



ST. MARK *the* EVANGELIST

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Our Mission

To invite all
on our journey to:

Learn

Orar (Pray)

Gi**V**e

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*

All of us must be saints in this
world. Holiness is a duty for
you and me. So let's be saints
and so give glory to the Father.

Mother Teresa

January 14, 2024

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 5:30 PM
Sunday in Spanish: 12:30 PM
Monday* & Thursday: Noon
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 8:30 AM
*Mondays that fall on a holiday: 8:30 AM

Reconciliation

Saturdays 3 PM - 3:45 PM (or by appt.)

Rosary

Every weekday half hour before Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Every weekday after Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Open during Parish Hours

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

First Wednesday of Month: 9 AM - 7 PM

Closes with Benediction at 7 PM

Church Hours

Monday 9 AM to 4 PM

Tuesday & Thursday

8 AM to 4 PM

Wednesday 8 AM - 8 PM

Friday 8 AM - Noon

Pastor

Rev. Richard Jankowski

FrRichard@stmarktampa.org

Parochial Vicar

Rev. Cosmas O. Amadi

Frcosmas@stmarktampa.org

Priests in Residence

Rev. Jose George

Assisting Deacons

Deacon Moises Gutierrez

DeaconMoises@stmarktampa.org

Deacon Jose Moronta

DeaconJMoronta@stmarktampa.org

Deacon Scott Paine

DeaconScott@stmarktampa.org

Deacon Hector Rios

DeaconHector@stmarktampa.org

Deacon Mike Kopczynski

DeaconMike@stmarktampa.org

Parish Hours

Mon through Wed 9 AM - 4 PM
Thursday 9 AM - 8 PM
Friday 9 AM - Noon
(changes on holidays - please call)

Phone: (813) 907-7746

Fax: (813) 907-7556

9724 Cross Creek Blvd
Tampa, FL 33647.

Website: www.stmarktampa.org

Email: info@stmarktampa.org

Venetian Rental Info: (813) 508-2735

Events Calendar and Tickets

www.stmarktampa.org/calendar

Bulletin Submissions

Bulletin@stmarktampa.org

Weekly deadline: Tuesdays at 9 AM
the week prior to publication,
earlier holiday deadlines TBA

Ministry Contacts

To find out more information about our many ministries
or to contact the ministry leader visit our website:

www.stmarktampa.org/ministries

Or contact our Ministry Coordinator at
mstrickland@stmarktampa.org

Sign Up Now! www.FORMED.org

Enjoy Catholic content (like Netflix!) all in one place!
Go to <https://formed.org/> - Choose "I'm a Parishioner of a Parish"
next type in our name: "St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church"
and then out of the many St. Mark the Evangelist parishes...
choose the one with our address
(9724 Cross Creek Blvd, Tampa, FL 33647).
That's all there is to it!

Deanery Events

For more information about our Deanery and their events,
visit our website:

www.stmarktampa.org/our-deanery.

Social Media



www.facebook.com/stmarktampa



www.instagram.com/StMarkLOVE

Donate / Support

Credit Card/Online: www.DonateStMark.org

Text to Give: 813-296-5116

To set up Recurring Automatic Donations: Contact

Claudia Garcia at cgarcia@stmarktampa.org or 813-907-7746 x 322

Sacramental Preparation

Baptism

Please call (813) 907-7746 to sign up
for required pre-baptism classes.
Brochures, forms, and sponsor letters can
be found online at: stmarktampa.org/baptism.

Marriage

Couples planning their marriage should call
(813) 907-7746 ext. 317 at least six months
prior to their wedding date in order to complete
their pre-marital assessment, discernment,
and marriage preparation enrichment.
For info go to: stmarktampa.org/marriage.

RCIA

Adults, older children, or teens who have not
been baptized, or have been baptized in another
Christian Community, who desire to enter into
full communion with the Catholic Church,
please call (813) 907-7746 ext. 317.
For info go to: stmarktampa.org/RCIA

First Communion & Confirmation

Adults who have been baptized, but have not
received their First Communion and/or Confirmation,
should call (813) 907-7746 ext. 317.

