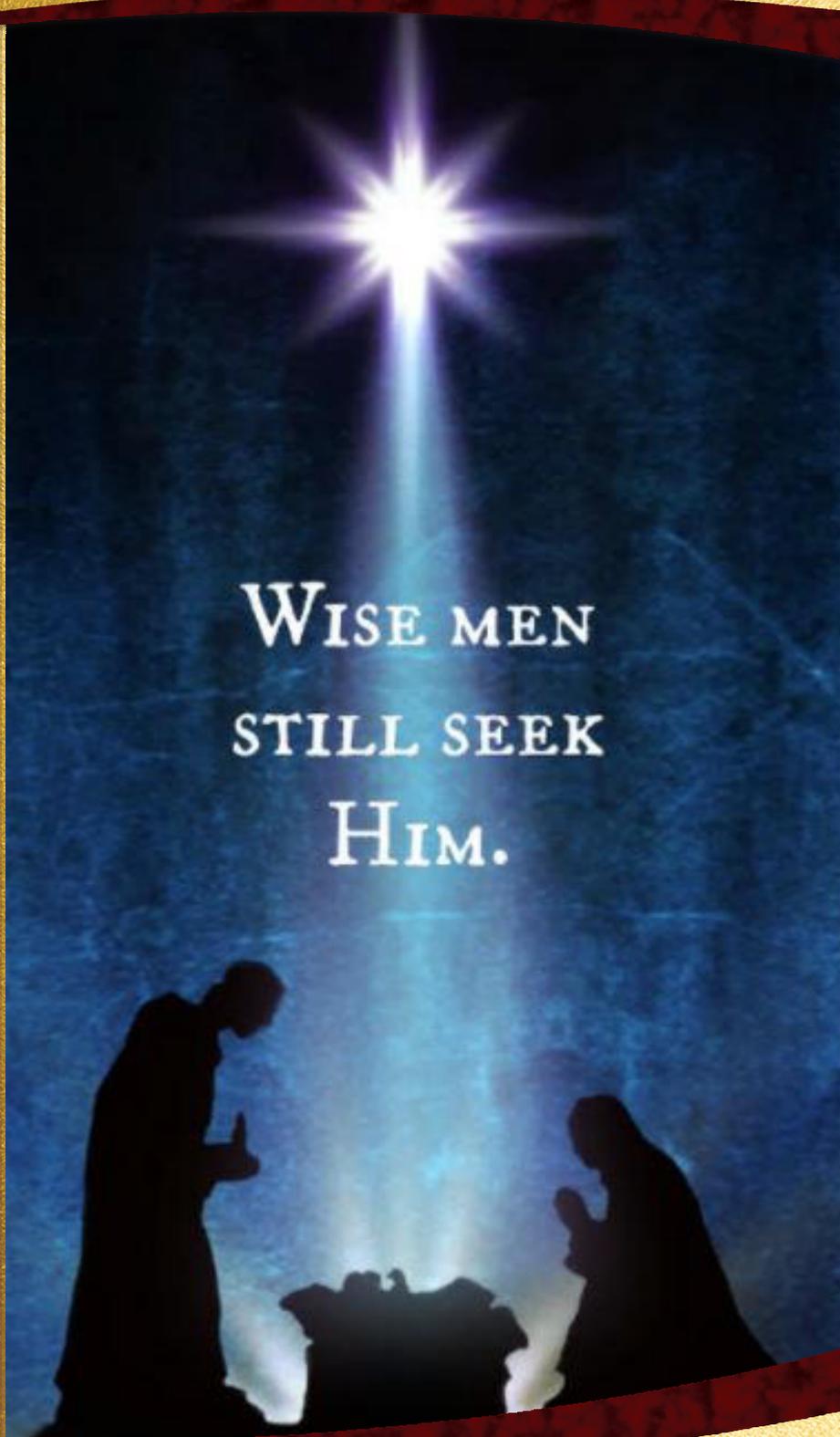
Evangelize

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*



January 3rd, 2021

The Epiphany of the Lord

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Open during Parish Hours

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

First Wednesday of Month: 9 AM - 7 PM

Closes with Benediction at 7 PM

Hearing Assist Receivers Available

Sign-Out Required in AV Room

Pastor

Rev. Richard Jankowski

FrRichard@stmarktampa.org

Assisting Deacons

Deacon Moises Gutierrez

DeaconMoises@stmarktampa.org

Deacon Jose Moronta

DeaconJMoronta@stmarktampa.org

Deacon Scott Paine

DeaconScott@stmarktampa.org

Deacon Hector Rios

DeaconHector@stmarktampa.org



Parish Hours

(Pre-Post COVID-19 Schedule)

Monday & Tuesday: 9 AM - 5 PM

Wednesday & Thursday: 9 AM - 9 PM

Friday: 9 AM - Noon

(changes on holidays - please call)

Phone: (813) 907-7746

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

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

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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!



