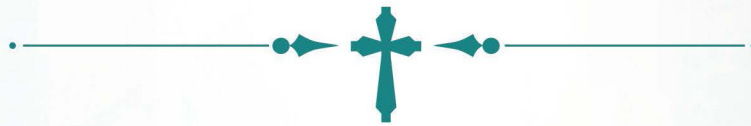


CHURCH OF ST. MARK

DEC. 11, 2022 - 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

643 N.E. 4th Avenue, Boynton Beach FL 33435
Tel. 561 734 - 9330

BEHOLD



“This is the one about whom it
is written: Behold, I am
sending my messenger ahead
of you; he will prepare your
way before you.”

MATTHEW 11:10



FR. BOB BENKO, OFM CONV. - PASTOR

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ST. MARK MISSION & STAFF

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OUR MISSION

We, the people of St. Mark Parish, seek to follow the Gospel of Jesus in the tradition of St. Francis.

We believe that we are called to be peacemakers, to be people of hope and compassion.

We strive to live our faith in a manner that serves the needs of our community.

We welcome those who are searching for God in their lives.

Strengthened by our worship together, we seek to grow closer to Jesus, so that, with Him, we can change the world.

NUESTRA MISIÓN

Nosotros, los fieles de la Parroquia de San Marcos, buscamos seguir a Jesús en la tradición de San Francisco.

Creemos que estamos llamados a ser constructores de paz, a ser gente de esperanza y compasión.

Nos esforzamos por vivir nuestra fe de manera que sirva a las necesidades de nuestra comunidad.

Acogemos con beneplácito a aquellos que buscan a Dios en sus vidas.

Fortalecidos por nuestra vida de culto conjunta, buscamos acercarnos más a Jesús, para que, con Él, podamos cambiar el mundo.



Fr. Bob



Fr. Michael



Fr. Carl

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(Closed for lunch 12:00pm to 1:00pm)

CHURCH & CHAPEL

Church Open

Monday to Friday 8:00am to 10:30am

Saturday 8:00am to 5:30pm

Sunday 7:00am to 5:30pm

Blessed Sacrament Chapel Open

Monday to Friday 8:00am to 7:00pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass: Monday - Saturday: 9:00am

Weekend Mass:

Saturday: Vigil 4:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm and

4:00pm (Misa en Español)

CONFESSION

Tue/Thu: After 9:00am Mass

Saturday: 3:00pm - 3:45pm

By Appointment

NOTE: On the first Saturday of each month, there will also be Confession after the 9:00am Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS

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Saturday/Sabado: December 10, 2022

9:00am +Marie O'Connell by Carole Focht
3:00pm **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4:00pm +John Procaccino by Edith and Rosalind Procaccino

Sunday/Domingo: December 11, 2022

8:00am +Ronald Richards by Joe and Pat Valenzano
10:00am +Jacques Dider by Robert and Terri Narducci
12:00pm Living and ++Deceased Members of the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Assembly # 2003 by Al Attard
4:00pm Misa en Español: All Parishioners of St. Mark, Living and ++Deceased

Monday/Lunes: December 12, 2022

5:00am Mananitas a la Virgen de Guadalupe (in Church)
9:00am +Moacir Heberle by Margaret Askar
+Federico Mares by Deacon Antonio Mares
7:00pm Living Rosary (In Church)

Tuesday/Martes: December 13, 2022

9:00am +Elmer Steele by His Daughter Fran Steele
Intentions of Lulu Blewitt by Vincent Buononato
Sacrament of Reconciliation (following Mass)
7:00pm **PARISH PENANCE SERVICE**

Wednesday/Miercoles: December 14, 2022

9:00am +Kathleen Murphy by Margaret Jordan
+Mel Hoffman by Marie Capasso

Thursday/Jueves: December 15, 2022

9:00am +Bridget Funsch by The Funsch Family
+Robert Hardon by The DiMichele Family
Sacrament of Reconciliation (following Mass)

