



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!

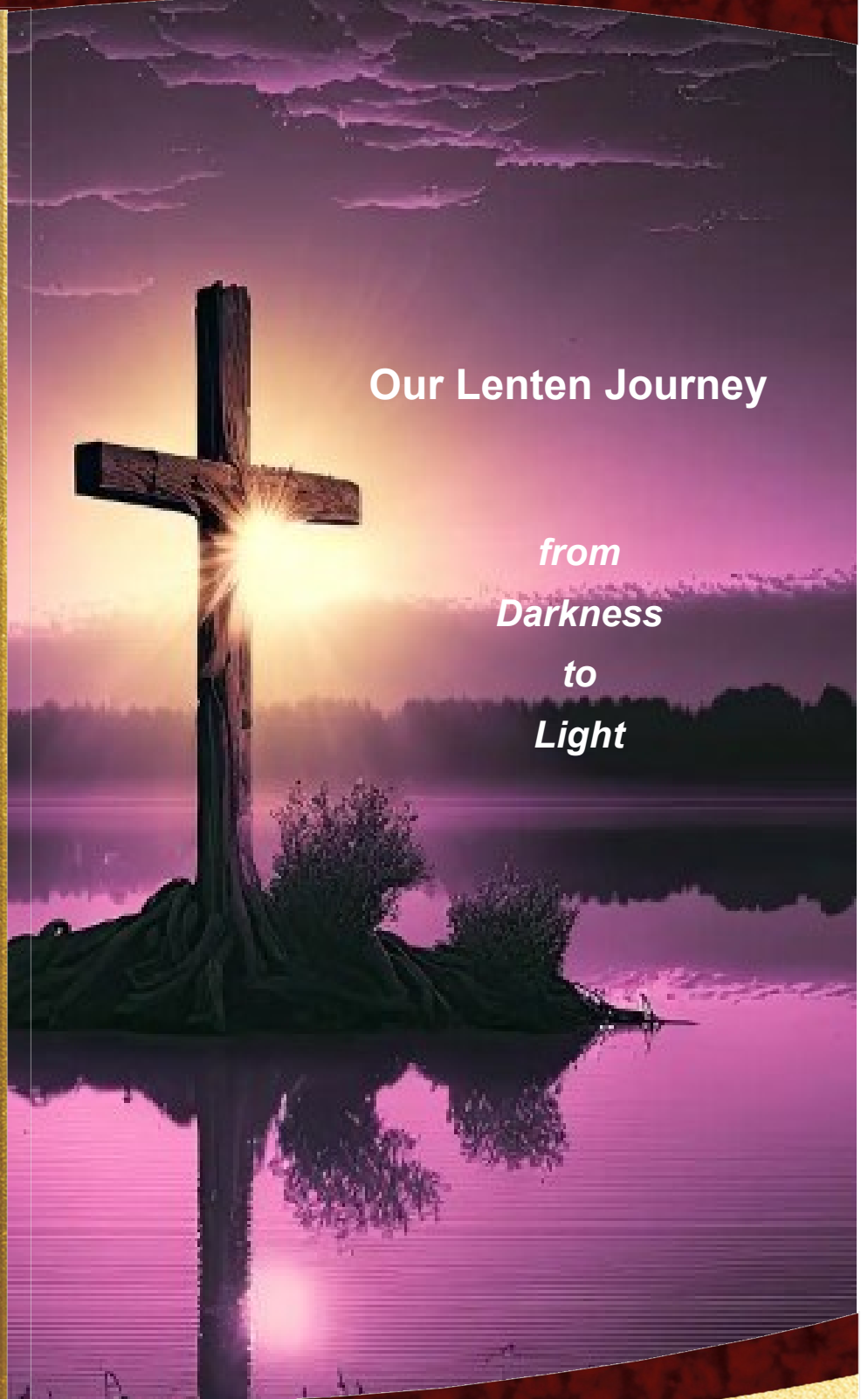
If you are a visitor,
we hope you will find our
bulletin to be a reflection of
our vibrant and spirit filled
parish, and that you will
consider becoming a part of
our family!

