



ST. MARK *the* EVANGELIST

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Our Mission

To invite all
on our journey to:

Learn

Orar (Pray)

Gi**V**e

Evangelize

All Saints' Day

Holy Day of Obligation

This Wednesday

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*

October 29, 2023

30th 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, October 30 through Sunday, November 5

Mon., Oct. 30	Noon	Judi Rust (d) By Marc & Carla Carey
Tues., Oct. 31	8:30 am	Marcelo Alberto (d) By Felilia Ticzon
Wed., Nov. 1	ALL SAINTS DAY 8:30 am	Vocations 7:30 pm Parishioners of St. Mark (Bilingual)
Thurs., Nov. 2	ALL SOULS DAY Noon	All Souls 7:30 pm All Souls
Fri., Nov. 3	8:30 am	Carol Woodard (d) By SMARTS
Sat., Nov. 4	4:00 pm	George McKenzie (d) By the McKenzie Family
Sun., Nov. 5	8:30 am	Mary Anne Simmons (d) By Mr. & Mrs. George Xenick & Family
	10:30 am	Donald Angell (d) By the Wilson Family
	12:30 pm	Celinda Quispede Ruiz (d) By Luis Ruiz
	5:30 pm	Parishioners of St. Mark

**The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of Travis Reid
By Rachel Martinez**

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



**Christopher A.
Garcia**

***No Photo**

Brian Artienda
Ulio & Francisco Arocho
Christina Bennett
Ryan John Berardi
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 Giarrizzo
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

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

Please send your request to Prayers@stmarktampa.org

ALL SAINTS DAY

Holy Day of Obligation
Wednesday, November 1

Mass Times
8:30 am
7:30 pm (bilingual)

All Saints Day



All Souls Day

ALL SOULS DAY

Not a Holy Day of Obligation
Thursday, November 2

Mass Times
Noon
7:30 pm

During the 7:30pm Mass
the Clergy will Bless and Distribute the Memorial Crosses
to the Families of Parishioners who have had their
Funeral Mass or Ceremony here.

Learn ~ Aprender

Deacon Jose Moronta

How the narrative of Exodus became a set of rules for the Israelites

Last week we heard Jesus' reply to the question of paying taxes – a question which had been designed to trip Him up. Today he's again tested by the Pharisees and the Scribes. One of them asked,

«Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?...»

The Pharisees had enumerated 613 commandments but there was no agreement as to what the ranking was. After all, one of them must be the most important, the first from which all the others descended.

«...He said to him, “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself....»

Jesus quotes for the first part of his response a verse from the **Book of Deuteronomy** and for the second part, from the **Book of Leviticus**. Both books have a common origin: the **Book of Exodus**.

Although this book takes the form of a popular narrative, easy for the people to understand, it also contains important religious teachings. The episodes in this history obviously involve special divine intervention: there is no other explanation for the liberation of Israel or the crossing of the Red Sea or its survival for so long in the wilderness.

The book of Exodus (which means “leaving”) is a continuation of the story of Genesis. The fact that it takes its name from the Israelites' going out of Egypt shows the importance of this episode in the life of Israel.

Like his forebears, Abraham and Isaac, Jacob led a semi-nomadic existence in Canaan. He was forced by a severe famine to emigrate with his entire family to Egypt, where they settled around the beginning of the eighteenth century before Christ. Over the next 400 years the Scriptures tell us nothing about the stay of the Jews in Egypt. God makes no revelation during this period. All we know is that by the end of it the Hebrews had become numerous, strong, hard working people; so much so that the Egyptians, growing afraid of them, forced them into slavery.

At Sinai, God's encounter with the people took place. By divine initiative, a covenant realizes and ratifies the union of the Lord with Israel. From it comes a series of commitments that the people must fulfill. But let's look at some details of this reading to understand the reason for God's preferential option for those who cannot take care of themselves.

The stranger is the foreigner who resides, stably, in an ethnic group that is not his or her own. They are usually poor people: they have no property and their only means of living is the sweat of their brow. They urgently need legal protection because the temptation to take advantage of them is patent. The widow does not inherit, and the orphan owns nothing. Not having a guaranteed income, they are defenseless beings exposed to people's injustices.

Borrowing to survive is one of the greatest misfortunes that can happen to a person. The return will even be difficult: you must give as collateral the dress that covers your body during the day and at night. In these cases, the interest charged is theft, an appropriation of what is not yours. What is necessary to survive: food, clothing, takes precedence over the comfort of others.

If Israel commits these sins, God hears the voice of the oppressed and defends their rights.

A series of legal provisions are given here to protect the helpless, those who find themselves in a situation of civic, social, and economic inferiority. We see this concern for strangers, orphans and widows, the poor, constantly in the prophets and in the books of the Law, especially in Deuteronomy.