Friday/Viernes: December 16, 2022

9:00am +James Francis Conroy by His Wife Brigid
+Elaine Osmond by MaryAnn and Paul Carabello

Saturday/Sabado: December 17, 2022

9:00am +Gloria Moran by Suzanne and Michael O'Brien
3:00pm **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4:00pm ++Deceased Members of the Autuori and Castelli Families by Richard Autuori

Sunday/Domingo: December 18, 2022

8:00am Intentions of the Donor
10:00am +Craig Handwerker by Mom and Dad
12:00pm All Parishioners of St. Mark, Living and ++Deceased
4:00pm Misa en Español: The ++Deceased Members of the Capasso and Pecoraro Families by Marie Capasso

RECENT DEATHS

Our condolences are extended to the families of those who recently passed away. May the Lord bless them and keep them. May he turn his face toward them and give them peace.



FRIARY MASSES

+Joe Smith by Claudia Vega
Intentions of Jane Rader by MariAnn Hannon, OFS
Intentions of Cynthia Currilin by MariAnn Hannon, OFS
Intentions of Rose Maguire by Pat Fitzgerald
Intentions of David Fram by Pat Fitzgerald

FLOWERS

are for all of our Intentions



THE ALTAR BREAD & WINE

are for all of our Intentions



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

is for all of our Intentions



STEWARDSHIP

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FAITH DIRECT

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
Your generous gifts to St. Mark are greatly appreciated, and I want to thank you for your faithful support! As we look forward to Christmas and all the exciting ministry opportunities ahead, I'd like to ask you to consider taking a next step in your stewardship efforts.

You may have missed an opportunity to give because you weren't able to attend Mass. Perhaps you mailed it or remembered to include it on a future offering, but I'd like to propose a safer, simpler solution that allows you to remain consistent in your giving while helping us be more accurate in our budget forecasting as well.

We partner with Faith Direct for a secure eGiving option that lets you support the ministries you care about, even if you can't attend Mass. When you choose a recurring monthly gift, you provide our parish consistent support that lets us better plan and budget for programs that allow us to share God's love throughout our community.

Please prayerfully consider eGiving as a way for you to make sure that your faithful support will always make a difference for our parish community and ministries. It is easy to do. Enroll today by using the QR Code below. You can also call Faith Direct toll-free at 866-507-8757 to speak with someone directly.

For those already enrolled, I want to thank you for your participation in the Faith Direct electronic giving program!

Thank you for being part of St. Mark.
In Christ,
Fr. Bob



**OPEN YOUR CAMERA,
LINE UP QR CODE IN
VIEW FINDER - CLICK
ON LINK THAT
APPEARS**



DSA GOAL: \$179,000

**PLEGED OR CONTRIBUTED:
\$132,778.56**

BALANCE DUE: 46,221.44

**WE HAVE RECEIVED 74% OF OUR
GOAL DUE TO YOUR GENEROSITY.**

**THERE IS STILL TIME TO HELP ST.
MARK MEETS ITS 2022 DSA GOAL.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Remember a loved one with a newly enhanced St. Anthony Candle (The candles are now encased in clear glass that allows for a brighter glow of candle light.)

Candles are \$200.00 Per Year.

For more information contact the Parish Office
Tel.
(561) 734-9330

COLLECTION DEC. 4, 2022

Cash \$4,632.00

Checks \$9,122.00

Mail \$1,055.00

TOTAL \$14,809.00

**THE SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR THE
RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS.**

NOTE:

On the first Saturday of each month, there will also be Confession after the 9:00am Mass.

El primer Sabado de cada mes, habrá Confesiones después de la Misa de las 9:00am.



Hello All,

Wow! Where is the time going?
Can you believe this is the Third
Sunday of Advent already! Now I

know a lot of us, yes, me too, have been busy getting ready for Christmas. I have to stop myself from time to time to remember that it is not Christmas yet. We are still in the Advent season. Yes, I get it. There are the consumer realities of our lives that we need to put into place before the Christmas season arrives, but we also must continue to be attentive to the spiritual side of this Advent season.