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.

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

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/WeAreStMark



www.pinterest.com/StMarkLOVE



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Mass Intentions

MASS INTENTIONS: Mon., Jan. 4 – Sunday, Jan. 10

Mon., Jan. 4	Noon	Roger Menke (d) by Ron & Kathy Laframboise
Tues., Jan. 5	8:30 am	Maria E. Malparatida (d) by Raul Rantes
Wed. Jan. 6	8:30 am	Vocations
Thurs. Jan. 7	Noon	Piedad Alvarez (d) by Maria & Luis Migliore
Fri., Jan. 8	8:30 am	TBD
Sat. Jan 9	4:00 pm	Diane Bivona (d) by Joe Mocerri & Linda Wezner
Sun., Jan 10	8:30 am	Roger Menke (d) By Ralph Palomba
	10:30 am	Parishioners of St. Mark
	12:30 pm	Antonio Parreira (d) by the Parreira Family
	5:30 pm	Luz Ebeo & Candido Castro (d) by Lilian Hayman



**A Reminder
to Say A Prayer
before your Morning Coffee!!**

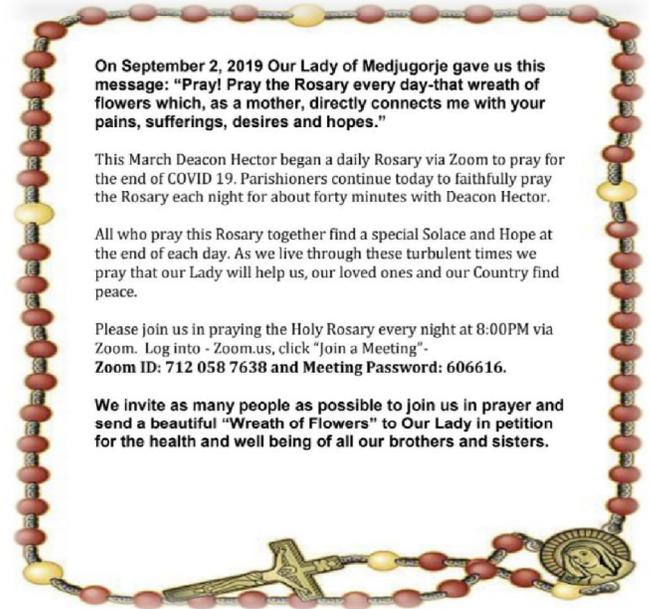


St. Mark Winged Lion
(as shown on front)
L.O.V.E
(on the back)

30oz Tumblers
(Yeti-like Insulation)

on sale now in the Gift Shop
or at the Parish Office

\$25 each



On September 2, 2019 Our Lady of Medjugorje gave us this message: "Pray! Pray the Rosary every day-that wreath of flowers which, as a mother, directly connects me with your pains, sufferings, desires and hopes."

This March Deacon Hector began a daily Rosary via Zoom to pray for the end of COVID 19. Parishioners continue today to faithfully pray the Rosary each night for about forty minutes with Deacon Hector.

All who pray this Rosary together find a special Solace and Hope at the end of each day. As we live through these turbulent times we pray that our Lady will help us, our loved ones and our Country find peace.

Please join us in praying the Holy Rosary every night at 8:00PM via Zoom. Log into - Zoom.us, click "Join a Meeting".
Zoom ID: 712 058 7638 and Meeting Password: 606616.

We invite as many people as possible to join us in prayer and send a beautiful "Wreath of Flowers" to Our Lady in petition for the health and well being of all our brothers and sisters.

