



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



CATHOLIC MINISTRY

Appeal

More numerous than the stars
in the sky are your blessings,
O Good and Gracious God.

You have called us to spread
the Good News of your Son,
Jesus Christ,
through our words and actions.

Strengthen our faith and open
our hearts to care for all our
brothers and sisters,
especially those who need us the most.

Help us to understand
the difference we can make,
the love we can share
and the lives we can bring to Christ
through our *Catholic Ministry Appeal*.

We pray that your grace, O Lord,
will lead us to be your loving heart
and hands today.

Amen



GIVE IT TOGETHER
GIVE IT TODAY
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January 28, 2024

4th 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 28th
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am	† Vincent Terrano by Joe and Cindy Terrano
10:30 am	† Jose Rivera by Providencia Rivera
12:30 pm	† Frank Kloss by Michael Kloss
5:30 pm	† Alfonso Perez by Mara Luisa Perz

Monday, January 29th

12:00 pm	† CARLOS CORONADO by MARISA CORONADO
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Tuesday, January 30th

8:30 am	† Nicholas Torres by Raul Adrianza Natalia Garcia y Andres Arcila
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Wednesday, January 31st
St. John Bosco

8:30 am - Vocations	<i>No intentions for this Mass</i>
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Thursday, February 1st

12:00 pm	† James Carney by Joseph Carney
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Friday, February 2nd
Presentation of the Lord

8:30 am	† Steve Cerrito by SMARTS
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Saturday, February 3rd
St. Blase, St. Ansgar, Mem. of Blessed Virgin Mary

4:00 pm	† Patricia Pereira
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Sanctuary Candle

For † Raquel Doblas
by Raquel Shaw

Sunday, 21 January–Saturday, 27 January



Catholic Schools Week 2024

Catholic Schools: Serving Our Communities

Orar ~ Pray

Pray for Our Heroes



**Ismael A.
Olivo-Alvarez**

***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
Jesse Davidson
Tyler Emerick
*Jorge Farchakh
Adam Fischer
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

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

Procedures for Filing Abuse Complaints

Last September, the Diocese of St. Petersburg successfully completed an on-site audit to determine its compliance with the norms of the USCCB *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*. However, in its follow-up letter, the auditing firm reminded the Diocese that "Parishes should publicize the procedures for making complaints the abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult at least annually." If you are not already doing so on at least an annual basis, please plan to include this item in your various communications tools. For information on how to file an abuse complaint, please go to <https://www.dosp.org/safe-environment/how-to-file-an-abuse-complaint/>

Get Well Prayers

**Robert Melani
Bob Ivester
Luz Ramon
Marcia Burgess
Angeles Porrata
Joe Garrido, Sr.**

Dearly Departed

Oliver Warnock

Altar Flower Donations

**Last Weekend's flowers were donated by
St. Mark Dominican Members
in celebration of
"La Virgen de la Alta Gracia"**

Please send your request to Prayers@stmarktampa.org

Learn ~ Aprender Deacon Jose Moronta

First time we read about Prophets in the Bible.

This Sunday's First Reading has been taken from the Book of Deuteronomy.

This book has been composed in the form of three discourses, the second of which contains the laws proper. The first four chapters, which form the first discourse, is an introduction to the book. It stresses what the book, and the entire Bible, is all about. It tells us that God in His providence and mercy is constantly watching over His people, over every single man and woman, as can be seen from the wonders He worked during the 40 years the Jews spent in the wilderness. This first discourse emphasizes another basic fact: Yahweh demands strict fidelity to the covenant to which Israel committed itself to in Sinai, to adore the one true God.

The second discourse, from which the first reading for this Sunday's Mass has been taken, goes from chapter 5 through chapter 28. This discourse stresses the Decalogue and that God's choice of Israel is a pure act of love on His part; consequently, a whole series of liturgical, civil and criminal laws are given to ensure that His promises are carried out.

