



ST. MARK *the* EVANGELIST

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Our Mission

To invite all
on our journey to:

Learn

Orar (Pray)

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Evangelize

All Are Welcome!

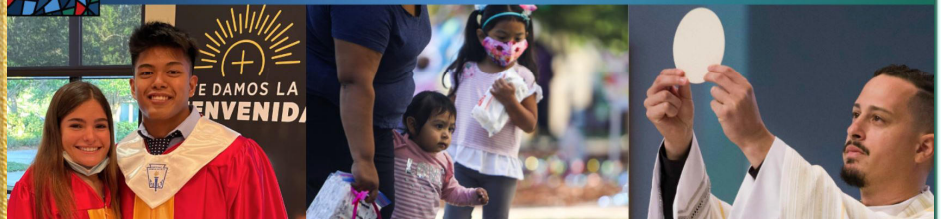
If you are a visitor,
we hope you will find our bulletin
to be a reflection of
our vibrant and
spirit filled parish,
and that you will consider
becoming part of our family!

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*



CATHOLIC MINISTRY *Appeal*



Together, through the Catholic Ministry Appeal, we respond to needs of our local communities and support Catholics throughout their lives. With your gift, you are nurturing spiritual life, embracing God's call to serve and accompanying missionary disciples in the Diocese of St. Petersburg. In the spirit of faith and mission, please consider making a commitment to the Catholic Ministry Appeal for the Diocese of St. Petersburg.

Your Gift Supports:

- + Catholic Schools
- + Marriage and Family Life
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- + Priest Retirement and Clergy Care
- + Faith Formation
- + Worship and Liturgical Celebrations
- + Seminarian Education and more!

To make a gift, visit:

GiveToMinistry.DOSP.org

January 23, 2022

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 5:30 PM
Sunday in Spanish: 12:30 PM
Monday* & Thursday: Noon
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 8:30 AM
*Mondays that fall on a holiday: 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

Church Hours

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
8 AM to 4 PM
Wednesday 8 AM - 8 PM
Friday 8 AM - Noon

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

Mon, Tues, Weds 9 AM - 4 PM
Thurs 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/calendar

Bulletin Submissions

Bulletin@stmarktampa.org
Weekly deadline: Tuesdays at 9 AM
the week prior to publication,
earlier holiday deadlines TBA

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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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.

Social Media



www.facebook.com/stmarktampa



www.instagram.com/StMarkLOVE

Donate / Support

Credit Card/Online: www.DonateStMark.org

Text to Give: 813-296-5116

To set up Recurring Automatic Donations: Contact
Joe Phillips at jphillips@stmarktampa.org or 813-907-7746 x 304

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

Mass Intentions

MASS INTENTIONS: Monday, January 24 through Sunday, January 30

Mon., January 24	Noon	Mr. & Mrs. John Sofilka (d) By Mike Sofilka
Tues., January 25	8:30 am	Mayra Lizeth Navarrete (d) By Silvia Valladares
Wed., January 26	8:30 am	Vocations
Thurs., January 27	Noon	Timothy Robert Clark (d) By the Cavanaugh Family
Fri., January 28	8:30 am	Philip Tritchler (d) By Diana Tritchler
Sat., January 29	4:00 pm	George Novac (d) By Lydia Piscitelli
Sun., January 30	8:30 am	Carmen Munoz (d) By Antonio Munoz
	10:30 am	Tony Calderon (d) By The Borelli Family
	12:30 pm	Rafael Araoz (d) By Leonor Berolo
	5:30 pm	Parishioners of St. Mark

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of Mayra Lizeth Navarrete
By Nidia Hernandez

DID YOU KNOW?