Orar ~ Pray

Pray for Our Heroes



**Anthony
Orcajo**

*No Photo

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

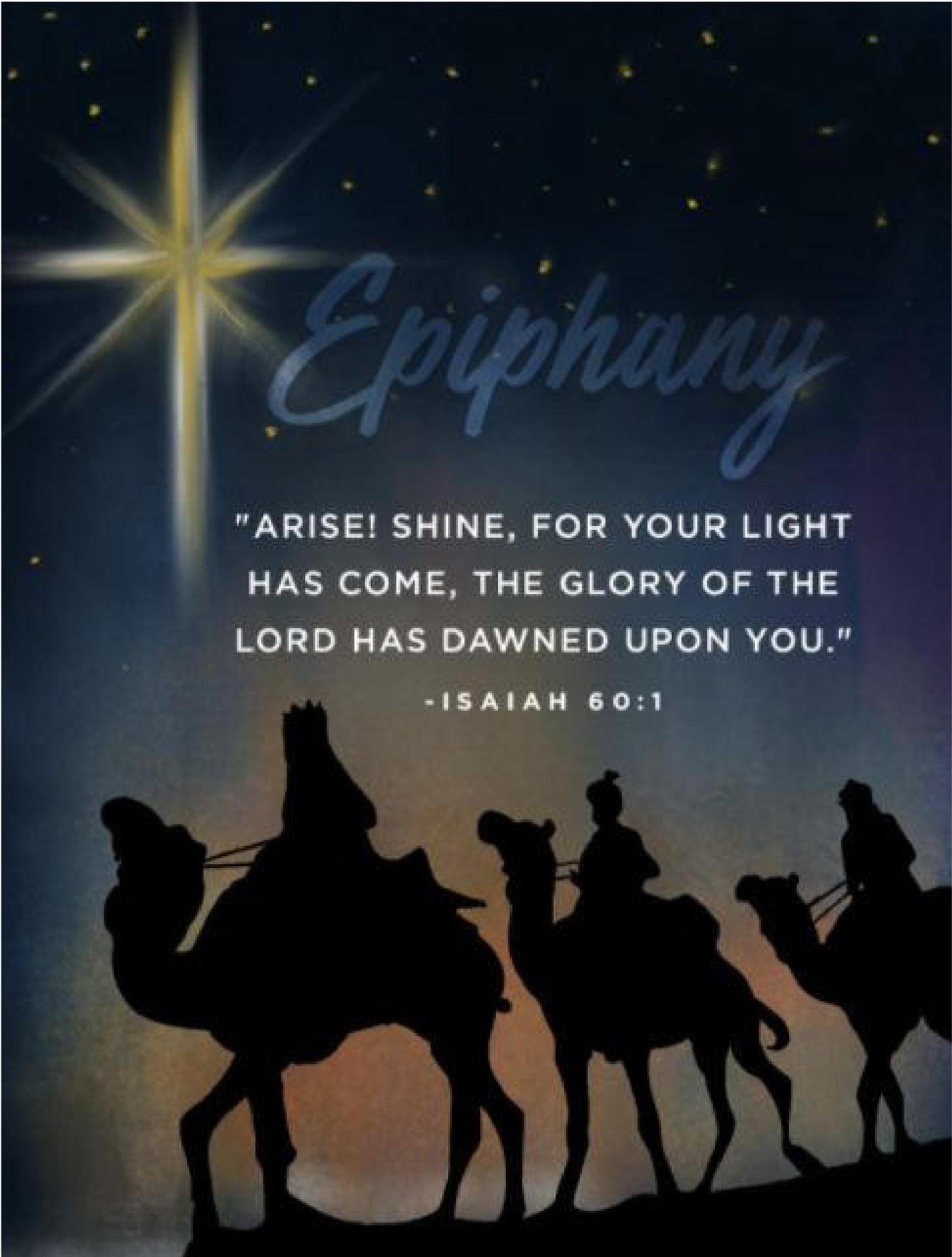
Get Well Prayers

Casey Maclear Aída Hernández
Maria Cotto & family Lindsey Mathiasmeier
David Johnson Nick K & Nicole H
Pam Ahlf Juliana Snyder Louis Zulli Jr.
George Andrew Davis, Jr.
Olga Piedad Hurtado Celeita

