



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*



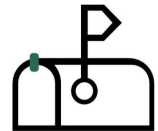
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February 4, 2024

5th 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

Sunday, February 4th

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am

Parishioners of St. Mark

10:30 am

† Augusto and Allyssa Marie Aguilar by Jona and Jerome Guiang

12:30 pm

† Jaime Bracho by Maria E. Bracho

5:30 pm

† Hailey Therese Hernandez by Joseph and Marcela Anderson

Monday, February 5th

St. Agatha

12:00 pm

† Felicita Malave by Iris Ayala

Tuesday, February 6th

St. Paul Miki & Companions

8:30 am

Special prayers requested for the MUIA family (Living) by Monica Muia

Wednesday, February 7th

8:30 am - Vocations

No intentions for this Mass

Thursday, February 8th

St. Jerome Emiliani, St. Josephine Bakhita

12:00 pm

† The Departed Souls of the Carney Family by Joseph Carney

Friday, February 9th

8:30 am

† Ignacio Valerio Perez by Nunez-Valerio Family

Saturday, February 10th

St. Scholastica

4:00 pm

† Amelia & Gerardo Verna by Camillo and Marilyn Verna

Sanctuary Candle

For Angeles Rivera-Porrata (Living)

by Samuel L. Porrata

**Thanks to all
who generously contribute
to this year's
Catholic Ministry Appeal
to help us meet
our 2024 diocesan responsibility.**

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/>

Prayers for Healing and Protection

**Bob Ivester
Luz Ramon
Marcia Burgess
Angeles Porrata
Joe Garrido, Sr.
Cindy Hipple
Fred and Carol Bley**

&

All of our Military and First Responders

Please send your request to Prayers@stmarktampa.org

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

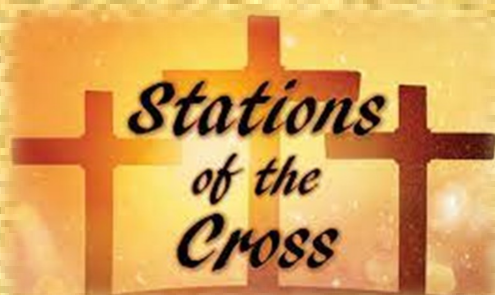


FEBRUARY 16th 7:00pm THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

They will be recited

Every Friday

during Lent beginning at 7 pm





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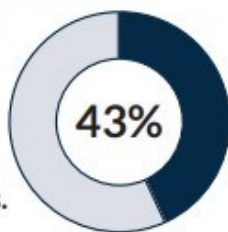
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UNITY IN DIVERSITY

Multicultural Ministries is one of 11 diocesan ministries that encounter God, and offer all who seek God an opportunity to encounter Him and enrich our spiritual lives, fostering our response to God's call to serve. Through the *Catholic Ministry Appeal*, this group of ministries will receive \$3.8 million, or 43%, of the total \$9 million appeal goal to carry out their good works.



The Annual Diocesan African Mass invites all to come and experience the celebration of the Eucharist with diverse African languages and cultures. The 2023 Mass, celebrated at St. Paul Parish in Tampa, drew more than 700 priests and parishioners from parishes across the Diocese and representing various African countries gathered as one unified community to celebrate Mass and worship God together.

"The African Mass was an awesome experience of the unity in diversity of our Catholic Church. I witnessed parishioners of St. Paul Parish in Tampa from diverse ministries and cultural communities working together to set up for the reception which would follow the Mass," said Carlos Flores, Director of diocesan Multicultural Ministries.

The reception that followed offered the opportunity to continue the celebration and experience. "At the reception, there was food not only from African countries, but also from other ethnic communities like the Brazilians and the Filipinos," Flores shared. "I sat at a table with persons from Puerto Rico and a couple from Philadelphia who expressed they travel every year to experience the African Mass in our Diocese."

As part of our diocesan Multicultural Ministries, the Black Catholic Commission was established in 2011 in the Diocese of St. Petersburg for the purpose of supporting the Bishop in providing spiritual, cultural, and social nourishment to Catholics of African descent, thereby facilitating their enrichment within the diocese and encouraging them to partici-

pate more fully in the life and activities of the Church.

