## ST. MARK the EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Our Mission

To invite all on our journey to:

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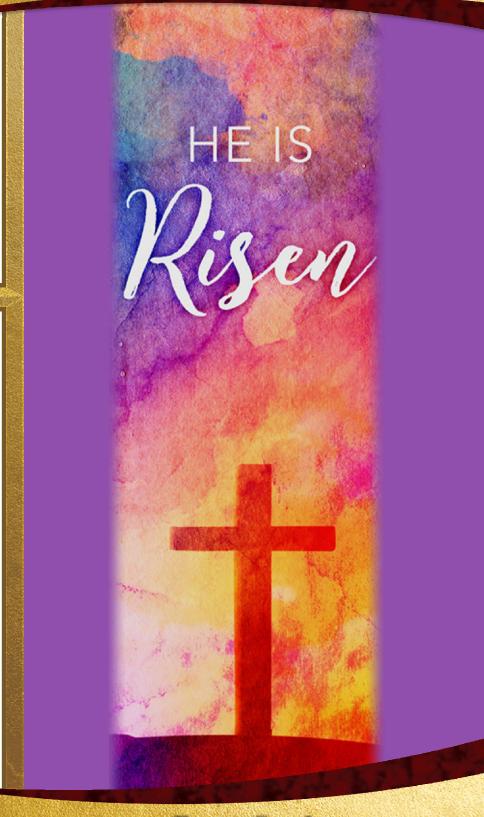
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## All Are Welcome!

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



**April 9th, 2023** 

**Easter Sunday** 

#### **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

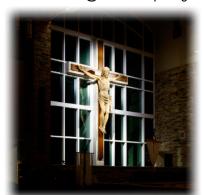
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DeaconMoises@stmarktampa.org

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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.

<u>Children and Teens</u>: 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, April 10 through Sunday, April 16

Mon., April 10	8:30 am	Frank Kloss (d)
		By Karina Kloss
Tues., April 11	8:30 am	Gail Crew (d)
		By Tom & Ellie Crew
Wed., April 12	8:30 am	Vocations
Thurs., April 13	Noon	Corey Schmidt (d)
		By Marty & Tara Schmidt
Fri., April 14	8:30 am	Victor Alfonso Hernandez Ordaz (d)
		By Marian Hernandez
Sat., April 15	4:00 pm	Virgilio Santana (d)
		By Priscilla Santana
Sun., April 16	8:30 am	Stan Chmura (d)
		By Fran Chmura
	10:30 am	Marian Giersch (d)
		By Randy Brown
	12:30 pm	Gerarolo Diaz (d)
		By the Diaz Family
	5:30 pm	Parishioners of St. Mark

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of Jose Vincente Ziritt By the Hauser-Ziritt 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



#### **Pray for Our Heroes**

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

Louis Ludwig

Jacob

Meier

\*No Photo

Yerandy Molina Merridith Morrison Ismael A. Olivo-Alvarez Anthony Orcajo Christopher Parkes Jorge A. Perez III James Phillips Paul Pita Pedro Rico Daniel Sabarese Michael Schiano Nicholas Stiegler Tiffany Stiegler Bobby Thomas Ana Maria Vargas \*Camilo Andres Vargas Disney Velez Mark Kieweg Khiry White Harold La Rock Daniel Woodard Leticia Larson Steven Woodard Robert Letzeisen Jr. Robert Woodards

Jack Manning

\*George Martin Jacob Meier

**Get Well Prayers** 

**Patrick Burns** Nick Kosmela James & Mary Madeline Burke Pedro Silva **Carol Woodard** 

Please send your request to Prayers@stmarktampa.org

## Learn ~ Aprender

**Deacon Jose Moronta** 

#### The Feast of Easter

The Solemnity of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, is the central Feast of the Church. It is God's definitive answer to death. Nothing is stronger nor more powerful than He. Through the Resurrection, God has conquered both sin and death.

