



# ST. MARK *the* EVANGELIST

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

### *Our Mission*

To invite all  
on our journey to:

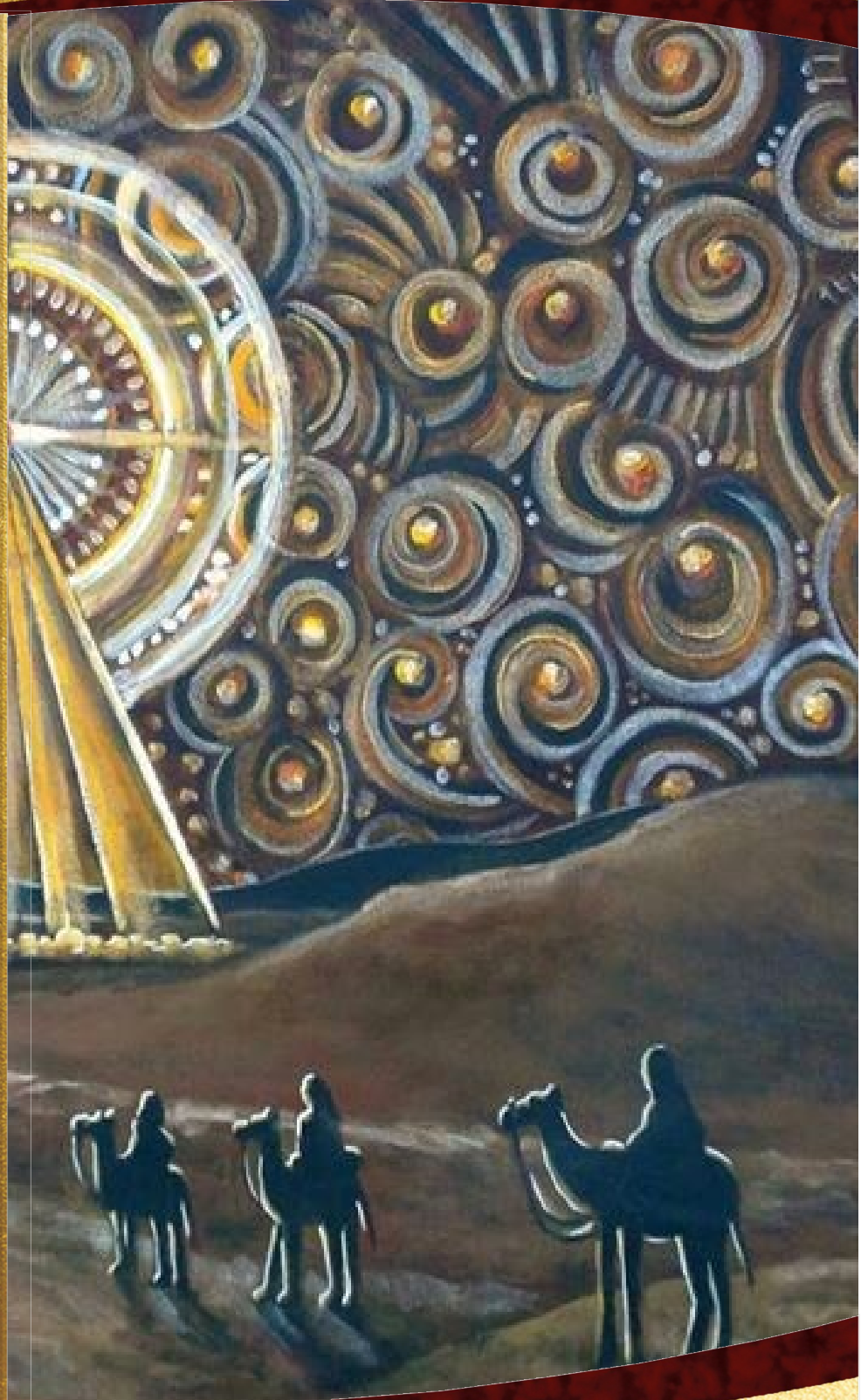
**L**earn  
**O**rar (Pray)  
**G**i**V**e  
**E**vangelize

### *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)*



January 7, 2024

The Epiphany of the Lord



## 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)



# JOIN US FOR OUR CONTINUING CHRISTMAS EVENTS

## **This Weekend - January 6/7 - Solemnity of the Epiphany**

This weekend we will have our Three Kings Procession at all Masses; and distribute House Blessing Kits & Candy after all Masses in The Venetian during our Nativity Showcase.