*Low gluten hosts are available
(0.001% gluten)
See Luther Ferris

*Our Monthly St. Mark Financial Information
can always be found on our website at

<https://stmarktampa.org/finances>

* You can reserve rooms for your
Ministry Meetings and Events at
roomschedule@stmarktampa.org

Enjoy the Daily Readings!
www.usccb.com/bible/readings

SPARC 2022 Registration begins on March 1!
Don't miss out on our Summer Intensive Program.
Dates: 6/6-6/9 & 6/13-6/16.
Two weeks of Arts, Religious Education and Culture.
Fee per child: \$150.
Please visit ffymregistration.youcanbook.me
to schedule an appointment to come in and register.
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Dates: 6/6-6/9 & 6/13-6/16.
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Orar ~ Pray

Pray for Our Heroes



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Brian Artienda	Jacob Meier
Ulio & Francisco Arocho	Yerandy Molina
*Christina Bennett	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	Nicholas Stiegler
Andrew Gephart	Tiffany Stiegler
Kevin Howell	Bobby Thomas
Samantha Howell	Ana Maria Vargas
*Bryan Hunt	*Camilo Andres Vargas
*Ryan Irwin	Disney Velez
Mark Kieweg	Khiry White
Harold La Rock	Daniel Woodard
Jason Larson	Steven Woodard
Robert Letzeisen Jr.	Robert Woodards
Jack Manning	

Get Well Prayers

David Caporali
Anna Dickerson
Marilyn Stewart
Jack Somerstein
Nora Catherine Kosmela
Nick and Nicole Kosmela
Deb Dempsey
Laura and Terry Lewis

Please send your request to Prayers@stmarktampa.org

www.DonateStMark.org

Text to Give: 813-296-5116

It is in Giving that we receive

Thank you ALL for your support through the pandemic
and your continual generosity!

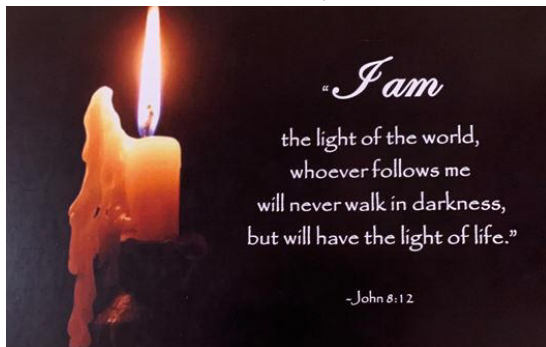
God Bless You!

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Sanctuary Candle

Stop by the Parish Office to request your
Sanctuary Candle. In order to accommodate
the requests of our many parishioners, we limit
one Candle per family. Requests are on a first
come availability basis.

The cost is \$25.

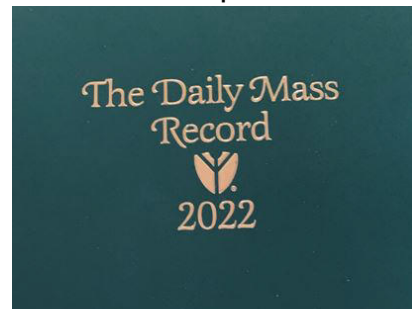


Mass Intentions are Available!

Stop by the Parish Office to request your Mass
Intentions for 2022. 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.

Requests are on a first come availability basis.

The Mass Stipend is \$20.



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Each 4x8 inch brick
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For more information or to purchase:

Contact Val at (813) 508-2735
or vmainguy@stmarktampa.org



Our Virtual Church Offerings

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 into your URL: either www.facebook.com/stmarktampa or www.youtube.com/stmarktampa.

Ways to Give:

Donate online to support St. Mark at donatestmark.org

Please Note: Drive Thru Communion has ended.

Additional Offerings:

Deacon Jose's weekly **Bilingual Liturgical Reflections**: Website.

Deacon Scott's holds a livestream **Morning & Evening Prayers** daily: Facebook - Deacon Scott Paine.

Abbot Isaac & the Benedictine Monks celebrating their **LIVESTREAMED Daily Mass at Noon each weekday**: Facebook - St. Leo Abbey.

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

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<http://thevenetiantampa.com>



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- ◆ Seats Up to 880 Banquet Style
- ◆ Seats Over 1,000 Theatre Style
- ◆ Wet Bar / Cafe & Reception Area
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- ◆ Piano Available
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- ◆ Tables Included
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- ◆ Shure Clear Audio and Components
- ◆ Your Choice of Caterers & Vendors
- ◆ Catering Staging Area



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

Learn ~ Aprender

Deacon Jose Moronta

When the Word of God was proclaimed in public for the first time

The first reading (from the book of Nehemiah) of this Sunday brings a narration of how after the Israelite returned from the exile in Babylon, the king and a priest offered a special gift to the People of God, when the Holy Scriptures were proclaimed “from daybreak till midday”. This has never happened before and produced a great emotional impact on the persons who were present at this historical event.

