

*"A gateway to lead people closer to Christ and
His Church through faith, service and compassion"*



ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST PARISH

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Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM

Confession: Saturday 3:30-4:30 PM or by appt.

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From the Desk of Deacon Tom,

One of the first things I did when I started “getting involved” within a parish was I became a reader at Mass. I figured I was in front of people regularly for my job as a sales person, so I should be willing to get up in front of people at church. After all, it’s just reading. I quickly learned it was more than “just reading.” Proclaiming the Word of God at Mass is quite a privilege! And I also learned quickly that proper preparation was necessary. Just showing up and reading, without having looked at the weekend’s readings first, was very evident. And the properly proclaiming the Word of God at Mass is important to everyone listening.

The next thing I learned was that it wasn’t even easy preparing. Our Second Readings typically come from one of St Paul’s letters and he sure can be a challenge to read at Mass! He’s probably my favorite Saint because he runs through all the emotions in his letters – praise, admonishing, correcting, coaching – you name it, it’s in one of his letters. But I also call him the “king of the run-on sentence.” Now I’m no English major, but he can be quite challenging to read at Mass in order that his readings can be understood by those listening. This weekend is a great example. It’s only three sentences! I read it three times and each time I kept saying to myself “what is he saying???” And if I’m saying that while reading it, I assume many of you would say it after hearing someone at Mass proclaim it!

For me, the key phrase in St Paul’s letter from today’s reading is “I rejoice in my suffering for your sake”. I don’t know of any time I’ve ever ‘rejoiced in my suffering.’ We live in a world and society where almost every single commercial tells us of something we ‘deserve’. I’m not sure how any of these advertisers know what I deserve, but it must work, or they’d use a different tactic. And I also notice they use visuals that make us think “if I do what they say, I’ll be as happy or satisfied or joyful as the advertisement shows.” But it never works. I know when I fall victim to this, I just keep searching for the next thing that might bring me the joy or happiness that these commercials show. I don’t watch much television anymore, so I see less of this than ever, and because of that, I notice more how manipulative the advertising tries to be.

On top of that, we’re bombarded with commercials about the next new pill that will relieve us of some particular suffering. Many of these seem like nuisances, which sure, it would be good to be rid of, but then the potential side effects seem to be worse than the condition the drug is attempting to resolve. Don’t misinterpret this – I’m not saying medical advancements aren’t wonderful and what they offer us. But in my case, one of my “afflictions” is just something I’ve learned to live with. And, thinking about it with respect to St Paul today, I certainly have never “rejoiced” in it. I had a minor recurrence a week or so ago and I don’t recall any rejoicing! In fact, I had no patience in waiting for it to pass.

So this weekend, when you hear the Second Reading proclaimed, or maybe after Mass when you are reading this, you’ll think about the suffering in your life. Some of us have much more of a burden than others. But one thing unites us. Jesus suffered and sacrificed Himself for us, and in that suffering, we can unite ours with His for the greater glory of God! It won’t make your suffering any less, but it can help give it meaning and purpose for when we see God face to face.

Deacon Tom

Imaginative Prayer

Hosted by St. Mark's Women Ministry

Imaginative Prayer, also known as Ignatian Contemplative Prayer in which you will use your senses to enter into a gospel scene and pray while imagining yourself in that scene, as taught by St. Ignatius of Loyola. Imaginative prayer with scripture helps us to develop a unique and personal relationship with Jesus. We hope you can **join us on Tuesday, July 22 from 6:00 - 7:15PM.**

Ice Cream Hour - July 23

The St. Mark's Women's Ministry invites women of all ages to some sweet social time. This is a ladies and littles event. We understand that sometimes where mom or grandma go...so do the kiddos during the week. Feel free to bring any and all children along for some social time too! **We hope you can join us Wednesday, July 23 from 3PM - 4PM in the Parish Hall.** R S V P to womensministry@stmarksnh.org by July 20.

Canobie Lake Park ~ RSVP by July 28

ALL Rising 6th graders through 12th graders!!

Date: Tuesday, August 5

Time: 10:30AM - 6:30PM

Cost: \$25 per person

Transportation: Drop your child off at park entrance by 10:30AM.

What to Bring: Money for food/drinks

Questions? Email youthministry@stmarksnh.org

Creation Corner

This weekend's Gospel contrasts Mary, who can't tear herself away from contemplating Jesus' words—even to be a good hostess, with Martha, who is rushing about consumed by the immediate tasks of the day. Poor Martha, with a chance to get up close and personal with the greatest teacher in Galilee, gets lost in the mundane; she misses the forest by focusing on the trees. Yes, our role of caring for Creation demands attention to the needs of all our fellow creatures, but we can only fulfill our role if we take time to contemplate who and what we are caring for.

Blood Drive - Save the Date!

The St. Mark's Knights of Columbus #10488 will be sponsoring a Blood Drive **on Saturday, July 26 from 9AM - 2PM.** To register -> Visit redcrossblood.org and enter STMARKLONDONDERRY. Before your donation, get a good nights sleep the night before, eat healthy foods and drink extra liquids. We hope you can join us!

