



# 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)*

WISHING  
YOU  
A VERY HAPPY  
WORLD  
MARRIAGE DAY

February 12th, 2023

6th 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

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](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

Monday, February 13 through Sunday, February 19

Mon., February 13	Noon	George Gattos (d) By Ceci & Gene Gutierrez
Tues., February 14	8:30 am	Andres Guerrero (d) By Sony & Lisy Martinez
Wed., February 15	8:30 am	Vocations
Thurs., February 16	Noon	R.J. Trabulsy (d) By the Trabulsy Family
Fri., February 17	8:30 am	The Rosiello Family (I) By Ana Senjug
Sat., February 18	4:00 pm	Vincent Triano (d) By Roe Black
Sun., February 19	8:30 am	Parishioners of St. Mark
	10:30 am	Andres Ticzon (d) By Felilia Ticzon
	12:30 pm	Jaime Bracho (d) By Maria Elena Bracho
	5:30 pm	Mary Pfeiffer (d) By the Edem Family

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of R.J. Trabulsy  
By the Trabulsy 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.  
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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](mailto: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](mailto:lferris@stmarktampa.org) or  
call 813-907-7746 ext. 103.

## Orar ~ Pray

### Pray for Our Heroes



**Kevin  
Howell**

\*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  
Leticia Larson  
Robert Letzeisen Jr.  
Jack Manning  
George Martin  
Jacob Meier  
Yerandy Molina  
Merridith Morrison  
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

**Patrick Burns  
Ron Kish  
David Little  
Sharon Smith**

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

# Learn ~ Aprender

Deacon Jose Moronta

## Let's talk about the Commandments

Today's First Reading and the Gospel offer a reflection about God's Commandments. One offers the vision from a wise man in the Old Testament times while the Gospel shows Jesus' practical understanding and application of the Law.

The First Reading is taken from a book written within a couple of centuries before Jesus Christ by Jesus, son of Eleazar, of the family of Sirach. The treasure of practical wisdom contained in the book of Sirach won for it the honorable title of Ecclesiasticus, which means "Ecclesiastical Book" or "Church Book." It appears to have been much used in the early Church as a textbook for the instruction of catechumens (candidates for baptism). Today's reading comes from the section of Sirach's writing on man's free will and responsibility:

«... If you choose you can keep the commandments; it is loyalty to do his will. There are set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand. Before man are life and death, whichever he chooses shall be given him...»

It's easy to understand that the argument presented here is that we have the radical freedom to choose "life" by obeying the Law or "death" by refusing to obey. This paragraph echoes Deuteronomy 30:16 when this early book of the Bible states that "...I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the Lord, your God will bless you..."

Before Jesus Christ, the obedience to God's commandments was seen as if they were the part of a contract that would render benefits. You would receive God's favors only if you did your part of the covenant. Loving God was not necessarily the motivation to behave well.

But Jesus Christ brings a different perspective, one that implies the practice of mercy and love. In today's gospel passage we are still at the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus has delivered it and is now applying the beatitudes to the hearers of the sermon. These verses give the basic legal principles of the sermon. The Christian Church demands only the obedience to the ethical commands such as the 10 commandments and the commands to love God and neighbor and not to the 613 precepts of the Old Testament law (both ethical and ceremonial). Jesus emphasizes only on the demands of the 10 commandments and doesn't talk about the rest of precepts.



# Learn ~ Aprender

Continued

We're stepping on delicate ground here. The non-observance by Jesus of the traditional Sabbath ordinances and of the laws of Levitical cleanliness was a frequent source of controversy. Jesus is not inviting disobedience but he's addressing those who teach strict observance but do not practice it. Observance of the Law and traditions will secure the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, but it is a submission to the will of God what goes beyond the observance of the Law. It's why we read today Jesus' words saying,

«... unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter into the kingdom of heaven...»

