



# 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)*



November 5, 2023

31st 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, November 6 through Sunday, November 12

Mon., Nov. 6	Noon	Deceased members of the Legion of Mary By Maria Francisco
Tues., Nov. 7	8:30 am	Laurie Weissman (d) By Ellen & Tim King
Wed., Nov. 8	8:30 am	Vocations
Thurs., Nov. 9	Noon	Raul & Nineta Fernandez (d) By Rolando Lopez
Fri., Nov. 10	8:30 am	Andres Ticzon (d) By Felilia Ticzon
Sat., Nov. 11	4:00 pm	Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus By the Knights of Columbus
Sun., Nov 12	8:30 am	Earl Bridger (d) By the Porricolo Family
	10:30 am	Rosita Sellers (d) By Dr. Rochella Nze
	12:30 pm	Jose Nieves Perozo (d) By Eva Perozo
	5:30 pm	Parishioners of St. Mark

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of John Aguilar III  
By John Aguilar

### 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)

Thursday, November 23, 2023, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Location: St. Mark - Nave

Join us for the Parishes  
Thanksgiving Day Mass  
at 10:00 am.

Come and give thanks  
for the Years Blessings  
which you have received.  
The Parish Office is closed.

The Church will be closed after the Mass.



## Pray for Our Heroes



**Olivia Faith  
Giarrizzo**

\*No Photo

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	

## Get Well Prayers

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

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



## Learn ~ Aprender Deacon Jose Moronta

### **Prophet Malachi warns unfaithful priests and Jesus condemns religious leaders who show off.**

The first reading is taken from the Book of Malachi, which gets its name not from the author, who is unknown, but from the opening words of the book "An oracle. The word of the Lord to Israel through Malachi." Malachi is a Hebrew word meaning "my messenger." We know nothing of the author's life, but from his small book we learn something of the kind of person he was. Despite his attacks on priests, he was favorable to the Levitical priesthood, and he insisted on the people's obligation to contribute to the expenses of the Temple and the support of the personnel.

In our reading today we hear God's messenger addressing the priests who have defiled God's altar by offering blind, diseased, and crippled animals instead of the unblemished as required. He also blames the lay people who brought them in the first place.

**«...O priests, this commandment is for you: If you do not listen, and if you do not lay it to heart, to give glory to my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send a curse upon you and of your blessing I will make a curse...»**  
**«...But you have turned aside from the way, and have caused many to falter by your instruction; You have made void the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts...»**

The priestly blessing brings a covenant curse because they have not obeyed the covenant.

In recent weeks we have been listening to a series of discussions or pronouncements by Jesus against the Pharisees who were hypocrites (which were not all) and the scribes, who were dedicated to the interpretation of the Holy Scriptures, but whose lives were not it reflected that proximity to the source of Divine Revelation which is the Word of God.

Last Sunday, in the Gospel Jesus was questioned by the chief priests, elders, and the scribes. This Sunday, Jesus addresses the crowds about their conduct.

**«...All their works are performed to be seen. They widen their phylacteries...»**

Phylacteries are small boxes containing parchment on which are written texts of Exodus, and Deuteronomy. These were fastened to the left wrist, and to the forehead in such a way that they hung in front of the eyes. Jesus says that they make them more noticeable, to impress regular people.

**«...They love places of honor at banquets, seats of honor in synagogues, greetings in marketplaces, and the salutation 'Rabbi.'...»**

Jesus Christ is not questioning the authority of the religious leaders. Jesus does not reject the teachings of the scribes, but rather their way of behaving. Their message is not bad, but the example they set is. Jesus criticizes the incoherence, the divorce between faith and life, while he complains about how they take advantage of his religious position to satisfy their personal vanity.

**«... do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice...»**

Toward the end of today's gospel Jesus pronounces a controversial statement,

**«... The greatest among you must be your servant...»**

This text reinforces the teaching of humility. From the context it is clear that the prohibition is not the use of the title, but it is of not using the title if it is not earned and displayed in the actions of the bearer. Humility and service to God is what is important.

As a good teacher, Jesus does not stop at criticism. He says that for those who have some responsibility amid a community, it is better not to pursue power, or seek to be important, or promote the cult of their personality, but must be a servant. The first places are not important, but the last, because Christianity proposes a deeply egalitarian community, because all share God as Father and Christ as Master and Lord.

**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".*





MON. November 6, 2023  
Miniature Golf at Plantations Palms  
Golf Club, 11:00 AM  
First & Third Monday  
Contact Ruth Acevedo, 813-991-7153  
or [heiling@live.com](mailto:heiling@live.com)

FRI. November 10, 2023  
Bowling, Bowlero, 11:00 AM  
Second & Fourth Friday  
Contact Tom Bennett, 813-205-5303  
or [TomBennett83@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:Pnardelli51@gmail.com)  
or Roe Black  
813-383-8360  
[Roe1Black@yahoo.com](mailto: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 2**

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)



## *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](http://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](mailto: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](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.



**Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 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](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.**

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**





## 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](http://www.donatestmark.org).

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

# CHILD, FAMILY AND YOUTH MINISTRY

Variety of programs for ages 3 to 12th grade



SAVE THE DATE

## Experience Bethlehem

A Family, Faith, Fellowship & Fun event



### All Are Welcome!

Experience Bethlehem is back this year! We will be celebrating the journey to Bethlehem and Jesus' birth by stepping into the Christmas story. Join us for an incredible event as we deepen our faith together (and enjoy some games and treats!).



**Saturday, December 16th 9am - 12noon**

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

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

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

office: 813-907-7746 x 308

## Healing Mass

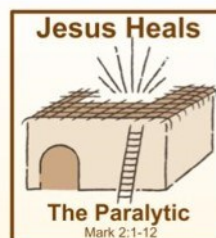
**Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church**

2348 Collier Parkway, Land O' Lakes, FL 34639

**Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 7:00 PM**

Come for physical, emotional, or spiritual healing for yourself and others

Confession, blessing of holy water, blessing of salt, offering of written prayers, and following the Mass, individual prayer is available with our healing prayer teams



Bilingual



# White House Ornaments for Sale

**The Knights Of Columbus will be selling ornaments  
after all Masses for the next few weeks.**

**Cost: \$25.00**

**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.**

[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:

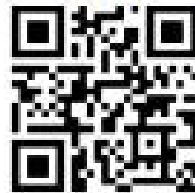
Traditional Envelopes

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.

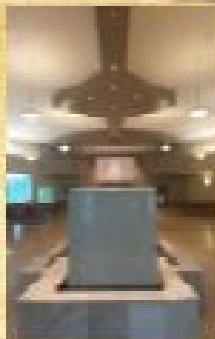
And last - a link to our FREE Catholic "Netflix-type" resource: *FORMED.org*

## 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



