



# ST. MARK *the* EVANGELIST

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

### *Our Mission*

To invite all  
on our journey to:

**L**earn  
**O**rar (Pray)  
**G**i**V**e  
**E**vangelize

### *All Are Welcome!*

If you are a visitor,  
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](http://www.stmarktampa.org/join)  
or call the Parish Office at  
813-907-7746.

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



**September 4, 2022**

**23rd 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

### SUMMER SCHEDULE

Mon through Thurs 9 AM - 4 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](http://www.stmarktampa.org)  
Email: [info@stmarktampa.org](mailto:info@stmarktampa.org)

Venetian Rental Info: (813) 508-2735

### Events Calendar and Tickets

[www.stmarktampa.org/calendar](http://www.stmarktampa.org/calendar)

### Bulletin Submissions

[Bulletin@stmarktampa.org](mailto: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](http://www.stmarktampa.org/ministries)

Or contact our Ministry Coordinator at  
[mstrickland@stmarktampa.org](mailto:mstrickland@stmarktampa.org)

## Sign Up Now! [www.FORMED.org](http://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](http://www.stmarktampa.org/our-deanery).

## Social Media



[www.facebook.com/stmarktampa](http://www.facebook.com/stmarktampa)



[www.instagram.com/StMarkLOVE](http://www.instagram.com/StMarkLOVE)

## Donate / Support

Credit Card/Online: [www.DonateStMark.org](http://www.DonateStMark.org)

Text to Give: 813-296-5116

To set up Recurring Automatic Donations: Contact  
Joe Phillips at [jphillips@stmarktampa.org](mailto: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](http://stmarktampa.org/baptism).

### Marriage

Couples planning their marriage should call  
(813) 907-7746 ext. 317 at least six months  
prior to their wedding date in order to complete  
their pre-marital assessment, discernment,  
and marriage preparation enrichment.  
For info go to: [stmarktampa.org/marriage](http://stmarktampa.org/marriage).

### RCIA

Adults, older children, or teens who have not  
been baptized, or have been baptized in another  
Christian Community, who desire to enter into  
full communion with the Catholic Church,  
please call (813) 907-7746 ext. 317.  
For info go to: [stmarktampa.org/RCIA](http://stmarktampa.org/RCIA)

### First Communion & Confirmation

Adults who have been baptized, but have not  
received their First Communion and/or Confirmation,  
should call (813) 907-7746 ext. 317.

Children and Teens: Students must attend  
two consecutive years. Preparation in the parish  
is necessary for the sacraments  
(even for those at parochial schools).  
Brochures and forms can be picked up at the  
Parish Office or found online at:  
[stmarktampa.org/communion](http://stmarktampa.org/communion) or  
[stmarktampa.org/confirmation-1](http://stmarktampa.org/confirmation-1)

## Mass Intentions

### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 5 through Sunday, September 11

Mon., September 5	8:30 am	Carl & Beverly Estell (d) By Ann Pianka
Tues., September 6	8:30 am	Patrick K. Murray (d) By The Novac Family
Wed., September 7	8:30 am	Vocations
Thurs., September 8	Noon	Nancy Pagua (I) By Rowena Pagua Mendoza
Fri., September 9	8:30 am	Vincent Caputo (d) By the Barnard, Fiorillo & Tucci Families
Sat., September 10	4:00 pm	Fred Rodgers (d) By Mary Ann Horvath
Sun., September 11	8:30 am	Parishioners of St. Mark
	10:30 am	9/11 First Responders By the Knights of Columbus
	12:30 pm	Jose Bonilla (I) By Yubiri Paradas
	5:30 pm	Geraldine Schmitt (d) By Frances Kelliher

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of Fran Vegliante Jr.  
By the Vegliante Family

## 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](mailto:roomschedule@stmarktampa.org)

Enjoy the Daily Readings!  
[www.usccb.com/bible/readings](http://www.usccb.com/bible/readings)