Flavius Josephus, an historian from the first century, recounts in the book ‘Antiquities of the Jews’, how the Jews showed Cyrus the text of the prophecy of Isaiah where Cyrus’ name appears (Isaiah 44:28; 45:1): “My will is, that Cyrus, whom I have appointed to be king over many and great nations, send back my people to their own land, and build my temple. This has been foretold by Isaiah one hundred and forty years before the temple was demolished. Accordingly, when Cyrus read this, and admired the divine power, an earnest desire and ambition seized upon him to fulfill what was to written; so he called for the most eminent Jews that were in Babylon, and said to them, that he gave them leave to go back to their own country, and to rebuild their city Jerusalem, and the temple of God, ... that they would contribute to them gold and silver for the building of the temple, and, beside that, beasts for their sacrifices.”

Cyrus was so impressed that he issued an edict permitting those who wished to do so to return to Jerusalem. Although the Jews returned immediately after the king’s decree and started rebuilding the city and the Temple, the building works were soon stopped due to fierce opposition from the Samaritans, so the Temple construction stopped for almost 20 years. Some time later, a devout king, Nehemiah, worked with Ezra, a priest, for the religious regeneration and reform of the community after the exile.

Today’s reading tells of Ezra’s reading of the Torah (the Law of Moses) to the people. The public proclamation of the sacred texts have never occurred before. This was part of the religious regeneration that the king and this priest promoted.

«Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly,... Standing at one end of the open place that was before the Water Gate, he read out of the book from daybreak till midday, in the presence of the men, the women, and those children old enough to understand; and all the people listened attentively to the book of the law...»

And a few lines later we have,

«...Then Nehemiah, that is, His Excellency, and Ezra the priest-scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people: “Today is holy to the Lord your God. Do not be sad, and do not weep” - for all the people were weeping as they heard the words of the law...»

They are weeping because they know how impossible it is to keep all the commands of the Law and how horrible are the curses for disobeying the covenant.

«...He said further: “Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared; for today is holy to our Lord...»

Share in a common meal. This appears to be a rite of renewal of the covenant. Covenants are sworn by sharing a common meal between the parties to the covenant.

All this makes us reflect on how our Catholic Mass replicates what happened on that glorious day. We have the Liturgy of the Word, to proclaim the Word of God and then we share a common meal, the Holy Communion, symbol of the New Covenant in Jesus Christ.

St. Mark Column



The Gold Olive Tree, represents the tree, in the Garden of Gethsemane, under which, Jesus prayed, calling out: "Abba", as if a child, to His beloved Father. Yet, fully knowing, that he would soon rise to make the greatest sacrifice of all time: shedding His blood to save mankind, and providing an opportunity for eternal life. A third of St. Mark's gospel is focused on the last week in Jesus's life.

The olives, from the precious olive trees, provide the sacred oils used for the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and in the oils of the sick.

The gold, itself, directs us to the familiar gold leaves present within our own, Saint Mark, sanctuary. The olives and leaves are gold, indicating the magnificent sacramental gifts that Jesus, Himself, has provided for our salvation. Since Saint Mark is designated our particular Evangelist, this tree is dedicated to the parishioners, who are and will be blessed, to use these gifts, and nurture their faith within these walls



The Winged Lion, is a symbol of magnificence, power, nobility, and courage. It represents The Resurrection of Christ" and the characteristics of His Gospel. "It is the voice of one who cries in the wilderness." Wings are a symbol of divinity; the divine nature of Christ and the virtues required for Christian salvation.

Saint Mark, whose name means: "The little Hammer", was converted to the faith by St. Peter, according to St. Bede. After Christ's Resurrection, Mark became a disciple and an interpreter for St. Peter. He began to evangelize with Paul and Barnabas, his cousin. On their first missionary trip together, Mark left early and returned to Jerusalem, claiming that the work was too difficult. Paul was not happy with Mark's lack of dedication. On the next trip, Barnabas encouraged Mark to join them again, against Paul's better judgment. So, it was, his cousin, Barnabas, who took Mark, under his wing, to become a better disciple. Later, Mark preached all over Egypt for about twelve years. It was in this city that he set up The Catechetical School of Alexandria, which became very famous. And he was eventually appointed Bishop of that city. Mark performed many miracles, converting people everywhere he traveled. Then, at one point in Mark's life, he had to flee from Alexandria, because of the persecutions, and returned to Rome.

