



ST. MARK *the* EVANGELIST

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Our Mission

To invite all
on our journey to:

Learn

Orar (Pray)

GiVe

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 21, 2023

Seventh 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

Deacon Jose Moronta

DeaconJMoronta@stmarktampa.org

Deacon Scott Paine

DeaconScott@stmarktampa.org

Deacon Hector Rios

DeaconHector@stmarktampa.org

Deacon Mike Kopczynski

DeaconMike@stmarktampa.org



Parish Hours

Mon through Wed 9 AM - 4 PM
Thursday 9 AM - 8 PM
Friday 9 AM - Noon
(changes on holidays - please call)

Phone: (813) 907-7746

Fax: (813) 907-7556

9724 Cross Creek Blvd
Tampa, FL 33647.

Website: www.stmarktampa.org

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 22 through Sunday, May 28

Mon., May 22	Noon	Benjamin Donatelli (d) By Vivian Donatelli
Tues., May 23	8:30 am	Jim Zenkus By Dawn & Ed Gleason
Wed., May 24	8:30 am	Vocations
Thurs., May 25	Noon	Asher King Gaspard (d) By Anne Semelfort
Fri., May 26	8:30 am	Mary Pfeiffer (d) By the Parrino Family
Sat., May 27	4:00 pm	Matt Belovarac (d) By the Belovarac Family
Sun., May 28	8:30 am	Deceased Veterans By the Knights of Columbus
	10:30 am	Thomas McElreath (d) By the McElreath Family
	12:30 pm	Manuel Morales (d) By Olga Morales
	5:30 pm	Parishioners of St. Mark

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of
Jose & Cecilia Velasco 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

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



**Jorge A.
Perez III**

*No Photo

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

**Bob Rayo
Lou Severe
Linda Fox
Juanito Leon
Michael Lombarski
Maureen Dempsey
Ellie Crew**

Please send your request to Prayers@stmarktampa.org

Learn ~ Aprender

Deacon Jose Moronta

The Solemnity of the Ascension... history and facts

In the tradition of the Church, 40 days after Christ's resurrection was celebrated his Ascension to heaven. That would mean that the date for such celebration should be the Thursday before the seventh Sunday of Easter. For centuries it was even called "the Thursday of the Ascension", and in the Spanish cultural tradition a saying was repeated every year: "Three great Thursdays are in the year, meriting admiration, Holy Thursday, Corpus Christi and the Thursday of the Ascension."

In 1969 the Church gave the local churches the power to transfer this celebration to the following Sunday. In most of the United States we have an Ascension Sunday rather than an Ascension Thursday. Only the ecclesiastical provinces of Boston, Hartford, New York, Newark, Omaha, and Philadelphia continue observing Ascension Thursday as a holy day of obligation.

There is a significance of the number of days found throughout the Bible and Liturgy. Originally the early Church celebrated the fifty days of Easter to Pentecost as a whole. It wasn't until the fourth century that the fortieth day was marked by the feast of the Ascension, and then the fiftieth was marked by Pentecost to close the Easter season. It is important to remember that the Ascension marks a period of preparation for Pentecost. As Pope Benedict XVI once said, "the forty prepare the fifty." referring to the very first novena occurred in those days after the Ascension, waiting in prayer in the Upper Room for the Holy Spirit. The apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary were waiting for that fiftieth day. This is the model novena.

So, even if one lives in one of the 40 states which celebrate the Ascension Mass on Sunday, if we are following the Church's liturgy, our hearts should be focused on the Ascension joy with the whole Church community beginning on Ascension Thursday. The preparation for Pentecost in the form of a novena should begin on Ascension Thursday.

What we celebrate on this day is that the direct experience of God revealed to men and women in Jesus of Nazareth continues to be experienced when the Body of Christ, the Church, gathers in witness, love and mission. Jesus brought power and hope to people. As He talked, healed, and loved them, they felt the direct presence of God. To be in the company of Jesus was to be in the company of God. Jesus appeared to His disciples after His resurrection. Those appearances were more than their seeing a vision or acknowledging that death could not destroy the Lord. In His appearances Jesus told His disciples that the faithful would continue to experience His presence even though they could no longer see Him. The Holy Spirit would make them aware and sensitive to that presence in the Eucharist. Their vision of life would be enlarged as they grew in their covenant relationship with God.

Today's First Reading is taken from the beginning of the book of Acts of the Apostles, which has been called "The Gospel of Luke, Volume 2" in that it takes over from where this evangelist stopped when writing his gospel with the ascension forming the hinge point. St. Luke, an educated man, a physician by profession, was meticulous and orderly. He sets out in Acts, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to prove the truth of the Apostles' teaching and show how rapidly that teaching spread. It recounts the Church's expansion which, particularly among the Gentiles, was marked by miracles; thus bearing out what our Lord had foretold:

«... You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth...»

Today's gospel records as well Jesus' last words to His disciples which includes this foretelling of the expansion of His Church.

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«...Then Jesus approached and said to them, “All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations... teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age...”»

Although there is no mention of an ascension in this gospel passage, we may assume that these words were heard by the apostles right before Christ's Ascension. On hearing these words we should bear in mind that the authority of the Church, which is given for the salvation of mankind, comes directly from Jesus the Christ, and that this authority, in the sphere of faith and morals, is above any other authority on earth.

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”.

Blessings to all of our St. Mark Graduates!



This Weekend!!



*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





ST MARK PARISH BOOK CART

(A book share program)



**We invite you to Take a book - Read a book - Share a book
May 27th - 28th 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.**

ST. MARK JOB OPENING - PART TIME ACCOUNTANT

This position provides and analyzes financial information to the Pastor, General Manager, Department Leaders, Finance Council, Diocesan Finance office, and Parishioners.

This position is responsible for the financial and other related business to support St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church. The candidate performs all duties and responsibilities in alignment with the mission, vision, and values of the Diocese of St. Petersburg. This is a part-time position

Interested candidates, please send your resume to: [Claudia Garcia Cgarcia@stmarktampa.org](mailto:Claudia.Garcia@stmarktampa.org)
(full description at <https://www.dosp.org/humanresources/employment-opportunities/accountant-part-time-at-st-mark-the-evangelist-parish-in-tampa/>)

SIGN UP FOR TAMPA CATHOLIC'S SUMMER DANCE & CHEER CAMPS

The Tampa Catholic Crusaderette Dance Team will sponsor a dance camp on Tuesday & Wednesday, May 31 and June 1 in the TC gym. Times: 9 to 3. Ages 5 to 13. Cost: \$75 and includes a T-shirt. Lunch and snacks are available for purchase. For further info you can download a registration form from tampacatholic.org or call Sue Johnson at 813-503-1202 or suejo0101@aol.com.

The Tampa Catholic Cheerleading Team will sponsor a cheer camp on Thursday and Friday, June 2 and 3 in the TC gym. Times: 9 to 4. Ages 5 to 13. Cost : \$150 includes a T-shirt, lunch, snacks, drinks and a link to pictures from both days. For further info you can download a registration form from tampacatholic.org or call Julie at 813-546-7377.

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.

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FRI. May 26, 2023

Bowling, AMF University Lanes
11:00 AM

Second & Fourth Friday

Contact Tom Bennett

813-205-5303 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!

Peanut Butter & Jelly

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:

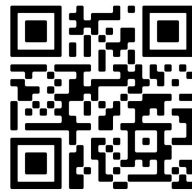
Traditional Envelopes

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