

ST MARK
THE EVANGELIST
CATHOLIC CHURCH



65 West 138th Street, New York, NY 10037 (212) 281-4931



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"People will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." *Lk 13:29-30*

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Cover Design © Liturgical Publications Inc

One of The
Catholic Parishes of
the Central Harlem
Deanery

MISSION STATEMENT:

**We are more than
Sunday Morning.
We are worship, service,
and fellowship.
We are a community of
Faith.
All are Welcome**

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday - 5:00 pm
Sunday - 8:30 am
10:30 am
1:00 pm (French)

Tue-Fri - 12:15pm
Friday- 9am to 7pm -
Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament
Confessions-anytime by
request

Website: stmark138.com

Email:
stmark138@yahoo.com

Facebook: St. Mark Church -
Harlem

Fax: 212.491.6803

**August 25, 2019
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Vingt-Et-Unième Dimanche du Temps Ordinaire**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

"We are more than Sunday Morning"

PRAYER CORNER

Please remember in your prayers: Gloria Palmer, Doris Moss, Henry Isom, Eleanor Jefferson, Ishmael Jackson, Tyrone Randell, Elizabeth Young, Tracey Bultron-Lewis, Myrtle Patterson, Walter Thompson, Rivanna Johnson, Dorothy Allen, Kenny Love, Birdell Cotton, Muriel William-Young, Rose Jean Jacques Mandazou, Shirley Cuevas, Pearl Rollerson, Debra Woodland-Lee, Lottie Culpepper, Violet Stephenson, Louisa John, Melvise Bogle, Mary Purcell, Shirley White, Ernestine Smiley, Leon Thompson, Suzon Loreto, Deotha Armstrong, Carol Tull, Denny Manlen, Estill Sowell, Constance Benson, Mel Lee, Carmen Hill, Roz Maybank, Mona Nelson

The Pierre Toussaint Scholarship Fund dinner is on Monday November 4th. ST Mark has reserved a table for the community. We have 10 seats available. Tickets are \$150.00. It is not too early to start planning on attending the event. Donation is also welcome. Please contact the office for more information at 212 281 4931.

A New Committee will begin meeting to help plan and improve our prayers and praise to our God! What can we do to make each Mass more beautiful and meaningful? How can we get more people involved in our worship? The ministers, the readers, the ushers, the musicians, the sacristans, the servers: what can they do differently or better? What plans can we make for holidays and special occasions? Give a little bit of your time and talent to help your St Mark community! Please speak to Deacon Richard to join the Liturgy Committee.

Let us remember our loved ones living and deceased, through a mass intention. It is a beautiful way to remember and honor them. You can have an intention said any day of the week. If you would like to schedule a mass intention, please visit the office.

Please notify the office on the illness or the death of a loved one. Father Jean-Pierre and the St. Mark Family wants to support you and your family during your time of need.

Bible Study will resume Wednesday September 11 From 10:30am-11:30am

ADORATION EVERY FRIDAY 9AM-7PM

August Birthdays

| | |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 01 Carol Atangana | 18 Russell Payne |
| 01 Corinne Joseph | 23 Philip Anthony Huertas |
| 05 Nicole Perry | 24 Ramona Maynard |
| 06 Kodjo Dumessi | 24 Lardner Unabia |
| 08 Darnell Yates | 25 Ronald Morgan |
| 09 Alfred Luke | |
| 10 Laverne Pratt | 25 Wilhemina Caughman |
| 13 Faridatou Ouedraogo | |
| 13 Deotha Armstrong | 27 June Alicia Berry |
| 16 Savannah Carrisqillo | 27 Shirley Cuevas |
| 16 Yolande Djinko | 31 Collin Daley |
| 17 Paul Goodrich | |
| 18 Sandra Henriques | |

October 27 **St Mark's Flea Market** will open from 12pm until 5pm. There will be many interesting items on sale. You can either come and shop or you can obtain a table for \$25.00 and sell your items. If you are interested in getting a table, please speak with Dorothy Mc White or Carol Tull.

Important Dates for Religious Education Program:

Sunday Sept 29, Parents/Students Orientation

(**mandatory**) in the library at 9:30am

Sunday Oct 6: First day of class ; 930am in the classroom.

