ST. MARK the EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

Our Mission

To invite all on our journey to:

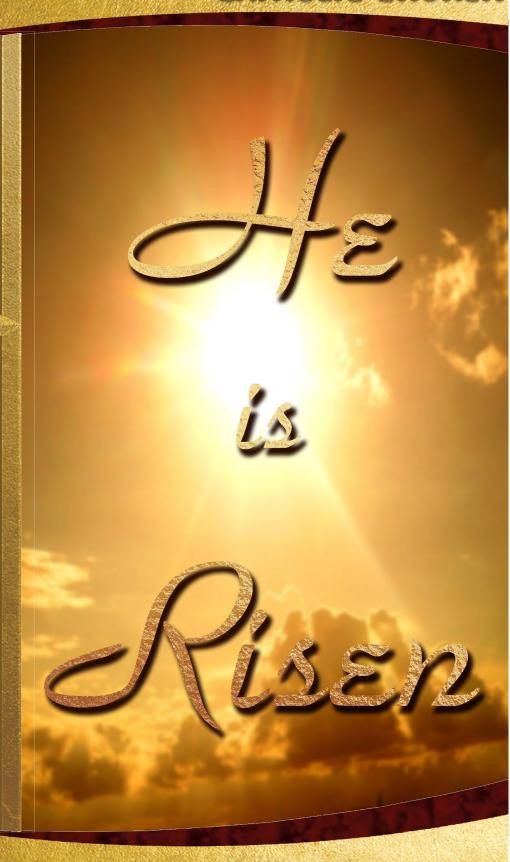
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Evangelize

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



March 31, 2024

EASTER SUNDAY

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
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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Open during Parish Hours
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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

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Rev. Jose George

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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) 725-0875

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

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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

Sacramental Preparation

Baptism

Please call (813) 973-1841 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) 973-1841 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) 973-1841.

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) 973-1841.

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



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

2:30 pm (Spanish) (Incense will be used /



Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 31st

Easter Sunday

6:45 am

† The repose of the souls of Joseph Stock & Father Michael Stock by Melissa Stock

8:30 am

Parishioners of St. Mark

10:30 am

† Norma V. Kleer by Dr. Valerie Mainguy & Family

10:40 am - Overflow Mass

† Hernan Carvajal by María Carvajal

12:30 pm

Angeles Rivera-Porrata (Living) by Samuel L Porrata

Monday, April 1st

Easter Monday

8:30 am

† Marjorie Allender by Pam Smith

Tuesday, April 2nd

Easter Tuesday

8:30 am

† Charles Ayala by Iris Ayala

Wednesday, April 3rd

Easter Wednesday

8:30 am - Vocations
No intentions for this Mass

Thursday, April 4th

Easter Thursday

12:00 pm

† Robert Strickland by his Family

Friday, April 5th

Easter Friday

8:30 am

Sick (Living) and Deceased Members by SMARTS

Saturday, April 6th

Easter Saturday

4:00 pm

† Rose Marie Barna by Anthony Barna

Sanctuary Candle

For † Jacinto & Marina Lopez by Rolando Lopez

Thanks to all who generously contribute to this year's

Catholic Ministry Appeal to help us meet our 2024 diocesan responsibility.

Mass Intentions

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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-abusecomplaint/

Prayers for Healing and Protection

Tim Donavan
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

JOURNEY FROM DARKNESS TO THE LIGHT

Easter Sunday

"Lumen Christi." "Deo grátias."



The Light has truly come into the world. Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, has broken the bonds of death and opened the way for us to have eternal life.

If our Lenten journey has been fruitful, we have a greater awareness of our need for a savior. Now, in the light of the Resurrection, we can have greater joy in the truth that we have one. We gaze upon the empty tomb in wonder. We realize that every obstacle to being at peace with God lies shattered at the feet of Jesus. We have only to accept and believe to be bathed in Light.

Let us joyfully shout, "Alleluia!". Let us raise our voices and sing, "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad."

For in the light of the Risen Lord we now stand. Truly, let us rejoice and be glad.