There are several suggestions I have to offer you. First this Tuesday night December 13th we will have our "Parish Reconciliation Service." If you haven't been to the Sacrament of Reconciliation for a while this would be a good time to come and to focus on your spiritual journey as we approach Christmas. Also, as you get involved in decorating your home, use this time to pray for family members. As you place each Christmas ball on the tree, stop and pray for a particular person in your life. As you gaze on your tree throughout the season, you will be reminded to pray for that person or situation for whom you dedicated that ball. As you plan your menu, pray for those that you will be sharing the day or season with. As you write out your cards, take a moment to pray for that person, and don't just use the exercise as something to get through. We can truly make this Advent season a season of prayer by just doing some simple tweaking to our preparation routines and this way, that won't be just a routine after all, but a time of prayer.

This week, your friars will be attending a day of prayer and reflection for priests hosted by the Diocese. I promise to remember you all in prayer that day as I take time to prepare myself for the coming Christmas season. Please pray for us, your priests. As we spend the day with the Bishop in prayer.

If you need and of your friars, please feel free to call the parish office to get in touch with us.

Happy Advent,
Fr. Bob

Hola a todos,

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¡Guau! ¿A dónde se va el tiempo? ¡Puedes creer que ya es el tercer domingo de Adviento! Ahora conozco a muchos de nosotros, sí, yo también. He estado ocupado preparándome para Navidad. Tengo que pararme de vez en cuando para recordar que todavía no es Navidad. Todavía estamos en la temporada de Adviento. Si lo entendi. Existen las realidades de consumo de nuestras vidas que debemos poner en marcha antes de que llegue la temporada navideña, pero también debemos seguir atentos al lado espiritual de esta temporada de Adviento.

Hay varias sugerencias que tengo para ofrecerle. Primero este martes 13 de diciembre por la noche tendremos nuestro servicio de reconciliación parroquial. Si no ha asistido al Sacramento de la Reconciliación por un tiempo, este sería un buen momento para venir y concentrarse en su viaje espiritual a medida que nos acercamos a la Navidad. Además, a medida que se involucre en la decoración de su hogar, use este tiempo para orar por los miembros de su familia. Mientras coloca cada bola de Navidad en el árbol, deténgase y ore por una persona en particular en su vida. Mientras contemplas tu árbol durante toda la temporada, se te recordará orar por esa persona o situación a la que dedicaste esa bola. Mientras planifica su menú, ore por aquellos con quienes compartirá el día o la temporada. Mientras escribe sus tarjetas, tómese un momento para orar por esa persona, y no use el ejercicio solo como algo para superar. Realmente podemos hacer de esta temporada de Adviento una temporada de oración simplemente haciendo algunos ajustes simples a nuestras rutinas de preparación y de esta manera, después de todo, no será solo una rutina, sino un tiempo de oración.

Esta semana, sus frailes asistirán a un día de oración y reflexión para sacerdotes organizado por la Diócesis. Prometo recordarlos a todos en oración ese día mientras tomo tiempo para prepararme para la próxima temporada navideña. Ruega por nosotros, tus sacerdotes. Mientras pasamos el día con el Obispo en oración.

Si lo necesita y de sus frailes, no dude en llamar a la oficina parroquial para ponerse en contacto con nosotros.

Feliz Adviento,
Padre Bob



Festividad de Nuestra Señora Reina de Guadalupe
Domingo 11 de Diciembre 2022

- * Misa de las 4:00pm comenzado con la procesión alrededor de la Iglesia.
- * Después de la oración final representación de la aparición de la Virgen de Guadalupe Grupo Juan Diego de la Iglesia de San Juan Diego
- * Después de la representación todo están invitados el salón Parish Center para la celebración con Cantos, Danza Azteca y Bailes folclóricos de Guatemala.

Lunes 12 de Diciembre 2022

- * Mañanitas a la Virgen de Guadalupe con cantos con Marimba en la Iglesia a las 5:00am de la mañana.

