



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*



March 19, 2023

4th Sunday of Lent

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 9 AM to 4 PM
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

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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, March 20 through Sunday, March 26

Mon., March 20	Noon	Richard Korcsog (d) By Diane Korcsog
Tues., March 21	8:30 am	Timothy D'Gara (d) By Andrew Mastronardi
Wed., March 22	8:30 am	Vocations
Thurs., March 23	Noon	Pat Evens (d) By Ceci & Gene Gutierrez
Fri., March 24	8:30 am	Antonia Bussanich (d) By Dina & John Tarabocchia
Sat., March 25	4:00 pm	George Ammar (I) By Cindy & Joe Terrano
Sun., March 26	8:30 am	Parishioners of St. Mark
	10:30 am	Deceased members of the Mayas Family By Gladys Semelfort
	12:30 pm	Manuel Guillermo Monzon (d) By the Monzon Family
	5:30 pm	Carl Lischke (d) By the Parrino Family

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of Tracy Crew
By Tom & Ellie Crew

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



ST MARK PARISH BOOK CART (A book share program)

We invite you to Take a book - Read a book - Share a book
March 25-26 after all Masses Outside the Gift Shop



All books are free. When you have finished reading, you may keep the book or share it with someone else. You can also return it to the Liturgy Office at the church and we will add it to a future book cart for our parishioners to enjoy.

If you have any Catholic books you would like to make available to our parishioners, please leave them at the Liturgy Office at the church.

Please do not leave donated books on the Book Cart.

Remember all books are donated and may not be used for re-sale.

Orar ~ Pray

Pray for Our Heroes



Robert Letzeisen Jr.

*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
Nick Kosmela
James & Mary Madeline
Burke**

Please send your request to Prayers@stmarktampa.org

Dearly Departed

**Teresa Maldonado
Jacinto Rafael Perez-Hernandez
Isabel Garcia de Reyes**

IMPORTANT LENTEN INFORMATION

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**The STATIONS will continue to be recited
Every Friday during Lent at 7:00 pm.
Come Walk the Way of the Lord.**

THE PARISH LENTEN NIGHT OF RECONCILIATION

**The Reconciliation will be held
on
Thursday March 23rd at 7:00 pm.
It will end when the last Penitent is heard.
We are looking to provide at least 10 to 12 priests,
some Spanish-speaking hopefully will be provided.**

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**on
Friday, March 24th, 2023
the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed
through the night, starting with
exposition at 9:00 pm and finishing with
Benediction on Saturday March 25th, 2023, at 7:00 am.**

**Jesus is inviting all of us
to accompany him during his time of sorrow.**

Come and spend a holy hour with Jesus.

Faith Formation Summer Programs

For Teens: High School Summer Intensive

The High School Summer Intensive is a two-week program for 9th-12th graders who want to dive deep into the study of their faith. Participating teens must be prepared to read, discuss, and reflect upon their faith with peers, under the guidance of their catechists. Teens who complete the Summer Intensive (with 100% attendance) receive credit for a full year of ongoing faith formation.

Schedule for the Summer Intensive:

Monday, July 17th through Thursday, July 20th – 1:00 to 4:00 pm

Saturday, July 22nd – 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Monday, July 24th through Thursday, July 27th – 1:00 to 4:00 pm

Cost of the Program: \$150/teen

For Elementary School Kids: Faith, Fellowship and Fun Camp

The Faith, Fellowship and Fun Camp is a **one-week** camp-like experience for 1st through 6th graders. Campers will experience the joys of fellowship in faith with their peers through a **range of** activities, including stories, games, music, and arts and crafts. The focus is faith-filled fun (It's summer, after all!).

The Faith, Fellowship and Fun Camp **does not** fulfill requirements for ongoing faith formation.

There will be two one-week camp sessions:

Monday, June 5th through Friday, June 9th

Monday, June 12th through Friday, June 16th

Camp starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 4:00 p.m. Aftercare will be available until 5 p.m.