Please send your request to Prayers@stmarktampa.org

Dearly Departed

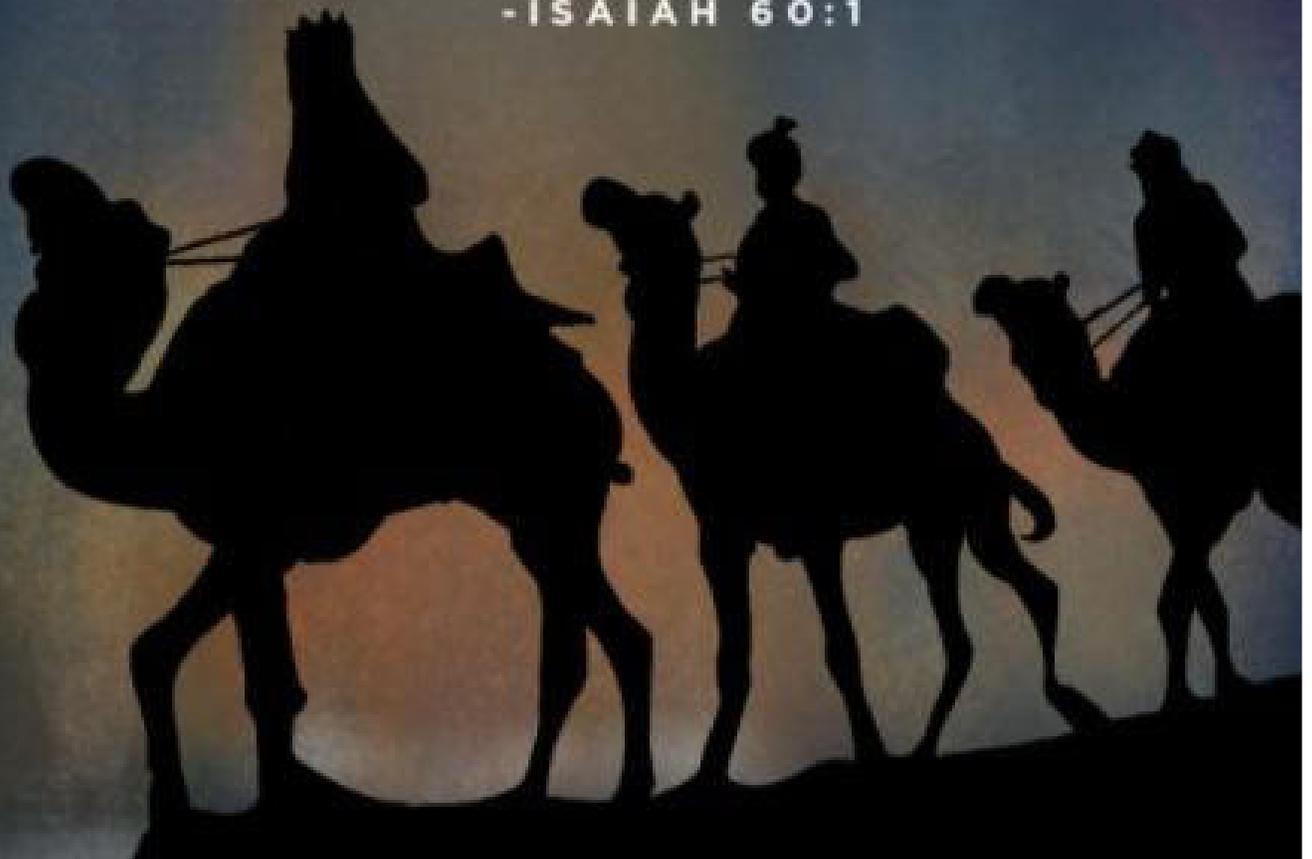
Joshua Miller
Amanda Mahon
Jim Depinet



Epiphany

"ARISE! SHINE, FOR YOUR LIGHT
HAS COME, THE GLORY OF THE
LORD HAS DAWNED UPON YOU."

- ISAIAH 60:1



Learn ~ Aprender

Deacon Jose Moronta

How the world experienced the first manifestation of God incarnated

We are celebrating the Solemnity of Epiphany, a Greek word meaning revelation or manifestation, used most often in ancient times to describe the king or ruler “showing himself” before the people of the nation.

Epiphany was originally an Eastern Church celebration. As the celebration moved westward, it took on the meaning of the revelation of Jesus to the Gentiles. The central point of this celebration is that God’s salvation is intended not only for the people of Israel, but for all people.

Epiphany is now celebrated as the 12th day of Christmas and its celebration seems to predate the celebration of Christmas itself. We see how God epiphanies Himself through Jesus. It is the people of God empowered with the gifts of the Holy Spirit who reveal the risen Christ to the world through acts of creation, love, healing, and liberation.

Today’s Gospel reading has been called “The Worship of the Magi”. They were wise men, astrologers. Originally the term designated the learned priestly caste of the Persians; later it came to mean anyone skilled in occult knowledge and power (magicians), or a charlatan or trickster. The word is not used in an abusive or derogatory sense here by Matthew and the mention of the star shows that they are wise men who study the stars. Nothing else is said about them. Since they are not Jews, they can be considered to be the very first gentiles to receive the call to salvation in Christ.

