



ST. MARK *the* EVANGELIST

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Our Mission

To invite all
on our journey to:

Learn

Orar (Pray)

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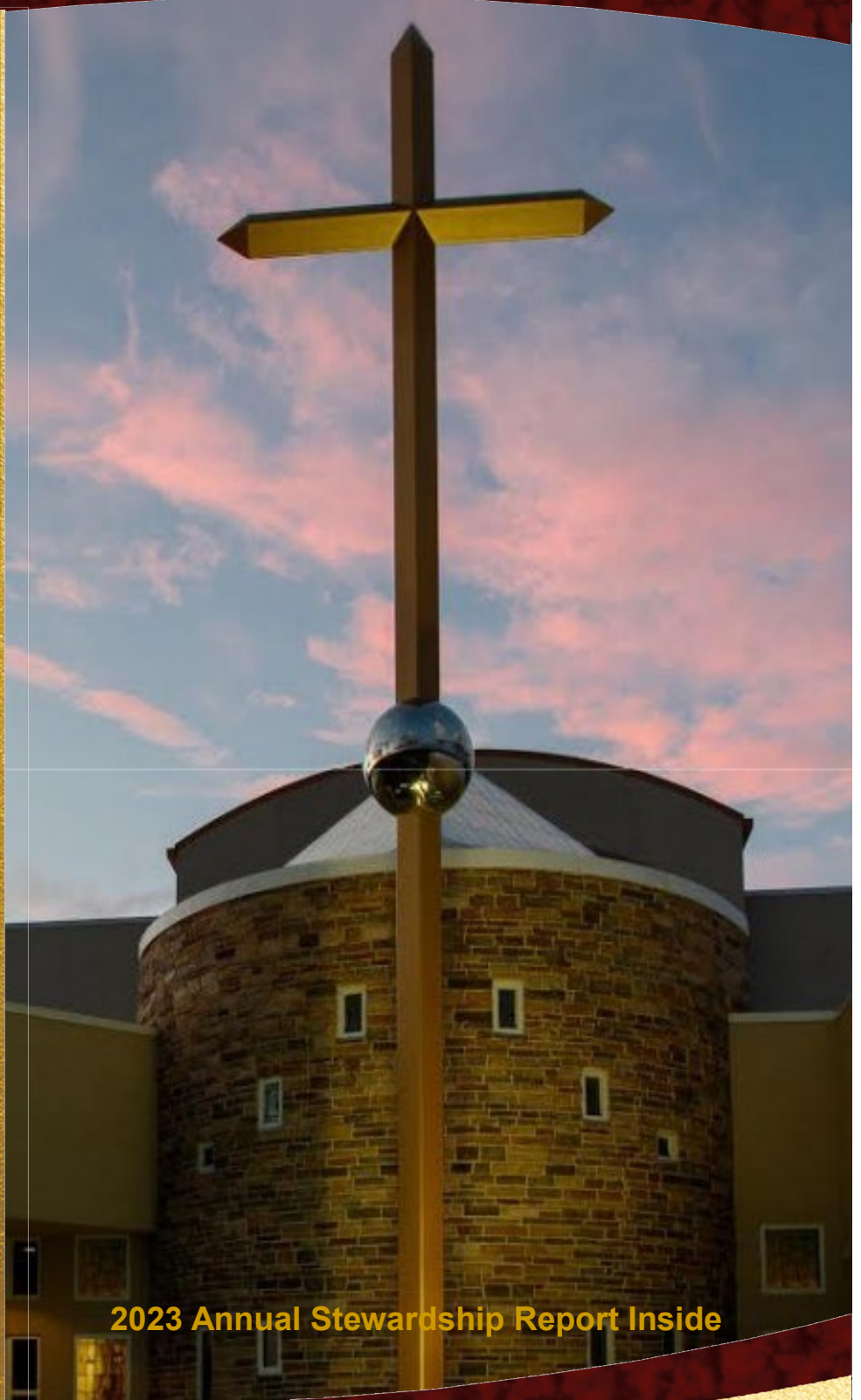
Evangelize

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*



2023 Annual Stewardship Report Inside

November 19, 2023

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT 2023

Our hashtag is a VERB !!