The third discourse (rest of the Book) is a vigorous exhortation to obedience to Yahweh. Their love for Him should not be out of fear of punishment but by way of appreciation for all the gifts He has given. True wisdom consists in not exploring the hidden mysteries of God out of curiosity, but in knowing His commandments and practicing them faithfully.

In today's first reading, it is Moses who is speaking, but he's not transmitting a message of his own, but from God. This is a key text regarding the institution of the office of prophet in Israel. Together with the king and the priest, the prophet is one of the great institutions of Israel; the prophet has a very important religious position and special moral authority.

In the history of the Jewish people Moses is seen not only as the one who delivered Israel from slavery in Egypt, not only as the one who gave them God's laws, but also as the first prophet and the model for all future prophets.

A good definition I read some time ago about what a prophet is, says that it's a person who after realizing a special relationship with God in his or her life, cannot speak about any other thing than about God's will. The words of prophets are not theirs by the word of God. Prophets are like fingers, not like faces. We are not meant to look at them but to the reality to which they point.

On the day of our Baptism, we were anointed with the Sacred Chrism as prophets. We have been called by God to act as prophets for the world. We may follow other prophets' lead, but we are also called to lead others through the paths that bring people closer to God.

Anxiety and Marriage. Curious approach from St. Paul

In today's second reading we find these words from St. Paul:

« I should like you to be free of anxieties. An unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord. But a married man is anxious about the things of the world, how he may please his wife, and he is divided.

An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord, so that she may be holy in both body and spirit. A married woman, on the other hand, is anxious about the things of the world, how she may please her husband...»

Saint Paul begins by saying that he would like to spare us worries, but immediately afterwards he speaks to us about how one should worry about the things of the Lord. And there are two types of concerns, those that marriage brings with it and those who live their consecrated life to God. Paul advises that if one does not marry and is called by God to be celibate, do not hesitate for a moment to surrender to the Lord. If he is faithful to his vocation, it will be much better for him, and for the faithful. Because his only concern will be his response to God's call to service.

Paul is not against marriage. In this same chapter he speaks that marriage is better for those who need to live in a company. He comes to warn against selfish singleness that will inevitably lead to damnation. What gives value to celibacy is exclusive dedication to God, it is a renunciation of having a family, being loved, and cared for by a wife and enjoying the joy of children. It is a delivery for which God grants a special grace. Because it is not easy to control our instincts and serve with joy. The person who sacrifices his/her feelings out of love for God does not destroy them, but elevates them, transforms them into a living and permanent offering so that his dedication contributes better to the redemption of humanity.

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".*

FEBRUARY 7th EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Begins after our 8:30 am Daily Mass
concluding with Night Prayer and Benediction at 7pm

Come and Spend time in the Presence of the Lord on the First Wednesday of the Month

Sit One on One with the Lord

Get recharged for your New Month's Journey

Leave all your worries at the base
of the Sanctuary



FEBRUARY 14th ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES

8:30 am

12:00 pm

7:30 pm English/Spanish



FEBRUARY 16th 7:00pm THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

They will be recited

Every Friday

during Lent beginning at 7 pm





CATHOLIC MINISTRY *Appeal*



The Catholic Church serves the needs of many in our local area and beyond. Some services can be offered at the parish level, but in many cases, it is more effective for all parishes of our diocese to join together to fund central outreach. This includes outreach to the poor and marginalized through Catholic Charities, faith-filled education for students seeking a Catholic education, catechist training and enrichment through our Faith Formation programs, as well as the education and formation of our

seminarians, and faithful support to the life and ministry of our clergy, religious, and all who serve the Church.

As we begin our efforts for the Catholic Ministry Appeal, we invite all to begin with a gift of prayer. We are Catholic and believe in the power of prayer. Prayer takes just a little time and every member of our parish can participate.

Let's begin our discernment in prayer together!

GIVE TOGETHER GIVE TODAY

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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!

Mac & Cheese

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



St. Mark Music Ministry is seeking a pianist from the New Tampa/Wesley Chapel area to play contemporary Catholic Music with our contemporary music ensemble (guitars, percussion and vocals) at our Sunday 5:30 pm Mass.