Registration information packets will be at the back of the church and/or in the office.

Anyone interested in picture taking, Life Touch will once again be producing our next Church Directory. Family interested please sign up.

There will be a sign up sheet at the back of the church. Date to be announced. Thank you for your cooperation.

Parish Collection for Aug 17 and 18

\$2,098.00

Saturday: 5:00pm - \$205.00

Sunday: 8:30am - \$643.00

10:30am - \$770.00

1:00pm - \$272.00

Electronic Giving: \$0.00

2nd Collection: \$204.00

Attendance: 199

PASTORAL STAFF

Parish staffed by the Congregation of the Holy Spirit
(Spiritians).
Fr. Jean-Pierre Kapumet Tambwe, CSSp: Administrator
Dr. Richard Ellison :Deacon

2018-2019**Parish Council**

Avis Thomas - Chairperson

Finance Committee

Dorothy McWhite –Chairperson

Barbara Boggs - Vice-Chairperson

Molly Goodrich - Secretary

Trustee
Dan Candelore

Sunday's Reading
Isaiah 66: 18-21
Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13
Luke 13: 22-30

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTRY SCHEDULE:**Saturday, August 24, 2019****5:00pm**

Stephanie Tolbert

Sunday, August 25, 2019**8:30am**

Kamali Boston
Winifred Simmons

Sr. Anastasia
Nkiru Mbamalu

10:30am

Britany Pratt
Waymon Carrasquillo

Lucille Bonilla
Martha Treminio

Saturday, August 31 2019**5:00pm**

Eleanor Perry

Sunday, September 1, 2019**8:30am**

Winifred Simmons
Christine Nation

Nkiru Mbamalu
Sr. Anastasia

10:30am

Robert Maynard
Roger Parris

Eileen Madison
Martha Treminio

August 11 2019
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A friend of mine once said, “you can have many friends on facebook including those whom you never met.” Today’s scripture invites us to look at our relationship with Jesus. Do we really know him? Do we know that it is not easy to be a follower of Christ? When we say yes to follow Jesus, it is never a single yes. We are asked to recommit ourselves every day. One day someone asks Jesus: “Is it true that a few people will be saved?” Some thought that only those in the church would take part in the banquet of the kingdom first not those who have come later to the faith. But others said: No, those who are lost are more numerous compared to those who are saved. One author said, “Many are created, but few will be saved.”

Jesus says that the first condition to enter the kingdom is: “Do your best to enter by the narrow door, for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able”. Going to church on Sundays and saying our prayers are not enough. We must be changed through our relationship with Jesus. We must be reconciled to God and to one another.

The people in today’s Gospel passage knew Jesus well; they have listened to him, ate the bread with him. They are members of the Christian community. They are those who have their names written in the baptismal books and participated in the Eucharistic banquet. They believe they have what it takes to get into the party, instead, they are being turned away because the knowledge of the gospel message is not enough; it is necessary to adhere to it.

Today, Jesus challenges “lukewarm Christians” who are only physically part of the community. They gather in Church to celebrate but their lives are not transformed. Luke’s Gospel says that one day, the disciples had a discussion to know who was the greatest. Then Jesus took a child and stood him by his side and said, “The least among you all, is the one who is the greatest!” Those who do not strive to become small cannot take part in the banquets of the kingdom? Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the prophets, finally, a great multitude, coming from east and west, from north and south. It does not say that all these people knew Jesus and walked beside him. Perhaps many do not even know he existed. What is certain is that, if they are able to enter, it means that they have passed through the narrow gate.

This parable ends with a banquet and Jesus saying: “Some who are among the last, will be first, and some who are among the first, will be last” In the end, all will be welcomed. The greatest and the least, the last and the first will have the opportunity to enter the joys of the feast of the kingdom of God.

MASS INTENTIONS**5:00pm Saturday****8:30am Sunday****10:30am****1:00pm**

- * For undocumented immigrants facing difficulties
- * For the safety of children returning to school
- * For all the victims of Dayton, Ohio; and El Paso Texas
- * For peace in the world