We look forward to all participating in the revival of our **Nativity Showcase!**

This year's Nativity viewings will be this weekend; Saturday, January 6th after the 4 pm Mass and Sunday, January 7th after the 8:30 am, 10:00 am, and 12:30 pm Masses.

Nativity sets will be accepted in The Venetian on Saturday, January 6th from 11am to 4pm and should be picked up after 3pm on Sunday, January 7th (between 3—4pm) or any time during office hours the following week.

When you drop them off, please have them packed in a box or container with identifying information - your name and phone number.



## Mass Intentions

### Monday January 8th

Baptism of the Lord

12:00 pm

† Bert Immers by Lilian Russell-Immers

### Tuesday January 9th

First Week of Ordinary Time

8:30 am

† Virginia Santiago Roman by Carlos Chaparro

### Wednesday January 10th

8:30 am - Vocations

*No intentions for this Mass*

### Thursday January 11th

12:00 pm

† Aida Hernandez by Ana Gonzalez

### Friday January 12th

8:30 am

† Domonick Galafaro by Thomas Tullo

### Saturday January 13th

St. Hilary of Poitiers, Mem. of Blessed Virgin Mary

4:00 pm

† Joanne Lempicki by Jack & Kate-Nidasio Pultorak

### Sunday January 14th

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am

† Shirley & Gordon Kidd by Patti & Mike Kidd

10:30 am

† Louise Labrecque and Urbina Lambert by Robert Bennett

12:30 pm

Parishioners of St. Mark

5:30 pm

† Mark Dease by Tony Barna

### Sanctuary Candle

For Theresa Flores (Living)  
by Ralph Palomba

## Mass Intentions & Sanctuary Candles

Online purchases are available for 2024  
[www.stmarktampa.org](http://www.stmarktampa.org).

The cost is \$25.00

## 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)

## Orar ~ Pray

### Pray for Our Heroes



**Jack  
Manning**

\*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  
Nicholas Tyrbus  
Ana Maria Vargas  
\*Camilo Andres Vargas  
Disney Velez  
Khiry White  
Daniel Woodard  
Steven Woodard  
Robert Woodards

### Get Well Prayers

**Bob Cabana  
Dan Gonzalez  
Michael Wilps  
Oliver Warnock  
Ralph Palomba  
Luz Ramon  
Bob De  
Jesse Davidson  
and  
Military Brothers in Arms**

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



## Learn ~ Aprender Deacon Jose Moronta

### **How the world experienced the first manifestation of God incarnated**

We are celebrating the Solemnity of Epiphany, a Greek word meaning revelation or manifestation, used most often in ancient times to describe the king or ruler “showing himself” before the people of the nation.

Epiphany was originally an Eastern Church celebration. As the celebration moved westward, it took on the meaning of the revelation of Jesus to the Gentiles. The central point of this celebration is that God’s salvation is intended not only for the people of Israel, but for all people.

Epiphany is now celebrated as the 12th day of Christmas and its celebration seems to predate the celebration of Christmas itself. We see how God epiphanies Himself through Jesus. It is the people of God empowered with the gifts of the Holy Spirit who reveal the risen Christ to the world through acts of creation, love, healing, and liberation. Today’s Gospel reading has been called “The Worship of the Magi”. They were wise men, astrologers. Originally the term designated the learned priestly caste of the Persians; later it came to mean anyone skilled in occult knowledge and power (magicians), or a charlatan or trickster. The word is not used in an abusive or derogatory sense here by Matthew and the mention of the star shows that they are wise men who study the stars. Nothing else is said about them. Since they are not Jews, they can be the very first gentiles to receive the call to salvation in Christ.

Matthew and Luke both have unique accounts of the conception and birth of Jesus and some of the incidents that followed the birth. Neither Mark nor John addresses this period in Jesus’ life. Matthew’s version is greatly affected using Old Testament texts. The magi seek a king, and Herod consults the religious experts of Judaism to find out where they should look. Of this there is no doubt, they should look not in Jerusalem, but in Bethlehem – the city of David.

The prophets and the psalmists foretold that the kings of the earth would pay homage to God at the time of the Messiah (Isaiah 49:23). They would offer him their treasures (Isaiah 60:5-6) and adore Him (Psalm 72:10-15). Through the action of these wise men, these prophecies begin to be fulfilled; although there is no indication that these wise men were kings or emissaries of kings.

The gifts offered were those most valued in the East and have symbolic meanings: • **Gold** - A symbol of royalty and Jesus’ kingship • **Frankincense** - A symbol of Jesus’ divine priesthood • **Myrrh** - A burial spice and symbol of Jesus’ death to redeem us.

