



# 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)



## *Respect Life Sunday*

October 1, 2023

26th 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, October 2 through Sunday, October 8

Mon., October 2	Noon	John Vincennes (I) By Ana Senjug
Tues., October 3	8:30 am	Nella Gardner (d) By Greg & Bianka Kaplaneck
Wed., October 4	8:30 am	Vocations
Thurs., October 5	Noon	Rosario Chaneco (d) By Jen Moneda
Fri., October 6	8:30 am	Sick & Deceased Members By SMARTS
Sat., October 7	4:00 pm	Cathy Preziosa (d) By Tom & Ellie Crew
Sun., October 8	8:30 am	Marie & Al Corscadden (d) By the Porricolo Family
	10:30 am	Dennis Hayes (d) By Ellen & Tim King
	12:30 pm	Parishioners of St. Mark
	5:30 pm	Ibrahim Durr (d) By Loulu Durr

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in honor of  
**John Vincennes**  
By Ana Senjug

### 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)

# RESPECT LIFE

*respect • love • protect*

## Orar ~ Pray

### Pray for Our Heroes



**Neal  
Cheramie**

**\*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

**Ernelio Giudici**  
**Martha Gaska**  
**Joseph Randazzo**  
**Carol Bley**  
**Rosemary Lauro**  
**Patty Dawsen**

### Dearly Departed

**Carol Woodard**

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



## Learn ~ Aprender

### Deacon Jose Moronta

## Theophory in the Old Testament

Theophory is a custom to adapting the name of a deity in a proper name. For example, Apollonius is a common Greek name for men, after their god Apollo. Likewise, names as Theodore or Theophilus include the root "Theo" that means "God", in Greek. We find many examples of names in the Old Testament that practice this rule of Theophoric, especially those including "EL", a word meaning power and God, in Hebrew.

We have for example, Daniel ("justice from God"), Gabriel ("God is my strength"), Israel ("who struggles with God"), Joel (Yahweh is God"), Michael ("Who is like God?"), Elijah (my God is Yahweh"), Elizabeth (my God is abundance") or Ezekiel ("God will strengthen") from whom our First Reading has been taken this Sunday.

Prophet Ezekiel grew up in a priestly family, in Jerusalem. He was familiar with the Temple, and contemporary to Jeremiah, to whom must have known.

We may find three sections in the book of Ezekiel: Chapters 1 through 24 contain his call and prophecies of doom against Judah and Jerusalem. These were given before the Temple was destroyed in 586 B.C.

Chapters 25 through 32 are oracles against foreign nations, arranged in geographical and chronological order.

Chapters 33 through 48 contain prophecies of restoration.

Our First Reading today has been taken from chapter 18, before the destruction of the Temple. Ezekiel while lamenting Judah's abandonment of the covenant as a nation, points out that each person is responsible for their own actions:

**«... When a virtuous man turns away from virtue to commit iniquity, and dies, it is because of the iniquity he committed that he must die...»**

To be a follower of God and to do what He wants you to do instead of what you want to do, means giving up things of self-pleasure. God respects our freedom, even when we use this freedom to ignore His will and doing ours. But this message is not just a threat, because it includes one of the best descriptions of God's mercy, as the paragraph continues,

**«... But if a wicked man, turning from the wickedness he has committed, does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life; since he has turned away from all the sins which he committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die...»**

What else can I say to praise God's mercy and unconditional love? God's mercy is remarkable to those who sin, especially with those who may think that they're not worthy of God's forgiveness.

## And our Second Reading today is unique!

Because it shows us Jesus as a God made man who suffers and experiences humiliation... for love!

The letter to the Philippians shows a special loving and trusting tone that we do not notice in Paul's other letters. On this occasion the apostle asks the Christians of Philippi to be a true Christian community and to live united by a sincere love for one another. Paul invites us to live with humility and to seek the good of others above all, without feeling superior to anyone.

And he proposes that we look at the example of Jesus Christ. For this reason, he does not resist the "temptation" to change the subject from the advising tone of the beginning to a kind of hymn to the Savior. It is known as "kenosis".

Paul summarizes the story of Christ in two movements. First, the voluntary dispossession, through which he incarnates and lowers himself to death on a cross, the maximum humiliation imaginable for someone who shares the divine condition. But after this abasement, God intervenes to elevate Christ, in a triumphant exaltation that places him as Lord of the universe and history, destined to be recognized and adored by all.

