# ST. MARK the EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

### Our Mission

To invite all on our journey to:

Learn

Orar (Pray)

 $\operatorname{Gi}V_{e}$ 

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

**Our Parish Lenten Mission Begins This Weekend!!!** Sunday, February 21st at 7pm in the Nave!!! **Loving, Learning & Living Your Faith** With Radio Personality, Speaker, Author **Gus Lloyd** 

February 21st, 2021

1st Sunday of Lent

#### 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 9 AM - Noon
Tuesday & Wednesday 9 AM - 4 PM
Thursday: 9 AM - 8 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) 508-2735
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

#### 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.



www.facebook.com/stmarktampa



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



Plan to Attend
(In Person or via our FB or YouTube Livestreams)

Our 2021 St. Mark Parish Lenten Mission

February 21, 22 & 23 (Sunday, Monday & Tuesday Evenings) at 7pm (in the Nave)

**Presenting Gus Lloyd** 

Loving, Learning And Living Your Faith.

Session 1 - falling in love with our Catholic faith all over again.

Session 2 - why we believe what we believe.

Session 3 - taking our faith outside the doors of the church and into our families, workplaces and the world.

Gus was raised in the Catholic faith, attending Catholic grade school and then public high school. In his teen years, Gus fell away from the practice of his faith. After attending International Broadcasting School, Gus began a career in radio. He married his wife, Michelle, in 1980. Gus and Michelle are the parents of four children and have been blessed with two grandsons.

After five years in radio, Gus and his family moved to Florida. In 1984, after a near-drowning incident with their daughter, Gus and Michelle realized that they needed God in their lives. They began attending a non-denominational Bible church and grew in their love for the Lord. Soon after, they began to look into the Catholic Church. After much searching and study, both Gus and Michelle came to realize that the Catholic Church is the one true Church founded by Christ Jesus.

Gus became active in the Catholic Charismatic movement, and attended the Catholic School of Lay Evangelization, feeling a call to ministry. He produced an album of original Christian music. In 1992, he was asked to join the staff of WBVM, the Catholic radio station in Tampa, FL. He hosted a popular morning show there for nearly 13 years. In 2006, the Archdiocese of New York contacted Gus to host the morning show for **The Catholic Channel**, a new venture on Sirius Satellite Radio. He has been the host of **Seize the Day** since then. You can listen to Gus every weekday morning on Sirius XM 129.

For the past 20 years, Gus has been a popular speaker at conferences, retreats and parish missions. He speaks on apologetics, evangelization, men's issues, marriage issues and being a Catholic in the world today. Along with his daily radio show, which can be heard weekday mornings on Sirius XM 129. Gus published his first book in 2010, A Minute in the Church, a collection of one-minute Catholic apologetics teachings. His second book, Magnetic Christianity: Using Your God-given Gifts to Build the Kingdom, was released in February 2012. In 2013, Gus released A Minute in the Church Volume II One Minute Answers to Questions About the Catholic Faith, in September of 2015, A Minute in the Church: The Mass, in May 2015, A Minute in the Church: Life in Christ in January 2017 and his latest in the series A Minute in the Church: Back to the Basics, in October 2019. Nearly a million copies of the books in the A Minute in the Church series have been distributed around the world. He also writes his 60-Second Reflection, a daily meditation on the Scriptures. His Catholic Apologetics teachings, are available on CD or for download at www.guslloyd.com, have been heard all around the world.

#### **Mass Intentions**

MASS INTENTIONS: Mon February 22 through Sunday February 28

Mon. Feb.22	8:30 am	Kydal Metcalf (I)
		By Michael Marino
Tues. Feb. 23	8:30 am	Donald C. Holt (d)
		By Mary & Bill Navarra
Wed. Feb. 24	8:30 am	Vocations
Thurs. Feb. 25	Noon	Priscilla Blue (d)
		By the Blue Family
Fri., Feb. 26	8:30 am	Peter Luyen Tran (d)
		By Theresa Nguyen
Sat. Feb. 27	4:00 pm	Annie & Elliot Medina (d)
		By Carmencita Espada
Sun, Feb 28	8:30 am	Thomas Siedlarz (d)
		By Ray & Jane Siedlarz
	10:30 am	Joseph McCarthy (d)
		By the Blue Family
	12:30 pm	Christopher Migliore (d)
		By Maria & Luis Migliore
	5:30 pm	Parishioners of St. Mark

The Sanctuary Candle burns the week of February 22 in memory of Rosalie Panebianco.