The fact that there were three gifts have led to the assumption that they were three men. But the gospel text doesn’t bring any number. There may have been two, or even a dozen. We will never know, and don’t need this kind of information to be saved.

### **A not so spiritual tradition associated with the celebration of Epiphany.**

The 12th night is a familiar title of a Shakespearian play and comes from European heritage where 12th night parish parties are (or were) celebrated. These parties have carried over into the Mardi Gras tradition. During the party, at the appointed time, the king cake is brought out. Hidden in the cake are three beans or coins. Those who find the “prizes” are crowned kings or queens for the evening. While the “royalty” are being outfitted for their office, the Christmas tree is stripped of all ornaments (German Lutherans call this “plundering the tree”). The tree is removed from the room and saved for the Lenten season when it is stripped of its branches and made into a processional cross. Tradition also celebrates the arrival of the wise men currently.

We of the Church are called to be an ever-unfolding epiphany of God’s love and power to the dark world seeking desperately for such epiphanies.

### **...and tomorrow, January 8<sup>th</sup>, we will have the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**

We will celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which marks the end of the Time of Christmas, inaugurated on December 25<sup>th</sup>. After this feast begins a period in the liturgical calendar which is called Ordinary Time. During the period of Ordinary Time, we are guided through the gospel readings in a chronological manner from the beginning of Jesus’ public ministry through His entry into Jerusalem for His passion, death, and resurrection. This year our gospel readings will concentrate on the Gospel of Mark, our Patron Saint.

The fact of Jesus’ baptism has been a Christological and theological issue to be reckoned with almost since it happened. After all, why would Jesus, who was sinless, participate in a rite for sinners? Also, why would Jesus, the Messiah and clearly superior to John the Baptist, submit to the authority of John? Jesus identifies Himself with sinful humanity by undergoing John’s purificatory rite.

**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”.*



## A Prayer for the Feast of the Epiphany

I wonder sometimes  
If one of the stars that lit Abraham's night  
Was the one that led the Magi to Jesus.  
A dark canvas speckled by the most generous brush—  
What an improbable promise to an old man.  
But our God has never been daunted by the unlikely, the impossible.  
What a sight for the Magi, too,  
A baby resting on hay, his cries mingled with braying and bleating.  
I like to think they heard in those everyday sounds a holy chorus,  
Saw in that noisy tableau a Creator serenaded by His creation,  
All of it embodied, enfleshed—  
All of it good.  
And when we've left our gifts for this implausible King,  
May we, like the Magi, go home by another way—  
Having encountered the holy,  
May we protect it, guard it,  
Trail its light behind us wherever we go.  
A sacred arc transposed from heaven to earth,  
May we ourselves become the star,  
Leading the way to Emmanuel.  
Amen.

— Cameron Bellm

spirit &  
verse





# CHILD, FAMILY AND YOUTH MINISTRY

Variety of programs for ages 3 to 12th grade

**From our Faith Formation, Edge and Life Teen teams:**



## Happy New Year!

May 2024 be filled with joy, hope and love for all of our families!

We have many exciting  
**Family, Faith, Fellowship & Fun**  
events coming up this year!



**All Faith Formation, Edge and Life  
Teen classes are on break  
and resume  
Sunday, January 21, 2024**

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

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

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

**office:** 813-907-7746 x 308



First Friday Mass at St. Mark  
8:30 AM

SMARTS meeting at The Venetian  
11:00 AM  
Second Wednesday of the month.

Miniature Golf at Plantations Palms  
First & Third Monday,  
11:00 AM

Card Social at St. Mark  
First & Third Thursday  
11:00 - 3:00 PM

Bowling at Bowlero  
Second & Fourth Friday  
11:00 AM

Game Day at Venetian  
Third Wednesday  
11:00 – 2:30 PM

**All those interested in joining  
SMARTS are always welcome.  
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!**

### **Peanut Butter & Jelly**

drop off at the cart inside our Social Narthex  
by our Information Desk during the week  
or  
outside during Weekend Mass Hours.

Drop off times will coincide with our church hours:  
&  
at all Masses

Thank you for your continued support!

If you would like to volunteer to help distribute food at our food pantry  
please go to: [www.stmarktampa.org/FoodPantrySchedule](http://www.stmarktampa.org/FoodPantrySchedule)  
to check the schedule for vacant dates & send an email to:  
[smpantry@gmail.com](mailto:smpantry@gmail.com) with the vacant date(s) you would like to volunteer.

Svdp Thrift Store: 12310 N. Nebraska Ave in Tampa. (813) 977-7057.