Children and Teens: Students must attend
two consecutive years. Preparation in the parish
is necessary for the sacraments
(even for those at parochial schools).
Brochures and forms can be picked up at the
Parish Office or found online at:
stmarktampa.org/communion or
stmarktampa.org/confirmation-1

Mass Intentions

Join us for our Daily & Weekend Mass Celebrations!

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

Monday January 15th

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

8:30 am

† Len Cohen by Nancy Coulter

Tuesday January 16th

8:30 am

† Sophie Brzezinski by Pat Werthwine

Wednesday January 17th

St. Anthony

8:30 am - Vocations

No intentions for this Mass

Thursday January 18th

12:00 pm

† Lily Trubulsky by Teresa Trubulsky & Family

Friday January 19th

8:30 am

No intentions for this Mass

Saturday January 20th

St. Fabian, St. Sebastian, Mem. of Blessed Virgin Mary

4:00 pm

† Lisa Oneil by Patrick Fahey

Sunday January 21st

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am

† George Ammar by Cindy and Joe Terrano

10:30 am

† Christopher Migliore by Luis and Maria Migliore (parents)

12:30 pm

† Julio Martinez by Esposa e hijos

5:30 pm

Parishioners of St. Mark

Sanctuary Candle

For Theresa Flores (Living)
by Ralph Palomba

Mass Intentions

&

Sanctuary Candles

Online purchases are available for 2024
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

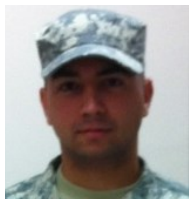
roomschedule@stmarktampa.org

Orar ~ Pray

Pray for Our Heroes

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



**Yerandy
Molina**

*No Photo

Get Well Prayers

Robert Melani
Bob Ivester
Bob Cabana
Dan Gonzalez
Michael Wilps
Oliver Warnock
Luz Ramon
Marcia Burgess
Angeles Porrata
Joe Garrido, Sr.
Jesse Davidson and
Military Brothers in Arms

Dearly Departed

Andrew Stein
Margarita Hutton

Please send your request to Prayers@stmarktampa.org

Learn ~ Aprender

Deacon Jose Moronta

After Christmas Season, we begin a journey through Ordinary Time

The first Sunday in the Ordinary Time is not called “First” but “Second”. Why is this? As you know, we have different liturgical seasons throughout the year of the Church. We have Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, and Ordinary Time. The Season of Christmas ends when we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The day after this celebration yields to the Ordinary Time. So, the first week in the Ordinary Time runs from that day until Saturday. And as the first day of the week is Sunday, a second week in the Ordinary Time begins with the Sunday that follows, namely the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time. We will never have a “First Sunday in Ordinary Time”.

And why do we call this liturgical season “Ordinary”? It is not in opposition to “extraordinary”, but for another simpler reason. We count them using ordinary numbers, ‘third, fourth, fifth’ etc.

One more thing that we should know is that during Ordinary Time the gospel proclaimed in the Sunday Mass has been chosen from a different evangelist for every year. As you know, we have three different liturgical years, A, B, and C. This year we are in a “B Cycle”, so the Gospel to proclaim is the one written by our Patron Saint, Mark, The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Our readings today talk about Vocation, the call from God.

The first reading for this Sunday is taken from the 1st Book of Samuel. The main purpose of 1st and 2nd Samuel is to provide a history of the foundation of the kingdom of Israel and the settlement of the throne on David and his line.

Outside enemies had been reduced to one – the Philistines, who were established along the Mediterranean coast; but the Philistines were so formidable and expansionist that the very survival of Israel seemed to be at stake and the tribes really needed to combine forces. Samuel, who is regarded as the last of the judges, was the man chosen to bring about this unification. It is of Samuel’s call that we hear today.

Samuel is “called” as other men of God were “called” before him – Moses, Gideon, Samson for example – each was specifically “called” by God. Samuel was sleeping in the Temple because he was dedicated to the service of God in the Temple, but this alone doesn’t qualify him for the special task for which God has issued a special call. It is possible that he slept in the Temple to enable him to tend the lamp that burned there.

