



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 17, 2024

5th 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

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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

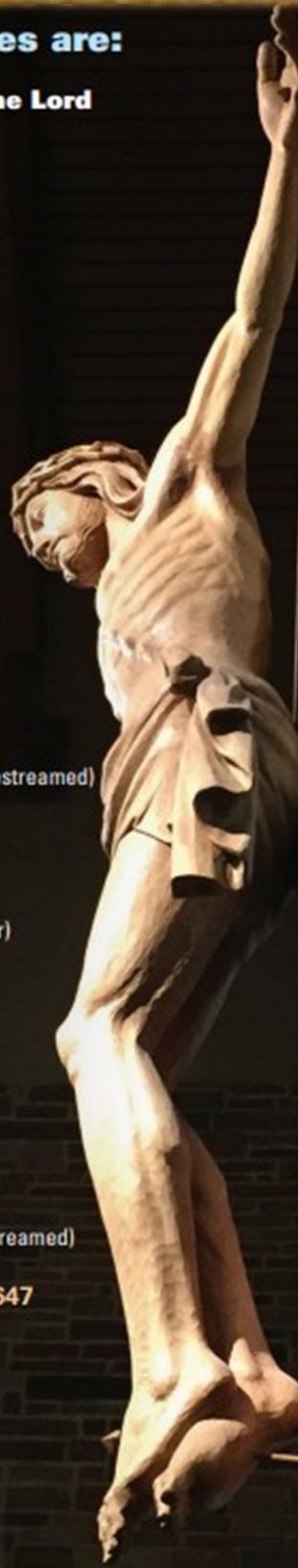
12:30 pm (Spanish) *(Incense will be used)* (Livestreamed)

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View Livestream Via:

www.facebook.com/StMarkTampa



Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 17th

5th Sunday of Lent

8:30 am

† Janet Majirsky by Jim Majirsky

10:30 am

Parishioners of St. Mark

12:30 pm

† Digna Ortega Jimenez by Martha Navarro

5:30 pm

† Josefina Arellano by Marisol Arellano

Monday, March 18th

St. Cyril of Jerusalem

12:00 pm

† Anthony Pitta by Joanne Proscia & Tina DiRosa

Tuesday, March 19th

St. Joseph

8:30 am

† Jose Rivera by Providencia Rivera

Wednesday, March 20th

Lenten Weekday

8:30 am - Vocations

No intentions for this Mass

Thursday, March 21st

Lenten Weekday

12:00 pm

† Richard Korcsog by Diane Korcsog

Friday, March 22nd

Lenten Weekday

8:30 am

† Andy Silecchia by Sandra Silecchia

Saturday, March 23rd

St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

4:00 pm

† Juana Serrato by Gerardo Cervantes & Marisol Arellano

Sanctuary Candle

For Alexavier & Dominick Dorval Ferris (Living)
by Luther & Sandy Ferris

**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

Dearly Departed

Angelo Giardinella Rivas

Please send your request to Prayers@stmarktampa.org

Lenten Events

JOURNEY FROM DARKNESS TO THE LIGHT



Fifth Sunday of Lent

No longer will they have need to teach their friends and relatives how to know the LORD.

All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more.

God, all powerful, all knowing, ever-living ... God is beyond our capacity to understand. Yet the Prophet Jeremiah, speaking for God, promises that the day will come when we will know him.

Then, in the fullness of time, Jesus enters into his public ministry. He is flesh and blood, touch and sight and sound. Though the fullness of the Godhead is veiled in his human flesh, he is God truly present. And he invites those who would know him to follow him, to experience his presence.

He still invites today. If we would know him, we must follow him, be where he is, do as he does. To follow him, we must step out of the darkness of our selfish preoccupations and into the light that is Christ.

*Whoever serves me must follow me,
and where I am, there also will my servant be.*



THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent

English Stations beginning at 7 pm
Spanish Stations of the Cross beginning at 8 pm

Come Walk the Way of the Lord!

Learn ~ Aprender Deacon Jose Moronta

Fifth Sunday in Lent: Last chapter of the “Plan of Salvation”

We have been reflecting during these five Sundays of Lent in what may be called, the “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 should be seen as a series of coordinated events along the centuries that preceded the coming of Christ.