Rehearsals are at 4:30 pm before Mass. You do not need to be Catholic or a member of the parish to play with this ensemble.

Contact Dr. John Paul Cappa, Music Director

Email: jpcappa@stmarktamp.org

Office Phone 813-907-7746 Ext. 326

Text to 814-449-2904.

Mary's House

Our Lady of the Rosary Early Childhood Center

We are enrolling for the 2024-2025 school year.

Please call 813-948-5999 to set up a date and time to tour our school.

The priority enrollment date for St. Marks parishioners is on February 7th for the upcoming school year.



THE PARISH BOOK CART WILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER ALL MASSES OUTSIDE THE GIFT SHOP **THIS WEEKEND**

ALL BOOKS ARE FREE

When you have finished reading, you may keep the book, share it with someone, or return it to our Liturgy Office in the Church to be placed back on our 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.

Please do not leave donated books on the cart.

Remember all books are donated and cannot be used for resale.

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.



This powerful 12-week program is designed to guide you to encounter Christ –
with all of his love, mercy and healing power in a deeply personal way.

Surviving Divorce healing ministry is open to ALL, regardless of faith or length of your
separation or divorce.

A new program begins February 1, 2024 at St. Timothy Catholic Church in Lutz.

We will meet on Thursdays from 7-9PM. \$30 includes materials.

You can register online at <https://sainttims.org/surviving-divorce/> For more information,
please contact Gina Gawieniczuk at gina@sainttims.org.



★ MORNING STAR SCHOOL ★

OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY

FEBRUARY 3, 2024

10:00 AM TO 12:00 NOON

Information session and school tour

RSVP to mpetrofsky@morningstartampa.org

Contact our office at: 813-935-0232

GRADES 1 TO 8

INDIVIDUALIZED
INSTRUCTION AND
MULTI-SENSORY
APPROACH

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ON SITE

10-12 STUDENTS
PER CLASS

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SCHOOL TAMPA**

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Tampa, FL 33612

www.morningstartampa.org

813-935-0232

Hey there!!



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Msgr. Kevin S. Mullen
Council #12956, Tampa, FL

Thinking About Joining the Knights?

Are you are considering joining the Knights and helping the various ministries for our parish and community?

Would you like to get to know us better (and our spouses who belong to the Columbiettes)?

If so, please join us for our

SUPER BOWL WATCH PARTY

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024
6:00 -10:00 pm**

Venetian Event Center
9724 Cross Creek Blvd,
Tampa, Florida 33647

We will have food and refreshments to enjoy, along with the friendship and camaraderie of the Brotherhood to experience and a Super Bowl to watch!

To register for you and your family members, please use the QR Code at right and click the Ticket link for the Registration Form.
No actual tickets are needed, but please register by February 2, 2024. We look forward to seeing you.



Questions? Contact Chad DeRigo, Membership Director
Phone: 813-391-3828 / Email: info@kofcstmarktampa.org



Find us on

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/kofcstmarktampa>

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*



DONATE BLOOD

Donors Receive



- PLUS -



- PLUS -



St. Marks The Evangelist Catholic Church

February 24 • 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM

February 25 • 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM

All donors will receive*:

- **\$20 eGift Card**
- **Long-sleeved T-shirt**
- **Wellness Checkup** including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count and cholesterol screening.

Register at

oneblood.org/donate-now

Use Sponsor Code

#13024

ID REQUIRED



Appointments are encouraged, please visit oneblood.org/donate-now and use sponsor code **#13024**.



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:



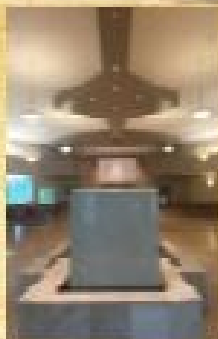
To set up Recurring Automatic Credit Card Donations:
Contact the Parish Office at 813-907-7746 for support.

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