New Hampshire Catholic Appeal

As of today, our parishioners have raised **\$52,770.00** toward our goal of **\$70,147.00.** 90% of the funds raised above this Appeal goal are returned to our parish this year. Envelopes are available at the Welcome Desk.

WeSHARE - Summertime!

Summer is HERE! Help us stay on track! Online giving allows the parish to stay on track with budgets when you are out of town. Visit stmarksnh.org to signup today!

St. Mark's 2025 Wine Tasting FUNdraiser!

We are excited to announce that this years event will be held on **Friday, September 26 at 6PM.** We hope you can join us! *Tickets go on sale next weekend!*

This Week @ St. Mark's!!

Sunday, July 20:

12:00PM Baptismal Preparation Class
(for those registered)

Tuesday, July 22:

9:30 AM-3:30PM Eucharistic Adoration
6:00 PM Imaginative Prayer
6:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, July 23:

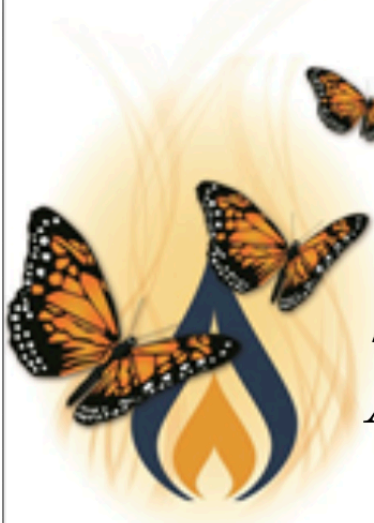
3:00 - 4:00 PM Ice Cream Hour (Parish Hall)

Thursday, July 24:

9:30 AM Bible Study

Saturday, July 26:

8:00 AM K of C Blood Drive
9:30 AM Al Anon
6:30 PM Night at the Fisher Cats Game
(for those who purchased tickets)



Grace Within

An empowering journey to your inner self

Awakening the spirit within



Transforming lives

The Sessions

A new session of **Grace Within** is scheduled for September 24th – November 12th, 2025. Sessions will be Wednesday evenings at 7 pm.

A *Welcome Gathering* will be held on September 17th at 7 pm.

Space is limited to 12 women

Cost: \$20

If you have any questions or would like further information,

email us at womensministry@stmarksnh.org

A small group spiritual formation process for women utilizing personal journals and led by peers.

An invitation to understand how you can grow spiritually; to seek and know your inner spark of divinity; and to become who God created you to be.

Developed for women based on a twenty-year proven spiritual process.

Self-Esteem and Self-Acceptance

"You are called to become"

Stress, Worries, and Anxiety

"Your strength comes from God's mighty power within you"

Everyday Spirituality

"God's beauty revealed in our own daily life"

Feelings

"Feelings are a powerful gift from God"

Personal Growth

"Called by God, fueled by grace, we are ever-growing, ever-changing"

Expressing Values in Friendships

"Through our relationships, we are united"

Discernment of Gifts

"What your heart deeply desires"

Celebration of New Beginnings

"Celebrate the graces. Be inspired and motivated"

Grace Within is a Catholic program based on the theology of Theotokos ("God bearer") and founded on the Benedictine values of prayer, hospitality, reflection, listening and community. Because of Mary's *Fiat*, all women are called and gifted and are invited to bring the spiritual presence of Christ to the world.

Sacrificial Giving
Week of 7/9/2025 - 7/15/2025

Regular Offertory:	\$ 5,991.00
WeShare:	\$ 5,171.96
Total:	\$ 11,162.96

(Parish Budget: \$12,000 per week)
Thank you for your continued generosity!

Mass Intentions for July 19 - July 27, 2025

7/19 Saturday, 5PM

The Hildreth family by the Kelley family

7/20 Sunday, 8AM

Doss & Bob Maxwell by the family

7/20 Sunday, 9:30AM

Chrissy Pitera by the Schou family

7/20 Sunday, 11AM

Alice, Francis & Bob Audette
by the Audette family

7/21 Monday, 9AM:

Rev. Raymond Demers
by John & Suzanne Patenaude

7/22 Tuesday, 9AM:

Mary Falvey
by Jude Donabedian & family

7/23 Wednesday, 9AM:

Dan Emerson by Anne Emerson

7/24 Thursday, 9AM:

Noah Stonestreet by his parents

7/26 Saturday, 5PM

Intentions of the Hubert family
by Roger & Paula Hubert

7/27 Sunday, 8AM

Stephen Hogarty
by the Knights of Columbus

7/27 Sunday, 9:30AM

People of the Parish

7/27 Sunday, 11AM

Ann Marie Vasington-D'Anjou
by her family

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Pennacook Pregnancy Center	(603) 206-5306
NH Catholic Charities, Nashua	(603) 889-9431

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents are asked to participate in the baptismal catechesis program prior to their child's baptism.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30-4:30 PM or by appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples should contact the parish office at least six months in advance and before making any other wedding arrangements.

Sacrament of the Sick

Please call us to request the Sacrament of the Sick or to receive communion in the home.

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays, 9:30 AM-3:30 PM