

**ST MARK**  
THE  **EVANGELIST**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH



**65 West 138th Street, New York, NY 10037**

**Administrator**

Fr. Jean Pierre Kapumet Tambwe, CSSp

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 (English)**

**Sunday - 10: 00AM (English )  
12: 00PM (French)**

**Tue - Fri - 10:00M**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

**Every Friday from 10AM - 12PM**

Confessions - anytime by appointment

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**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday**  
IN ORDINARY TIME



"If your brother sins against you,  
go and tell him his fault between  
you and him alone. If he listens to  
you, you have won over your  
brother. If he does not listen, take  
one or two others along with you,  
so that 'every fact may be  
established on the testimony of  
two or three witnesses.'"

- Mt 18:15-16

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**September 6, 2020**  
**Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time**

## “We are more than Sunday Morning”

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**Saturday - September 5, 2020**

5:00 pm

**Sunday - September 6, 2020**

10:00 am Birthday Blessing RI P Virginia Riley

12:00 pm In Thanksgiving for God's Grace

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

**BAPTISM:** Arrangements may be made by calling the office to make an appointment.

**MARRIAGE:** Before the date is confirmed, couples should meet with the priest. Please call the office to make an appointment. Pre-Cana is required.

**SICK CALLS:** For the ill, the Sacrament of the Sick is available. Please call the Rectory at any

### *PARISH MEMBERSHIP:*

*To be considered active members of St. Mark Parish, each family and single adult must be properly registered and regularly use the weekly donation envelopes for our parish.*

*The Convention of Black Freemen was held in Cleveland, OH, 9-6-1848*

### September Birthdays :

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Willie Jones        | 11. Wayman Carrasquillo |
| 2. Simplicie Ouedraogo | 12. Maria Jerez Galan   |
| 3. Jocelyn Caines-R    | 13. Mary Thomas         |
| 4. Isidore Dally       | 14. Carol Tull          |
| 5. Kamali Durbar-B     | 15. Emile Amako         |
| 6. Yilsonde Yabre      | 16. Axel Acakpo         |
| 7. Ahykue Acakpo       | 17. Jeremiah Bain       |
| 8. Magie Deal          | 18. Adeline Sossa       |
| 9. 19. Brielle Davie   | 19. Jose Francisco      |
| 10. Gloria Barnes      |                         |

### PASTORAL STAFF

*Parish staffed by the Congregation of the Holy Spirit (Spiritans).*

Fr. Jean-Pierre Kapumet Tambwe, CSSp:  
Administrator

**Parish Council**  
Dorothy McWhite - Chairperson

**Finance Committee**  
Avis Thomas – Chairperson  
Barbara Boggs - Vice - Chairperson  
Molly Goodrich - Secretary

**Bible Study**  
**Every Wednesday**  
**From 11PM –12PM**

**ADORATION EVERY FRIDAY**  
**10:40AM - 12:00PM**

**August 29 – 30,2020**  
**Sunday Mass Attendance**

4:00pm - 6  
10:00 am - 25  
12:00am - 29

**Dear Parishioners and Benefactors,**

Thank you for your continued financial support of our church. As a reminder, you can also make contributions via electronic giving. Please go to [stmark138.com](http://stmark138.com). Scroll down, until you see **Giving Online**, click and follow the instructions. The parish relies on your generosity. Thank you and God bless!



*Happy Birthday!*

## Reflection of the 23rd Sunday, September 6th 2020.

The common theme of today's readings is God's command concerning our spiritual responsibility and individual accountability for others in our families, parishes and community. This accountability arises from our identity as God's children. As brothers and sisters in Christ, then, we become each other's "keepers," and take on a painful, triple responsibility. We must lovingly and prudently correct each other when we err, forgive those who offend us, and ask forgiveness from those we have offended. **In the first reading**, God tells Ezekiel that he is to be a "*watchman for the house of Israel*," obliged to warn Israel of moral dangers. If Ezekiel should refrain from speaking God's word given to convert the wicked, God will hold Ezekiel responsible for the death of the wicked. **In the second reading**, St. Paul points out that the love we should have for one another should be our only reason for admonishing and correcting the sinner. Love seeks the good of the one who is loved. Therefore, we should admonish one another so that we all may repent and grow in holiness.

**In today's Gospel**, Jesus teaches that true Christian charity obliges a Christian, not only to assist his neighbors in their temporal and spiritual needs with material help and prayer, but also to aid with correction those brothers and sisters who have damaged the community by public sin. If the erring one refuses a one-on-one, loving correction by the offended party, then the Christian is to try to involve more people: first, "*one or two others*," and eventually "*the Church*." Finally, Jesus mentions the efficacy of community prayer in solving such problems, for Christ is present in the praying Christian community. **(Life messages): 1) We are our brother's/sister's keeper.** Modern believers tend to think that they have no right to intervene in the private lives of their fellow believers. Others evade the issue saying, "As a sinner, I don't have the moral courage or the right to correct anyone." But Jesus emphatically affirms that we are our brothers' keepers, and we have the serious obligation to correct others. We need to offer advice and encouragement to our friends, neighbors, and coworkers when it is needed, and loving correction, in private, for a personal offense where that is possible. **2) We need to gather in Jesus' name and work miracles:** Today's Gospel reminds us of the good we can do together, and of how we can do it. Jesus says, "*Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.*" If any group of us gather, work, and act with the Holy Spirit guiding us, we will become much more than simply the sum of our numbers. Today, Jesus makes it clear how important we are, one to another. One in Christ, our community can draw on God's power to make His healing, life-giving love, more effective among His people.

### Sunday's Readings:

#### **First Reading: Jer 20:7-9**

If you warn the wicked,  
trying to turn him from his way,  
and he refuses to turn from his way,  
he shall die for his guilt,  
but you shall save yourself. (Ez 33:9)

#### **Psalms: Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2b]**

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

#### **Second Reading: Rom 12:1-2**

Whatever other commandment there may be,  
are summed up in this saying, namely,  
"You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Rom 13:9a)

#### **Gospel: 18:15-20**

If two of you agree on earth  
about anything for which they are to pray,  
it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father." (Mt 18:19)

If you need to contact the rectory at other times (for records, information, or Mass cards), please email: [stmark138@yahoo.com](mailto:stmark138@yahoo.com) If you need a priest in an emergency, please call St. Mark Evangelist's Rectory (212-281-4931) at any time. A priest is always here to assist you.

**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 or call the office.**