ST. MARK the EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

Our Mission

To invite all on our journey to:

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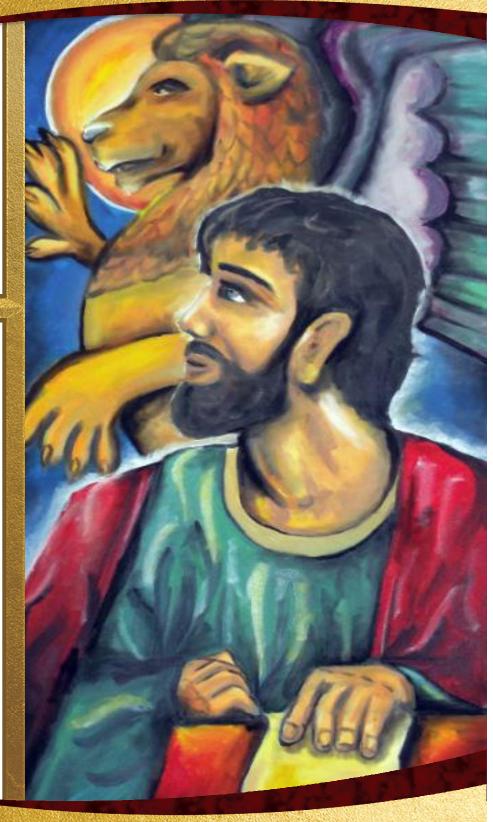
Evangelize

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



April 23rd, 2023

Third Sunday of Easter

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

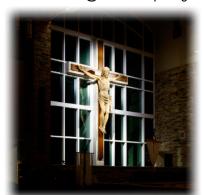
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Parish Hours

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 24 through Sunday, April 30

Mon., April 24	Noon	Yvette Alicia Bracero (d) By Alex Zbylut
Tues., April 25	8:30 am	Bernadette Denis Hoffmann (d) By Betty Faustin
Wed., April 26	8:30 am	Vocations
Thurs., April 27	Noon	Anthony Montalbano (d) By Maureen Montalbano
Fri., April 28	8:30 am	Richard Reich (d) By Silvia Esteves
Sat., April 29	4:00 pm	Deceased Members of the Esteves & Sotomayor Families By Silvia Esteves
Sun., April 30	8:30 am	Hernan Carvajal (d) By Eglees DeCarvajal
	10:30 am	Parishioners of St. Mark
	12:30 pm	Jose Cabrera & Maria Barahona (d) By Marcia Cabrera
	5:30 pm	Priscilla Leigh (d) By Lisa Orozco & Family

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in honor of Tara Thomas-Hussen By Marion Thomas-Hussen

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

FEAST OF ST. MARK TUESDAY, APRIL 25 CFI FBRATE OUR PARISH PATRON AT THE 8:30 AM MASS

Orar ~ Pray

Pray for Our Heroes

Morgan Boruty Tanya Buckley *Ron Caputo Neal Cheramie Rvan Clisset Adrian A. Cruz Tyler Emerick *lan Garia Kevin Howell *Bryan Hunt *Ryan Irwin

Brian Artienda Ulio & Francisco Arocho Christina Bennett *Stephen Brown *Jorge Farchakh Christopher A. Garcia Olivia Faith Giarrizzo Andrew Gephart Samantha Howell Mark Kieweg Harold La Rock Leticia Larson Robert Letzeisen Jr. Louis Ludwig

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 Michael Schiano 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** Pedro Silva **Carol Woodard** Lou Severe **Linda Fox** Juantito Leon Richard Lee Michael Lombarski

*No Photo

Merridith

Morrison

Please send your request to Prayers@stmarktampa.org

Learn ~ Aprender

Deacon Jose Moronta

We watch as the Kerygma is developed for the first time

Last week we said that in these seven Sundays of Easter the First Reading would be taken from the book of the Acts of the Apostles, replacing temporarily the custom tradition of texts from the Old Testament. We'll learn about the beginning of the Church.

A newness was introduced within the preaching of the Apostles, who insisted on three ideas:

Jesus Christ was the Son of God, the Messiah,

That He had experienced Passion and death,

and He had risen from the dead.

This is what scholars have called "Kerygma" a Greek word that might be translated as something like "The Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ."

In the first years of the early Church it was never preached about where Jesus had been born, who his parents were, or about his miracles, his parables, and other important events of his life. All this would come later, when the gospels were written, about 30 years after Jesus' Resurrection and Ascension.

The apostles considered that it was urgent to preach only about those three most important facts, and they were right because this form of preaching moved thousands to ask for the Christian Baptism.

Today's first reading tells of the formation of the early Church as we hear Peter address the people on the day of Pentecost, when he proclaimed that Jesus of Nazareth, whom the Jews crucified, was the Messiah promised by God and eagerly awaited by the righteous of the Old Testament. It is him the One and Only, who has gloriously crowned God's saving plan for mankind.

The Holy Spirit has come upon the apostles on that day and now Peter, the chief apostle and spokesman for the group, addresses the crowd of pilgrims who are outside the upper room, attracted by the sound of the coming of the Spirit.

Peter preached,

«...Jesus the Nazorean was a man commended to you by God with mighty deeds, wonders, and signs, which God worked through him in your midst,...you killed, using lawless men to crucify him...But God raised him up...For David says of him: "I saw the Lord ever before me, with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed...Therefore my heart has been glad...because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld, nor will you suffer your holy one to see corruption...you will fill me with joy in your presence"...My brothers, one can confidently say to you about the patriarch David that he died and was buried, and his tomb is in our midst to this day...»

