



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*



September 24, 2023

25th 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

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

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 25 through Sunday, October 1

Mon., Sept. 25	Noon	Francisco Edson Viana (d) By the Miller Family
Tues., Sept. 26	8:30 am	Aida Hernandez & the Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary (d) By Praesidium Madre de la Divina Gracia
Wed., Sept. 27	8:30 am	Vocations
Thurs. Sept. 28	Noon	George Flamman (d) By Thomas & Ellie Crew
Fri, Sept. 29	8:30 am	Rudolph & Sophie Lombarski (d) By Michael Lombarski
Sat., Sept. 30	4:00 pm	Nwabuiwe & Pius Ayetin (d) By George & Patricia Ayetin
Sun., Oct. 1	8:30 am	William Scott Pickett (d) By Corazon Abit
	10:30 am	David Caporali (d) By Frank & Donna Tascarella
	12:30 pm	Alicia Fonalledas (d) By Mayra Guzman
	5:30 pm	Parishioners of St. Mark

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of
Jenny Vysniauskas by Letta McElreath

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

Low Gluten Hosts Available
See *Luther Ferris*

Ministry Meeting Room Reservations
roomschedule@stmarktampa.org



We pray for all of our priests,
that they may be a true and faithful
witness of Christ in the world,
loving and sacrificing themselves
for the Church and Her people.

Orar ~ Pray

Pray for Our Heroes



**Tanya
Buckley**

*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 Giarizzo	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

Dearly Departed

Gary Tucker

Please send your request to Prayers@stmarktampa.org

Learn ~ Aprender

Deacon Jose Moronta

Let's talk today about Isaiah and... of the Philippians

Today the First Reading is taken from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah and the Second Reading is taken from a letter that Saint Paul wrote to the Philippians. We know very little about the details of Isaiah's life. To differentiate him from other men of the same name, he was called "Isaiah, the son of Amos;" later "Isaiah the prophet." According to Jewish tradition he was of royal stock. He was of the tribe of Judah and his home was in Jerusalem. All his discourses are addressed to the people, or to certain classes and individuals, or to the women of Jerusalem. He was married and had two sons. By reading Isaiah 8:3 we are informed that his wife was known as a prophetess.

Today's passage may look like a possible discrepancy, as we read,

«...Seek the Lord while he may be found, call him while he is near...As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts...»

These lines combine those mysterious opposites of divine grace: God is transcendent, yet near enough to help. Man must seek God, and yet God's ways are far beyond comprehension. This is why we need the gift of faith and also explains why it's a gift from God. We cannot generate faith by ourselves, the only source of it is God, who wants us to love him even if we cannot understand his ways.

In the Second Reading we meet St. Paul addressing the Christians of Philippi, a city north of the Aegean Sea named after Philip of Macedon, the father of Alexander the Great. Paul founded here the first Christian church in Europe around the year 51, during his second missionary journey. He lived in Philippi for some years and had special affection for these people, which they reciprocated. He even suffered imprisonment and the lash on their account. The Philippians, for their part, sent Epaphroditus to Rome to look after Paul when he was imprisoned there. Epaphroditus became seriously ill and after his recovery, Paul sent him back home with this letter, written by Paul during his imprisonment in A.D. 61-63. In this letter Paul simply expresses his gratitude to the Father for all consolation, and to the Philippians for the kindness and attention they showed him and for never being a source of worry to him but rather of consolation.

«...Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me life is Christ, and death is gain...»

St Ambrose of Milan wrote in A.D. 378, "It seems that for him death would be profitable, and life would be more of a penalty. For this reason, Paul says 'for me life is Christ, and death is gain.' The death of the body is nothing amid the spirit of life. So, we too are ready to die with Christ so that we may live with Him."

And then we get the amazing confession of the apostle,

«...I am caught between the two. I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for your benefit...»

How great was his affection for the believers, that he does not choose what he says would be much better for himself. He admits that it might be much easier to be dissolved and be with Christ. But nonetheless he knows that it is necessary for him to remain in the flesh for the benefit of the faithful, so that their glory may abound in the Lord, and all may praise the Lord when they see him again. Awesome!

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".

BROTHERHOOD of the LORD OF MIRACLES MINISTRY

**HERMANDAD DEL SEÑOR
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

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**This Weekend
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.**

NORTH TAMPA CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS

FALL 2023

FINDING GOD IN ALL THINGS

EMAIL: 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 18: VOLUNTEER AT VA

DECEMBER 6TH, 7:30PM

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



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.**



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!

