



# ST. MARK *the* EVANGELIST

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

### *Our Mission*

To invite all  
on our journey to:

**L**earn

**O**rar (Pray)

**G**i**V**e

**E**vangelize

### *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 a part of  
our family!

To join us,  
please register online at  
[www.stmarktampa.org/join](http://www.stmarktampa.org/join)  
or call the Parish Office at  
813-907-7746.

*For more information,  
visit our website at:  
[www.stmarktampa.org](http://www.stmarktampa.org)*



August 6, 2023

The Transfiguration of the Lord



## 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

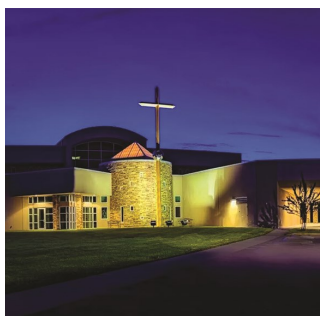
DeaconScott@stmarktampa.org

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)*

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9724 Cross Creek Blvd

Tampa, FL 33647.

Website: [www.stmarktampa.org](http://www.stmarktampa.org)

Email: [info@stmarktampa.org](mailto:info@stmarktampa.org)

Venetian Rental Info: (813) 508-2735

### Events Calendar and Tickets

[www.stmarktampa.org/calendar](http://www.stmarktampa.org/calendar)

### Bulletin Submissions

[Bulletin@stmarktampa.org](mailto: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](http://www.stmarktampa.org/ministries)

Or contact our Ministry Coordinator at  
[mstrickland@stmarktampa.org](mailto:mstrickland@stmarktampa.org)

## Sign Up Now! [www.FORMED.org](http://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](http://www.stmarktampa.org/our-deanery).

## Social Media



[www.facebook.com/stmarktampa](http://www.facebook.com/stmarktampa)



[www.instagram.com/StMarkLOVE](http://www.instagram.com/StMarkLOVE)

## Donate / Support

Credit Card/Online: [www.DonateStMark.org](http://www.DonateStMark.org)

Text to Give: 813-296-5116

To set up Recurring Automatic Donations: Contact

Claudia Garcia at [cgarcia@stmarktampa.org](mailto:cgarcia@stmarktampa.org) or 813-907-7746 x 322

## 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://stmarktampa.org/communion) or  
[stmarktampa.org/confirmation-1](http://stmarktampa.org/confirmation-1)



## Mass Intentions

**Monday, August 7 through Sunday, August 13**

Mon., August 7	Noon	Ivette Rodriguez (d) By Alexis Irizarry
Tues., August 8	8:30 am	Josephine Aurigemma (d) By the Mastronardi Family
Wed., August 9	8:30 am	Vocations
Thurs., August 10	Noon	Josefina Ortega (d) By the Medina Family
Fri., August 11	8:30 am	Bradley Gibbs (d) By Mark Davis
Sat., August 12	4:00 pm	John Carlo (d) By Helen Carlo
Sun., August 13	8:30 am	Billy Houghton (d) By the Houghton Family
	10:30 am	Parishioners of St. Mark
	12:30 pm	Ana Ofelia Valencia & Elkin de Jesus Velasquez (d) By Doris Ospina
	5:30 pm	Mr. & Mrs. Cyril Peters (d) By Gerard Peters and Family

**The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of Maria Sousa Viana  
By the Miller Family**

**Monthly Finance Reports**  
<https://stmarktampa.org/finances>

**Low Gluten Hosts Available**  
*See Luther Ferris*

**Ministry Meeting Room Reservations**  
[roomschedule@stmarktampa.org](mailto:roomschedule@stmarktampa.org)

## Back-To-School Prayer

Dear God,

Please bless all children in this new school year. Give them strength to learn, concentrate and act in love towards their classmates. Watch over them at home and at school. When days become challenging, grant them peace and relaxation, knowing that Your patience, wisdom and courage is excellent in every way. Guide them in their mind, thoughts and body so they may use the knowledge gained to build your kingdom. We thank you for this new school year and ask that you bless the students, families and faculty that make school such a wonderful place.

In your name we pray!