Matthew and Luke both have unique accounts of the conception and birth of Jesus and some of the incidents that followed the birth. Neither Mark nor John address this period in Jesus’ life. Matthew’s version is greatly affected by the use of Old Testament texts. The magi seek a king, and Herod consults the religious experts of Judaism to find out where they should look. Of this there is no doubt, they should look not in Jerusalem, but in Bethlehem – the city of David.

The prophets and the psalmists foretold that the kings of the earth would pay homage to God at the time of the Messiah (Isaiah 49:23). They would offer him their treasures (Isaiah 60:5-6) and adore Him (Psalm 72:10-15). Through the action of these wise men, these prophecies begin to be fulfilled; although there is no indication that these wise men were kings or emissaries of kings.

The gifts offered were those most valued in the East and have symbolic meanings: • Gold - A symbol of royalty and Jesus’ kingship • Frankincense - A symbol of Jesus’ divine priesthood • Myrrh - A burial spice and symbol of Jesus’ death to redeem us.

The fact that there were three gifts have lead to the assumption that they were three men. But the gospel text doesn’t bring any number. They may have been two, or even a dozen. We will never know, and don’t need this kind of information to be saved.

A not so spiritual tradition associated with the celebration of Epiphany

The 12th night is a familiar title of a Shakespearian play and comes from European heritage where 12th night parish parties are (or were) celebrated. These parties have carried over into the Mardi Gras tradition. During the party, at the appointed time, the king cake is brought out. Hidden in the cake are three beans or coins. Those who find the “prizes” are crowned kings or queens for the evening. While the “royalty” are being outfitted for their office, the Christmas tree is stripped of all ornaments (German Lutherans call this “plundering the tree”). The tree is removed from the room and saved for the Lenten season when it is stripped of its branches and made into a processional cross. Tradition also celebrates the arrival of the wise men at this time.

We of the Church are called to be an ever-unfolding epiphany of God’s love and power to the dark world seeking desperately for such epiphanies.



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.

Parish Office Hours

Monday 9am - noon
Tuesday & Wednesday 9am - 4pm
Thursday 9am - 8pm
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).

Weekend Mass Schedule

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

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
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 Mass on Saturday at 4pm then Drive- thru Communion from 5:15pm-5:30pm

**Receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist
around the Belltower Circle**

Wear your mask, Stay in your car, Receive in your hand, Consume immediately.

Church Hours

Monday 9am-1pm
Tuesday 8:30am - 4pm
Wednesday 8:30am - 8pm
Thursday 9am - 4pm
Friday 8:30am - noon

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

on
The First Wednesday
of each month.

in the Nave

(for Social Distancing)

following the 8:30am Daily Mass.

We will close with Benediction

at 7:00pm that evening



A Great Gift & Donate to St. Mark

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***Blessed Mary Shrine
and Rosary Garden***

Each 4x8 inch brick
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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
or vmainguy@stmarktampa.org

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 12:30pm (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.

And last - a link to our FREE Catholic "Netflix-type" resource: ***FORMED.org***

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

Message from the

Faith Formation And Youth Ministry

St. Mark Website:

For Children: Does your child miss those Weekly Gospel booklets that they normally get at Mass. Here is the link so you can print and they can work on them at home:
<https://stmarktampa.org/weekly-gospel-worksheets>

For Adults: Weekly Reflection by Deacon Jose: If you would like to reflect on the Sunday Gospel yourself here is a link to Deacon Jose's reflections: <https://stmarktampa.org/weekly-lectionary-reflection-by-deacon-jose>

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. Go to misslaura.youcanbook.me to schedule your sacrament meeting ONLY.

Have you felt the desire to become Catholic? or Do you know someone that would like to become Catholic? If you answered, Yes. Please contact our Director of Sacrament Prep, Laura Rivera. Meetings can be done in person or via Zoom. contact information: lriviera@stmarktampa.org

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

Adult Formation: Join us for our Advent Reflection series
REJOICE!



**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!

Canned Pasta

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

SvdP Thrift Store: 12310 N. Nebraska Ave in Tampa. (813) 977-7057.

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

Remember to Update Your Info!

ConnectNow | My Own Church

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.

Sanctuary Candle

Stop by the Parish Office to request your Sanctuary Candle.

In order to accommodate the requests of our many parishioners, we limit 1 Candle per family.

The cost is \$25.

Requests are on a first come availability basis.



Our Mass Intention Book is Here!

Stop by the Parish Office to request your Mass Intentions for 2021.

In order to accommodate the requests of our many parishioners, only four Mass Intentions per family will be allowed and only one of those can be a weekend mass.