# Save the Date for the St. Mark Parish Adult Christmas Party All are welcome! Saturday, December 10 in The Venetian

## Orar ~ Pray

### Pray for Our Heroes



**Paul Pita**

\* No Photo

Brian Artienda  
Ulio & Francisco Arocho  
Christina Bennett  
Morgan Boruty  
\*Stephen Brown  
Tanya Buckley  
\*Ron Caputo  
Neal Cheramie  
Ryan Clisset  
Adrian A. Cruz  
Tyler Emerick  
\*Jorge Farchakh  
Christopher A. Garcia  
\*Ian Garia  
Olivia Faith Giarrizzo  
Andrew Gephart  
Kevin Howell  
Samantha Howell  
\*Bryan Hunt  
\*Ryan Irwin  
Mark Kieweg  
Harold La Rock  
Jason Larson  
Leticia Larson

Robert Letzeisen Jr.  
Jack Manning  
Jacob Meier  
Yerandy Molina  
Merridith Morrison  
Brandon Nidasio  
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

### Get Well Prayers

**Eric Young**  
**Paul Muller**  
**Michael John Hemrich**  
**Raymond Pettrey**  
**Bob Russo**  
**Linda DiFelice**

Please send your request to [Prayers@stmarktampa.org](mailto:Prayers@stmarktampa.org)

### Dearly Departed

**Guido Fernandes**

## *An invitation to join the Altar Server Ministry*

Children and teens who have received First Communion are welcome to serve as Altar Servers at our weekend English Masses - Saturday 4 pm and Sunday 8:30 and 10:30 am, 5:30 pm



Offer Jesus your hands, your thoughts,  
and your time, and he will not fail to reward you.

Pope Francis, Message to the Altar Servers of Portugal  
May 1, 2021

Altar servers are an essential ministry in the service of the Priest and Deacon during the celebration of the Mass. It is a privilege to serve in this ministry and requires commitment and dedication. Becoming an Altar Server is an amazing way for our youth to get actively involved at St Mark!

### **NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING**

Choose one date only to participate in the training and go to [www.stmarktampa.org/altarservers](http://www.stmarktampa.org/altarservers) and click on the SignUpGenius registration link provided.

### **IN THE CHURCH FROM 6 TO 8 PM**

Monday September 12

OR Tuesday September 13

OR Wednesday September 14

To ensure hands-on practice each session is limited to 6 participants.

If you have any questions or difficulty registering contact Kevin Fritz at:  
[leader-altarservers@stmarktampa.org](mailto:leader-altarservers@stmarktampa.org)

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### **#PRAY FOR BISHOP PARKES**

**Lord Jesus, Bless Bishop Parkes with good health and healing, today and always,  
Amen.**

**“Grateful For Your Prayers”**



## *Faith and Fellowship*

This fall, reap the abundance of the fruits of fellowship by sharing your faith and gathering in a small group either in person or via zoom to reflect on the Sunday Gospel.

Groups begin the week of  
October 2nd, 2022

\*if you have questions please email:  
[Leader-FaithandFellowship@stmarktampa.org](mailto:Leader-FaithandFellowship@stmarktampa.org)



For 6 weeks during Ordinary Time, you will:

- Gather with a fellowship community of 6-10 people
- Read the Gospel together
- Break open how the Gospel personally speaks to you
- Share time with each other

**Sign up this weekend  
after Sunday Mass!**

**This is your opportunity  
to connect personally or via Zoom in a small group  
to grow in your faith  
by reflecting on the Sunday Gospel.**

## **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:***

*Tuesday  
September 6, 2022*

***Where:***

*In the Church*

***Time:***

*6:30pm - 8pm*

*For more info,  
please contact*

*Deacon Hector  
deaconhector  
@stmarktampa.org*

# Learn ~ Aprender

Deacon Jose Moronta

## The Book of Wisdom in our First Reading today.

The Book of Wisdom can be found only in Catholic Bibles. (Because it was written after 400 B.C. and in Greek, the Book of Wisdom was not in the Hebrew canon of Scripture, and Protestants decided to remove it from the Bible 15 centuries after Jesus Christ.). This book is unique in the Bible as being the product of a Jewish man with a Greek frame of mind, thoroughly familiar with Greek culture, writing probably at Alexandria in about 50 B.C. This might be the last book written in the Old Testament, before the first coming of Jesus Christ,.

Against the background of Egyptian worship of animals and mockery of Jewish trust in God, the author devotes much of the first part of the book to the ineffectiveness of such mockery when God has promised immortality to those who remain faithful. Using Greek modes of thought, he is the first to express the hope of after-life in terms of immortality of the individual soul.

