



# 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)*



September 17, 2023

24th 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](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, September 18 through Sunday, September 24

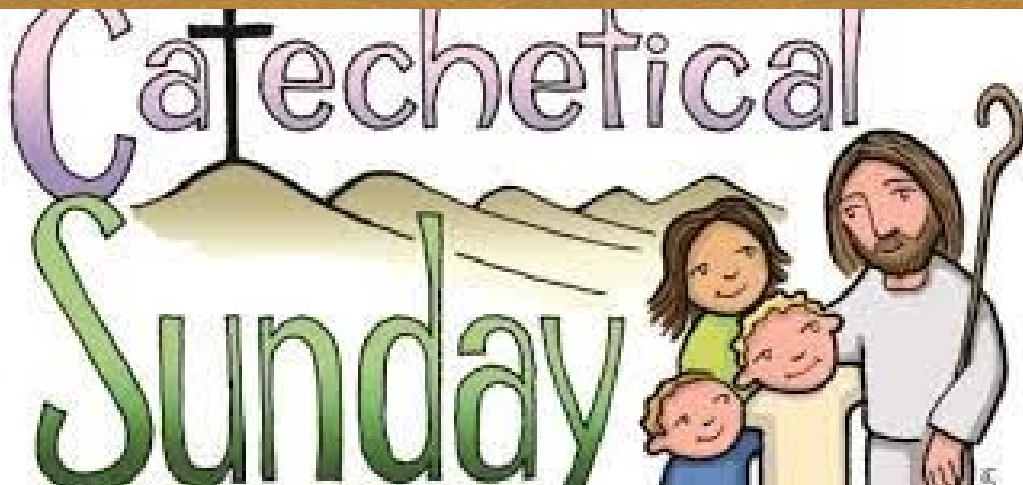
Mon., Sept. 18	Noon	Julia Anne Wesson (d) By Sandra Wesson
Tues., Sept. 19	8:30 am	Ronald Farmer (d) By Diane Farmer
Wed., Sept. 20	8:30 am	Vocations
Thurs. Sept. 21	Noon	Andrew Conda (d) By Carol Conda
Fri., Sept. 22	8:30 am	Virginia Yorllo (d) By Vivian Donatelli
Sat., Sept. 23	4:00 pm	Frank C. Depinet (d) By the Dempsey Family
Sun., Sept. 24	8:30 am	Stasia Wrona (d) By Michael & Celestine Safilka
	10:30 am	Frank Anthony Lauro (d) By George & Jean Anne Thulin
	12:30 pm	Parishioners of St. Mark
	5:30 pm	Raquel Doblas (d) By Raquel Shaw

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of  
**Darlene Bartoletta**  
By Louis & Pam Cerillo and 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)



Orar ~ Pray

### Pray for Our Heroes



**Morgan  
Boruty**

\*No Photo

Brian Artienda	Jacob Meier
Ulio & Francisco Arocho	Jack Manning
Christina Bennett	George Martin
Morgan Boruty	Yerandy Molina
*Stephen Brown	Merridith Morrison
Tanya Buckley	Ismael A. Olivo-Alvarez
*Ron Caputo	Anthony Orcajo
Neal Cheramie	Christopher Parkes
Ryan Clisset	Jorge A. Perez III
Adrian A. Cruz	James Phillips
Tyler Emerick	Paul Pita
*Jorge Farchakh	Pedro Rico
Christopher A. Garcia	Daniel Sabarese
*Ian Garia	Michael Schiano
Olivia Faith Giarrizzo	Nicholas Stiegler
Kevin Howell	Tiffany Stiegler
Samantha Howell	Bobby Thomas
*Bryan Hunt	Ana Maria Vargas
*Ryan Irwin	*Camilo Andres Vargas
Mark Kieweg	Disney Velez
Harold La Rock	Khiry White
Leticia Larson	Daniel Woodard
Robert Letzeisen Jr.	Steven Woodard
Louis Ludwig	Robert Woodards

### Get Well Prayers

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

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





# DONATE BLOOD

**St Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church**  
**Sunday, September 17**  
**8:30 AM - 12:30 PM**

All donors will receive\*:

- **\$20 eGift Card**
- **OneBlood T-shirt**
- **Wellness Checkup** including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count and cholesterol screening.