**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)*

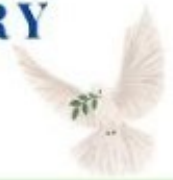
*and click on "Mass Times" at the top, then scroll down to "Sunday Mass Reflection".*



St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church

## CHILD, FAMILY AND YOUTH MINISTRY

Variety of programs for ages 3 to 12th grade



*Decorate as you'd like,  
just no horror themes.*

### TRUNK OR TREAT - VOLUNTEERS

#### Trunk Volunteers Needed

Looking for volunteers to decorate their trunk for our annual Trunk or Treat event on Friday, Oct 27th.

Be creative, provide the candy and pass it out (expect 450+ kids).

**Volunteers arrive 5-6:15pm for set up.**

If you are interested, email: [childandfamilyministry@stmarktampa.org](mailto:childandfamilyministry@stmarktampa.org)

**EVENT: Friday, October 27 6pm - 9pm in St. Mark's parking lot**

## Saint Mark Youth Programs

Inviting All our parishioners and Edge and Lifeteen families to a special Night.

Come and spend time with our Lord.

**Friday, October 13**  
**From 6:30 to 8:30 at the church.**

**LIFE TEEN**  
Leading Teens Closer to Christ

**XLT**  
WORSHIP - MESSAGE - ADORATION

### OCTOBER EVENTS

**Oct 13th** - Youth Program XLT:  
Real Presence Night event

**Oct 27th** - Trunk or Treat



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Office volunteers & hall monitors during child sessions
- Trunk or Treat vehicles - decorate your trunk, share candy and have fun!

If you feel God's tug on your heart to help, send an email!

**If you have any questions, reach out to our team!**

**email:** [childandfamilyministry@stmarktampa.org](mailto:childandfamilyministry@stmarktampa.org)

**For Edge & Life Teens email:** [deaconhector@stmarktampa.org](mailto:deaconhector@stmarktampa.org)

**office:** 813-907-7746 x 308





**MON. October 2**

Miniature Golf at  
Plantations Palms Golf Club  
11:00 AM  
First & Third Monday  
Contact Ruth Acevedo  
813-991-7153 or heiling@live.com

**THUR. October 5**

Card Social at St. Mark  
1:00 - 3:00 PM  
First & Third Thursday  
Contact Elaine King, 813-388-9196  
Or eaking@ptd.net

**FRI. October 6**

First Friday Mass at St. Mark  
8:30 AM  
In memory of Past and Present  
Members of SMARTS

**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!**

**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***

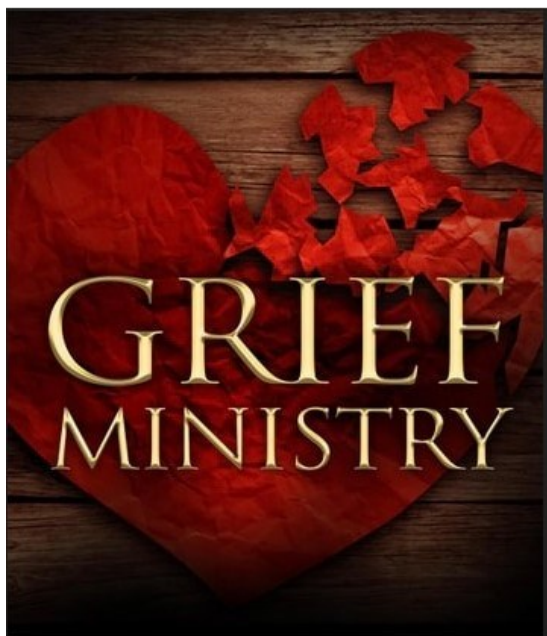
To remember St. Mark in your will or trust,  
please ask your attorney to use the following terminology:  
**I give, devise, bequeath (amount, article, stock, property, etc.)**

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)





Meets every 2nd and 4th Monday  
of each month  
at 6:30 to 8 pm.  
in The Venetian, Matthew 1.