At times he speaks in the person of Solomon, placing his teachings on the lips of the wise king of Hebrew tradition in order to emphasize their value. His profound knowledge of the earlier Old Testament writings is reflected in almost every line of the book. Its contents show the religious devotion and learning of post-exilic Judaism.

There's a section in which we read a praise of Wisdom. This reaches its high point in the descriptions of Wisdom as God's own power at work in the world. The third section of the book is devoted to a rather flowery history, concentrating chiefly on the ineffective opposition of the Egyptians to God's people at the time of the Exodus. Using Jewish legends and other amplification of the biblical account, the author points a contrast between the wonders God worked for Israel and the adverse effect of the same wonders on the Egyptians, constantly stressing the folly of Egyptian worship of animals and idols.

Perhaps the single-most important contribution of the book consists in its reflections on Wisdom, and especially the personification of Wisdom as God's agent in the world. With this, the ground is prepared for the understanding of Jesus as the incarnate Wisdom of God. It is also valuable to see Judaism beyond the frontiers of Palestine, at grips with the varied worship of the Greco-Roman world, and to see it developing such ideas as that of the individual as a child of God.

Today we hear the conclusion of Solomon's prayer for Wisdom:

«...And scarce do we guess the things on earth, and what is within our grasp we find with difficulty; but when things are in heaven, who can search them out? Or who ever knew your counsel, except you had given Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from on high?...»

Here, Wisdom is identified with the spirit of the Lord and becomes the internal principle of physical and moral life. Wisdom is presented as a personification of the functions of Yahweh and was understood as an effect of the spirit of God on human beings.

Why does our church have a Chapel for Reconciliation?

Reconciliation is not the same as an apology. Reconciliation means acceptance of the apology and takes two people. Reconciliation requires change. This transformation is a lifelong journey to discover what God truly wants us to do with this gift of his presence in our lives. One place for this journey is the Chapel for Reconciliation.

We need a space of intimacy that allows penitents to bare our souls. This is not a public space. It is a private, personal space between penitent and the minister of the sacrament who both come before God as forgiven sinners. It should feel like we are coming home, the kind of feeling that makes us realize a sense of security.

The chapel is open into the worship space as a sign of our reconciliation with the altar table and the gathering of people in the church. Its location next to the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and near the Baptistry is highly symbolic.

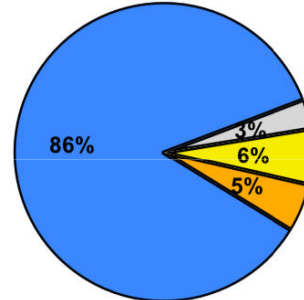
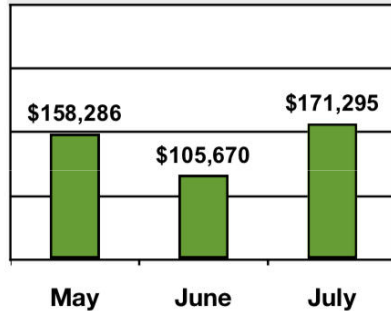
The chapel provides an opportunity for anonymity, by celebrating this sacrament through a screen. The screen is for privacy, not a barrier. Reconciliation is about our relationship with the Lord represented by the person on the other side of the screen, a priest.

The Reconciliation Chapel has been designed as a space conducive for the realization of the indwelling of God. When we feel good about the space around us and comfortable, even pampered, in the chair, it aids our sense of worthiness. The feeling of worthiness fosters courage to accept God's forgiveness, to forgive ourselves, to live in peace with those around us, and to work on behalf of the marginalized and abandoned.

# Financial Update

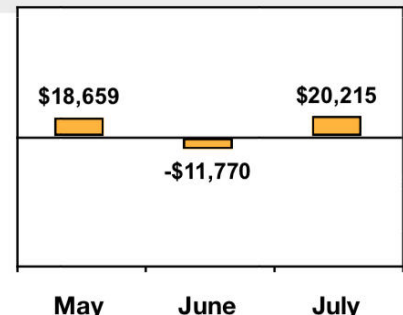
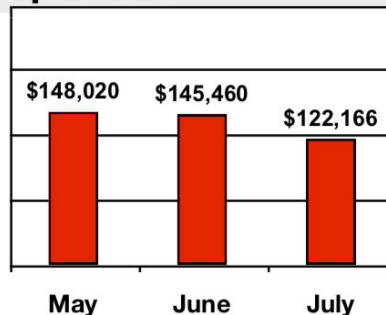
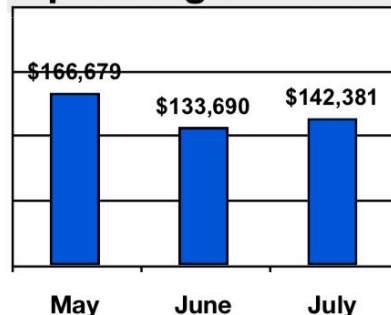
## Quarterly Summary as of July 2022