Learn ~ Aprender Deacon Jose Moronta

The resurrection of the Lord according to the gospels

None of the Evangelists describes the actual resurrection itself, for it was witnessed by no one. The gospels and 1 Corinthians witness to the fact of the resurrection, however, by the testimony to the empty tomb and the appearances of the Risen Christ to His disciples. Today's gospel passage (from John) brings an account of what happened on that first Easter morning as Mary Magdalene went to the tomb.

«On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb…»

All the Gospel accounts agree concerning the time when the tomb was first found to be empty, before dawn on Sunday morning. Mary Magdalene is named also by Matthew and Mark along with companions; Luke gives no names but speaks of "women" in the plural. In this verse John seems to make it appear that Mary Magdalene was alone but when she meets the apostles say, "we don't know where they put the Lord's body", from which it may be deduced that she wasn't alone. The gospel of Mark tells that "The women" came to the tomb. This is not, however, the most important part, but what follows...

«...So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb... When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place... Then the other disciple also went in, and he saw and believed...»

The "other disciple" is John, the one who is writing this text.

The wrappings were flattened, deflated, as if they were emptied when the body of Jesus rose and disappeared – as if it had come out of the wrappings without their being undone, passing right through them (just as He later entered the Upper Room when the doors were shut). One can readily understand how this would amaze a witness; how unforgettable the scene would be.

The text also talks about the head cloth. This piece would have been tied, rolled like a triangular bandage, under the chin and over the top of the head to secure the mouth in a closed position.

«...and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place...»

The first point to note is that it was not with the other wrappings but placed to one side. The second, even more surprising thing is that, unlike clothes, it still has a certain volume; the word "rolled up" leads to this conclusion.

From these details concerning the empty tomb one deduces that Jesus' body must have risen in a heavenly manner, that is, in a way which transcended the laws of nature. It was not only a matter of the body being reanimated as happened, for example, in the case of Lazarus, who had to be unbound before he could walk.

No one watched the actual event of the resurrection of Christ, but all the details described here support enough evidence of the greatest act ever occurred in history, the Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Christ is Risen, Hallelujah!

Learn ~ Aprender (continued)

Deacon Jose Moronta

And now, some curious facts about this glorious day.

The English word Easter, which parallels the German word *Oster*, is of uncertain origin.

There was a time when it was thought that it derived from Eostre, the Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring and fertility. This view presumed—as does the view associating the origin of Christmas on December 25 with pagan celebrations of the winter solstice—that Christians appropriated pagan names and holidays for their highest festivals.

There is now widespread consensus that the word derives from the Christian designation of Easter week as *in albis*, a Latin phrase that was understood as the plural of *alba* ("dawn") and became *eostarum* in Old High German, the precursor of the modern German and English term. The Latin and Greek Pascha ("Passover") provides the root for Pâques, the French word for Easter, Pascua, in Spanish and Pasqua, in Italian.

Fixing the date on which the Resurrection of Jesus was to be observed and celebrated triggered a major controversy in early Christianity in which an Eastern and a Western position can be distinguished. The dispute, known as the Paschal controversies, was not definitively resolved until the 8th century. In Asia Minor, Christians observed the day of the Crucifixion on the same day that Jews celebrated the Passover offering—that is, on the 14th day of the first full moon of spring, 14 Nisan (first month in the Jewish calendar). The Resurrection, then, was observed two days later, on 16 Nisan, regardless of the day of the week.

In the West, the Resurrection of Jesus was celebrated on the first day of the week, Sunday, when Jesus had risen from the dead. Consequently, Easter was always celebrated on the first Sunday after the 14th day of the month of Nisan.

Increasingly, the churches opted for the Sunday celebration, and the Quartodecimans ("14th day" proponents) remained a minority. The Council of Nicaea in 325 decreed that Easter should be observed on the first Sunday following the first full moon after the spring equinox (March 21). Easter, therefore, can fall on any Sunday between March 22 and April 25.

Eastern Orthodox churches use a slightly different calculation based on the Julian rather than the Gregorian calendar (which is 13 days ahead of the former), with the result that the Orthodox Easter celebration usually occurs later than that celebrated by Catholics and Protestants.