Today, in our gospel reading, we hear of the calling of the first of Jesus’ disciples. It is only from John’s gospel that we learn that Jesus’ first disciples had originally been disciples of John the Baptist.

I have always felt admiration for Andrew, who met Jesus before his brother, who later was appointed as head of the Church. After meeting and knowing Jesus,

«...he first found his own brother Simon and told him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Christ) Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Kephas” (which is translated Peter)...»

The meaning is “rock.” Some translations render this “Cephas” rather than “Kephas.” Aramaic is *Kepha*, which transliterated into Greek, becomes Cephas, the Greek for rock is Petros (masculine form, Petra is the feminine form). The Hebrew and Aramaic *Kepha* are not gender specific. Notice that what we have here is the promise of a later name change, a change which is recounted in Matthew 16:18:

«...And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it...»

It is interesting how the readings show us two different calls, and in each case, men received great confidence from God, who dared to give them the tasks that they performed well. When God invites us, calls us for a specific service, He doesn’t consider our past, or even our present. He sees in us a potential for the future, and it is based on this that He dares to call us to serve Him... and then He enables us with the gifts of his Holy Spirit.

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”.*

The Marriage Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving



The Marriage Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving
will take place at the
Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle
on Sunday, February 11th at 3:00pm.

This event honors couples throughout the diocese
who will celebrate either their
25th anniversary
as well as those celebrating 50 or more years of marriage
during the 2024 calendar year.

**To RSVP, please call our parish office at 813-907-7746
by Tuesday, January 16th.**

IS YOUR MARRIAGE STRUGGLING?



**No
Marriage is
Beyond
Hope.**

The busyness of life, lack of communication, the stress of the holidays, and so many other things can throw a marriage off track before you know it. **Each year, January is known as National Divorce Month**, as the stresses of a troubled marriage often lead to a breaking point. Divorce lawyers see a 33% spike in business during January this period! **Don't let this be you or any of your friends or family. THERE IS HOPE.**

In 1 Corinthians 13:13 Jesus tells us the greatest of these is Love. Living in a marriage that is missing love can be difficult. If you have given up hope that your marriage can and will get better, ask your spouse to consider attending a Retrouvaille program. Retrouvaille is an international Christian-based ministry that offers a three-stage program to help couples improve their marriages. First, a weekend program is attended, followed by post-weekend meetings. Finally, an on-going monthly small group of couples gather for support and growth. It is *not* counseling or group therapy, and you will not share your struggles with others. **If improving your marriage, building trust and forgiveness, and rediscovering the romantic love you once shared is important to you, reach out today for more information.**

Our Next Program begins on January 26, in Tampa Bay

For more information, or to register, visit us at
www.HelpOurMarriage.org
or call (727) 343-6701
All contacts and names held in strictest
confidence.


RETROUVAILLE
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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 16th 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 or 832-779-1070.

CLICK TO REGISTER

Or visit togetherinholiness.org/stpetersburg



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!

**1 lb. box Spaghetti
& Canned Pasta Sauce**

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

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.



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.

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

For Edge & Life Teens email: deaconhector@stmarktampa.org

office: 813-907-7746 x 308

Traveling Party 2024



*Msgr. Kevin S. Mullen Columbiette Auxiliary #0056 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

**7240 Courtney Creek Boulevard
Tampa, Florida 33647**

**TRAVELING TEA PARTY IS SOLD OUT!!!
TO BE PUT ON WAITING LIST,
PLEASE CONTACT
DARLENE FRITZ AT darlkev@msn.com**

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 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

Proceeds will benefit Columbiette charities.

