



ST. MARK *the* EVANGELIST

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Our Mission

To invite all
on our journey to:

Learn

Orar (Pray)

Gi**V**e

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 a 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*

PATRIOT DAY

REMEMBER 9-11

September 10, 2023

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Parochial Vicar

Rev. Cosmas O. Amadi

Frcosmas@stmarktampa.org

Priests in Residence

Rev. Jose George

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

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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

Claudia Garcia at 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.

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, September 11 through Sunday, September 17, 2023

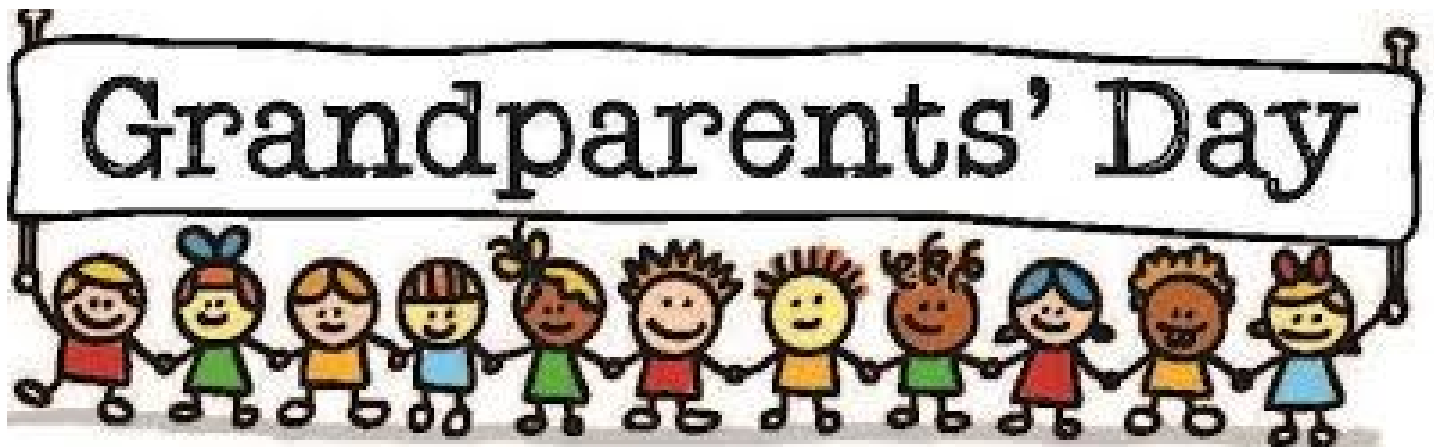
Mon., Sept. 11	Noon	James Knight (d) By Sharon Moers
Tues., Sept. 12	8:30 am	Pedro & Gertrudis Colon (d) By the Silva Family
Wed., Sept. 13	8:30 am	Vocations
Thurs. Sept. 14	Noon	Jacqueline Smith (d) By Willie & Iva Merrell
Fri., Sept 15	8:30 am	Jose Yance (d) By the Jacques Family
Sat. Sept. 16	4:00 pm	Corey Schmidt (d) By Marty & Tara Schmidt
Sun., Sept. 17	8:30 am	Darlene Bartoletta (d) By Louis & Pamela Cerillo
	10:30 am	Parishioners of St. Mark
	12:30 pm	Enrique Castiblanco (d) By the Castiblanco & Cortez Families
	5:30 pm	Jimmy Carney (d) By Joe Carney

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in honor of
Sister Loyola Mathia S.C.
By Jennifer DePiero

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



**Christina
Bennett**

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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 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

Get Well Prayers

**Carol Bley
Richard Giglio
Ron Kish
Vern Swanson
Martha Gaska
Celia Cain**

Dearly Departed

**Theodore Chekan
Robby Burkhart**

Please send your request to Prayers@stmarktampa.org

Learn ~ Aprender

Deacon Jose Moronta

Three teachings of Jesus in the same gospel reading

Let us remember that in this liturgical year (cycle A) we are going through the Gospel according to Saint Matthew. We are now in chapter 18, that contains what some have called a "community sermon", dedicated to fraternal correction and to mutual forgiveness.

All of chapter 18 includes a series of teachings of Jesus that have to do with human relationships, such as consideration and compassion for the weakest, fraternal treatment among all, being open to forgiving offenses, etc. Jesus relies on the rules of Leviticus 19:17 and Deuteronomy 19:15 to suggest the steps to follow: First a private conversation, then a warning before one or two witnesses, and once these resources have been exhausted, go to the assembly of the community. Note that what Jesus proposes is the solution of conflicts and problems, not excommunication. Not a legal response, but a pastoral one. Then the text concludes with an invitation to present a common prayer to the Father.

Today we hear Jesus' teaching on fraternal correction. This is one of the ways in which the members of the Church must seek out the sheep that has wandered. This is a loving correction.

«If your brother sins against you, go and tell him about his fault between you and him alone...»

This should be done privately so that the brother is not ashamed or humiliated.

«...If he listens to you, you have won over your brother...»

The word used here is a technical rabbinic term for missionary conversion.

«...If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.'...»

Should the brother be recalcitrant, a few witnesses are to be summoned for another reprimand.

In the law of Deuteronomy 19:15 the evidence of a single witness is not enough for a conviction. *«One witness alone shall not stand against someone in regard to any crime or any offense that may have been committed; a charge shall stand only on the testimony of two or three witnesses.»* The witnesses add weight to the reprimand. When these procedures, calling the wrongdoer to conversion, have failed, this person is to be 'excommunicated' - excluded from the community. We know from comments of St Paul concerning such cases, that this exclusion aimed to help the wrongdoer find forgiveness: 'Do not treat them as enemies, but warn them as believers', Paul writes (2 Thess3; cf. 1 Cor 5).

