



ST. MARK *the* EVANGELIST

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Our Mission

To invite all
on our journey to:

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Orar (Pray)

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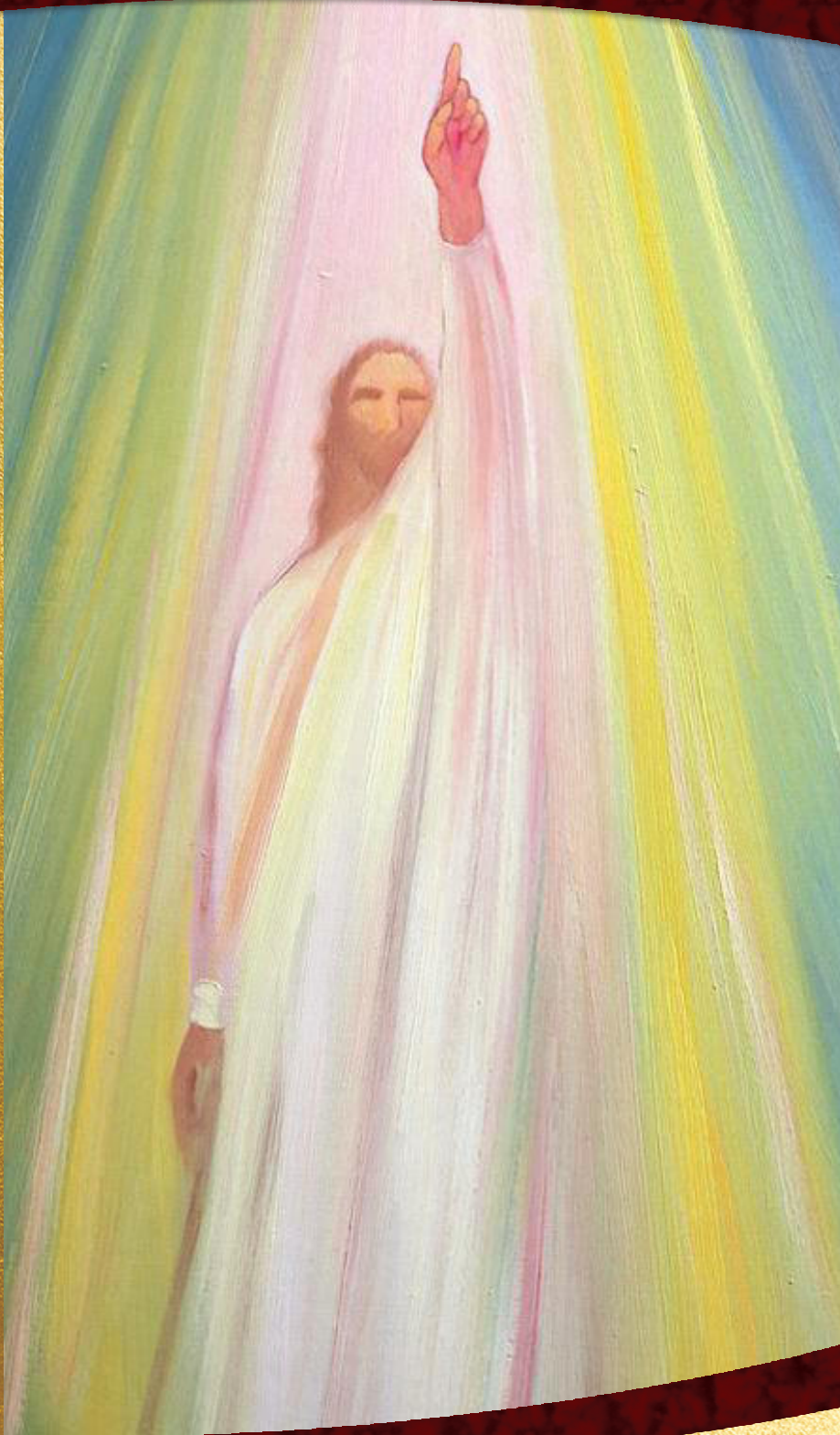
Evangelize

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*



May 14, 2023

Sixth 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

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

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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, May 15 through Sunday, May 21