Families may register for only one session. If a family would like to participate in both sessions, they can go on the waiting list for their second-choice session. If there is space available after the registration period, families will be added in the order they signed up for the waiting list.

Cost of the Program: \$150/child per week Aftercare: \$50/child per week

Registration for both programs is open only to registered parishioners of St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church.

Registration opens Monday, March 20th in the Faith Formation Office

Registration is first-come, first-served

Learn ~ Aprender

Deacon Jose Moronta

Fourth Sunday in Lent – the fourth chapter in the History of Salvation

The first five books of the Bible (the Pentateuch) have traditionally been named as “the books of Moses”, but they were not composed by Moses. Not even by a single person. Not even at the same age. They were composed by different people, and from different ages and different backgrounds. Scholars have found that the Pentateuch is a composite of four separate, complete, and coherent documents. Those documents are:

- J — the Yahwist. J gets its name because it uses and allows humans to use the name (Jahwe in German) before Israel exists. J appears to have been composed in Judah, perhaps during Solomon's day, around 950 B.C.E.
- E — the Elohist. The name is derived from E's use of Elohim (Hebrew for "God") rather than YHWH in the early period. E appears to have been written in the north, around 850 B.C.E.
- P — the Priestly source. P is especially concerned with stories and laws relevant for priests. Many scholars date P either during the exile, six centuries before Christ.
- D is essentially the book of Deuteronomy. It is not mingled with J, E and P. It's a separate work. The other three “traditions” mingle in the other four books of the Torah, or the Pentateuch, which is how we Catholics call these first five books of the Bible. When those traditions overlap in some passages of Genesis, for example, we find two different narratives for the Creation. If you're curious, take your Bible and read the first chapters of Genesis to see if you can identify them.

There was a “deuteronomist tradition” which may be detected in other books that appear later in the Bible, like the one from which is taken the first reading for this fourth Sunday of Lent, the fourth “chapter” in the History of Salvation, the Book of Samuel.

The two books of Samuel were originally one book and actually form a continuation of the deuteronomistic history of the people of Israel. It also marks a turning point in the history of God's people as Samuel is the last of the judges.

Under increasing pressure from the Philistines, Samuel struggles to keep Israel faithful to Yahweh. Defeats in battle and the failure of Samuel's sons to follow his example, convince the people that Israel needs a new kind of leadership; a king. Samuel thought this was wrong, but God told him “Grant the people's every request. It is not you they reject, they are rejecting me as their king.”

Samuel then anointed Saul, who doesn't work out too well, then God tells him to anoint David. It is of David's selection that we hear today. David became the most memorable king of Israel and he received the promise that his throne would last forever, which was fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ, the King of eternal glory. The fourth chapter in the History of Salvation, as we're reviewing this year, is the anointment of David as future king, and royal ancestor of Jesus Christ.

In the narrative, that man's faith grows as he meets Jesus; from calling him “that man”, going through “prophet” to confessing him as “Son of God”. Meanwhile, the anger of the Pharisees and obstinacy for the rules and rigorous compliance with the Law, forgetting compassion and mercy, would grow little by little until overflowing.

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Continued

We too can be healed on Saturday, or Sunday, or whenever; Jesus can also approach us and tell us to go wash ourselves of everything that prevents us from seeing the Light. We only have to go to the pool and wash off our mud to see the world as it was created. Remember Genesis: "...and God saw that it was good..."

And now, a brief commentary about this Sunday's Gospel

Jesus heals a man born blind. It is striking that on this occasion it is Jesus who is looking for the blind man and not the other way around. And it is curious because most of the time the sick are who approach Jesus to be healed.

There is a detail worth commenting on: Jesus smeared the blind man's eyes with mud near the Temple, behind which there was a well, and yet, Jesus Christ sends him to wash in Siloam, a pool that was like a half mile away, in the lower part of Jerusalem. And the blind man does not ask why, but he simply does so. He risks making a fool of himself by traversing most of the city with muddy eyes, stumbling because maybe he never dared to go that far. But he did it, and his effort was the contribution he made on his part for the miracle to take place.