*Fact: One in three of us will need a blood transfusion.*

Donors  
Receive



- PLUS -



- PLUS -



Appointments are encouraged, please visit [oneblood.org/donate-now](http://oneblood.org/donate-now) and use **sponsor code #13024**.

## ID REQUIRED

\*One offer per donor, per donation. No cash value. Not-transferable. Gifts may vary. For more information please visit [oneblood.org/details](http://oneblood.org/details).



**oneblood**  
Share your power.



## Learn ~ Aprender

### Deacon Jose Moronta

#### **A rare confirmation of a Bible's book authorship... and a teaching about pardoning**

Most of the books in the Bible have a name that we assume is the authors, but it's difficult to make an absolute affirmation about who really wrote them. Even with books of the New Testament we have doubts about who is their author. The Letters of Peter, for example, and the Gospels might be written by someone else, and the Early Christian community attributed the authorship to the names we use to identify some books. In today's First Reading the text has been taken from a book that has two names: Ecclesiasticus (which means "church book"), and the book of ben Sira (or more simply, Sirach).

Sirach is one of the few books of the Old Testament where there is no question about the identity of the author. This book was written by one man: Jesus, son of Eleazar, son of Sira, who signed his name to the book.

Born and raised in Jerusalem, Sirach was a highly respected scribe and teacher, a man of culture and means, who traveled much in his life, possibly as a diplomatic emissary to foreign courts. In later years he ran a school in Jerusalem, imparting to youth his deep knowledge and love of the Scriptures as well as the practical wisdom he had acquired empirically.

It is the only book in the Bible with a forward; it contains the first explicit mention of the Hebrew Bible's three-fold division of scriptures (Law, Prophets, Writings).

Sirach's book is essentially an apology for Judaism. Written to defend the religious and cultural heritage of Judaism against the challenge of Hellenism, Sirach sought to demonstrate to his fellow Jews in Palestine and the dispersion, and to well-meaning pagans, that true wisdom resides in Israel.

Sirach is one of the seven deuterocanonical books, that may be found only in Catholic Bibles; it did not fit into the theology of the Pharisaic part of Judaism, which was responsible for fixing the Jewish canon because of the tone of the work with its preoccupation with cult, the lack of any appreciation for the afterlife, and minimal messianism. The Church, however, has always regarded the book as canonical.

In our first reading today, we are told that deceit and dishonesty will lead one only to isolation. The wise man will not seek vengeance when wronged (as preached by Jesus in today's Gospel), but will be faithful to mercy, like the Lord.

***«Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight... Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. Should a man nourish anger against his fellows and expect healing from the Lord? Should a man refuse mercy to his fellows, yet seek pardon for his own sins?...»***

When we compare this passage with today's Gospel, we might fall in the temptation of believing that Jesus read this text before preaching the parable that brings support to the sixth petition of the Lord's Prayer ("...forgive our trespasses...")

The rule of the time was "an eye for an eye" and this represents a significant advance; an advance which really didn't gain wide acceptance until the Christian era.

If man does not forgive, he cannot expect forgiveness; if he doesn't renounce his own claims, which are small, he cannot ask God to dismiss the claims against him. Even though we may treat a sinner as we would a Gentile or a tax collector (last week's gospel) we also have the obligation to forgive. We are called to keep forgiving the individual to set an example which will cause them to seek the forgiveness of the Church.

**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".*



# 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)  
have begun.**

**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).**

**Office Volunteers to help in the office during sessions.**

**Hall Monitors to help keep our children safe during sessions.**

**If you feel God's tug on your heart to help email  
[childrenandfamilyministry@stmarktampa.org](mailto:childrenandfamilyministry@stmarktampa.org).**



# A leader in Catholic Education

## BISHOP MCLAUGHLIN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Located in Pasco county, Bishop McLaughlin Catholic High School, is a Catholic college preparatory, co-educational school serving grades 9-12. We are an exceptional, educational Catholic community rooted in faith, compassion, integrity, and service.