Mon., May 15	Noon	Theresa Werthwine (d) By Tom & Pat Werthwine
Tues., May 16	8:30 am	Luca Keil (I) By Ana Senjug
Wed., May 17	8:30 am	Vocations
Thurs., May 18	Noon	Simon Arancibia (d) By the Medina Family
Fri., May 19	8:30 am	Victor Alfonso Hernandez Ordaz (d) By Yelitza Rodriguez
Sat., May 20	4:00 pm	Columbiettes By The Columbiettes
Sun., May 21	8:30 am	Parishioners of St. Mark
	10:30 am	Jean Loc Nguyen (d) By the Nguyen Family
	12:30 pm	John Johan Weahof (d) By Nydia Alexandro
	5:30 pm	Pedro Silva (I) By the Silva Family

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of
Jose & Cecilia Velasco (d) By Rolando Lopez

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

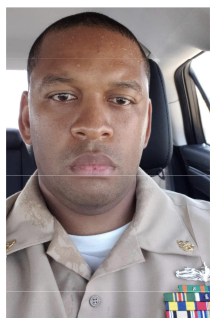
Ministry Meeting Room Reservations

roomschedule@stmarktampa.org



Orar ~ Pray

Pray for Our Heroes



**Christopher
Parkes**

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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.
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

Nick Kosmela
James & Mary Madeline
Burke
Pedro Silva
Carol Woodard
Lou Severe
Linda Fox
Juanito Leon
Michael Lombarski
Maureen Dempsey

Please send your request to Prayers@stmarktampa.org

Learn ~ Aprender

Deacon Jose Moronta

The first recorded Confirmations in Early Church

Today's First Reading is taken from chapter 8 of the Book of Acts of the Apostles. Last Sunday the first reading (taken from chapter 6) told us about the choosing of seven men to assist the apostles in household needs of the Early Church.

In the intervening seventh chapter one of these seven deacons, Stephen by name, is martyred. The charges against him match those leveled against Jesus: (1) he has uttered blasphemies against Moses and God; (2) he has spoken against the Jerusalem temple and the Law; (3) he has maintained that Jesus of Nazareth will destroy the temple and change Mosaic customs. In his speech to the Sanhedrin, the longest speech in the book of Acts, Stephen doesn't directly answer the charges against him but instead delivers a sermon in which the history of Israel from Abraham to Solomon is recast in terms of opposition to Jesus – the history of the Jewish people has always been one of opposition to God's appointed guides and of idolatry. The result is that Stephen is dragged outside the city and stoned; with those who are doing the stoning having their garments watched by a young Pharisee named Saul.

Thus began the persecution of the Church in Jerusalem; this leads to the spread of the Word from Jerusalem to Judea and Samaria. Although the twelve are still the nerve center of Christianity in Jerusalem, others are now also spreading the Word. Today we hear the story of Philip, another of the seven deacons.

«...Thus Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah to them...»

The Samaritans were regarded as holding unorthodox views by the Jews. Nevertheless, they did share with them a belief in the coming of a Messianic figure, the "Returning One".

«...With one accord, the crowds paid attention to what was said by Philip when they heard it and saw the signs he was doing... Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, who went down and prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit... Then they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit...»

This passage suggests the existence of baptism and the gift of the Holy Spirit (confirmation) as two distinct sacramental rites. The text says that those Samaritans had already been baptized. Now the two apostles administered to them the sacrament of confirmation. The most important effects Christian baptism have are the infusion of initial grace and the remission of sins; it is the first sacrament one receives, which is why it is called the "door of the Church". There is a close connection between baptism and confirmation, so much so that in the early centuries of Christianity, confirmation was administered immediately after baptism, as it happens nowadays when a Catechumen receives the "Sacraments of Christian Initiation" in one single ceremony, on Easter Vigil.

Jesus promises the Holy Spirit as the continuation of God's presence among us

After his resurrection, Jesus stayed forty days with his apostles, instructing them until the moment of his Ascension (which we will celebrate next Sunday). Knowing that his "earthly" mission was about to end, he communicated many things to them, such as the passage of today's gospel, taken from his farewell on the night of the Last Supper. At that moment he promises of another presence of God: The Holy Spirit. When Christ is gone, it will be the Holy Spirit who will animate the life of the Church.

Learn ~ Aprender

Continued

Jesus Christ is the life of his disciples who have believed in him, who have left everything for him, who have followed him everywhere, who love him... If Jesus dies, how can they live? Only if Jesus rises. And this is the promise and the only consolation that Jesus gives to his friends: "You," he tells them, "will live, because I continue to live." The love of Jesus Christ is stronger than death, those who believe in him and follow him will not be helpless.