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 >>>



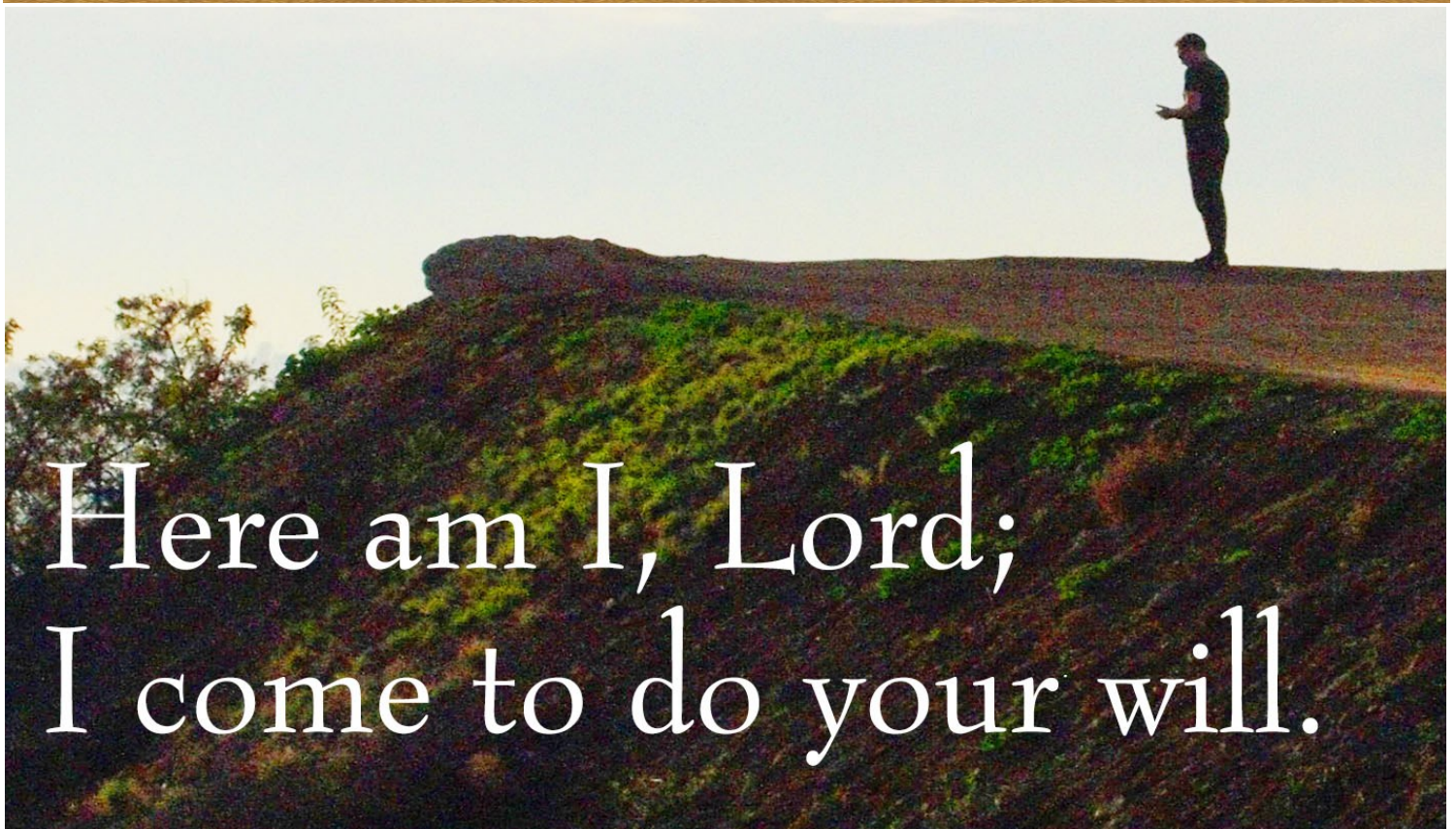
Additional Offerings:

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*



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:



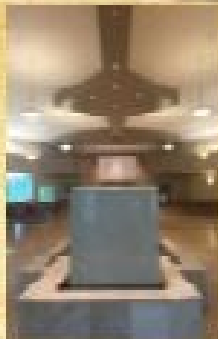
To set up Recurring Automatic Credit Card Donations:
Contact the Parish Office at 813-907-7746 for support.

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 that IRS requires you to take annual distributions 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 \$5,000 from your IRA to St. Mark and are in a 20% tax bracket, the church receives the \$5,000 and you may save \$1,000 in taxes.

A WIN-WIN for both the church and the parishioner!

If your tax advisor agrees and you want to contribute any of your required annual distributions/required minimum distributions or even from your current IRA, instruct your IRA custodian to make the check out to St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic 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