#StMarkLOVE

Number of Registered Catholic Families	4,634
Number of Registered Catholic Individuals	12,843

LITURGY

Scheduled Daily & Weekend Masses per year	520
Average Attendance at Weekend Mass	2,571
Average Attendance at Daily Mass	90
2022 Christmas Mass Attendance	6,023
2023 Easter Sunday Mass Attendance	5,032
Nave / Daily Chapel Seating Capacity	1,525

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms	110
First Communion	99
Confirmations	94
Marriages	18
Funerals	62

CHILD & YOUTH FAITH FORMATION / EVANGELIZATION

Classroom-Based Faith Formation PreK – 5 th Grade	209
Family Faith 1 st – 5 th Grade	49
Home-Based Faith Formation K – 5 th Grade	100
Middle School Evangelization (Edge, Edge Home-Based)	120
Life Teen	92
High School Intensive Faith Formation	43

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION – Children / Youth

Full Initiation (RCIA)	22
Reconciliation / Communion	151
Confirmation	59

OUTREACH

St. Vincent de Paul & St. Mark Food Bank

Rent & Mortgage Assistance provided to 82 Families

Utility Payments provided to 82 Families

Thanksgiving Meals provided to 2000 Families

Groceries provided to approximately 2500 Families

Christmas Toys & Clothes provided to approximately 700 Children

Christmas Gifts & Clothes provided to approximately 120 Nursing Home Residents & 35 Aging Elders

Assisted Living Facilities We Serve

The Legacy at Highwoods Preserve

Tampa Palms Memory Care Cottage

Discovery Village at Tampa Palms

Get Well Prayers Registry

Total Number of Entries 79

REVENUE

Offertory / Parish Collections	1,682,625.00
Catholic Ministry Appeal	82,352
Capital Campaign	354,522.00
Venetian Rentals	207,335.00
Faith Formation	62,331
Gift Shop Sales	65,438.00
Interest Income	34,170
Miscellaneous Fund Raisers & Donations	26,486

Total Major Revenues	2,515, 259.00
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EXPENDITURES

Pastoral Leadership	170,647.00
Worship	148,512.00
Music	161,091.00
Faith Formation	109,598.00
Youth Ministry	40,426
Other Ministries	5,842
Administration	328,787.00
Development / Stewardship	122,692.00
Facilities / Physical Plant Expense	523,242.00
Mortgage / Principal & Interest	80,914.00
Catholic Ministry Appeal	82,352
Catholic School Support	49,212.00
Cathedraticum	30,534.00
Gift Shop Expenses	37,706.00
Parking Lot Improvements	138,850.00
Venetian Flooring	122,359.00
Venetian Renovations	144,958.00

Total Major Expenditures	2,297,722.00
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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

Mon., Nov. 20	Noon	Carol Rust (d) By Marc & Carla Carey
Tues., Nov. 21	8:30 am	Deceased members of the Petrick & Montalbano Families By Maureen Montalbano
Wed., Nov. 22	8:30 am	Vocations
Thurs., Nov. 23	THANKSGIVING DAY	
	10:00 am	Laura Palomba (d) By Ralph Palomba
Fri. Nov. 24	8:30 am	Joe Pinkos Sr. (d) By Teresa Pinkos
Sat., Nov. 25	4:00 pm	Charles Barrera (d) By Gladys Barrera & Family
Sun., Nov. 26	8:30 am	Lamarr Joseph (I) By Marcia & Sandra Joseph
	10:30 am	Mary Anne Simmons (d) By Dennis & Eva Alvarez
	12:30 pm	Parishioners of St. Mark
	5:30 pm	Raymond T. Pagua, Jr. (d) By Rowena Pagua Mendoza & Family

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of
John N. Mubang, M.D.
By Angeline Mubang

Monthly Finance Reports
<https://stmarktampa.org/finances>

Low Gluten Hosts Available
See *Luther Ferris*

Ministry Meeting Room Reservations
roomschedule@stmarktampa.org

We wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving.

See you in Mass this Thursday at 10 a.m.!

Parish office will be closed. Church will close after this Mass. No noon Mass.

Orar ~ Pray

Pray for Our Heroes



**Kevin
Howell**

***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	Nicholas Tyrbus
*Bryan Hunt	Ana Maria Vargas
*Ryan Irwin	*Camilo Andres Vargas
Mark Kieweg	Disney Velez
Harold La Rock	Khiry White
Leticia Larson	Daniel Woodard
Robert Letzeisen Jr.	Steven Woodard
Louis Ludwig	Robert Woodards

Get Well Prayers

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

Please send your request to Prayers@stmarktampa.org

Learn ~ Aprender

Deacon Jose Moronta

As we approach the end of the Church's year, we reflect about the end times.

Last week we heard the parable of the wise and foolish virgins; a reminder to us all to live out our faith every day so that we will be prepared for the day of the Lord; the day when we are admitted to the heavenly banquet. Today we hear the parable of the talents.

«Jesus told his disciples this parable: It will be as when a man who was going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one – to each according to his ability. Then he went away...»

A talent had a value of about 100 pounds of silver, it was not an ordinary coin. The word play is evident here as the monetary term “talents” contrasts with the man’s abilities: his talents – his gifts, aptitudes, flairs. Although each has different talents, each man is given a portion to care for. This can be seen as God’s grace – everyone has a different size cup, but all are filled.