**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 Giarizzo  
Kevin Howell  
Samantha Howell  
\*Bryan Hunt  
\*Ryan Irwin  
Mark Kieweg  
Harold La Rock  
Leticia Larson  
Robert Letzeisen Jr.  
Louis Ludwig

Jacob Meier  
Jack Manning  
George Martin  
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



**Khiry  
White**

**\*No Photo**

### Get Well Prayers

**Melissa Mazzitelli  
James Burke  
Tom Dempsey  
Darrell Stinger  
Mary Stinger  
Richard Giglio**

Please send your request to [Prayers@stmarktampa.org](mailto:Prayers@stmarktampa.org)

## The Solemnity of the Transfiguration of our Lord

According to explicit accounts in the first three gospels, the Apostles Peter, James and John witnessed an unveiling of the divine glory of Christ, and the appearance with Him of Moses and Elijah. This event has come to be called the Transfiguration based on the scriptural report, "He was transfigured before them".

According to tradition, the transfiguration occurred on Mount Tabor. There are no Old Testament parallels for this event, the closest being Moses' face shining after he had visited with God on Mount Sinai.

The feast of the Transfiguration became widespread in the West in the eleventh century and was introduced into the Roman calendar in 1457 to commemorate the victory over Islam in Belgrade. Before that, the Transfiguration of the Lord was celebrated in the Cyrian, Byzantine, and Coptic rites.

### Let us first say something about the Second Reading:

At the time of the Protestant separation from the Church, Martin Luther wanted to omit James, Jude, 2nd Peter, 2nd & 3rd John, Hebrews, and Revelation from the canon of the New Testament. The 2nd letter of Peter was written from Rome about a year before Peter's martyrdom, about A.D. 63.

Around 1968 in German Lutheran circles the question of the place of 2nd Peter in the canon was reopened on the ground that the epistle shows objectionable signs of "early Catholicism", that is, the idea of an authoritative interpretation of scripture. But it has always been among the books that the Christian-Catholic Church has proclaimed and studied. Our second reading for this day comes from this epistle. So we read,

***«We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty...»***

The apostolic doctrine has nothing to do with the false teachings which he will address. The false teachers had labeled Jesus' future parousia a myth made up by human beings to control the lives of others. In response to this charge of myth Peter offers the best evidence, his own experience as an eyewitness that Jesus already possesses the essential qualities to be manifested at his coming: majesty, honor and glory from the Father, messianic and divine sonship.

### And now, about the Gospel:

***«After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John, his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light...»***

The transfiguration occurred shortly after the feeding of the five thousand and the four thousand. The account of the transfiguration confirms that Jesus is the Son of God and points to fulfillment of the prediction that He will come in His Father's glory at the end of the age. This event marks the beginning of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem for His passion.

***«...then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."...»***

These words are a revelation of the sonship of Jesus; Matthew repeats the words spoken at the baptism and adds "listen to him" (sort of like Mary's "do whatever he tells you"). Jesus is the Son and the revealer. This is what we celebrate today.

**Thanks for Reading! 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 [stmarktampa.org](http://stmarktampa.org)*

*and click on "Mass Times" at the top, then scroll down to "Sunday Mass Reflection".*



**THE LORD  
IS KING,  
THE MOST  
HIGH OVER  
ALL OF THE  
EARTH.**

PSALM 97

## **CALLING ALL SINGERS!**



Our St. Mark Music Ministry is seeking both volunteer and professional SATB singers for our **GRAND PARISH CHOIR**.

All are welcome! You do not need to be Catholic or a member of the parish to join.

We are in particular need of sopranos, altos and tenors.

Our grand parish choir sings Sundays at the 10:30 Mass and once a month at the 4:00 PM Saturday vigil Mass.

Rehearsals are held on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM.

Our first rehearsal is on Wednesday, September 6, 2023.

Auditions are by appointment. We request that volunteer singers audition for placement in the ensemble by singing a few bars of "Happy Birthday".

Professional singers are requested to submit a resume and mp3 voice sample prior to auditioning.

To join, contact Dr. John Paul Cappa, Music Director  
at [jpcappa@stmarktampa.org](mailto:jpcappa@stmarktampa.org) or 813-907 7746 ext. 326.





