ST. MARK the EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

Our Mission

To invite all on our journey to:

Learn
Orar (Pray)
GiVe
Evangelize

All Are Welcome!

If you are a visitor,
we hope you will find our
bulletin to be a reflection of
our vibrant and spirit filled
parish, and that you will
consider becoming a part of
our family!

To join us, please register online at www.stmarktampa.org/join or call the Parish Office at 813-907-7746.

For more information, visit our website at: www.stmarktampa.org



November 12, 2023

32nd 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

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

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Rev. Jose George

Assisting Deacons

Deacon Moises Gutierrez DeaconMoises@stmarktampa.org

Deacon Jose Moronta
DeaconJMoronta@stmarktampa.org

Deacon Scott Paine
DeaconScott@stmarktampa.org

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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.

<u>Children and Teens</u>: 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, November 13 through Sunday, November 19

Mon., Nov. 13	Noon	Emily Berry (d)		
		By George & Pat Gustas		
Tues., Nov. 14	8:30 am	Amancio Timas Soares (d)		
		By Andrea Soares		
Wed., Nov. 15	8:30 am	Vocations		
Thurs., Nov. 16	Noon	Mary Lou Dailey (d)		
		By Louise Adams		
Fri. Nov. 17	8:30 am	Maria Augusta de Piedade (d)		
		By Andrea Soares		
Sat., Nov. 18	4:00 pm	Alberto Fleitas (d)		
		By Maria Norris		
Sun., Nov. 19	8:30 am	Parishioners of St. Mark		
	10:30 am	Belinda Jackson (d)		
		By Andrea Soares		
	12:30 pm	Andrea Ryder (d)		
		By Edith Mainville		
	5:30 pm	Jasper Goodman (d)		
		Mr. & Mrs. J. Peters		

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of Jose Nieves Perozo By Eva Perozo Monthly Finance Reports
https://stmarktampa.org/finances

Low Gluten Hosts Available
See Luther Ferris

Ministry Meeting Room Reservations roomschedule@stmarktampa.org

Volunteers Needed

25th ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Our St. Vincent de Paul Ministry is joining in an interfaith effort with local churches to provide **families** from our community with a Thanksgiving meal & we need volunteers to help stage the food bags & load the cars on Saturday, November 18th from 8:30am – noon.

Please sign up here: www.stmarktampa.org/thanksgiving

We feel blessed and fortunate to be able to share the love of Christ with these families this year but do need **YOUR** help in order to make this a success!

Invite your friends and family to share in the joy of helping feed the hungry!

Orar ~ Pray

Pray for Our Heroes

Jacob Meier



Nicholas Trybus

*No Photo

Brian Artienda Ulio & Francisco Arocho Christina Bennett Rvan John Berardi Morgan Boruty *Stephen Brown Tanya Buckley *Ron Caputo Neal Cheramie Rvan Clisset Adrian A. Cruz Tyler Emerick *Jorge Farchakh Christopher A. Garcia *lan Garia Olivia Faith Giarrizzo Kevin Howell Samantha Howell *Bryan Hunt *Ryan Irwin Mark Kieweg Harold La Rock Leticia Larson Robert Letzeisen Jr. Louis Ludwig

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 Nicholas Tyrbus 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 Dawsen Daniel Byrne

Dearly Departed

Josefa Velazquez

Please send your request to Prayers@stmarktampa.org

Learn ~ Aprender Deacon Jose Moronta

Paul talks about the end of time and our future resurrection...

The second reading on these Sundays is being taken from the Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians. Christian teaching on the end of the world and the last things is the subject which receives the most attention in this letter, which by the way, some scholars say that it is the first book written for the New Testament, years before the gospels were composed.

Apostle Paul discerns on the topic on two levels:

- what happens to a person when he or she dies (individual eschatology).
- and what happens at the end of time, when the ultimate victory of the Church will be revealed, the good will go to heaven and the reprobate will be condemned (general eschatology).

The Church has been teaching over the centuries that man's life does not end with death, because his soul is immortal and lives forever. The moment the soul is separated from the body, it enjoys the vision of God, but the body must await the day of resurrection – Christ has risen, and we too will rise and join Him.

Our second reading opens with some advice from St. Paul,

«We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope…»

Unlike those who have no hope, believers should not be saddened by the prospect of death. Then Paul continues,
«...For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep...»

Therefore, we hope for the resurrection of our bodies at the end of time, when our Lord comes again in glory. Paul describes this second coming as an event of great solemnity in our reading today, an event accompanied by an angel's call and the sound of a trumpet. The language he uses to describe this event (called apocalyptic language) highlights the mystery and power of God.

After the *Parousia* (Greek word used to name the "second coming of Jesus Christ") will come the resurrection of the dead. Each body will be brought back to life by its own soul, and those who are still alive on that day will, together with their brethren who are dead and have risen, go to meet the Lord. However, the bodies of both will be glorified and therefore those who died before the *Parousia* will have no advantage or disadvantage compared to those who will still be alive when it happens.

... and Jesus wants to warn us to be prepared for the end of our lives.

The gospel of Matthew is made up of five large blocks, each one with a different theme. We find the last of these blocks in chapters 24 and 25. It is in this section where we can read the so-called "eschatological discourse", which some also see as a prologue to the Passion narrative. The passage we hear today is found only in the gospel of Matthew.