Jesus teaches us that if we want to help our brothers and sisters get to heaven, we must warn them if they have gone astray due to sin. In today's First Reading the prophet Ezekiel reminds us *«if you do not speak to dissuade the wicked from his way, the wicked shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death.»* The warning of the prophet is clear: we will be responsible if we fail to call to task a brother or sister who has strayed to task. There are times in life where we must admonish the sinner in love because his salvation is in jeopardy.

Then, toward the middle of the Gospel's passage for the day we find a twist in Jesus' teaching,

«...Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven...»

A couple of interesting facts may be noticed here. First, it is God who does the binding. And second, The apostles are given the power to bind and loose, the same power that was given to Peter in a couple of chapters prior. Note that there is one significant difference, they have not been given the keys; this symbol of authority has been reserved for Peter as the Chief Apostle and first Pope.

And then again, toward the end of today's gospel the teaching goes in a different direction,

«...Amen I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them...»

From the very beginning the Church has practiced communal prayer. "All those with one accord devoted themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus" (Acts 1:14). This does not obviate the need for individual prayer, but rather supports and strengthens it. Even two or three can form a prayer group where the prayer of the Church is offered.

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

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



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For more information, please contact

Divine Mercy Ministry at leader-divinemercy@stmarktampa.org.



ST. MARK ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY



Altar Servers are an essential ministry in service of the Priest and Deacon during the celebration of the Mass. One of the positions in the Altar Server Ministry at St. Mark is the role of the Master of Ceremony (MC). You will recognize them at Mass as the server with the gold trim on his or her surplice.

The Master of Ceremony (MC) is an experienced server who has leadership potential and commits to be present at all assigned Masses. The MC is fully knowledgeable of the structure of the Mass, the objects used in the Mass, the liturgical year, and the responsibilities of every altar server role. The MC ensures that the servers perform their duties, directs them as needed, and handles any unusual circumstance that may arise.

Three of our Masters of Ceremony graduated high school this year and have left for college.

We offer a special thank you for the dedication of these servers for many years

and we wish them well in their college studies:

Josh Bain, Karina Diaz, and Tristin Perkins.

**Two of our experienced altar servers were trained and commissioned
as Masters of Ceremony on August 21.**

Congratulations to Marco Lamarche and Zaida Diaz.



WEDNESDAY, September 13
 SMARTS Meeting in The Venetian
 11:00 AM
 Second Wednesday
 Contact Paulette Nardelli
 843-540-5571 or
 Pnardelli51@gmail.com

**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**



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 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
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 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.

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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



Faith Formation

2023-24

*Registration
Open!*

Select Your Grade Level

- Pre-K to 5th grade
- 6th-8th grade
- 9th-12th grade

Select Your Program

- In-classroom
- Family Faith
- Home based

September to May

Register Online

Visit the St. Mark website
select "Learn" in the Directory menu

Complete the Google Form to register.

Sacramental Preparation

- First Communion
- Reconciliation
- Confirmation



Any Questions
call the Faith Formation Office
813-907-7746 x308

**Faith Formation Programs
(including Edge and Life Teen)
begin this week.**

Is your child registered?

If not, Go to <https://rb.gy/ep6r5>

**If you have already registered,
please check your email
for important information.**

Help Wanted!

**Catechists to teach our classroom based sessions
(1st - 5th Grade).**

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FALL 2023

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OCTOBER 4TH AT 7:30PM

FORMATION MEETING #1—FINDING THE MOTIVATION TO FIND GOD.

LOCATION: PANERA BREAD, 18011 HIGHWOODS PRESERVE PKWY, TAMPA, FL 33647

OCTOBER 27TH, 7:30PM

HALLOWEEN PARTY

LOCATION: PEBBLE CREEK CLUBHOUSE

NOVEMBER 8TH, 7:30PM

FORMATION MEETING #2—FINDING GOD IN DIFFICULT SITUATIONS.

LOCATION: PANERA BREAD, 18011 HIGHWOODS PRESERVE PKWY, TAMPA, FL 33647

NOVEMBER 18: VOLUNTEER AT VA

DECEMBER 6TH, 7:30PM

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EMAIL: YOUNGADULTS@STMARKTAMPA.ORG



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or Celia Caesar, Choir Assistant
Email: jpcappa@stmarktampa.org
Office Phone: 813-907-7746, Ext. 326
Text to Cell: 814-449-2904

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PADRE EDDIE CHINCHA

Animado por "EL TERCER DIA"
el grupo DE ST. MARK

Enseñanza - Adoración - Confesiones - Alabanza

SEP. 23 2023

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A 5:00PM**

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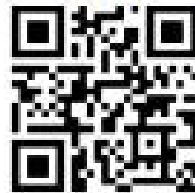
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Our Virtual Church Offerings

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.

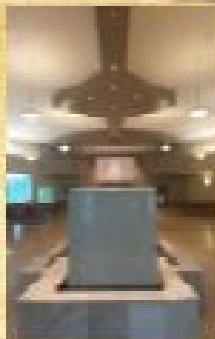
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If you are over 73 and have an IRA or similar retirement account you may be required to take annual distributions prescribed by the IRS. These distributions are usually taxed at your ordinary income tax rate.

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