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 kids age 3 to the 12th grade

Family, Faith, Fellowship & Fun event:



From our team at Faith Formation, Edge and Life Teen:

Happy Easter!

Praying your Easter will be bright with the hope and joy of our risen Savior.



No Faith Formation class Sunday, 3/31 and Monday, 4/1



If you have any questions, reach out to our team!
email: childandfamilyministryestmarktampa.org
For Edge & Life Teens email: deaconhectorestmarktampa.org
office: 815-907-7746 x 308



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.

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

Jesus' Message of Divine Mercy (Preparation Information for Divine Mercy Sunday)

The Message of Divine Mercy is that God is merciful. He is love itself poured out for us, and He wants no one to escape that merciful love. The message is that God wants us to turn to Him with trust and repentance. This turning with trust to Him who is Mercy itself is the only source of peace for mankind.

In Diary entry #699, Jesus Himself said to Saint Faustina, "My daughter, tell the entire world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day, the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of grace upon those souls who approach the fount of My Mercy.

The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet.

My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity.

The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy.

From the book, <u>Understanding Divine Mercy</u> by Father Chris Alar, it states, "...this extraordinary promise of Divine Mercy Sunday is so great that it has been compared to the grace of Baptism. <u>Father Seraphim Michalenko says it is "like" a second Baptism, because other than at the moment of our original Baptism, our soul will never be cleaner</u> ... On that day, <u>Christ wipes away all sins and provides for the removal of all punishment due to sin</u>"

* Jesus clearly reveals to Saint Faustina, what He is offering us in Holy Communion and how much it hurts Him when we treat His presence with indifference: "I desire to unite Myself with souls. ... When I come to a human heart in Holy Communion, My hands are full of all kinds of graces which I want to give to the soul. But souls do not even pay any attention to Me; they leave Me to Myself and busy themselves with other things. Oh, how sad I am that souls do not recognize Love! They treat Me as a dead object (Diary, 1385).

*So, our Lord's promise of complete forgiveness is both a reminder and a call. It is a reminder that He is truly present and truly alive in the Eucharist, filled with love for us and waiting for us to turn to Him with trust. And it is a call for us all to be washed clean in His Love through Confession and Holy Communion – no matter how terrible our sins are – and begin our lives again. He is offering us a new start.

To fittingly observe the Feast of Divine Mercy, we should prepare as follows:

- Celebrate the Feast on the Sunday after Easter. (Next Sunday 4/7)
- 2. Sincerely repent of all our sins. (Reconciliation (Next Saturday 4/6)
- 3. Place our complete trust in Jesus.
- 4. Receive Holy Communion on the day of the Feast.
- 5. Venerate the image of the Divine Mercy; and
- 6. Be merciful to others, through our actions, words, and prayers on their behalf.

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

WE ARE HIRING!!!! WE HAVE AN IMMEDIATE OPENING!!!!

Bookkeeper/ Accounting Assistant: PT

We are searching for a bookkeeper. This position is responsible to provide for financial, accounting, and other business-related support to St. Mark. The candidate will perform all duties and responsibilities in alignment with the mission, vision, and values of the Diocese of St. Petersburg. This is a part-time position working a maximum of 28 hours per week.

Responsibilities:

- Process invoice payments, journal entries, and deposits every week, as well as provide monthly reports on online giving.
- Monitor/process weekly deposits, including mass collections, on Tuesdays after the weekend collections are counted.
- Provide weekly reporting of in-person and online giving.
- Assist parishioners with creating and updating online giving accounts along with other accounting-related inquiries.
- Assist volunteers with entering contributions and reviewing the accuracy using the envelopes and the bank deposit receipt.
- Reconcile the Mass Intentions Online
- Attend and transcribe minutes for quarterly finance council meetings.
- Processes journal entries and monitors the online giving program in ParishSoft online giving and other giving platforms.
 - Other duties as assigned.

Interested candidates, please send your resume to: Claudia Garcia at cgarcia@stmarktampa.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





- 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 HDM1 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