The Mass Stipend is \$20.

Requests are on a first come availability basis.



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>



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- ◆ Seats Over 1,000 Theatre Style
- ◆ Wet Bar / Cafe & Reception Area
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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@TheVenetianTampa.com

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 - Monthly Financial Report

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

1st Week:

- * Operating Income
- * Operating Expenses

2nd Week:

- * Capital Campaign
- * Building Loan

3rd Week:

- Diocese of St. Petersburg
- * APA
- * Forward in Faith

4th Week:

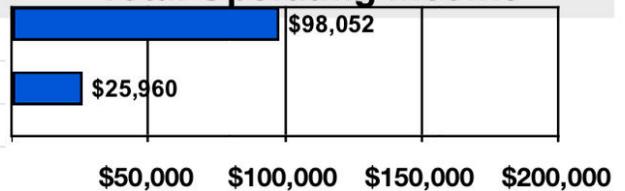
- * Monthly Summary
- * Current Initiatives
- * Interesting Facts

October 2020 - Operating Income & Operating Expenses

Operating Income

Offertory Revenue	\$98,052	79%
Other Operating Revenue	\$25,960	21%
Total Operating Income	\$124,012	100%

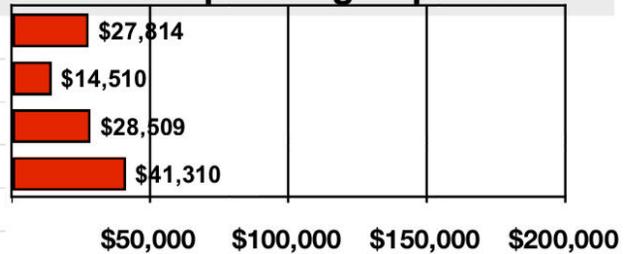
Total Operating Income



Operating Expenses

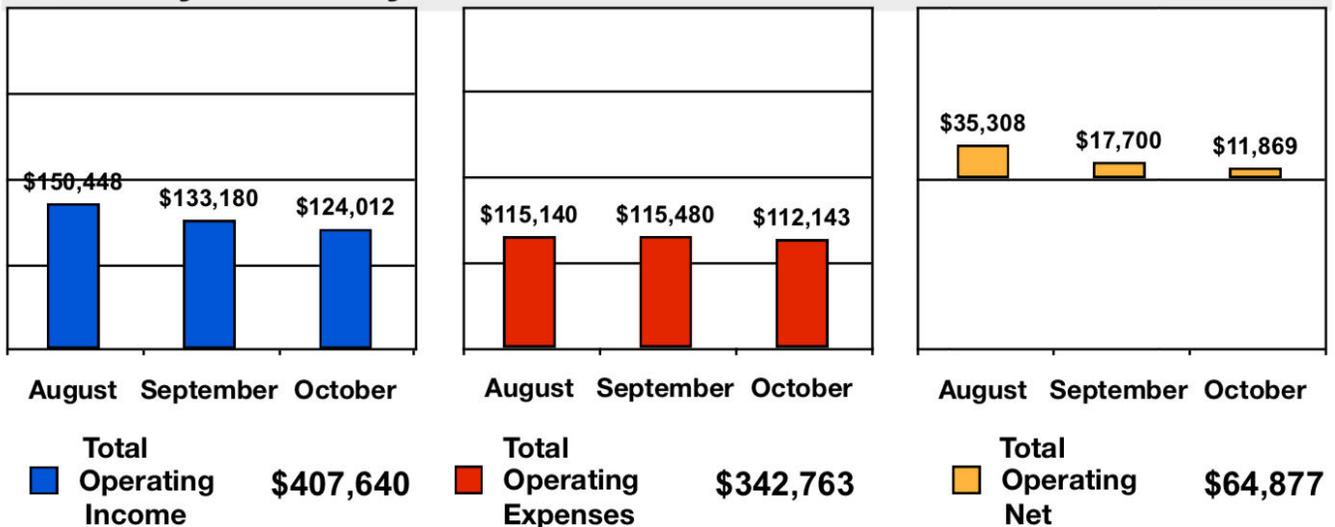
Pastoral, Worship & Music	\$27,814	25%
Faith Formation	\$14,510	13%
Administration	\$28,509	25%
Facilities & Operating Expenses	\$41,310	37%
Total Operating Expenses	\$112,143	100%

Total Operating Expenses



Operating Income - Expenses \$11,869

Quarterly Summary



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

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