Later, he returned to Alexandria, and after some time was seized by the heathens during the feast of the god Serapis. (Serapis was a combination of the Greek god Zeus, the Egyptian gods, Amun and Osiris, and the sacred Egyptian, Apis the bull.) His attackers, dragged St. Mark, over the ground all day, and all night for two days. He was then, thrown into prison. It is said that he was consoled by angels and by the voice of God before he died. His body is preserved in Venice and St. Mark Basilica is dedicated to him.

Mark is the patron saint of notaries, barristers, captives, and stained glass workers. His feast day is 4/25. Mark's Gospel is the shortest of all four gospels, only sixteen chapters. It is said, that Mark wrote his Gospel in Italy. And, it is likely that St. Peter, was the source of Mark's information since Mark never met Jesus. The Roman people begged St. Mark to put into writing the accounts of Peter's frequent talks on Our Lord's life. He wrote the second Gospel in Greek for the Gentile converts to Christianity. In his Gospel, Mark bypasses Jesus' genealogy and the birth of Jesus. Mark is more interested in the Jordan River, where John the Baptist is baptizing people. He writes the words of John the Baptist: "Someone is coming soon who is greater than I am. I baptize you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit!" "Come follow me and I will show you how to fish for people" Mark 1:17.

By skipping a lot of Jesus' story, Mark, makes it sound as though Jesus starts picking his disciples even before he begins teaching and healing. Not true. Mark makes it seem as though Simon, Andrew, James, and John while fishing along the Sea of Galilee, were all waiting for a chance to quit their jobs. But in reality, they can't seem to refuse. Mark 1:18 "Come follow me and I will show you how to fish for people" Mark 1:1)

He appears to be writing to the Gentile audience. Mark was careful to translate Jewish terms and customs into Roman equivalents. The miracles of Jesus captivated Mark's attention. Of the thirty-seven miracles recorded in all four Gospels, Mark recorded the most.

The suffering of Jesus is a major emphasis in Mark's gospel. A third of Mark's book is on the last week of Jesus' life, which is called "Passion Week".



The Biblical Scroll, Almost everywhere in the Old Testament, where we encounter the word "book", we should be thinking scroll. It is a long, sewn together, series of written sheets of leather or parchment; or a thick primitive paper made from reeds. A black, thin, writing tool, such as the one seen on Mark's scroll, was thought to have been used, to write some of the gospel. Within the scroll lies the Ichthys, a symbol of a fish, used secretly by persecuted Christians. It is imprinted with the words: "Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior." The teachings found upon these scrolls are the pillars of our Christian lives and the road to eternal life.

Joshua was told by God: "Never! stop reciting these teachings. You must think about them night and day, so that you will faithfully do everything written in them. Only then, will you prosper and succeed."



The "Color, Royal Blue", represents the "Healing Power of God", "The Word of God". It is a symbol of "Hope". And the color blue has throughout our Catholic history, represented the "Virgin Mary", as Empress or Queen of Heaven"

Young Adult

Ministry

St Mark Young Adults

are meeting every Tuesday 6:30pm-8pm!

**If you are a young adult between the age
of 18 (and graduated high school) and 30,
you are invited to get involved!!!**

**There will be many ways to get involved
for a variety of gatherings,
join a small group
(bible study, book study or other faith related study)
and grow in discipleship.**

Young Adults Schedule

**January
11th, 18th and 25th**

**February
8th, 15th, and 22nd**

For more information, please email youngadult@stmarktampa.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY

We are continuing with our
Youth Ministry Programs
for

High School and Middle School students!!!

Come and be part of the fun,
as we share our faith together:
Wednesdays for grades 6th-8th
and
Sundays for grades 9th - 12th.

Middle School Schedule
Wednesdays 6:30pm-8pm

January 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th
February 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd.