Yet, at times, there seems no lack of despair or of hopelessness. Looking about, we cannot deny what we see: moral weakness, physical illness, natural disasters, conflict, hatred, political corruption, Church scandals, pandemics, terrorism, and war.

We know, too, from the Gospel texts that following the Passion and death of Jesus Christ, the Apostles themselves went into hiding because they were anxious and afraid. They were, like Jesus, Galileans, and their accent would betray them. If Jesus, who was innocent, had suffered and was killed, they were afraid of being recognized as Jesus' collaborators and experiencing a similar end.

In our time, in response to all these difficulties, many people have turned in toward themselves; they have "withdrawn from daily life," so to say. Others have become angry, bitter, and cynical, assuming a cold indifference toward everyone and everything, caring only for themselves. And there are also those who pretend that all is well and continue to maintain a selfish and frivolous way of life.

On the Feast of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are called to believe and to understand that the only true and authentic answer to the most profound and difficult questions of life must always begin with the Risen Jesus Christ.

It is the Risen Jesus Christ and only He who makes us holy and wise. It is the Risen Jesus Christ who grants us peace. It is He who gives Himself to us in the Eucharist, forgives our sins and speaks through the Sacred Scriptures. It is He, The Risen Jesus Christ, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life and He says to us what He said to the Apostles on the First Easter: Peace be to you. It is I. Do not be afraid!

#### **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 ~ Aprender

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#### Easter Sunday gospel: The narrative of the Resurrection of Christ

None of the Evangelists describes the actual resurrection itself, for it was witnessed by no one. It's about the facts related to Christ's resurrection that the gospel authors write. Nobody watched the resurrection, but there are facts that shout out loud what happened on that special night of history, like the testimony to the empty tomb and the appearances of the Risen Christ to His disciples.

As Jesus died minutes before the beginning of Sabbath, they couldn't prepare his body with the oils and essences used according to the customs. As soon as the Sabbath restrictions are over, in the first hours of the first day of the week, (it's what we now call Sunday), when Mary Magdalene went to the tomb. It is fitting that we should hear an account of what happened on Easter morning Mass.

«...On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb...»

All the Gospel accounts are in substantial agreement concerning the time when the tomb was first found to be empty, before dawn on Sunday morning. Mary Magdalene is in shock and runs to the apostles to report what she has found. After hearing her, Peter and John ran to the tomb,

«... So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in...»

No reason is given for John's remaining outside the tomb; we may assume that he did not enter because Peter was the leader of the apostles and as such it was his responsibility to lead the investigation.

One remarkable detail is that the wrappings were flattened. They were flat, as if they were emptied when the body of Jesus rose and disappeared – as if it had come out of the wrappings without their being undone, passing right through them

«...and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place...»

When they buried a body, they used a head cloth rolled like a triangular bandage, under the chin and over the top of the head to secure the mouth in a closed position. In this narrative, we read that that head cloth was rolled in a separate place, it was not with the other wrappings but placed to one side.

All these details concerning the empty tomb led to the conclusion that Jesus' body must have risen in a heavenly manner, that is, in a way which transcended the laws of nature. It was not only a matter of the body being reanimated as happened, for example, in the case of Lazarus, who had to be unbound before he could walk. Jesus Christ, really experienced something never seen before, something that only God can make happen, the Resurrection!

...and this is what we celebrate today. It's the center of our faith. This is why Paul wrote in his first letter to the Corinthians, "if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain."



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY is NEXT SUNDAY - April 16th Join us in praying the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy at 3pm in the Nave

#### b. Large Beads:

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

# Chaplet of Divine Mercy

#### c. Small Beads:

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

#### d. Conclude with:

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world (3x).

# a. Begin with: Our Father Hail Mary Apostles Creed



#### COME CELEBRATE DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

At 3:00 PM in the Church, NEXT SUNDAY, April 16th

Participate in praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy (English and Spanish)

St. John Paul II declared the second Sunday of Easter,

### **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

During his Homily at the mass for canonization of Sr. Maria Faustina Kowalska on April 30, 2000,

"... from now on throughout the Church will be called "Divine Mercy Sunday".