In the time of Jesus when a betrothal took place, the bride, although she was already tied to her husband, continued living with her parents. But on the day of the wedding, the groom went to look for her bride and took her to live in his house. The bride was accompanied in a kind of procession by a court of maidens. For the first century reader of Matthew these customs were known and therefore no explanations were necessary, but we do need them to better understand the parable and its teaching.

We see an emphasis placed on the husband's delay and on the attitude of the young women who were part of the courtship. The bride appears nowhere in this parable.

The teaching that Jesus wants to transmit is about the foresight that we must have "because we do not know the day or the hour" in which the doors of the heavenly banquet will be closed. We must watch, like the virgins in the story. The believer's concern should not be that of curiosity about the day of the end of the world, but rather that of living the present time with the correct preparedness to avoid losing the eternal banquet in heaven.



WED. November 15

SMARTS Meeting at The Venetian 11:00 AM Second Wednesday Contact Paulette Nardelli, 843-540-5571 or Pnardelli51@gmail.com

THURS. November 16

Card Social at St. Mark 11:00 - 3:00 PM First & Third Thursday Contact Elaine King 813-388-9196 or eaking@ptd.net

WED. To Be Determined

Game Day at The Venetian

11:00 – 2:30 PM

Look for Weekly Announcement from
Bob & Marilyn Stucker

Contact Fran Sigle
813-760-5522 or

dale.fran@verizon.net or
Linda Klecar 813-395-2325 or

Iklecar98 @gmail.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!

Canned Tuna or Chicken

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

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 <u>www.stmarktampa.org/altarservers</u> 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.

Saturday, November 18th, 2023 is the 5-year Anniversary of the Mary, Queen of Peace Shrine L Rosary Garden, here at St. Mark's

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

<u>Program Overview</u>

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 Sábado 18 de noviembre de 2023 en el 5to. Aniversario del Santuario de María, Reina de la Paz y el Jardín del Rosario, aquí en St. Mark

Ven y celebra este importante aniversario, mientras honramos a Nuestra Santísima Madre

Reseña del Programa

3:30 pm

Procesión y Bendición del Santuario Caballeros de Colón y Columbiettes Procesión de Recesión

4:00 pm

Celebración de la Santa Misa

5:00 pm

Rosario guiado por el vidente de Medjurgorje Iván Dragicevic, y el escritor Arthur Boyle y su esposa, Judith Boyle

5:40 pm

Aparición de Nuestra Señora Iván compartirá el mensaje de la Virgen, Una breve charla concluirá la celebración.

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.

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

Location: St. Mark - Nave

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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.





CALLING CHILDREN 9-16 TO JOIN OUR CHILDREN'S CHOIR!

As a member of the St. Mark Children's Choir, children will find the confidence that they can be a part of something amazing. Singing in a choir not only adds the beauty of the music to both you and your child's life, but also develops lifelong skills and character traits that will have a huge influence on the choices your child makes as an adult.

The St. Mark Children's Choir is open to children 9-16 and sings once a month at the Sunday 10:30 Mass. A brief audition for placement (e.g. sing "Happy Birthday") is required with Mrs. Sanchez.

To join, please contact Dr. John Paul Cappa, Music Director, or Astrid Sanchez, Children's Choir Director
Email: jpcappa@stmarktampa.org
Office Phone: 813-907-7746, Ext. 326
Text to Dr. Cappa's Cell: 814-449-2904

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.

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!



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.

CHILD, FAMILY AND YOUTH MINISTRY

Variety of programs for ages 3 to 12th grade



SAVE THE DATES

Eamily, Faith, Fellowship & Fun events:

Christmas Tree Lighting Wednesday, December 13th 6pm - 8pm

> Join us for our annual Christmas tree lighting!

- Share in a family session with time to reflect
- · Benediction in the Church
- Blessing of our Christmas tree and lighting
- Enjoy treats and hot chocolate

Experience Bethlehem Saturday, December 16th 9am - 12noon

All Are Welcome!

Experience Bethlehem is back this year!

- Travel together through Bethlehem
- · Hear stories from villagers
- Crafts and games
- Kids shop at the Market for loved ones (bring cash)
- Pancake breakfast (bring cash)





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

email: childandfamilyministryestmarktampa.org

For Edge & Life Teens email: deaconhectorestmarktampa.org office: 813-907-7746 x 308

NORTH TAMPA CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS

Fall 2023 Finding God in All Things

November 18th Volunteer at VA

December 6th at 7:30 pm Formation and Potluck

OneBlood

The Big Red Bus will be in our parking lot Sunday morning, November 19th from 8:30am - 1:30pm

YOUR DONATION IS LIFESAVING!!





The Giving Tree is a way for our parishioners at St. Mark to give to those in need during the Christmas season. Simply choose a tag from the tree in the Social Narthex, purchase the items on the tag and return them unwrapped in a gift bag no later than Sunday, Dec. 10th.

Tags will be placed on the tree starting with the 4pm mass on Saturday, Nov. 25th.

Many groups benefit from your gifts, such as children, nursing home residents, adults with special needs, and the homeless. Please take a tag and thank you in advance for your generosity!

Please provide this link to anyone needing to sign up their child or elder to receive a Christmas gift:

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.

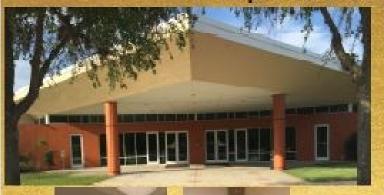
Deacon Scott holds a livestream *Morning & Evening Prayers* daily: Facebook - Deacon Scott Paine.

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 HDM1 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