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*

Our Lenten Journey

*from
Darkness
to
Light*



March 10, 2024

4th Sunday of Lent

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

Come spend Holy Week with Us

Mass Times and Services are:

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

March 23rd Saturday Vigil Mass:

4:00 pm (Livestreamed)

March 24th Sunday:

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:30 pm (Spanish) (Livestreamed)

5:30 pm

March 25th Monday: 12:00 pm Mass

March 26th Tuesday: 8:30 am Mass

March 27th Wednesday: 8:30 am Mass

March 28th Holy Thursday:

10:00 am MORNING PRAYER

7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

(Incense will be used) (Livestreamed)

Procession/Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows until 11:30 pm over in The Venetian

March 29th Good Friday:

10:00 am MORNING PRAYER

3:00 pm GOOD FRIDAY of the Lord's Passion (Livestreamed)

Adoration of the Holy Cross

March 30th Holy Saturday:

10:00 am MORNING PRAYER

(Blessing of Easter Baskets after Morning Prayer)

8:15 pm Easter Vigil Mass

(Incense will be used) (Livestreamed)

March 31st Easter Sunday:

The Resurrection of the Lord

6:45 am

8:30 am

10:30 am *(Incense will be used)* (Livestreamed)

10:40 am in The Venetian

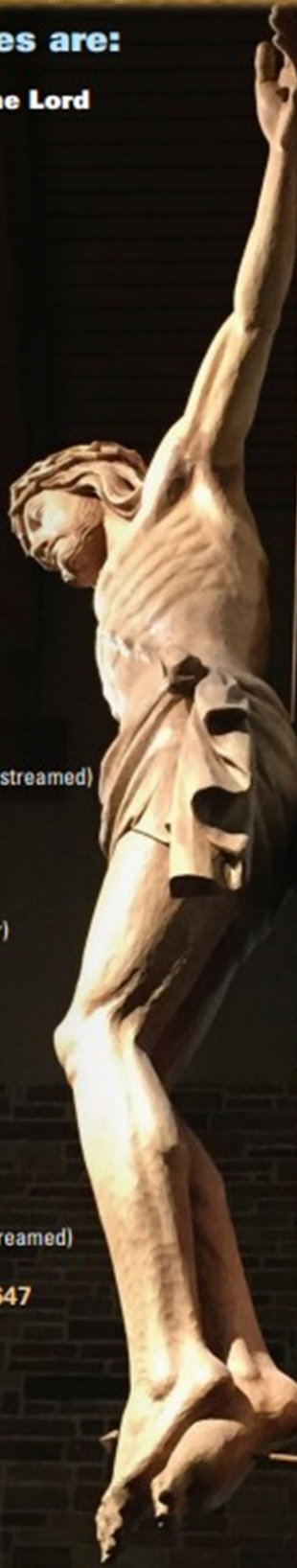
12:30 pm (Spanish) *(Incense will be used)* (Livestreamed)

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View Livestream Via:

www.facebook.com/StMarkTampa



Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 10th

4th Sunday of Lent

8:30 am

Parishioners of St. Mark

10:30 am

† Anna Wollerman by Jenny DeCarlo

12:30 pm

† Margarita Aponte by Gladys Aponte

5:30 pm

Emilia "Mely" Baltazar (Living) by Rowena and Paguia Siblings

Monday, March 11th

Lenten Weekday

12:00 pm

† Mackie Lopez by Rolando Lopez

Tuesday, March 12th

Lenten Weekday

8:30 am

† Joseph Sebastian by Mary Jacob

Wednesday, March 13th

Lenten Weekday

8:30 am - Vocations

No intentions for this Mass

Thursday, March 14th

Lenten Weekday

12:00 pm

† Cindy Hipple by Tom and Chris Leacock

Friday, March 15th

Lenten Weekday

8:30 am

† Ian Dissanayaka by Lakmika Manawadu

Saturday, March 16th

Lenten Weekday

4:00 pm

† Barbara Piscineri by The Piscineri Family

Sanctuary Candle

For † Stephanie Reeves

by Xavier Adames and family

**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

Gabe Hassan
Tim Donovan
Bob Cabana
Bob Thomas
Fr. William Hartung
Ann Wilkie
Gary Higbie
Girard Drazda
Yolanda Trejo Ramirez
&
All of our Military and First Responders

Please send your request to Prayers@stmarktampa.org

Lenten Events

JOURNEY FROM DARKNESS TO THE LIGHT



Fourth Sunday of Lent

The poster appears, it seems, at every major sports event. At some point, a camera will pan the crowd and pause on the sign, cryptic to many, because it simply says "John 3:16".