Please consider joining our

### ***St. Mark the Evangelist Legacy Society***

To remember St. Mark in your will or trust,  
please ask your attorney to use the following terminology:  
**I give, devise, bequeath (amount, article, stock, property, etc.)**

to

**St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church  
9724 Cross Creek Blvd,  
Tampa, FL 33647**

For more information, please contact Val anytime at 813-508-2735  
or [vmainguy@stmarktampa.org](mailto:vmainguy@stmarktampa.org)



## DIVINE MERCY CENACLES

(Small Faith Sharing Groups)

Come join us as we delve more deeply  
into the writings of St. Faustina  
and the messages Jesus gave to her regarding the Eucharist  
and God's great love and mercy.



Cenacle gatherings meet every Thursday at 1:00pm  
in the St. Michael the Archangel classroom located in the church.

For more information, please contact  
Divine Mercy Ministry at [leader-divinemercury@stmarktampa.org](mailto:leader-divinemercury@stmarktampa.org).



### Grief Ministry

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



### 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.





*Msgr. Kevin S. Mullen Columbiette Auxiliary #12956 cordially  
invites you to join us on a magical journey  
to destinations around the world.*

**Saturday, February 10, 2024**

**Doors open at 11:00 a.m.**

The Venetian Event Center  
9724 Cross Creek Boulevard  
Tampa, Florida 33647

*Hats and tea party attire greatly encouraged!*

**TEA LUNCHEON & MYSTERY BOXES  
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT & PRIZES  
SHARE THE WEALTH RAFFLE**

**TICKETS:** \$30.00 Adults \$10.00 Children (5 yrs. - 9 yrs.)

Tickets on sale online at [www.stmarktampa.org/columbiettes](http://www.stmarktampa.org/columbiettes) and on the  
Piazza after all weekend Masses Jan 6-7, Jan 13-14, Jan 20-21, 2024  
(Advance Purchase Required)



For more information, email Darlene Fritz at [darlkev@msn.com](mailto:darlkev@msn.com)

*Proceeds will benefit Columbiette charities.*





# TOGETHER IN HOLINESS™

## CONFERENCE SERIES



I am overjoyed to welcome the first *Together in Holiness* conference to the Diocese of St. Petersburg! I invite our married couples and also engaged couples to attend this event on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle. I believe this event will not only strengthen your relationship, but also strengthen your family through God's loving care. Plus, you will learn the Seven Habits of a Healthy Marriage. I pray you will attend this event so you may grow in greater love for one another and for Christ.

**Most Rev. Gregory Parkes**

## WHERE SPOUSES DISCOVER GOD'S PLAN FOR THEIR FAMILY

**MARCH 16, 2024 | 8:15 AM - 3:15 PM**  
**CATHEDRAL OF ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE**  
**ST. PETERSBURG, FL**

**PRESENTED BY**



**CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ST. PETERSBURG**  
*COURAGEOUSLY Living the Gospel*

### CELEBRANT & SPEAKERS



**Very Rev.  
Tom  
Morgan**



**Roland  
Millare, STD**



**Deacon  
Mike and  
Lisa Ryba**



**Greg  
Schutte,  
MSW,  
LISW-S**

## A CATHOLIC MARRIAGE CONFERENCE THAT INSPIRES SPOUSES AND EMPOWERS PARENTS

### WHAT TO EXPECT

*Together in Holiness* provides an opportunity for quality time with your spouse and includes dynamic and inspiring presentations from national speakers, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, on-site childcare, and more!

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Catholic married and engaged couples throughout the Diocese of St. Petersburg and beyond who desire to grow together in holiness and learn to form their children in the Catholic Faith.

### VENUE

**Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle**  
 5815 5th Avenue N. | St. Petersburg, FL 33710

### REGISTRATION

**Early Bird Couple \$54** - Discount available through February 5

**Couple \$64 | Childcare \$5/child**

Full and partial scholarships are available, please inquire

For more information, contact the Conference Coordinator Cameron Kelly at [cameron@forlifeandfamily.org](mailto:cameron@forlifeandfamily.org) or 832-779-1070.

**CLICK TO REGISTER**

Or visit [togetherinholiness.org/stpetersburg](https://togetherinholiness.org/stpetersburg)



# 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*

Wise men  
still

SEEK HIM





**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:



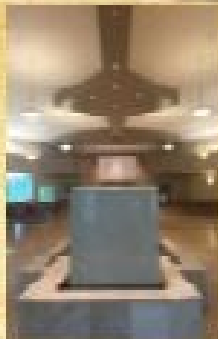
To set up Recurring Automatic Credit Card Donations:  
Contact the Parish Office at 813-907-7746 for support.

## *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