Since David has died, the psalm cannot apply to him. This argument is following a set pattern:

- (1) Scripture says;
- 2) the words apply either to the one speaking in the text or to another;
- 3) they do not apply to the speaker;
- 4) therefore they apply to another, namely Jesus.

We have Saint Peter, acting as a masterful teacher, demonstrating that Jesus of Nazareth is the Messiah who was foretold by the prophets. Peter reminds his listeners of our Lord's mighty deeds, as well as of His death, resurrection and glorious ascension.

This preaching of Peter was pure kerygma.

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".



We celebrate the Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist this Tuesday, April 25th.

We join in prayer in a special way with all of the parishioners of St. Mark on our patronal feast day, but it is really a feast for all of us who are followers of Jesus. Just as Mark recounts the stories of how Jesus called people to follow him, Jesus also beckons us. We are not only disciples, we are evangelists.

In the Gospel of Mark, in quite vivid images and stories, we read about how Jesus himself establishes evangelization as the very nature and essence of the Church. Jesus gives his disciples the commission to evangelize, that is, to announce the good news "to all the nations," and to spread the Gospel by going forth "into the world" and to proclaim the gospel to every creature (Mark 13:10, Mark 16:15). This commission is shared by all those who are baptized. The laity has a particular responsibility to share in the work of proclamation. At the Second Vatican Council, the Council Fathers wrote, "The laity go forth as powerful proclaimers... announcing Christ by a living testimony, as well as by the spoken word." (Lumen Gentium, 35).

Today, the Gospel of Mark invites us to ask ourselves, how do we bring others to the Risen Lord? We ask ourselves this question, not in a rhetorical way but with a sense of urgency. Urgency is the word that Pope Benedict XVI used when he visited the US in 2008. He preached, "While it is true that this country is marked by a genuinely religious spirit, the subtle influence of secularism can nevertheless color the way people allow their faith to influence their behavior...only when their faith permeates every aspect of their life do Christians become truly open to the power of the Gospel." (Homily at Vespers, Basilica of the National Shrine).

The sense of urgency comes not just from our care and concern for people we know whose lives could be changed for the better if they had a relationship with Our Lord or returned to active participation in the church, but also because we live in a culture that is threatening to limit the public expression of faith in our country. Scripture scholars believe that Mark's Gospel was written to bolster the courage of Jesus' followers to remain faithful witnesses in the face of persecution, and this message is timely once more. Actions as small as saying grace when out to dinner in a restaurant, or wearing a religious symbol around our neck or on a lapel are statements of a faith that permeates our daily life. Engaging in conversation with others about why our faith is so important to us ought to be something we practice so that it becomes a natural part of our conversations.

So many of the people in Mark's Gospel who were touched by Jesus attracted others to him because people noticed how they were changed by the encounter with him. A life marked by faith expressed in words or in actions has a way of attracting other people to Jesus. That is the work of the New Evangelization that today's disciples are called to do, following in the path of St. Mark and the other early disciples who became evangelists by leading others to Christ.

Respect for Life Annual Shower

Please Help Stock Our Shelves For Babies & Moms in Need

To benefit the Foundations of Life Pregnancy Center, a Catholic Charities Ministry. The Pregnancy Center serves all mothers facing tough times who choose life for their babies, regardless of age, race or religion.

Thank you for your support.



BABY BOUTIQUE WISH LIST:

MOST NEEDED ITEMS

FOR BABY:

Diapers Sizes 3 months and older

Baby Wipes

Diaper Rash Ointment

Baby Shampoo

Baby Wash
Baby Lotion

Baby Powder (Com Starch)

Pacifiers & Teethers (New)

Rattles (New) Gift Certificates: Wal-Mart

or Target

New/Gently Used:

Pack N Play

Bassinets Strollers

Diaper Bags *Baby Clothes* (12, 18 & 24

months)

Sleep & Play (12, 18 & 24

months)

Crib Sheets/Bedding Towels & Wash Cloths

FOR MOM:

Body Lotions

Cologne

Deodorant

Toothbrushes & Tcothpaste

Shampoo

Conditioner

Maternity Clothes New/

Gently Úsed

Donations by cash or check are also gratefully accepted. Please make checks payable to: Columbiettes #12956

COLLECTION DATES AND TIMES

Saturdays: April 29 and May 6, 2023

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Sundays: April 30 and May 7, 2023

8:00 am to 12:30 pm

The Venetian Event Center Piazza 9724 Cross Creek Boulevard Tampa, Florida 33647



For questions and information, contact Jane Racila at: jracila@verizon.net

Hosted by Msgr. Kevin S. Mullen Columbiette Auxiliary #12956



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 <u>only</u> 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

ST MARK PARISH BOOK CART (A book share program) We invite you to Take a book - Read a book - Share a book April 29th - 30th 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.

Sunday, May 21st, 2023 come and join in the May Crowning ceremony at the Mary Queen of Peace Shrine, sponsored by the Columbiette's

After 8:30 am Mass, starting in the Nave, there will be a procession out to the shrine for the ceremoniously crowning of Our Lady, with flowers and hymns and a decade of the Rosary prayed.

"ALL" are WELCOME!

Sunday, May 21st, 2023

9:15 am

(immediately following the 8:30 am mass)

Procession - Led by the Knights of Columbus

Blessing of Mary - Reverend Richard Jankowski, Pastor

Crowning of Mary Ceremony

A decade of the Rosary prayed

9:35 am

Recessional Procession - back into the Nave Led by the Knights of Columbus



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



FRI. April 28, 2023
Bowling
AMF University Lanes,
11:00 AM
Second &Fourth Friday
Contact Tom Bennett, 813-2055303 or
TomBennett83@hotmail.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!

Canned Pasta

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



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



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.



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.

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



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