Our Lord's promise to grant complete forgiveness of sins and punishment

on the Feast of Mercy

Is recorded three times in the Diary of St. Faustina.

"I want to grant a complete pardon in the souls that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion" on the Feast of my Mercy." (1109)

### **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



#### 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 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> 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 fam<mark>ily 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.</mark>

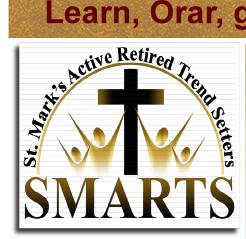
Cost of the Program: \$150/child per week Aftercare: \$50/child per week

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

Registration opens Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup> in the Faith Formation Office

Registration is first-come, first-served

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



#### WED. April 12, 2023

SMARTS Picnic at Wesley Chapel District Park, 11:00 AM Second Wednesday Contact Paulette Nardelli, 843-540-5571 Pnardelli51@gmail.com

#### FRI. April 14, 2023

Bowling, AMF University Lanes, 11:00 AM
Second & Fourth Friday
Contact Tom Bennett,
813-205-5303 or
TomBennett83@hotmail.com

#### MON. April 17, 2023

Miniature Golf at Plantations Palms Golf Club, 11:00 AM First & Third Monday Contact Ruth Acevedo, 813-991-7153 or heiling@live.com

#### WED. April 19, 2023

Day of Reflection, 9:30 AM Third Wednesday Contact Roe Black, 813-383-8360 Roe1Black@yahoo.com

#### THUR. April 20, 2023

Card Social at St. Mark, 11:00-3:00PM First & Third Thursday Contact Elaine King, 813-388-9196 or eaking@ptd.net

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!

#### **Toiletries**

drop off at the cart inside our Social Narthex

by our Information Desk during the week or outside during Weekend Mass Hours.

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



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



## **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.





#### 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.



Share the special bond between, Mother, Daughters, Grandmothers, Sisters, Aunts and Friends

> MC Jessica Ziegler Food and Entertainment

Prize for the Best Hat

50/50 and Silent Auction

SATURDAY | May 20, 2023 11AM-2pm

Highlands at Scotland Yard Clubhouse 9420 US Highway 301 Pade City FL 33525

For Reservations: Foundations of Life Dade City: 352-521-1218 Tickets: \$35 in advance (\$40 at the door) Table reservations \$280 (8 guests) Credit Card Call: 813-631-4398





#### ANNOUNCEMENT:

Audire, the Spiritual Direction Formation Program, is offering free Information sessions for prospective students for Fall 2023 semester

Do others seek you out for guidance, a listening ear, or heartfelt conversations? Do you notice a growing desire to help others go deeper in their spiritual lives?

These might be invitations of a call to the ministry of spiritual direction. Audire has been forming spiritual directors since its founding in 1989. The three-year program will assist you in the discerning of your call, the deepening of your spiritual life, and developing the practice of holy listening. Audire is an ecumenical program in the Christian tradition. The word "Audire" is Latin for "to listen.

Our three-year formation program offers you:

- . Monthly instructional days
- Weekend retreats
- Supervised practicum
- Monthly peer supervision groups
- Reading assignments and written reflective papers An experienced, supportive staff
- A welcoming community

Join us for an Information Session on Zoom on one of the following dates:

Tuesday, March 28, from 6:30 - 7:30 pm OR Friday, April 14, from 12 noon - 1:00 pm

Please register in advance by clicking here: Audire Information and

Orientation Sessions ~ Audire (audirespiritualdirection.org)

Questions: Kathy@Audirespiritualdirection.org

www.audirespiritualdirection.org







## www.DonateStMark.org

Text to Give: 813-296-5116

## It is in Giving that we receive

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

### 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