Today's scene relates the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (the Trinity) to the disciples (the Church). The hour of his farewell is the hour of his delivery: henceforth, deprived of the physical presence of the teacher, the disciples will receive the inheritance of the Holy Spirit and the gift of the new presence of the risen Jesus. Through the intervention of Jesus, the Father will send the disciples the Holy Spirit. But the disciples will only receive the gift of the Spirit if they remain united to Jesus, if they keep his word.

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".



GRADUATION MASS AND BLESSING

If you are graduating from High School, College, or if you are being awarded a Master's or Doctorate Degree, we invite you, and your families to be recognized and to receive a Special Blessing from Father Richard at our 5:30pm Mass on Sunday, May 21st. Following Mass, refreshments will be offered in The Venetian. Please bring your Cap & Gown, and sign-up with Deacon Hector before Mass.

To be part of our Graduation Slide Shown that will be shown on our screens before all the masses that weekend, PLEASE - Email the following to: deaconhector@stmarktampa.org before 5 pm, Thursday, May 18th.

*A photo of the graduate, identified with First and Last Name

*The name of the school from which you are graduating

*A list of awards, recognitions, clubs, service projects and anything you did while achieving your education

*Your future plans - Name of College or University you will attend, or a description of your career plans

Thank you very much

You have worked very hard!

We hope you will share your success with our Parish Family!

To All Our St. Mark Mothers

Most Gracious Heavenly Father,

We thank You for our mothers to whom You have entrusted the care of every precious human life from its very beginning in the womb.

You have given to woman the capacity of participating with You in the creation of new life. Grant that every woman may come to understand the full meaning of that blessing, which gives her an unlimited capacity for selfless love for every child she may be privileged to bear, and for all Your children.

Watch over every mother who is with child, strengthen her faith in Your fatherly care and love for her and for her unborn baby. Give her courage in times of fear or pain, understanding in times of uncertainty and doubt, and hope in times of trouble. Grant her joy in the birth of her child.

To mothers You have given the great privilege and responsibility of being a child's first teacher and spiritual guide. Grant that all mothers may worthily foster the faith of their children, following the example of Mary, Elizabeth, and other holy women who follow Christ. Help mothers to grow daily in knowledge and understanding of Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, and grant them the wisdom to impart this knowledge faithfully to their children, and to all who depend upon them.

Assist all "spiritual mothers", those who, though they may have no children of their own, nevertheless selflessly care for the children of others — of every age and state in life. Grant that they may know the joy of fulfilling this motherly calling of women, whether in teaching, nursing, religious life, or in other work which recognizes and fosters the true dignity of every human being created in Your image and likeness.

We beseech You to send Your Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to all mothers who sorrow for children that have died, are ill or estranged from their families, or who are in trouble or danger of any kind. Help grieving mothers to rely on Your tender mercy and fatherly love for all your children.

We ask your blessing on all those to whom You have entrusted motherhood. May Your Holy Spirit constantly inspire and strengthen them. May they ever follow the example of Mary, mother of Our Lord, and imitate her fidelity, her humility, and her self-giving love. May all mothers receive Your Grace abundantly in this earthly life, and may they look forward to eternal joy in Your presence in the life to come.

We ask this through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

Amen.

THE LOVELIEST MASTERPIECE OF THE HEART OF GOD IS THE THE HEART OF MOTHER

St. Therese of Lisieux



*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*



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.

New Pricing for Faith, Fellowship and Fun!

Cost of the Program: \$100/child per week Aftercare: \$50/child per week

Registration is open! First come, first served.

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



MON. May 15, 2023
Miniature Golf at
Plantations Palms Golf Club
11:00 AM
First & Third Monday
Contact Ruth Acevedo
813-991-7153
or heiling@live.com

THUR. May 18, 2023
Card Social at St. Mark
11:00 - 3:00 PM
First & Third Thursday
Contact Elaine King, 813-388-9196
or eaking@ptd.net

WED. May 17, 2023
Game Day at Venetian
11:00 – 2:30 PM
Third Wednesday
Contact Fran Sigle, 813-760-5522
or dale.fran@verizon.net or
Linda Klecar 813-395-2325 or
lklecar98@gmail.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 Fruit or Apple Sauce

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

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.

YOUNG ADULTS

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**

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:

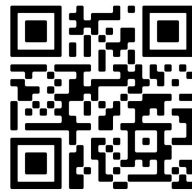
Traditional Envelopes

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