All those interested in joining  
**SMARTS** are always welcome  
**SMARTS Meetings**  
are held at the Venetian  
**11:00 AM**  
**Second Wednesday of the**  
**month.**

Contact Paulette Nardelli  
**843-540-5571**  
**Pnardelli51@gmail.com**  
or Roe Black  
**813-383-8360**  
**Roe1Black@yahoo.com**



**Our Food Pantry**  
**Is open for those in need!**

**Drive-up open**  
**on 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month**  
**from 1 pm - 4 pm**

**Please help stock our Food Pantry!**

**1 lb. Box Spaghetti**  
**& Canned Pasta 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](http://www.stmarktampa.org/FoodPantrySchedule)  
to check the schedule for vacant dates & send an email to:  
[smpantry@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:vmainguy@stmarktampa.org)



# **We're Hiring!**

## **Director, Child and Family Ministry – PT Exempt**

The Director of Child and Family Ministry is responsible for coordinating all faith formation programs and family events for families with children in pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> grade, exclusive of RCIA and immediate preparation for sacraments. This position is deemed a minister of faith formation and evangelization; the Director is expected to adhere to the teachings of the Catholic Church.

## **Administrative Assistant, Faith Formation and Evangelization - PT**

The Administrative Assistant works within a small team of Administrative Assistants to perform all the administrative functions needed to support the parish's faith formation, sacramental preparation, and evangelization efforts. This position is deemed a minister of faith formation and evangelization; the Administrative Assistant is expected to adhere to the teachings of the Catholic Church.

### **Interested? Contact Deacon Scott**

[deaconscoff@stmarktampa.org](mailto:deaconscoff@stmarktampa.org)

**813-907-7746 x317**

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## **Facilities and Maintenance Manager - FT**

St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church has a Full-Time opening. The Facilities Manager provides facilities support to all ministry and parish functions. Responsible for implementing a preventative maintenance program that ensures that all parish buildings and grounds are maintained to the highest standards of safety, functionality, operational efficiency, and appearance. Ensures that any required repairs are completed in a timely and professional manner. Manages vendors and contractors that assist in facilities upkeep and repair such as janitorial, pest control, landscaping, HVAC repair, roofers, etc.

This position requires a team player attitude, excellent interpersonal and communication skills, attention to details and project coordination with the ability to multitask on an ongoing basis. The Facilities Manager can collaborate with and support the Pastor, General Manager, parish staff, and parishioners.

#### **Ideal Candidate must have the following criteria:**

- High School Diploma with training in the maintenance of buildings
- 5 years experience in facilities management or building trade.
- Experience in supervising others
- Knowledge of plumbing, electrical and HVAC
- Ability to safely lift a minimum of 50 lbs.
- Ability to work a flexible schedule, including evenings and weekends.
- Must successfully pass a level II FBI background screening and attend a Safe Environment Training

#### **Responsibilities include but are not limited to:**

- Ensure building and property follow all standards and codes daily.
- Schedules, coordinates, and executes all maintenance tasks.
- Self-perform repairs, so facility operations are not interrupted.
- Self-perform any painting, drywall repairs, and maintains esthetics and landscaping needs.
- Plumbing, electrical, and HVAC preventative maintenance
- Schedule and perform daily, weekly, and monthly facilities maintenance checklists.
- Coordinate maintenance work order requests and follow up to ensure completion of work orders.
- Maintain work order log.
- Monitor property to ensure compliance with maintenance, safety, and security.
- Initiate work orders or proposal requests
- Coordinate and inspect outside vendor maintenance repairs.
- Maintains the key log.
- Perform various reporting and admin tasks.
- Respond to property emergencies and resolve them immediately (ex. alarm calls)

Candidate must pass a Level II (FBI) criminal background screening and complete Diocesan Safe Environment Training before employment. St. Mark is a smoke and drug-free workplace.

Interested candidates, please send your resume to: Claudia Garcia [Cgarcia@stmarktampa.org](mailto:Cgarcia@stmarktampa.org)





*Legion  
de Maria*

**Praesidium  
Madre de la Divina Gracia**

**Te invita a:**

Coronilla a la Divina Misericordia 3 PM  
seguido de Coronilla a las Lagrimas de  
Maria y Coronilla a San Miguel Arcangel

Santo Rosario 8 PM

**via zoom ID:  
868 3628 8971  
Passcode: Maria**

Nos reunimos los Viernes a las 8 PM (mismo  
zoom)