A SINCERE THANK YOU TO MANY HARD WORKERS

This past First Friday of December 2nd, we were blessed with many generous hearts and hands with the decorating of the Church for Christmas. The work was heavy and at times difficult. Certainly, some of the tasks were tedious (repairing and untangling Christmas string lights must be worthy of purgatorial time relief to some extent.) Thank you to the following people who showed up and stayed until the job was completed:

Sue Seegers
 Maria Marcos
 Melchora Margarito
 Rosa Margarito
 Julio Pedro Jose
 Gaspar Tomas
 Jimene Manuel
 Jose Vicente
 Jim Isabella
 Juan Bartolo
 Pascual Margarito
 Enrique Pablo
 Alberto Martinez
 Roger Mahabirsingh
 Resti and Bill Stio
 Pascual Bartolo
 Daniel Carmona
 Tuyen Van Pham

and Bea, for supplying us with plenty of water and Gatorade to quench our thirst!



STRUGGLING AFTER AN ABORTION OR A MISCARRIAGE? YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

HOPE AFTER ABORTION and MISCARRIAGE: Experience the healing love of Jesus Christ during a Rachel's Vineyard healing retreat. This retreat offers an opportunity to deeply enter into the grieving process and identify the ways your abortion or miscarriage may have affected you or a loved one. Discussions, spiritual exercises, prayer and reflection combined with the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service honoring your child and a beautiful Mass will help to heal the wounds of your past.

Participation is strictly confidential and offers a unique opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness, and tender compassion. Both men and women are invited to experience this healing for their soul.

The next retreat will be held on Friday, January 13 through Sunday, January 15, 2023.
Pre-registration is required.

To register or for more information, call Donna Gardner, coordinator of Rachel's Vineyard, at 561-602-4778. All calls are CONFIDENTIAL.



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A "Retreat" is a time you can spend with God, assessing your relationship with God away from the ordinary distractions of life.

Each and everyone of us needs time to be alone, and a retreat provides us with this opportunity.

We need to pause and discern where we are; where we are going; where we want to be and how we can get there. A retreat provides these possibilities for you.

Our Lady of Florida offers the opportunity for you to experience God, a time of prayer and the wisdom and counsel of gifted and seasoned retreat Preachers.

Won't you join us?

ST. MARK WOMENS' RETREAT

Friday Jan. 20-Sunday Jan. 22, 2023

The evening begins with registration 5:00pm - 7:00pm and dinner 6:00pm - 7:00pm.

Retreat talks begin Friday at 7:00pm and end Sunday after 11:00am Mass.

- All rooms are private
(shared bathroom per two rooms)
- Linen and towels provided
(bring your own toiletries)
- Casual Clothes Recommended

For additional information, contact Caryl Coppola (561) 736-7812

ST. MARK MENS' RETREAT

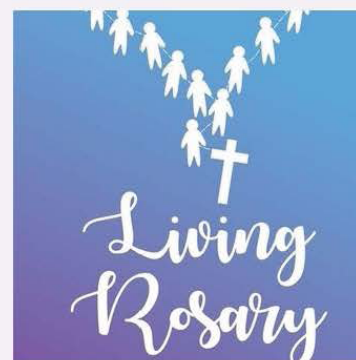
Friday Jan. 27-Sunday Jan. 29, 2023

The evening begins with registration 5:00pm - 7:00pm and dinner 6:00pm - 7:00pm.

Retreat talks begin Friday at 7:00pm and end Sunday after 11:00am Mass.

- All rooms are private
(shared bathroom per two rooms)
- Linen and towels provided
(bring your own toiletries)
- Casual Clothes Recommended

For additional information, contact Vic Coppola (561) 352-5859



Monday, December 12th at 7:00pm

The Columbiettes would like to invite all St. Mark's parishioners and friends to participate in the Bilingual Living Rosary on Monday, December 12th at 7pm in the main Church. Please come and celebrate our Blessed Mother on the day of the Virgin of Guadalupe with us.