The presence of those in need of every order, social, legal, economic, and universal human, is a claim that rises and accuses; If there are any in the world, the world is under judgment. The people of God are challenged by them, since the law that protects them has the same demand as the capital precept; This is fulfilled precisely by fulfilling the former, as clarified by "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink" (Mt 25. 31-46).

Moses receives the ten commandments verbally and verbally delivers them to the people. Moses then ascends the mountain again and God gives him other laws: the treatment of Hebrew slaves, rules of conduct for personal injuries, the rules, and penalties for the protection of property, laws of justice and mercy, and laws of social responsibility – it is from these laws that our first reading for today is taken. Then, in the Gospel, Jesus takes advantage of his contemporaries' knowledge of these “commandments” in the Bible to preach that we are called to love God... and the neighbors as well.

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”.



THURS. November 2, 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. November 3, 2023
First Friday Mass at St. Mark
8:30 AM
In memory of Carol Woodard,
a Member 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!

Thanksgiving Food Drive 1

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

The Parish book cart will be available after all masses outside the gift shop

THIS WEEKEND



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.**

SAVE THE DATE - CHRISTMAS IS COMING EARLY

Please mark your calendars and watch for further notices.

All are welcome to our Annual Parish Adult Christmas Party.

Please come and "JINGLE and MINGLE" with us.
Father Richard is looking for polka partners!



December 1st in The Venetian from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Tickets \$40 per person. On sale after all Masses.

Must be purchased by 11/19
ONLINE ticket purchasing is available
at www.donatestmark.org.

Great food, fun, music, and dancing.
Please come celebrate God's love.

TRIO for flute, oboe and piano

John Hopkins 2010-11

All Are Welcome

on

Sunday, November 25th

from 3 to 4 pm

to a

Free Concert in the Nave

by

The Amici Trio

performing very cinematic and reflective modern pieces

for flute, oboe, and piano

composed and played by these three talented artists.



**Stop by our Gift Shop to get your 2024 Missal.
Get yours while the supply is available.
The Gift Shop will be stocked
with beautiful Christmas gifts
beginning the first weekend in November.**

NORTH TAMPA CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS

Fall 2023 Finding God in All Things

November 8th 7:30 pm Formation meeting 2 at Panera Bread at Highwood Preserve

November 18th Volunteer at VA

December 6th at 7:30 pm Formation and Potluck

An invitation to join the Altar Server Ministry

Children and teens who have received First Communion are welcome to serve as Altar Servers at our weekend English Masses

NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Monday November 13 from 6 TO 8:30 PM in the Church

One parent must attend with the child.

Registration is required at www.stmarktampa.org/altarservers

Click on the registration button provided.

To ensure hands-on practice the session is limited to 6 participants. If all the slots are all filled when you go to register contact Kevin Fritz at:

leader-altarservers@stmarktampa.org Additional training sessions will be set up.



*Offer Jesus your hands, your thoughts,
and your time, and he will not
fail to reward you.*

Pope Francis, Message to the Altar Servers of Portugal
May 1, 2021

Altar servers are an essential ministry in the service of the Priest and Deacon during the celebration of the Mass. It is a privilege to serve in this ministry and requires commitment and dedication. Becoming an Altar Server is an amazing way for our youth to get actively involved at St Mark!

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. 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 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.

White House Ornaments for Sale

The Knights Of Columbus will be selling ornaments starting Saturday, November 4 after all Masses.

The 2023 ornament is a festive holiday wreath, adorned on the front with decorations inspired by the handcrafted Christmas ornaments used in the White House during the Gerald R. Ford Jr., administration.

All proceeds will benefit Saint Vincent DePaul Thanksgiving baskets!



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.

Saturday, November 18th, 2023

***is the 5-year Anniversary of the
Mary, Queen of Peace Shrine &
Rosary Garden, here at St. Mark's***

***Come and celebrate this milestone Anniversary
as we honor Our Blessed Mother***

Program Overview

3:30 pm

*Procession & Shrine Blessing
Knights of Columbus & Columbiettes
Recessional Procession*

4:00 pm

Celebration of the Mass

5:00 pm

*Rosary led by Medjugorje Visionary,
Ivan Dragicevic & Author,
Arthur Boyle & wife, Judith Boyle*

5:40 pm

*Apparition of Our Lady
Ivan will share Our Lady's message,
A brief talk, will conclude the celebration*



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.



Grief Ministry

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

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:

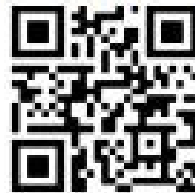
Traditional Envelopes

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.

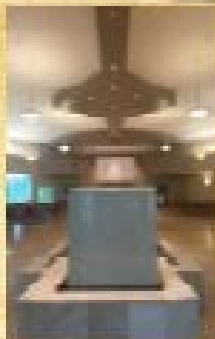
And last - a link to our FREE Catholic "Netflix-type" resource: *FORMED.org*

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