High School Schedule
Sundays 6:30pm-8:15pm

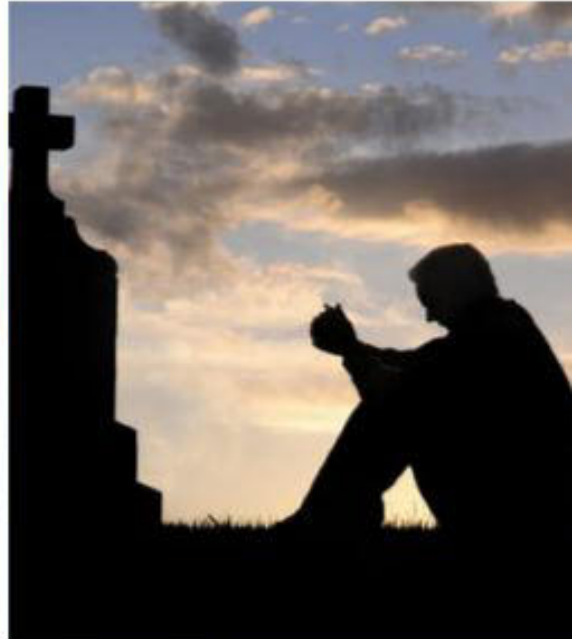
January 9th, 23rd, 30th
February 6th, 13th, 27th

For more information and registrations or If you have any questions
please email youthprograms@stmarktampa.org.

Grief Ministry

Grieving the loss of a loved one? (or do you know someone who is??)

He consoles us in all our afflictions and thereby enables us to console others in their tribulations, offering them the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. (2 Corinthians 1:4)



We understand that your life has changed forever.

We are here for you and to walk with you during these difficult times.

Come for support and encouragement.

When: January 11th and 25th

February 8th and 22nd

March 8th and 22nd

Where: Venetian Rooms Mark 1&2

Time: 6:30pm - 8:00p

For more information: Please contact Deacon Hector at deaconhector@stmarktampa.org

"Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about [what happens] to you." 1 Peter 5:7 (NLT)



A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS

UNDERSTANDING WHAT WE SAY AND DO IN THE LITURGY



St. Mark Adult Formation & Enrichment Team

Presents

5 week Bible study

Sign up via online at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A4BACAD2EA5F58-biblical>

Or after Masses the weekend of February 5th & 6th

Dates: 3/1, 3/8, 3/22, 3/29 & 4/5

Cost: FREE

Check out the Preview at:

https://youtu.be/Du_7GGoRZXs

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FRI. Jan. 28, 2022
Bowling, AMF University Lanes,
11:00 AM
Contact Tom Bennett, 813-205-5303
or TomBennett83@hotmail.com

THUR. Feb. 3, 2022
Card Social at St. Mark, 11:00 -
3:00 PM
Contact Elaine King, 813-388-9196
or eking@ptd.net

FRI. Feb. 4, 2022
First Friday Mass at St. Mark, 8:30
AM

MON. Feb. 7, 2022
Miniature Golf at Plantations Palms
Golf Club, 11:00 AM
Contact Paulette Nardelli, 843-540-
5571 or pnardelli51@gmail.com

WED. Feb. 9, 2022
SMARTS Mtg at Venetian, 11:00
AM
Contact Bob Stucker, 813-783-3507
or rjstucker@verizon.net

FRI. 11, 2022
Bowling, AMF University Lanes,
11:00 AM
Contact Tom Bennett, 813-205-5303
or TomBennett83@hotmail.com

WED. Feb. 16, 2022
Game Day at Venetian, 11:00 – 2:30
PM
Contact Fran Sigle, 813-760-5522 or
dale.fran@verizon.net or
Linda Klecar 813-395-2325 or
rklecar@tampaBay.rr.com



**Our Food Pantry
Is open for those in need!**

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

Please help stock our Food Pantry!

Canned Pasta

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:
&
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.

Remember to Update Your Info!



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your personal information & receive
contribution statements electronically.

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Click on **AMAZON SMILE** at the bottom of our website homepage
www.stmarktampa.org
to support St. Mark while you do your online shopping.

We get a percentage of all sales purchased through the link

A great way to support St. Mark at no cost to you!



Thursday, Feb. 10, 2022
 Our Lady of the Rosary Parish
 7:00 p.m.
 2348 Collier Parkway
 Land O'Lakes

Journeying Together



For a synodal Church
 communion | participation | mission

"We are called to discern
 how the Holy Spirit
 is speaking to us and
 to the Church."

-Bishop Gregory Parkes



JourneyingTogether.org

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.