Instead of rejoicing because of his healing, some people will hound the healed man like hunting prey. Interrogations that sought to blame the blind man, his family and the one who had healed him on Saturday, a sacred day dedicated to God!

That "prophet" who healed the blind man, who approaches him for the second time and shows that He is the Son of God, skips any type of norm created by men. He prefers to save and give light to those who need it, without watching rules and norms. For Jesus, Mercy and Compassion overcome any barrier.

What did the blind man care if it was Saturday or not? For the blind man, Jesus was the light, who restored color to life and his face to the people around him. That was all he needed to know. He was touched by a light in which he discovered the compassionate face of God and his divine tenderness.

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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".

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN FISH FRYS!!!

We were once again named the Spirit FM Fish Fry World Tour Champion last year!

Our award-winning dinners will be offered from 5 to 8 pm in The Venetian
running thru March 31st!

Stay tuned for more information coming in future bulletins!

Meals Include:

Adult Fish/Shrimp Combo - \$14, Child \$10,

Adult Fish or Shrimp Dinner - \$12, Child \$8,

Adult Mac & Cheese Dinner - \$9, Child \$7,

New England Clam Chowder - \$4,

Shrimp Caesar Salad - \$6.

Various Sides, Desserts and Beverages also available.

All Dinners Include Fries, Coleslaw, Hush Puppies and Iced Tea and Coffee.

Cash/Check Preferred but Will Accept Credit Cards.

We look forward to seeing all of you there!



The North Tampa Catholic Young Adult Ministry is for young adults (ages 21-40)
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

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



FRI. March 24

Bowling, AMF University Lanes
11:00 AM

Second & Fourth Friday

Contact Tom Bennett

813-205-5303 or

TomBennett83@hotmail.com

MON. March 20

Miniature Golf

at Plantations Palms Golf Club

11:00 AM

First & Third Monday

Contact Ruth Acevedo

813-991-7153 or

heiling@live.com

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

or Roe Black

813-383-8360/

Roe1Black@Yahoo.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.

VIACRUCIS VIVIENTE

**Te invitamos a recordar el significado de la
Resurrección con esta maravillosa
representación escénica.**

Viernes 7 de Abril del 2023

7:00 pm

Lugar: Campo de Soccer Iglesia St. Mark the Evangelist

Traer su silla tipo playa



**Boleto: Donación a St. Vicente de Paul
(mac&cheese, frijoles en lata, arroz, pasta (1 libra))**

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



Legion of Mary

Come and Join Us.....

Meets every Monday except holidays

Time: 10:30 AM- 11:45 AM

Place: Via Zoom

Email:

Leader-LegionofMary@stmarktampa.org

“ A world at prayer is a world at peace “
Fr. Patrick Peyton C.S.C.

Come and Browse our Gift Shop

We invite our parishioners to visit the St Mark Gift Shop to see all the wonderful items for Easter, First Communion, Confirmation and RCIA participants.

Our selections are the perfect gifts for Easter and these Sacraments.

GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY

sharing grief. finding hope.



Bereavement meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM

Location: St. Mark - classrooms: Mark 1 & 2

Dear Friend,

It has been a short while since you've lost a loved one, and you thought you would be doing better by now. You may be feeling afraid and uncertain about the future, or you may just feel alone and bitter. Maybe you need assistance with helping your children grieve. Feeling optimistic about the future seems impossible right now.

We at St. Mark want to help you. We realize how painful it is and we want to offer you some time to share your feelings and thoughts, to understand the grieving process and to work on a healing journey with you.

Our schedule in our Grief Workshop is about to begin and we invite you to join us anytime. This is not a commitment but an invitation to come when you can. This program is being offered for free, and it is designed with you in mind - someone grieving the death of a loved one.

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
- ◆ 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

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!

Ways to Give:

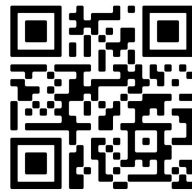
Traditional Envelopes

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

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



Tax Free Contribution Information

If you are over 73 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.

Questions: please contact Val at 813-508-2735