



# 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)*



October 15, 2023

28th 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 16 through Sunday, October 22

Mon., Oct. 16	Noon	John C. Phillips (d) By Phyllis & Larry Timp
Tues., Oct. 17	8:30 am	Deceased Members of the Yance Family By the Jacques Family
Wed., Oct. 18	8:30 am	Vocations
Thurs., Oct. 19	Noon	Jack Koschalk (d) By Connee Maxim
Fri., Oct. 20	8:30 am	Alexander Long (d) By Janice & Joe Nestor
Sat., Oct. 21	4:00 pm	Deceased Members of the Columbiettes By the Columbiettes
Sun., Oct. 22	8:30 am	Anne Nestor (d) By Janice & Joe Nestor
	10:30 am	Christopher Stursberg (d) By Mom
	12:30 pm	Parishioners of St. Mark
	5:30 pm	Vito Piscitelli (d) By Lydia Piscitelli

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of  
**Mary Jessie Cardenas**  
By Natividad Cardenas

**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)

# Spirit FM 90.5's WOMEN OF WORTH

Something new is just  
around the corner....



[www.myspiritfm.com/womenofworth](http://www.myspiritfm.com/womenofworth)



## Orar ~ Pray

### Pray for Our Heroes

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



**Adrian A.  
Cruz**

\*No Photo

### Get Well Prayers

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

### Dearly Departed

**Julio Martinez  
Michelle Tully  
Leonida Valdez  
Penny Stroik**

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



## Learn ~ Aprender Deacon Jose Moronta

### Approaching the end of the Church's year... and Matthew's Gospel

We're on the 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday and 6 more to go to end this liturgical year. The Gospel according to Matthew has been leading us throughout the cycle A. As we become closer to the end, the gospel narratives are setting the scene for Jesus' passion and death.

We'll have in mind that in this section of the gospel Jesus is in Jerusalem for his passion. He has made His triumphal entry and has disturbed the religious leaders. He speaks to them in parables about His mission and by whose authority He has been able to do what He has done and is to do.

The parable we hear today sums-up the long history of God's dealings with man and depicts man's response to these invitations to share in the messianic blessings. Rather invariably men favored a life engaged to a visible and touchable reality than one which they could not experience except in the spirit. Sadly real in most of its details, this parable was preached in the Temple on the Wednesday of the first Holy Week, almost in the shadow of Calvary. By now Jesus' adversaries are convinced that they will have to arrest Him. At this point it is amazing that Jesus continues to address them in parables when speaking of the rejection by Israel of God's many invitations. It is not yet too late for divine mercy.

**«Jesus again in reply spoke to them [the chief priests and elders of the people] in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come..."»**

The messianic kingdom was referred to in the Old Testament in terms of a wedding banquet to which the Chosen People were invited. The banquet was the high point of the wedding celebration and to be invited to it was a distinct honor. Failure to accept the invitation established a grave rupture of courtesy – to the point it could even be considered a hostile act.

The upset king makes an order,

**«...Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite whomever you find to the feast whomever you find. "The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to meet the guests, he saw a man there not dressed in a wedding garment...Then the king said to his attendants, 'Bind his hands and feet, and cast him into the darkness outside...'»**

Sinners are invited too. The Church in history is a mixture of saints and sinners. We must always remember that the Church isn't a house for saints, but a hospital for sinners. The wedding garment for the eschatological banquet would be a converted life full of good deeds. The sinners are invited but expected to repent. A clean white garment was the proper attire, this man has not repented. His white baptismal garment is dirty. He may have made the altar call and "accepted Jesus as his Lord and savior," but he has failed to live out that call. This is an example which shows that "once saved, always saved" doesn't work. Let's keep our banquet garment clean for the moment we're called to participate in the heavenly eternal feast.

### Prophet Isaiah had anticipated a matching message in the First Reading.

The book of the prophet Isaiah has a section (between chapters 24 and 27) that has been written in a very peculiar language, ("apocalyptic literature"); that's why some scholars call this section "Revelation of Isaiah". The small fragment proclaimed in this first reading belongs to this apocalyptic section and shows us a proclamation of hope in God's intervention in the not-too-distant future. This action from God will bring happiness: one that is not fleeting but rather a complete and permanent happiness that will be "for all peoples".

The author uses the image of an exquisite and abundant banquet. This wonderful future promised by God includes the elimination of suffering and pain, and in a very special way, the final victory over death. The God of life does not permit that the men and women He has created have death as their destination.

**« On this mountain the Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines...he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, the web that is woven over all nations; he will destroy death forever...On that day it will be said: "Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! »**

**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".*



# CHILD, FAMILY AND YOUTH MINISTRY

Variety of programs for ages 3 to 12th grade



## Family, Faith, Fellowship & Fun TRUNK OR TREAT

**All Are Welcome!**

Join us for our annual Trunk or Treat event in our parking lot. View the creative trunk decorations, dress up, take a treat, play games, and say hi to friends! Join us for the whole event or just stop by.



**Friday, October 27th 6pm - 9pm in our parking lot**



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

## 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)



## HIGH SCHOOLERS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER HOURS



**If you are in high school and need  
volunteer hours - great opportunity!**

On Friday, October 27th, we have an opportunity for all high schoolers to get at least 5 service hours.

Please contact Deacon Hector for details.

**Email:** [deaconhector@stmarktampa.org](mailto:deaconhector@stmarktampa.org)

**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 16, 2023**

Miniature Golf at Plantations Palms  
Golf Club

11:00 AM

First & Third Monday

Contact Ruth Acevedo

813-991-7153 or heiling@live.com

**WED. October 18, 2023**

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

**THUR. October 19, 2023**

Card Social at St. Mark

11:00 - 3:00 PM

First & Third Thursday

Contact Elaine King

813-388-9196 or eaking@ptd.net

**FRI. October 27**

Bowling, Bowlero

11:00 AM

Second & Fourth Friday

Contact Tom Bennett

813-205-5303 or

TomBennett83@hotmail.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!**

**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)



## **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).**



## **Grief Ministry**



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





## SAVE THE DATE

Christmas is coming early to St. Mark church this year.

Parish Adult Christmas Party will be held on December 1st  
from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in The Venetian.

Please mark your calendars and watch for further notices.



THE PARISH BOOK CART WILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER ALL MASSES OUTSIDE THE GIFT SHOP  
OCTOBER 28-29



We invite you to

Take a Book  
Read a Book  
Share a Book



All books are free.

You may keep the book, share it, or return it to the Liturgical Office.  
You can also return it 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.**



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





## 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.**





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

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

A Catholic Youth Sports League soccer program for boys and girls ages 6 – 18 and all athletic abilities is ready for a sixth (Winter 2024) season at St. Mark.

The season begins in January, with first practice January 4 (early Thursday evenings at St. Mark) and the first game (Saturday mornings) on January 6. 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.

The 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 registration link at [www.stmarktampa.org/sports](http://www.stmarktampa.org/sports). Registration opened on 10/1/2023. Cost per player is \$120 per player. Cost after November 15 increases 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.



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:

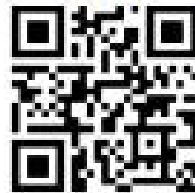
Traditional Envelopes

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.

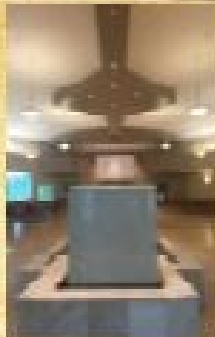
And last - a link to our FREE Catholic "Netflix-type" resource: *FORMED.org*

## 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