



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 15, 2023

2nd 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

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DeaconJMoronta@stmarktampa.org

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DeaconScott@stmarktampa.org

Deacon Hector Rios
DeaconHector@stmarktampa.org

Deacon Mike Kopczynski
DeaconMike@stmarktampa.org



Parish Hours

Mon through Wed 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/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

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.

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

Monday, January 16 through Sunday, January 22

Mon., January 16	8:30 am	Sarah Genova (d) By the Mastronardi Family
Tues., January 17	8:30 am	Gustavo Santiago (d) By Evangelina S. Flores
Wed., January 18	8:30 am	Vocations
Thurs., January 19	Noon	Evelyn Knight (d) By Angela & Family
Fri., January 20	8:30 am	Moises Clemente (I) By Nelly Lopez
Sat., January 21	4:00 pm	Carolyn Roeder (d) By the Elizabeth Roeder Family
Sun., January 22	8:30 am	Lisa Ann O'Neil (d) By Pam & Pat Fahey
	10:30 am	Jose Rivera (d) By Providencia Rivera
	12:30 pm	Enrique Alvarez (d) By Gloria M. Alvarez
	5:30 pm	Parishioners of St. Mark

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in honor of Samantha Leigh
By the Jacques Family

Mass Intentions

Our 2023 Mass Intention Book is here!
Stop by the Parish Office to place your requests.
Requests are on a first come availability basis
limited to four Mass Intentions per family
with one being a weekend mass.
The Mass Stipend is \$20.

Sanctuary Candles

Stop by the Parish Office to make your request.
Requests are on a first come availability basis
limited to one Candle per family.
The cost is \$25.

Monthly Finance Reports

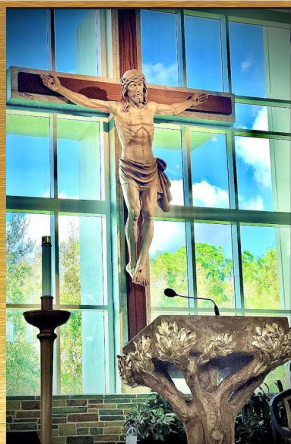
<https://stmarktampa.org/finances>

Low Gluten Hosts Available

See Luther Ferris

Ministry Meeting Room Reservations

roomschedule@stmarktampa.org



Readers Needed for our Daily Masses!

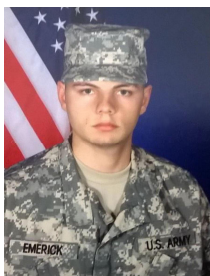
Our Reader Ministry needs experienced readers for
Tuesday 8:30am, Thursday Noon, and Friday 8:30am Daily Masses.
Training will be provided.

Please contact Luther Ferris
at

lferris@stmarktampa.org or
call 813-907-7746 ext. 103.

Orar ~ Pray

Pray for Our Heroes



**Tyler
Emerick**

*No Photo

Brian Artienda	Jack Manning
Ulio & Francisco Arocho	George Martin
Christina Bennett	Jacob Meier
Morgan Boruty	Yerandy Molina
*Stephen Brown	Merridith Morrison
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
Olivia Faith Giarrizzo	Tiffany Stiegler
Andrew Gephart	Bobby Thomas
Kevin Howell	Ana Maria Vargas
Samantha Howell	*Camilo Andres Vargas
*Bryan Hunt	Disney Velez
*Ryan Irwin	Khiry White
Mark Kieweg	Daniel Woodard
Harold La Rock	Steven Woodard
Leticia Larson	Robert Woodards
Robert Letzeisen Jr.	

Get Well Prayers

**Will Miles
Patrick Burns
Ron Kish**

Please send your request to Prayers@stmarktampa.org

Mass Intentions



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Our Mass Intention Book is here.

Stop by the Parish Office to request your Mass Intentions for 2023.

In order to accommodate the requests of our many parishioners, we ask that 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.

Sanctuary Candles

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.

The cost is \$25.

Requests are on a first come availability basis.





Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

1927 - 2022

**Served the People of God as Supreme Pontiff of
the Universal Church, 2005 - 2013**

**With sadness we mourn the loss of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI,
and with gratitude give thanks for his many years of service
and ministry to the Church.**

**May this "humble worker in the vineyard of the Lord"
now rest in the peace of God's loving and merciful arms.**

Amen.

Learn ~ Aprender

Deacon Jose Moronta

The first Sunday is actually the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

This is a curious fact, and surely it will not contribute to the salvation of my faithful readers, but will enrich a little more their knowledge of “Catholic Culture” and help them to love more our Church and love more what we do, after understanding why we do what we do. After the season of Christmas that ended last Sunday, we begin the Ordinary Time. It’s called this because there is an orderly continuation from one week to another. Ordinary time began last Tuesday, after the conclusion of Christmas Time with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which we celebrated this year not on a Sunday but on a Monday. This Sunday begins the second week in Ordinary Time, so it’s properly named “Second Sunday.” Yes, you’ve just realized why there will never be a “First Sunday in Ordinary Time” in the Catholic Church’s calendar... so, the “first” is actually the “second”. Now, have some fun and ask your friends about this.

We’ll begin with this Mass a reflection (that will extend until Lent), of the first part of the First letter of Paul to the Corinthians. One third of this letter is proclaimed in each liturgical year.