### Collection



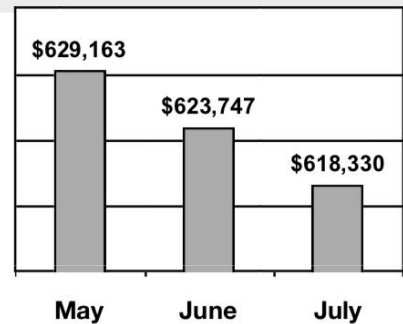
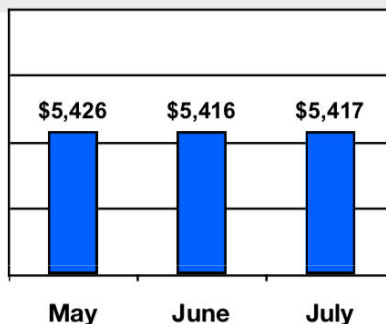
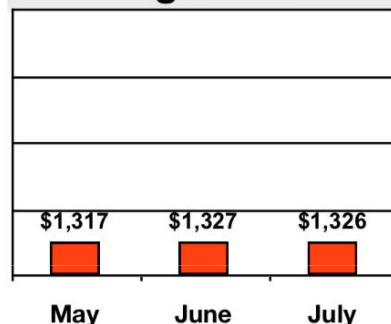
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\$435,251	\$372,157	\$13,918	\$26,473	\$22,703

### Operating Income & Expenses



<span style="color: blue;">■</span> Total Operating Income	<span style="color: red;">■</span> Total Operating Expenses	<span style="color: orange;">■</span> Total Operating Net
\$442,750	\$415,646	\$27,104

### Building Loan



<span style="color: red;">■</span> Total Interest Paid	<span style="color: blue;">■</span> Total Principal Paid	<span style="color: gray;">■</span> Loan Balance
\$3,970	\$16,259	\$618,330

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

**St. Mark Land Cost Loan :** Diocese of St. Petersburg purchased the St. Mark land for \$1,053,016.

As soon as the building loan is paid off in full, the \$1,053,016 turns into an active loan requiring payment.

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



**FRI. Sep. 9, 2022**

Bowling, AMF University Lanes  
11:00 AM

Second & Fourth Friday  
Contact Tom Bennett

813-205-5303 or

[TomBennett83@hotmail.com](mailto:TomBennett83@hotmail.com)

All those interested in joining SMARTS are always welcome. SMARTS Meetings are held at The Venetian, 11:00 AM Second Wednesday of the month. Contact Bob Stucker 813-783-3507 or [rjstucker@verizon.net](mailto:rjstucker@verizon.net)



Our Choir is always looking for more lovely voices and now specifically, we are in need of a **HIGH SCHOOL TRUMPET PLAYER.**

If you are interested, please see John Paul at the organ for more information.



**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!**

**1 lb. Box Spaghetti & Canned Sauce**

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](http://www.stmarktampa.org/FoodPantrySchedule) to check the schedule for vacant dates & send an email to: [smpantry@gmail.com](mailto:smpantry@gmail.com) with the vacant date(s) you would like to volunteer.

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

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 813-508-2735 or [vmainguy@stmarktampa.org](mailto:vmainguy@stmarktampa.org)

**At the bottom of our website  
[www.StMarkTampa.org](http://www.StMarkTampa.org) - Click on**

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**You shop. Amazon gives.**

**to support St. Mark while you do all your online shopping!**

***ENJOY THE LAST FEW WEEKS OF SUMMER***  
***AND***  
***YOUR LABOR DAY WEEKEND.***  
***WE WILL POST OUR FALL OFFICE HOURS SOON.***



## **DIVINE MERCY CENACLES**

(SMALL FAITH SHARING GROUPS) have resumed.