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



St. Mark Winged Lion

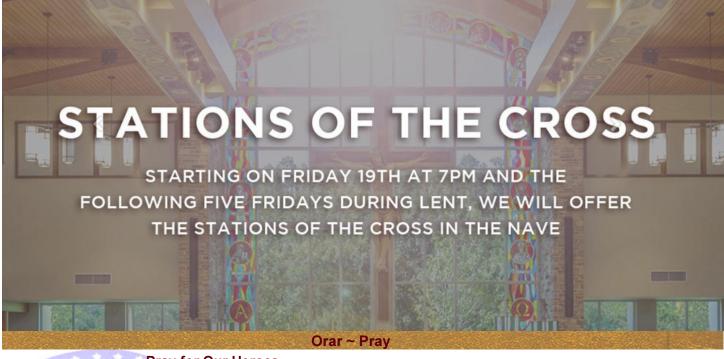
(as shown on front)
L.O.V.E

(on the back)

30oz Tumblers (Yeti-like Insulation)

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

\$25 each



#### **Pray for Our Heroes**



Nicholas Stiegler

\*No Photo

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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Yerandy Molina Merridith Morrison **Brandon Nidasio** Kyle Novac Ismael A. Olivo-Alvarez **Anthony Orcajo Christopher Parkes** Jorge A. Perez III James Phillips Paul Pita Pedro Rico **Daniel Sabarese** Nicholas Stiegler Tiffany Stiegler **Bobby Thomas** Ana Maria Vargas \*Camilo Andres Vargas Disney Velez Khiry White Daniel Woodard Steven Woodard Robert Woodards

Jacob Meier

#### **Get Well Prayers**

David Caporali Chester Garland Nick Piscitelli George Andrew David Jr. Domingo Martinez Juliana Snyder

#### **Dearly Departed**

Jim Furey

Please send your request to Prayers@stmarktampa.org

# Walk the Stations of the Cross Each Friday of Lent at 7pm In the Nave

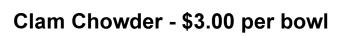
# Our Annual Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry is Back!!! But this year, in Drive-Thru / Take Out Format!

Every Friday from 5-8pm through Lent in our Parking Lot



Fish or Shrimp Dinners - \$10.00

Fish & Shrimp Combo Dinners - \$12.00





Additional Pieces of Fried Fish - \$5.00 (We think their fried fish rivals the famous "Hurricane" on St. Pete Beach!!)

In addition, The Columbiettes will provide desserts at \$2.00 each!
They will be safely portioned, store bought desserts
sold in individual containers.

#### !! CASH ONLY !!

**Grand Knight's Tip:** 

Buy a few additional pieces of Fried Fish for \$5 each for a great Fish Sandwich over the weekend!! Simply, heat your piece of fish in the microwave (or even better...in the air fryer!), split in two, add tartar sauce, tomato, onion and a piece of cheese to each half, place each piece on a toasted bun to make 2 hearty sandwiches that will put the Hurricane's Fried Fish Sandwich to shame...plus why drive all the way to St. Pete Beach when you can get all this deliciousness so close to home!!! Plus an added bonus...we even provide the tartar sauce...just ask for it!!

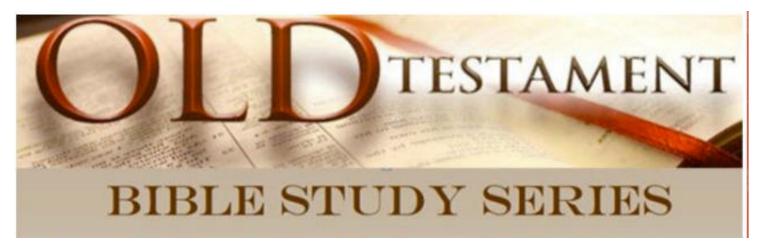
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Please join us:

Session 6: Tuesday March 2 Session 7: Tuesday March 23

Two options offered: Morning session 9:30-11 am

**OR** 

Evening session 7 – 8:30 pm

Participation in the first 5 sessions is not a requirement and should not keep you from joining any of these Sessions. All are welcome.