Corinth was one of the most important commercial cities in the Roman Empire. It was built on a strategic position on the isthmus that linked the Peloponnese Peninsula to continental Greece. It was so important that it had two ports, one on the Aegean Sea and another on the Ionian Sea. Anyone traveling from Asia to Italy had to make an obligatory stop at any of these ports.

It had a considerable Jewish community, as can be seen from the fact that there was a synagogue in the city (Acts 18:4). It was also a city with many different religions and with temples dedicated to all sorts of gods – and it was notorious for its low level of morality. Life “Corinthian style” was synonymous with depravity. Saint Paul preached the Christian message in this city, and God’s help enabled him to set the foundations of a flourishing Christian community.

As we’ll begin to listen and reflect about Paul’s first letter to the Christians of Corinth, it’s convenient to have in mind that the place was not a favorable place for the preaching of the Gospel. This way we may understand some expressions and demands from Paul to his fellow Christians brethren of Corinth that will be proclaimed in the coming Sundays as texts for the second readings.

In today’s gospel we hear John the Baptist declaring,

«John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world...»

Learn ~ Aprender

Continued

It sounds strange that at the beginning of the gospel of John, Jesus is presented as "the Lamb of God", when his passion and death was still three years away. It is convenient to remember that the gospels were not written at the same time as the events were taking place, as if it were a journalistic chronicle. The purpose of the gospels is not to report chronologically the events of the life of Jesus Christ. It is not a type of historical literature but religious. The authors of the gospels wrote their works several decades later, seeking to communicate the truth they had discovered in the life, death, and resurrection of the Son of God.

We find the Baptist calling Jesus Christ "Lamb of God" at the beginning of his public life, when he has not yet been immolated, and he did not even suspect what his end would be like. The author of the gospel wrote his work many years after Jesus' resurrection. The evangelist has allowed himself to be influenced by a reality that he has discovered almost half a century later, when he writes these lines, that Jesus Christ has come into the world to redeem us, assuming the role of the lambs that were sacrificed in the Temple.

The author John will insist on showing us that Jesus is not simply a great man or a prophet, but "the Word made flesh", that is, the incarnation of the Second Person of the Holy Trinity. He is God made human. He is not about a great man who gave his life for others (which would be the same as saying that he is a Son because he is a Lamb). Jesus is Christ, that is, the Messiah, the anointed one, the Savior, the Son of God made man who, by shedding his blood in sacrifice, will forever eliminate the need to continue making sacrifices, since he does wash away the sin of men. This is equivalent to saying that Jesus Christ is Lamb because he is Son.

Jesus Christ is not the lamb that men choose and offer in the Temple to pretend to please God after his sins, but the Lamb that God has chosen to take away the sin of the world. Let's remember all this the next time at a mass the celebrant presents us with the consecrated host and tells us "This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world."

WANT TO READ MORE?

Every week I publish a reflection for each of the three readings of the Sunday Mass, a week ahead.

I invite you to go to our website at www.stmarktampa.org, click "MASS TIMES" at the top and then scroll down to "SUNDAY MASS REFLECTIONS".





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



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 Paulette Nardelli
843-540-5571 or
Pnardelli51@gmail.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!

1 lb Bag Rice & Canned Beans

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.

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

At the bottom of our website
www.StMarkTampa.org - Click on

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You shop. Amazon gives.

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DIVINE MERCY CENACLES

(SMALL FAITH SHARING GROUPS)

Come join us as we delve more deeply into the writings of St. Faustina and the messages Jesus gave to her regarding the Eucharist and God's great love and mercy.

Cenacle gatherings meet on Thursdays at 1:00pm in the St. Michael Classroom located in the Church on the 2nd and 4th weeks of each month.

For more information, please contact the Divine Mercy Ministry at leader-divinemercy@stmarktampa.org



Bishop Gregory Parkes has added a new weekly video program to his prolific social media presence.

The program is titled, **Take Five**, Conversations on Faith and Life and it's a talk show format that features interesting guests from around Florida and around the country.

"It's my hope to use this video segment each week to bring you good news from the Diocese of St. Petersburg," said Bishop Parkes at the start of the first episode.

A new segment will be posted each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. on the bishop's Facebook and Instagram (@BishopParkes), the diocesan YouTube Channel (@DioStPete) and on the diocesan website.

The Take Five segments are about five minutes in length and are designed to easily fit into people's busy schedules.

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

Scan code with your phone camera to go directly to our donate page >>>



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
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- ◆ Seats Over 1,000 Theatre Style
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- ◆ Piano Available
- ◆ Adjustable Lighting and Room Darkening Shades
- ◆ Tables Included
- ◆ Floating 16 ft x 9 ft HDMI Projection Screen
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Wedding Receptions ~ Anniversary Parties
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Birthdays ~ Concerts

For rental information call or text 813-508-2735

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It is in Giving that we receive

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

Ways to Give:

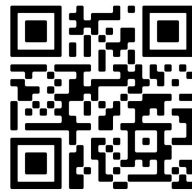
Traditional Envelopes

Using Credit or Debit Cards at the Kiosks at the Information Desk
located inside the front church doors.

Text to Give: 813-296-5116

Simply use your own personal Online Banking / Bill Pay
and add St. Mark as a payee

Scan your phone camera on our QR Code:



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

God Bless You!

A Great Gift & Donate to St. Mark

by purchasing a

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Blessed Mary Shrine and Rosary Garden

Each 4x8 inch brick
is a **tax deductible** donation
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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



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.

New laws have been passed 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 2021/2023 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.