Come join us as we once again delve more deeply into the writings of St. Faustina and the messages Jesus gave to her regarding the Eucharist and the message of God's great love and mercy. Cenacles are held the 2nd and 4th weeks of each month. Cenacles (English) meet on Tuesdays at 9:30 and Thursdays at 1:30 in the St. Michael classroom located in the Church. For more information, please contact the Divine Mercy Ministry at [leader-divinemercy@stmarktampa.org](mailto:leader-divinemercy@stmarktampa.org)

### **CENACULO DE LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA EN ESPANOL.**

Te invitamos a unirte a nosotros, somos fieles que nos reunimos los miércoles a las 7 pm de la segunda y la cuarta semana de cada mes, para profundizar los mensajes de Jesús a Santa Faustina sobre el amor y la misericordia. ¡Te esperamos!

Para ingresar a la reunión, por zoom el Meeting ID es : 8139077746 y el password es: Mercy

Para información, por favor escribir a:  
[leader-divinemercy@stmarktampa.org](mailto:leader-divinemercy@stmarktampa.org)



## ST. MARK YOUTH PROGRAMS KICKOFF

High School - September 11  
3:15pm to 5:15pm  
(attending 5:30pm Mass afterwards)

Middle School – September 14  
6:30pm to 8:30pm

# ALWAYS FORWARD



# EDGE

Catholic Middle School Ministry



# LIFE TEEN

Leading Teens Closer to Christ

High School Youth Program – Grades 9-12



The North Tampa Catholic Young Adult Ministry is for young adults (ages 21-39) desiring to journey together in a faith-filled community!

This ministry is a collaborative effort with Our Lady of the Rosary and St. Mark.

This young adult ministry meets every other Wednesday at 7pm.

The first Wednesday meeting of the month will be held at Our Lady of the Rosary.

The second Wednesday meeting of the month will be held at St. Mark.

For more information, please email [youngadult@stmarktampa.org](mailto:youngadult@stmarktampa.org)

# REGISTER NOW!

## FAITH FORMATION 2022-2023

Faith Formation classes start Sunday, September 11th!

If you are registered, you will be receiving information by email about parent meetings and the class schedule for the year.

Need to register a child or youth?  
Make an appointment at [ffmregistration.youcanbook.me](https://ffmregistration.youcanbook.me)

Would you like to be a part of the faith journey of our children, youth and families?  
We are looking for catechists, catechist assistants, youth core team members, and volunteers to support our various programs.

Please contact Deacon Scott ([deaconscoott@stmarktampa.org](mailto:deaconscoott@stmarktampa.org) or 813-907-7746 x317) for more information.



The Cursillo Movement in Spanish, wants to give thanks to Rev. Richard Jankowski for all his support and for the blessing of Father Eduardo Chinchá into our St. Mark family.

# Our Virtual Church Offerings

[www.stmarktampa.org](http://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](http://www.facebook.com/stmarktampa) or [www.youtube.com/stmarktampa](http://www.youtube.com/stmarktampa).

## Ways to Give:

Donate online to support St. Mark at [donatestmark.org](http://donatestmark.org)

**Please Note:** Drive Thru Communion has ended.

## Additional Offerings:

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

Deacon Scott 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**

# 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
- ◆ Outdoor Event Space available on our Terrace
- ◆ Piano Available
- ◆ Adjustable Lighting and Room Darkening Shades
- ◆ Tables 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 or text 813-508-2735

**Text to Give: 813-296-5116**

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

## Traditional Envelopes

Text to Give: 813-296-5116

To set up Recurring Automatic Credit Card Donations:  
Contact Joe Phillips at [jphillips@stmarktampa.org](mailto:jphillips@stmarktampa.org) or 813-907-7746 x 304

The image shows a close-up, high-angle view of the Memorial Walk. The tiles are arranged in a grid, and the names are inscribed in a clear, sans-serif font. A large, light-colored cross is visible in the upper left corner, marking the site of the World Trade Center. The tiles are arranged in a grid pattern, and the names are inscribed in a clear, sans-serif font. The walk is set against a dark, reflective background, and the overall scene is one of solemnity and remembrance.

# 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 2021/2022 required annual distributions 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.**