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.

Such simple and compelling good news. We have only to believe. Who would reject this promise? Yet Jesus himself declares that, even with this promise, "people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil."

More than half of Lent is behind us. Where has it taken us? Are we still hiding in darkness, preferring our ways to God's ways? Or have we embraced the gift of God's forgiveness, the gift of life in Christ?

Come into the light.

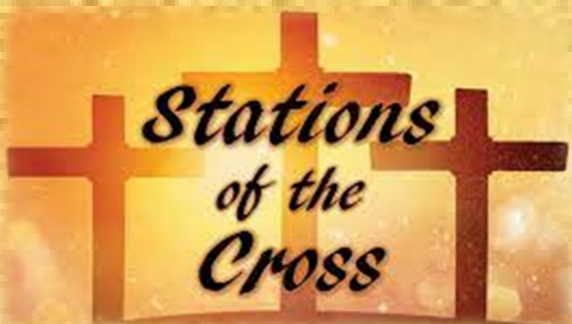
PARISH LENTEN NIGHT of RECONCILIATION

THIS Monday, March 11th from 7 pm - 10 pm

Come and have your Mind and Soul Cleansed for EASTER

We are scheduling to have 10 or so priests available to reconcile all penitents

The Service will start at 7:00 pm and will end when the LAST Penitent is Reconciled.



THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent

English Stations beginning at 7 pm

Learn ~ Aprender Deacon Jose Moronta

Fourth Sunday in Lent: 4th chapter of the “Plan of Salvation”

As you may remember, we are reflecting during the five Sundays of Lent in what may be called “God's Plan of Salvation”, unveiled by God after sin was introduced in the world and twisted his original plan of happiness for mankind. This Plan of Salvation should be seen as a series of coordinated events along the centuries that preceded the coming of Christ. We have seen in the previous three Sundays, different episodes related to covenants between God and humankind, first Noah, then Abraham and last week, Moses. Today, we move forward several centuries and find this text from the Second Book of Chronicles.

The second book of Chronicles covers the same time as 1st and 2nd Kings. As is the case with Samuel and Kings, the two books of Chronicles were originally one book but appear as two in the Greek version of the Bible (the Septuagint) which is the version that we've got in our times.

The inspired writer was probably a Levite from Jerusalem, given his respectful attention to the Temple and its institutions. Second Chronicles focuses on the history of Solomon and after the division of the kingdom it concentrates on the kingdom of Judah and its kings (who are all the line of David). Finally, the book finishes with an account of the fall of Jerusalem, exile to Babylon and the edict of Cyrus, king of Persia, allowing the Jews to return to Israel. This is our reading for today.

Nebuchadnezzar, king of the Chaldeans (the country of which Babylon was the capital), invaded Judah and exiled many of the craftsmen to Babylon. In 597 B.C. he conquered Jerusalem, exiling the aristocracy to Babylon. He destroyed the Temple when he quelled a revolt 10 years later and exiled even more Jews.

«...In the first year of Cyrus, king of Persia..., the Lord inspired King Cyrus of Persia to issue this proclamation throughout his kingdom... “All the kingdoms of the earth the Lord, the God of heaven, has given to me, and he has also charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever, therefore, among you belongs to any part of his people, let him go up, and may his God be with him!”...»

In 538 B.C. Cyrus permitted the Jews residing in Babylon to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the city and its Temple. Cyrus had a policy of restoring the images of captured gods to their original temples, which he often rebuilt. Since the Jews had no sacred images, he restored to them the sacred vessels of the Temple which had been looted by Nebuchadnezzar.

Once again, we see the hand of God restoring his people, even using pagan persons like Cyrus to make his plan work. Once again, the chosen people had reasons to be grateful and loyal to God. His will to restore the original plan of happiness for his preferred creatures, those made in his image and likeness, continued moving forward. It was indeed a divine Plan of Salvation of which we have had today its fourth chapter reflected in the first reading of the Liturgy of the Word.

...and a brief reflection on today's Gospel.