**PARA SERVIR A JESUS A TRAVES DE MARIA**



**Registration Open!**

Faith Formation

and

Sacramental Preparation

2023-24

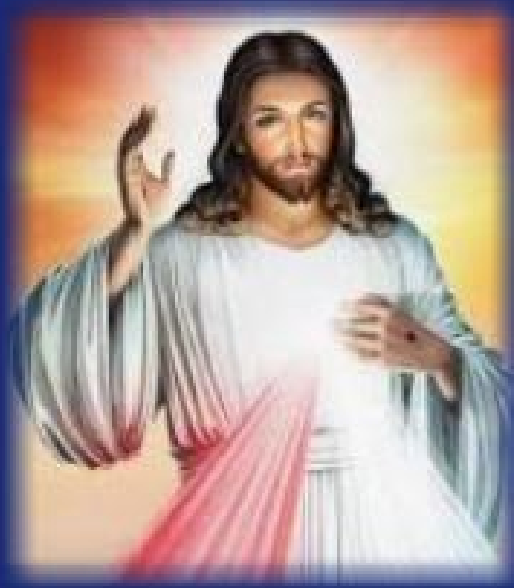
You can register your children for ongoing faith formation  
and for preparation for the sacraments for the 2023-24 school year  
using our new, online registration forms.

To find the registration forms,  
select the Learn option from the Directory menu.

Questions? Need help completing the forms?

Call the Faith Formation office (813-907-7746 x308)





## **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](mailto:leader-divinemercy@stmarktampa.org)

## **GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY**

sharing grief. finding hope.



**Our Bereavement Ministry  
meets every 2nd & 4th Monday of each month  
from 6:30pm to 8pm  
in the Mark 1 & 2 Classrooms in The Venetian**

**We invite you to join us anytime. This is not a commitment. Come when you can.  
Our program is free and is designed for anyone 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](mailto:youngadult@stmarktampa.org)

# LIGHT



And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.

MATTHEW 17:2

Father, thank you for giving us people with the gift of teaching our children. I ask you to wrap your arms around each one of them with a armor of protection against all threats and dangers they may face throughout the school day. Watch over them and protect them from violence. Protect their bodies and minds from sickness. Father, keep them safe so they can be their for the students throughout the day. Amen.



### ***Catholic Youth Sports League***

#### **St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church Soccer**



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A Catholic Youth Sports League soccer program for boys and girls ages 6 – 18 and all athletic abilities is ready for a fifth (Fall 2023) season at St. Mark.

The season begins in August, with first practice August 24 (early Thursday evenings at St. Mark) and the first game (Saturday mornings) on August 26. Games will be at St. Mark the Evangelist soccer fields as well as a two other churches in the North Tampa area. There will be one practice and one game per week.

Program uses small sided games: 4 players on U8 and 7 players including a goalie on U10 and above teams.

Teams include U6 (born before 1/1/2017), U8 (1/1/2015), U10 (1/1/2013), U13 (1/1/2010) and U18 (born before 1/1/2005).

Register online using the link at [www.stmarktampa.org/sports](http://www.stmarktampa.org/sports). Registration opened on 6/1/2023. Cost per player is \$120 per player. Cost after July 15 increase to \$160 per player. Registration cost includes a uniform. Number of players is limited, so please register early.

Contact: Don at [soccer@stmarktampa.org](mailto:soccer@stmarktampa.org) for more information or if you would like to volunteer. Coaches and referees (Grade 8 and above) are always needed and will be trained at St. Mark.



[www.DonateStMark.org](http://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:

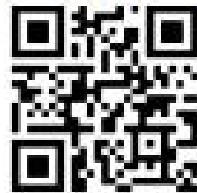
Traditional Envelopes

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 the Parish Office at 813-907-7746 for support.

**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](mailto:vmainguy@stmarktampa.org)



# Our Virtual Church Offerings

[www.stmarktampa.org](http://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](http://www.facebook.com/stmarktampa) or [www.youtube.com/stmarktampa](http://www.youtube.com/stmarktampa).

## Ways to Give:

Donate online to support St. Mark at [donatestmark.org](http://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.

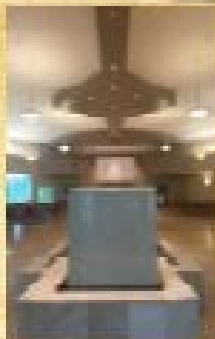
And last - a link to our FREE Catholic "Netflix-type" resource: *FORMED.org*

## 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



# 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