## JOIN OUR TAMPA CATHOLIC FAMILY

### ***Eighth Grade Students:***

Complete your online  
application immediately

Sign up for Open House  
on Thursday, November 9

Register for our shadow  
program, *Crusader for a Day*

**TAMPACATHOLIC.ORG**





## 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.)**

## Knights of Columbus S/SSG Joseph F Fuerst III Assembly 3036 Annual Armed Forces Dinner Dance

**Honoring Military Service Men and Women**  
*Active, Retired and those who gave their lives*  
*in defense of the Freedom and Liberties we enjoy today!!*

**November 5, 2023**

**The Venetian Event Center**

**6:30pm – 10:30pm**

**Cost - \$45 per person (cash, check or credit card)**

**Reservations a must!!**

**Tickets will be sold after each mass on the following weekends  
October 7/8, 14/15, 21/22 and at the October Assembly and Council Meetings.**

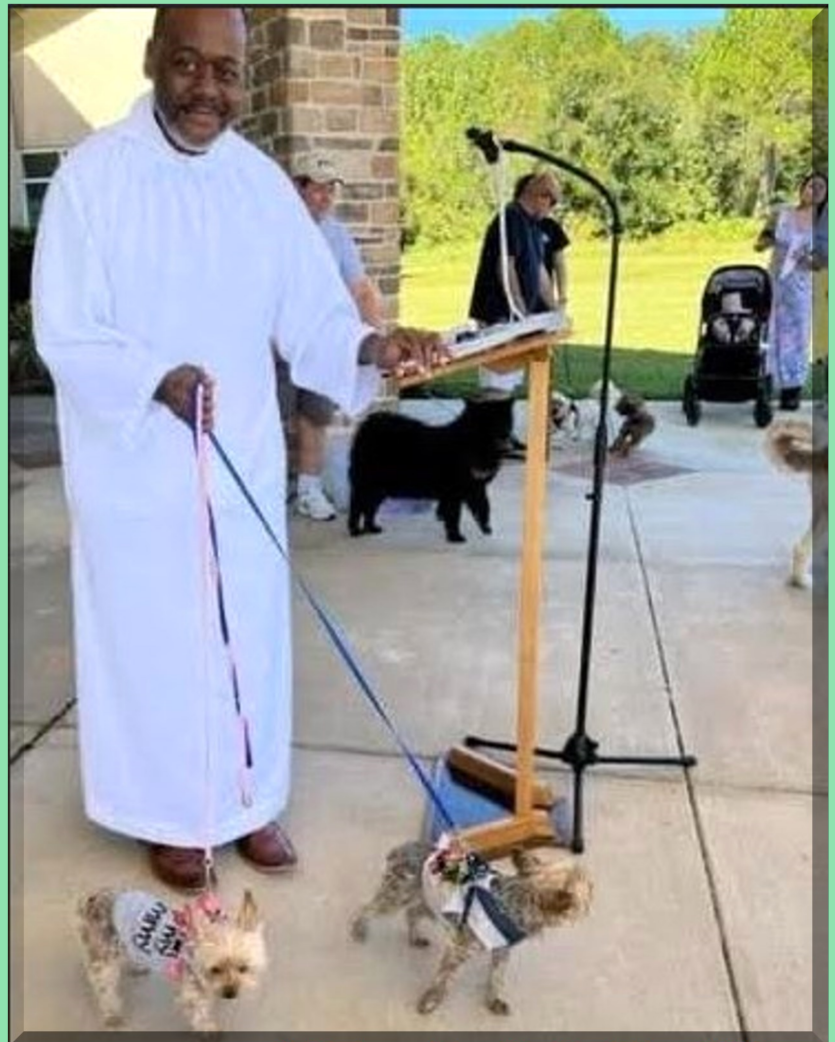




**ANNUAL  
PARISH  
BLESSING  
OF THE  
PETS**

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

**WHERE:**  
Outside  
in front of  
the main church doorways





Y Dios, que levantó al Señor, también a  
nosotros nos levantará con su poder.

Corintios 6:14



**HERMANDAD DEL SEÑOR DE LOS MILAGROS DE TAMPA FL**

# PROCESION 2023

## DOMINGO 29 DE OCTUBRE

**LUGAR:** St. Mark The Evangelist Catholic Church

9724 Cross Creek Blvd. Tampa FL 33647

**HORA:** 12:30 pm

Para informes llamar al (813) 770-7473





## 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:

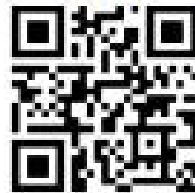
Traditional Envelopes

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  
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.

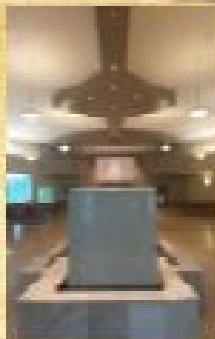
And last - a link to our FREE Catholic "Netflix-type" resource: *FORMED.org*

## 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