After all the servants reported to the man what they had done with the talents, the man makes the comment that if the lazy servant had put the money in the bank, he would have earned at least some interest. Why then did not the man do it instead of entrusting the talents to the servant? Perhaps because he was more interested in teaching his servants how to use the gifts in a productive way than in obtaining good dividends. We must demonstrate that we are worthy of the trust that God has placed in each one of us and in humanity in general, using our talents for more than just earning interest.

In this parable the main message is the need to respond to grace by making a genuine effort right through one’s life. All the gifts of nature and grace which God has given us should yield a profit. It does not matter how many gifts we have received; what matters is our generosity in putting them to good use. A person’s Christian calling should not lie hidden and barren; it should be outgoing, apostolic, and self-sacrificing.

Nothing we receive from God, be it talents, be it fortunes, be it opportunities in life, be it the divine Word and the Grace that comes to us through the sacraments, are for our personal and exclusive benefit. God is using us to benefit others. We are simply stewards of God's riches.

The Second Reading expands the idea...

« ...Concerning times and seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need for anything to be written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night... We are not of the night or of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober...»

The message of the second reading adds to that of the gospel in the sense that it makes us reflect on the end of times. Last Sunday, the gospel ended with the phrase “we don’t know the day or the hour”, and the image of the arrival of a thief at night or that of the labor pains of a pregnant woman is appropriate. In none of these cases would we dare to think that such events can be negotiated for the next day. When they arrive, they arrive. This will happen with the second coming of the Lord. There will be no time to catch up on what we didn’t want to do when we had time.

As Christians, we cannot live in fear of the last day. On the contrary, those who live by their faith cannot have reasons to be afraid or worried: the believer is a “child of light” and no longer lives in darkness, so he could not be surprised by what may come without prior notice. Let the fear for those who have chosen not to believe.

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”.*



MON. November 20
Miniature Golf at Plantations Palms
Golf Club
11:00 AM
First & Third Monday
Contact Ruth Acevedo, 813-991-7153
or heiling@live.com

FRI. November 24
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!

CHUNKY SOUP

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 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.stmarktampa.org/givingtree

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.



*Congratulations to the
2023 St. Jude Medal Recipients*



Jennifer & Aaron have been parishioners at St. Mark since August 2007.

In early February 2008, St. Mark added a Sunday Evening Mass to its schedule and Jennifer and Aaron stepped up to provide the music for that Mass. And, they continue to do so! Over the years, they have graciously added musicians to Aaron's guitar – usually piano and drums – and have invited others – including their oldest daughter – to sing with them! They are faithful to this weekly commitment (with the exception of occasional family vacations!). Aaron is also one of the coaches for our St. Mark Soccer League.

St. Mark is blessed by the presence and participation of Jennifer & Aaron and the entire Wetherington family.



**Stop by our Gift Shop
to do your Christmas shopping early!
There are beautiful Advent Candles & Wreaths
and many lovely choices for gifts!**



**THE PARISH BOOK CART WILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER
ALL MASSES OUTSIDE THE GIFT SHOP
NOVEMBER 25-26**

**We invite you to
Take a Book
Read a Book
Share a Book**



All books are free. When you have finished reading, you may keep the book, share it with someone else, or return it to our Liturgy Office in the Church to be placed back on our Book Cart.

If you have any Catholic books you would like to donate to the Book Cart, please leave them at the Liturgy Office in the Church. All books must be reviewed prior to placement on the Book Cart.

**Please do not leave donated books on the Book Cart.
Remember all books are donated and cannot be used for resale.**

CHILD, FAMILY AND YOUTH MINISTRY

Variety of programs for ages 3 to 12th grade



SAVE THE DATES!

Family, Faith, Fellowship & Fun events:

Christmas Tree Lighting

Wednesday, December 13th
6pm - 8pm

Family

6pm Christmas Carols and Symbols

- We'll sing familiar carols and share Christmas symbols

Faith

7pm Benediction

- Join the community in solemn prayer

Fellowship & Fun

7:15pm Christmas Tree Lighting

- Followed by cookies and hot cocoa

Bring your family for some or all of the event!



Experience Bethlehem

Saturday, December 16th
9am - 12noon

All Are Welcome!

Experience Bethlehem is back this year!

- Travel together through Bethlehem, visit the booths (free)
- Hear stories from villagers
- Crafts, activities and games (free)
- 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: deaconhector@estmarktampa.org

office: 813-907-7746 x 308



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:

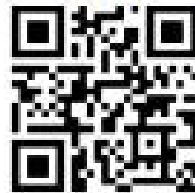
Traditional Envelopes

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



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