Then the Lord refers to some of the commandments and the most remarkable teaching is that rather than the acts that may be considered sinful, are the intentions of our hearts. This is what the Lord wants to change in us. We contemplate in today's Gospel Jesus saying

«You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment. But I say to you,... You have heard that it was said, You shall not commit adultery. But I say to you...»

Jesus preaches a different approach to the commandments. He proposes a scheme that does not raise the fundamentalist attachment to what is written, but to its practical application. It is a method that enriches because it discovers "the words behind the words", that is, the spirit of the Scriptures, the message that God has wanted to reveal. Not limited or restrained by the words with which they have been written. There is more than words, there is an idea behind each of the commandments.

This is the approach that the Catholic Church continues to apply, a practical application of the message, not a fundamentalist reading of the Word of God. This is why I use to say, it's only for intelligent people who can discern and understand what has been said, not how it has been said..

## **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](http://www.stmarktampa.org), click "MASS TIMES" at the top and then scroll down to "SUNDAY MASS REFLECTIONS".*



# Please Support Catholic Ministry Appeal

## ACCOMPANYING *our* MISSIONARY DISCIPLES



## ENCOUNTERING GOD *and* NURTURING *our* SPIRITUAL LIFE





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



All those interested in joining  
**SMARTS**  
are always welcome.

**SMARTS Meetings**  
are held in 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!**

## **Canned Vegetables**

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)**



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**The cost is \$25.**

**Requests are on a first come availability basis.**





# 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.**

# SPANISH EUCHARISTIC EVENT



La Asamblea Hispana de la Diócesis de St. Petersburg, en colaboración con los artistas Iván Díaz y Santiago Fernández de Oregon Catholic Press (OCP) te invitan al evento:



## AVIVAMIENTO EUCARÍSTICO: ADORACIÓN, CANTO Y FORMACIÓN

**Viernes 17 de febrero de 2023 - 7:00 p.m. a 9:00 p.m.**

Misa con Mons. Gregory Parkes y Hora Santa.

**Sábado 18 de febrero de 2023 - 8:00 a.m. a 2:30 p.m.**

Oración, reflexión, canto, charlas y diálogo en grupos pequeños.

**Parroquia Incarnation de Tampa**

8220 W. Hillsborough Ave. Tampa, FL 33615

Se requiere inscripción y pago por adelantado visitando

[www.dosp.org/avivamiento-eucaristico/](http://www.dosp.org/avivamiento-eucaristico/)



El costo de \$40 para el sábado cubrirá los gastos de viaje, estadía en hotel y estipendio para los artistas invitados y los gastos de desayuno ligero, almuerzo y uso de las facilidades de la iglesia y el salón social.



Iván Díaz



Mons. Gregory Parkes



Santiago Fernández



Para obtener más información visita:  
[www.dosp.org/revival/adoracion-canto-y-formacion](http://www.dosp.org/revival/adoracion-canto-y-formacion)  
o envía un mensaje a: [cf@dosp.org](mailto:cf@dosp.org).



# PILGRIMAGE TO EMERALD IRELAND

HOSTED BY  
**FR. STEPHAN BROWN, SVD**

**11 DAYS:  
NOVEMBER 1 - 11, 2023**

*Waterford \* Killarney \* Cliffs of Moher \* Galway  
Connemara \* Knock Shrine \* Sligo \* Dublin*



**\$3399 PER PERSON FROM TAMPA**

(Air/land tour price is \$2899 plus \$500 government taxes/airline surcharges)

**FOR A BROCHURE WITH COMPLETE DETAILS, PLEASE CONTACT OR DETACH & MAIL TO:**

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Email: [frstephan@stjosephstpete.org](mailto:frstephan@stjosephstpete.org)

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# 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)

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
- ◆ 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  
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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:

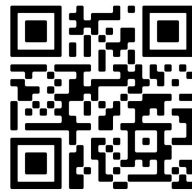
Traditional Envelopes

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:



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**God Bless You!**

### 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](mailto: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.**