*Academic  
Excellence*

*Rooted In  
Faith*

*Supportive,  
Family  
Environment*

*Small  
Class Sizes*



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Apply for a K-12 scholarship worth on average \$7,700 to attend a private school.

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**727-857-2600**



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## NORTH TAMPA CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS

# FALL 2023

### FINDING GOD IN ALL THINGS

EMAIL: [YOUNGADULTS@STMARKTAMPA.ORG](mailto:YOUNGADULTS@STMARKTAMPA.ORG)

**SEPTEMBER 17TH, 11:30AM | KICK-OFF SOCIAL @ FL AVE BREWING**

**OCTOBER 4TH AT 7:30PM**

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

**LOCATION: PANERA BREAD, 18011 HIGHWOODS PRESERVE-PKWAY, 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 19: VOLUNTEER AT VA**

**DECEMBER 6TH, 7:30PM**

**COMBINED POTLUCK AND FORMATION: FINDING GOD AT MASS (WHEN IT'S BORING.)**



**September 23-24  
THE PARISH BOOK CART WILL BE  
AVAILABLE AFTER  
ALL MASSES OUTSIDE THE GIFT SHOP**

**We invite you to  
Take a book  
Read a book  
Share a book**



All books are free. When you have finished reading, you may keep the book or share it with someone else or return it to our Liturgy Office.

You can also return it to the Liturgy Office to be placed back on our Book Cart.

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.**





**THUR. September 21**

Card Social at St. Mark

11:00 - 3:00 PM

First & Third Thursday

Contact Elaine King, 813-388-9196 or  
eaking@ptd.net

**FRI. September 22**

Bowling, Bowlero

11:00 AM

Second & Fourth Friday

Contact Tom Bennett, 813-205-5303  
or TomBennett83@hotmail.com

**WED. September 20**

Game Day at The 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 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!**

**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](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)

**BROTHERHOOD of the LORD OF MIRACLES MINISTRY**

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DE LOS MILAGROS DE TAMPA FL**

INVITA A VIVIR VALIENTEMENTE  
EL EVANGELIO A TRAVES DE NUESTRO

**RETIRO ESPIRITUAL**

**SIGUEME II**

*Abraza Mi Cruz Y Sigueme*

LUCAS 9, 23-26



**PADRE MIGUEL ANGEL VASALLO**



**PADRE EDDIE CHINCHA**

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

*Enseñanza - Adoración - Confesiones - Alabanza*

**SEP. 23 2023**

**DE 8:30 AM  
A 5:00PM**

NO HARRA PARTICIPACION DE NIÑOS

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**THE VENETIAN EVENT CENTER**

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ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST

9724 CROSS CREEK BLVD. TAMPA. FL 33647

**DONACION**

**\$25**

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## 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 every Thursday at 1:00pm

in the St. Michael the Archangel classroom located in the church.

For more information, please contact

Divine Mercy Ministry at [leader-divinemercy@stmarktampa.org](mailto:leader-divinemercy@stmarktampa.org).



CATHOLIC CHARITIES DIOCESE OF ST. PETERSBURG

### MINISTRIES OF MERCY

CELEBRATION OF LIFE GALA & SILENT AUCTION

11.04.2023

RESERVATIONS: 813-631-4393 OR [JFERGUSON@CCDOSP.ORG](mailto:jferguson@ccdosp.org)



[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:

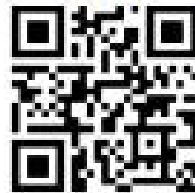
Traditional Envelopes

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  
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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.

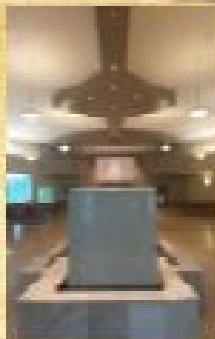
And last - a link to our FREE Catholic "Netflix-type" resource: *FORMED.org*

## 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
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- 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