Mac & Cheese

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**

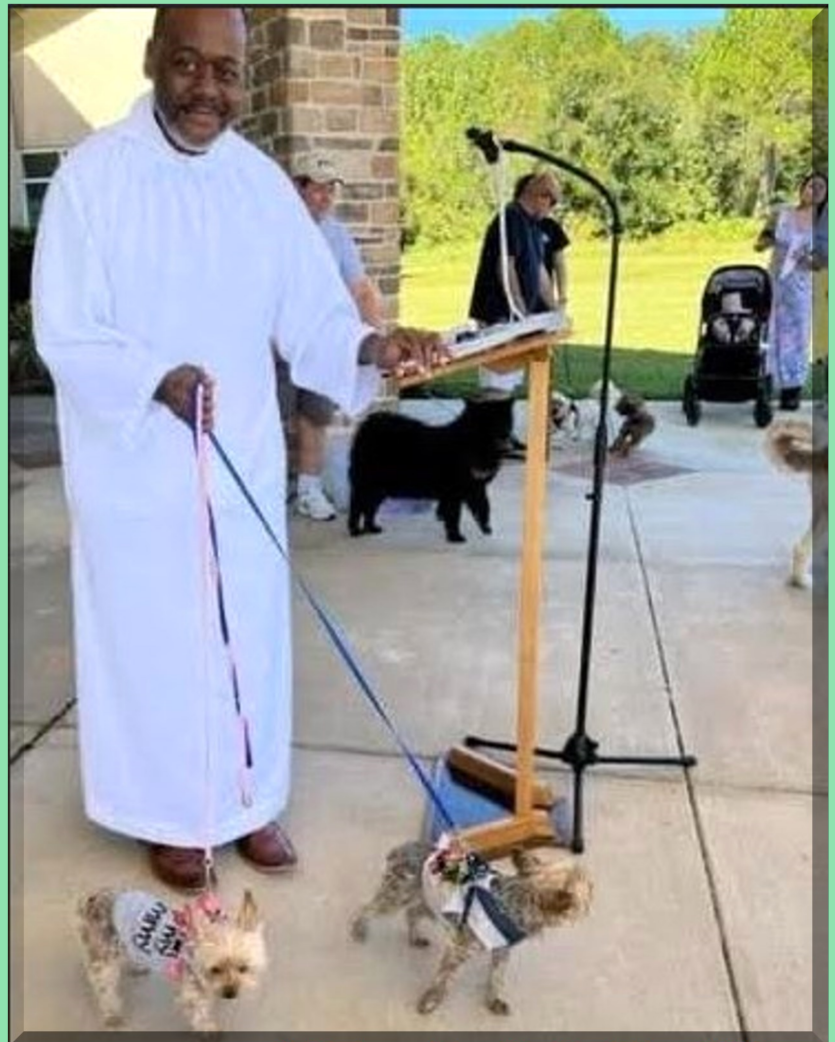
For more information, please contact Val anytime at 813-508-2735
or vmainguy@stmarktampa.org



**ANNUAL
PARISH
BLESSING
OF THE
PETS**

WHEN:
Saturday, October 7th
at 12 pm
with
Deacon Jose & Luther

WHERE:
Outside
in front of
the main church doorways



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.



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)





September 27

St. Vincent de Paul was born in Pouy, France on April 24, 1581, and was ordained a priest on September 23, 1600. Vincent devoted himself entirely to the alleviation of suffering of the poor. To that cause, he established the Confraternities of Charity, later known as the Ladies of Charity, in 1617. In 1625, he founded the Congregation of the Mission, his community of priests and brothers. With Louise de Marillac, he cofounded the Daughters of Charity in 1633. Vincent died in Paris on September 27, 1660 and was canonized in 1737. Pope Leo XIII declared him patron saint of all works of charity.



It's common but often unspoken - to grieve the loss of a child by abortion. It may seem that nothing can fill the emptiness of one's heart. Be assured that there is forgiveness, hope and healing. If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential, non-judgemental help is available from Project Rachel Ministry. (USCCB) Foundations of Life Centers are here to help you begin this personal healing process. Please contact us to be part of the retreat or to begin talking with someone confidentially. For more information call or email: 813-631-4393 - jferguson@ccdosp.org

Day Retreat - November 18, 2023
at Foundations of Life -Tampa

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:

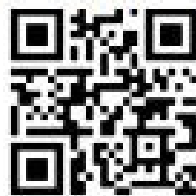
Traditional Envelopes

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



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.

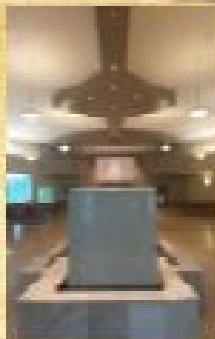
And last - a link to our FREE Catholic "Netflix-type" resource: *FORMED.org*

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

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