In the Gospel of John, we find several times Jesus conversing with some people to give us a message. This time the character is Nicodemus, a deeply religious man (he was a Pharisee) and a member of the ruling class of his community. To avoid being seen with Jesus, he meets him one night and from the outset he recognizes that he has come from God because no one has been able to perform the miraculous signs that have already been seen.

Jesus is dedicated to clarifying Nicodemus' questions, and one of the central themes is the new life that he has come to bring: It is necessary to be born again, to receive the life that comes from the Spirit of God. That is why Jesus Christ must be welcomed with faith.

When Moses was leading the pilgrim people through the desert, there was an episode in which due to the abundance of snakes, God told him to make a bronze snake and put it on a stick, so that if one of them was bitten, just by looking at that figure, would be saved from death. This was known to Nicodemus, and Jesus uses the interpretation as a foreshadowing of his crucifixion and his saving effect. Everyone who looks to Christ glorified on the cross with faith will receive eternal life.

We read in today's second reading that our own merits would not be enough to achieve salvation, and that Jesus' sacrifice was necessary to merit eternal life. Here we see an announcement of what God's love for humanity is. The presence of Jesus in the midst of men, and his subsequent death and resurrection, are the fulfillment of God's saving plan. However, that offer is not mandatory, because although it may seem strange, there have always been fools who rejected such invitation. That is why they prefer to continue in evil and lies, they remain in the darkness. Jesus Christ is not the judge who comes to condemn, but the light who comes to illuminate. The wise choice is choosing light over darkness, using our free Will.

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”.



CHILD, FAMILY AND YOUTH MINISTRY

Variety of programs for ages 3 to 12th grade

Family, Faith, Fellowship & Fun event:

Join us at our
FREE
family event!

**Saturday
March 30th**

Easter
family fun


10am - 10:30am
Morning Prayer (church)


10:30am - 10:40am
Easter Basket Blessing


10:30am - 12noon
Family Fun Event (outdoors)

If you have any questions, reach out to our team!
email: childandfamilyministryestmarktampa.org
For Edge & Life Teens email: deaconhectorrestmarktampa.org
office: 813-907-7746 x 308

Mark Your Calendar for these Special Lenten Events:

Parish Reconciliation Service

Monday March 11th at 7pm

Priests will stay until the last penitance.

Overnight Exposition

Friday March 15th

will begin after the evening
Stations of the Cross



Our Msgr. Kevin S. Mullen Columbiettes Auxiliary #12956 would like to thank those who attended and supported our 13th Annual Tea Party Feb. 10, 2024. We

enjoyed presenting our Traveling Tea Party theme and we hope you enjoyed our hostess decorated destination tables and entertainment. Proceeds raised from this fundraiser will be donated to our parish, veterans support, and monetary help for those less fortunate, especially women and children. We will also be donating some of our decorations to The New Tampa Players at the New Tampa Performing Arts Center. We are so grateful to the many local businesses who donated funds and items for our raffle and High Tea menu. We are blessed to have our parish and community support to enable us to accomplish our charitable mission as Catholic women.



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 this 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@stmarktampa.org

Office Phone 813-907-7746 Ext. 326

Text to 814-449-2904.



THIS FRIDAY!!!!!!!

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

Every Friday through 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!



Grief Ministry

Meets every 2nd and 4th Monday

of each month

at 6:30 to 8 pm.

in The Venetian, Matthew 1.



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 Bag Rice & Canned Beans

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

Divine Mercy Cenacles

(Small Faith Sharing Groups)

ALL ARE WELCOME

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.



NEW!!: English Cenacle Gathering meeting the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month.

NEW!!: Hispanic Cenacle Gathering meeting the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month.

When and Where: At 1:00 in the St Michael classroom located in the church.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The **Divine Mercy Chaplet** is prayed every weekday immediately after each of our Daily Masses. All are welcome to join us to lift your prayers up to the Lord.

Also, you can add your prayer requests into the **Divine Mercy Prayer Request Book** which can be found by the Font as you enter the Nave.

JESUS WE TRUST IN YOU

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:



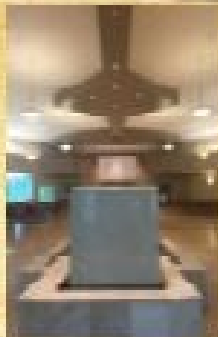
To set up Recurring Automatic Credit Card Donations:
Contact the Parish Office at 813-907-7746 for support.

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