#### **ZOOM** link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86965751766?pwd=VWhzOXNKdExMYTdKc01oNXlubFM4QT09

Meeting ID: 869 6575 1766

**Passcode: 126603** 



#### A Great Gift & 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 or vmainguy@stmarktampa.org

## Learn ~ Aprender

**Deacon Jose Moronta** 

#### We begin a journey through the "Plan of Salvation"

In the season of Lent, we have a different outline for the Liturgy of the Word. In Ordinary Time the Gospel is chosen as a continuous thread of passages. This year, for example, we have been reflecting since the second Sunday in Ordinary Time until last week, on the version written by Mark, chapter 1.

When this happens, the First Reading is chosen among the texts of the Old Testament that will help to prepare for the gospel that will be proclaimed.

But in Lent, the choice of First Reading is made using a different approach. We are going to reflect during the five Sundays of Lent in what may be called, the "Plan of Salvation", unveiled by God after sin was introduced in the world and twisted his original plan of happiness for mankind. This Plan of Salvation should be seen as a series of coordinated events along the centuries that preceded the coming of Christ. It was necessary to go step by step as God was shaping humankind until the right moment when He would become man and dwell among us. Today, for example, we have a passage from the Book of Genesis.

This Book offers a substantial part of the beginning of GPS ("God's Salvation Plan"), as it records the creation of the world and our first parents, and the origin of sin; the history of mankind from the time of Noah; the Flood; the tower of Babel; the confusion of languages, and the division of the human race. The author then turns to Abraham, the father of the chosen people. Then follows the history of Abraham's son Isaac, of Esau's forfeiture of his birthright blessing, and the succession of Jacob. Jacob's fortunes are next related in detail. Lastly, the personal history of Joseph is told, and the migration of his father Jacob and his brethren into the land of Egypt. Then we'll have the story of Exodus, in another book this time. And from there, the history of Israel, their failures and recoveries, the preaching of prophets, etc. until the moment when John the Baptist preached and prepared the way to the Lord.

On this 1st Sunday in Lent, we look back to the covenant between God and Noah. In passing through the waters, Noah became aware of his relationship with God, and the rainbow became the sign of that covenant relationship.

This covenant, like all covenants, is perpetual – it has no time limit; and like all covenants, it also has associated with it blessings for obedience and curses for disobedience. The covenant is extended to all creation and although unilateral, initiated and instituted by God, it implicitly requires Noah and his descendants to obey (just as Noah and his family had done when they climbed aboard the ark). If they don't obey, they won't be flooded again, but other calamities (curses) will befall them. Because only mankind is made by God with a soul (made in God's image), only mankind who disobeyed in the original sin, is required to be obedient.

To help us offset the cost of our Lenten Mission please contribute to

www.DonateStMark.org.

Thank you all in advance for your genorosity & support!

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

Message from the

# Faith Formation And Youth Ministry

SPARC 2021: We have begun to plan our summer program for arts, religious education and culture. Mark your calendar for March 1 to sign up your 3rd-8th grader. The summer program runs June 7-11, June 14-17 8:30-3:30 with extended day available. Pricer per child \$150. Class size is limited to the first 20 children per grade. This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to complete the 2021-2022 faith formation year over the summer. More information to come.

#### **Summer Program for Families:**

Family Faith Summer Edition. Our popular family faith formation is having a summer edition. 2 weeks in the evening for parents and children to come together and learn about our faith. The dates: June 20-24 and July 18-23 (both weeks will need to be completed for this to "count" for the 21-22 faith formation year)

**Registration** for the 2021-2022 faith formation year will begin May 2nd

**Old Testament Study** with Kevin Fritz. 3/2 & 3/26 via Zoom. Go to our Adult Formation Page for the Zoom link information.

Have you always wanted to complete your initiation into the Catholic Church? Have you not received the Sacrament of Confirmation yet? Adult Confirmation Sessions for Spring begin on March 3. If interested, please make an appointment with Laura Rivera(Irivera@stmarktampa.org)

At our First Confirmation Retreat, our teens made blankets that will be donated to St. Joseph's hospital. (please add picture attached) Please pray for our teens who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.



# 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!

### **Chunky Soup**

drop off at the cart 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



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.

#### **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

## 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** 



#### **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.

#### **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 (per year).

The cost is \$25.



#### **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 (per year).

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

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Many parishioners enjoy the ease of our quick new

## **Donatestmark.org**

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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!

## **Tax Free Contribution Information**

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

A new law was passed on 12/15/2015 which may allow 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 may save \$1000 in taxes.

A WIN-WIN for both the church and the parishioner!

If your tax advisor agrees and you want to contribute from your 2021 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.