For more information about Black Catholic Ministry in our Diocese, please visit www.dosp.org/intercultural/blackcatholic.

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CARLOS FLORES
DIRECTOR OF
MULTICULTURAL MINISTRIES

Learn ~ Aprender Deacon Jose Moronta

What was more important for St. Paul

In our previous liturgical year (Cycle A) we had some chapters of this same First Letter that St. Paul wrote to the church in Corinth. In those chapters, more often than not, he addressed the scandals which were evident in the Corinthian church. In this new year of the church (Cycle B) Saint Paul is now answering the questions which have been asked by this same church. For the last two weeks we have heard him dealing with marriage and virginity. Now, we hear him begin to attend to their questions about eating meat which has been offered as a sacrifice to idols.

This problem is a very sensible one. A considerable amount of the meat that was sold in the market came from animals sacrificed to idols. Usually, only certain portions of the sacrificial victims were burned, the leftovers becoming the property of the temple priests. Much of this meat was sold to butchers and was available at a lesser cost.

The Council of Jerusalem, which took place around A.D. 48-50, had written to the Christians of Antioch, Syria and Cilicia telling them to abstain from food which had been sacrificed to idols. When Saint Paul was preaching in Corinth two years later, he may not have said anything on the subject, given the very pagan environment of the area, much different from Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. If the faithful at Corinth had to stay away from meat of this kind, they would have had to detach themselves from their fellow citizens.

In replying to this question Saint Paul first explains the general principles that apply: They may eat meat of this type, for idols have no real existence, but sometimes charity requires that they abstain from it. Paul then illustrates what he says by telling what he himself does. It is from this image that our reading comes.

«... If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast, for an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it! If I do so willingly, I have a recompense, but if unwillingly, then I have been entrusted with a stewardship...»

Preaching is the expression of Saint Paul's being a Christian, for this he deserves no special credit. The apostolate is a stewardship with which he is entrusted; he is obliged to fulfill it. The servant sent by the Lord does what he has to do even if he is not willing, because it is simply the plan of God almighty. Let us remember that Moses preached to Pharaoh even though he did not want to, and a couple of Sundays ago we heard about how Jonah was forced to preach to the Ninivites.

I think that intentionally, Paul shifts the theme of his letter, to lessen the importance of "religious rules" in order to boost the importance of discipleship. It is obvious that for St. Paul preaching the gospel is more imperative than discerning about not as relevant matters like that one about the acceptable meals. We may follow this example, as in our beloved Catholic Church, we have many, many things that might distract us from the main focus, which is a personal, close relationship with the Lord and the love for his children.

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".



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!

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

FOOD DRIVE



**OUR BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA TROOPS
148 & 1148**

will be distributing bags to fill with food

after all Masses the weekend of Feb 17-18,

and collect them on the weekend of Feb 24-25.

As always, thank you for your generosity in supporting the needy of our community.



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.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN FISH FRY'S ARE BACK!

Starting on Friday, February 16 and running through Friday, March 22.

Twice named champion of the Spirit FM World Fish Fry Tour, our award-winning dinners will be offered from 5 to 8 pm.

Meals include:

- Adult Fish/Shrimp Combo - \$14, Child \$10,
- Adult Fish or Shrimp Dinner - \$12, Child \$8
- Adult Mac & Cheese Dinner - \$9, Child \$7
- New England Clam Chowder - \$5,
- Shrimp Caesar Salad - \$7.

Also, various sides, delicious desserts prepared by our Columbiettes, and a variety of beverages will be available.

All dinners include fries, coleslaw, hush puppies and iced tea and coffee.

Cash/check preferred but will accept credit cards.

We look forward to seeing all of you there!

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!

Your St. Mark 2023 electronic contribution statement is ready for your access & printing !

We kindly ask that you take advantage of this online service.

If you are unable to access it online, we can mail it to you if you require it for your taxes.