Today we have the last of these five chapters, as next Sunday we’ll be celebrating Palm Sunday, introducing us into Holy Week. After the division of Israel into two separate kingdoms God sent prophets to deliver His message of warning and love, reminding to his people all that He had done for them along the centuries. One of the greatest prophets was Isaiah, who was present at the time of the exile to Babylon.

For nearly 75 years after the death of Isaiah no great prophet arose in Judah. It appears the work of the religious leaders of the eighth century B.C. had been in vain. During the long and wicked reign of King Manasseh, idolatrous worship was established more firmly than ever, and the morals of the people sank to their lowest ebb.

The prophets of Yahweh who dared to raise their voices in protest and warning were either silenced or brutally murdered. It was only after a change for the better had been inaugurated under the successors of Manasseh, that the “men of God” again came to the front, and a second golden age of Hebrew prophecy began. It is the age of Jeremiah and Zephaniah, Nahum and Habakkuk, Ezekiel, and Daniel.

The greatest of these, and at the same time the most Christlike of all the prophets, was Jeremiah. Jeremiah came from a priestly family whose estates lay not far from Jerusalem. He received his call as a young man. He warned and admonished kings, priests, and people that they were bringing disaster to the nation because they would not live according to the covenant that they had with Yahweh.

The very institutions of Judah, the Temple, and sacrifices, had become corrupt because they were now being used as an excuse for breaking the covenant: for not treating each other fairly; for exploiting the stranger, the orphan and the widow; for shedding innocent blood; for following alien gods.

Yahweh does not want their holocausts but adherence to the way of life He had marked out for them. Such preaching earned Jeremiah the hatred of the people, priests and kings, who persecuted him. Like Christ, he preached against the established order, stood up for justice for the poor, the widow and the orphan, and was persecuted by those to whom he came to preach.

Our reading for today has also been called “Jeremiah’s Spiritual Testament.” His entire message is condensed in these few words.

«The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers the day I took them by the hand to lead them forth from the land of Egypt; for they broke my covenant... I will place my law within them, and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people...»

In this new era of the New Covenant, intermediaries such as Moses, the Levitical priesthood, and the prophets will be useless; Yahweh will intervene directly, and they will be able to recognize God in every action and situation. They will have a different life attitude because the very inner nature of humanity is created anew. This is what Jesus Christ did and we as Christians believe and celebrate.

The Gospel shows us the most dramatic human feelings of Jesus.

We read what Jesus said,

«...I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name... Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.” He said this indicating the kind of death he would die. »

The Gospel of John presents the cross as the place of victory for Jesus Christ. The evangelist does not try to mask Jesus’ embarrassment. It is logical that he is worried about what is coming to him, and he confesses that he feels fear. However, we watch his conviction that sacrifice is necessary for God’s plan to be carried out; his conviction is stronger than his fear. He submits to sacrifice freely, moved only by the immense love he feels for humanity, which is going to benefit from that act.

For this reason, he does not feel that his death has been decided against his will, but convinced that it is necessary, The cross of Jesus, which at first glance might seem like a failure, is actually the culmination of the process of giving his life. For by giving his life, Jesus Christ conquers the power of evil and liberates all those who were under his dominion. And he predicts that “I will draw everyone to myself.” And after two thousand years, we see that this has happened, still happens and will continue happening.

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: deaconhector@estmarktampa.org

office: 813-907-7746 x 308





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 FRYS 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!

Peanut Butter & Jelly

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

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

Thank you for your continued support!

If you would like to volunteer to help distribute food at our food pantry
please go to: www.stmarktampa.org/FoodPantrySchedule
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:



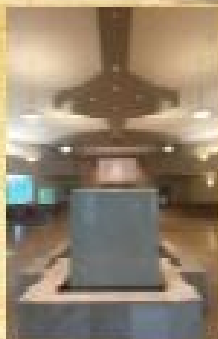
To set up Recurring Automatic Credit Card Donations:
Contact the Parish Office at 813-907-7746 for support.

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