If you have questions, concerns, or would like to request a paper copy, please email:

(Accounting@stmarktampa.org) or call 813-907-7746 and ask for ext 304.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT PRINTING INSTRUCTIONS

You will need to go to **My Own Church** website to access your 2023 Contribution Statement electronically.

Here is the URL link:

<https://stpetersburg.parishsoftfamilysuite.com/>

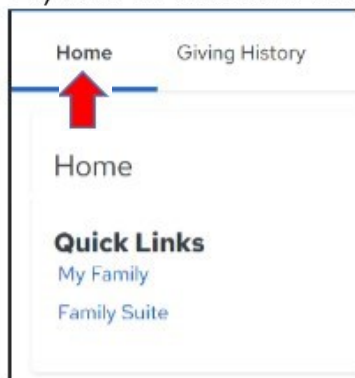
Once you are on the Login Screen, please follow the instructions below.

1.) type in username, password and click login button.



The image shows the ParishSOFT login interface. At the top is the ParishSOFT logo with the tagline 'by Ministry Brands'. Below the logo are two input fields: 'Username *' and 'Password *'. A blue 'Log In' button is positioned below the password field. At the bottom, there are links for 'New User?' and 'Lost password?' with the word 'Or' between them.

2.) click on the **HOME** tab



The image shows the ParishSOFT website with the 'Home' tab selected in the top navigation bar. A red arrow points to the 'Home' tab. Below the navigation bar, the 'Home' page content is visible, including a 'Quick Links' section with links for 'My Family' and 'Family Suite'.

Please keep in mind the following:

ALL CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL (CMA) AND OTHER DIOCESAN CONTRIBUTIONS WILL APPEAR ON A STATEMENT FROM THE DIOCESE OF ST. PETERSBURG.

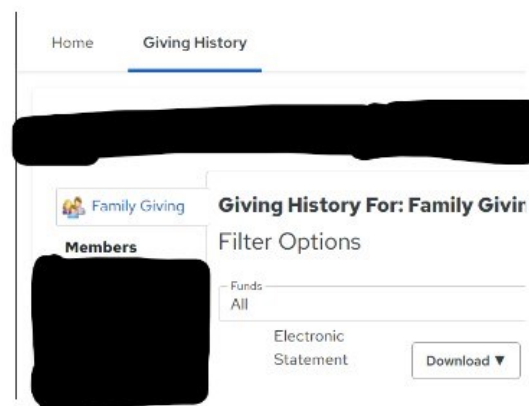
Thank you for your generosity!

3.) click on **GIVING HISTORY**



The image shows the ParishSOFT website with the 'Giving History' tab selected in the top navigation bar. A red arrow points to the 'Giving History' tab. Below the navigation bar, the 'Giving History' page content is visible, including a 'Quick Links' section with links for 'My Family' and 'Family Suite'.

4.) click twice on **FAMILY GIVING**



The image shows the ParishSOFT website with the 'Family Giving' tab selected in the top navigation bar. A red arrow points to the 'Family Giving' tab. Below the navigation bar, the 'Family Giving' page content is visible, including a 'Members' section with a list of members and a 'Giving History For: Family Giving' section with a 'Filter Options' dropdown menu.

5.) click on the **DOWNLOAD** button (make sure you select the year 2023!)



The image shows the ParishSOFT website with the 'Family Giving' tab selected in the top navigation bar. A red arrow points to the 'Download' button in the 'Giving History For: Family Giving' section. The button is labeled 'Download' with a downward arrow icon.

6.) The contribution statement is now in a printable pdf document. Download will show up at one of the corners of your screen depending on your computer.

PRAISE THE LORD WHO HEALS THE BROKENHEARTED

PSALM 147:3

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.

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:



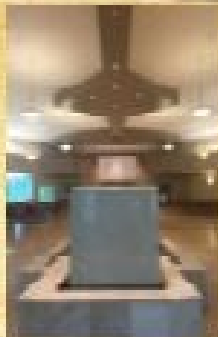
To set up Recurring Automatic Credit Card Donations:
Contact the Parish Office at 813-907-7746 for support.

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