Las Columbiettes los invita a toda la comunidad de la Iglesia St. Mark's a participar en el Rosario Viviente Bilingue el Lunes, 12 de Diciembre a las 7pm en la Iglesia principal. Por favor unesen a nosotros para rezar el Rosario para celebrar el día de la Virgen de Guadalupe.

For more information on the Living Rosary or the Columbiettes please call or text Carolina Luque at 561-601-0339.

Para más información sobre el Rosario Viviente o las Columbiettes por favor llamar o mandar un texto a Carolina Luque al 561-601-0339



LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER...

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A Special Prayer for Our Military:

for these men and women serving our country - Especially: Petty Officer 2nd Class Julia Flores, US Navy; Petty Officer 3rd Class David A. Cuadra, US Navy; Lance Cpl. Justin R. Kania, USMC; Daniel Malloy USMAC; Sgt. Trey Castor, US Army; Specialist Joshua Joseph Franklin, US Army; Pvt. 1st Lt. Timothy R. Fitzgerald US Navy; Lt. Geoffrey Davis; Sgt. Jason N. Brown, U.S. Army; EMFR Michael D. Katte ENG/EE US Navy; Lt. Kenneth Doyle, USN; Staff Sgt. Michael Marshall, USAF; AW/SW James Paino; Major David Liberti, USAF; Gy Sgt. Charles F. Heck IV, USMC; US Navy Seal Michael Fink; Lt. Thomas R. Weadon; Pvt. Chris Rodriguez; Capt. Christopher Seamans, USAF; Captain John D. O'Connell USMC; Col. Dr. William Venanzi; Pvt. Joseph Neceda Jr.; Col. Andrew Torelli USAF; Patrick R. Neenan US Navy; Pvt. 1st Class US Army Christopher McCarty; Chief Warrant Officer 4 Douglas R. Sanders and 1st Lt. US Army Dom Ricca; MSgt. Sarah Rosales, USAF; Pvt. Victor Margarito Marcos, USAF; Pvt. Eulilea Margarito Marcos, USMC.

Please let us know when we can offer a prayer of Thanksgiving for a safe return of your loved one.

*Are you surprised to see your name on the sick list?
If you are on the list and need to be taken off, please let us know.*

Robert Silverstein
Pavel Rashkov
Dorothy Schweihofer
Terry Pieris
Sr. Frances Vass, OSC
Elaine Amendola
Bobby Silva
James, Evanie & Timothy Ezeilo
Eleanore Bottone
Caitlin Gara
Elaine Gronert
Eufemio Meza Figueroa
Calvin Darula
Lillian Darula
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Patricia Lynch
Erica Mohandie
Paul Stewart

Rose Macguire
David Fram
Edith Procaccino
Alvin Mintz
Virginia Santoro
Jackie Terzuoli
Josephine San Felippo
JoAnn Corsi
Lynn Reedy
Joe & Louise Elmauer
Vita Tocco
Sarah & Benny Mignano
Mary Greene
Peggy & Bill Mannion
Lynette Powell
Donald Sarka
Herman Matos

WE PRAY FOR THE UNBORN....



WEEK 38:

**I've turned upside down in my Mom's womb and I am standing on my head!
My knees are pressed up against my chest and there's not much room to stretch anymore!**

**St. Mark
Council of Catholic Women
Prime Rib Dinner*
(Catering by Texas Roadhouse)**



Date: Friday January 20, 2023

Time: 6:00pm - Parish Center
(Doors open 5:30pm)

\$35.00 Per Person

Music by the "Doo Wop Kids"

Tickets will be available after all Masses in the Narthex:
Sat. Jan 7th/Sun. Jan 8th and Sat. Jan 14th/Sun. Jan 15th

Tickets also sold in The Parish Office starting December 12th:
Call Margaret (561) 734-9330

CCW Contacts for additional information:
Maureen Buono (561) 733-9025 and
Patricia Egan-Crocco (561) 281-2222

*** Chicken choice available**

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

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Saturday December 10, 2022

10:00am - 12:30pm CCW General Membership Meeting - Madonna Room
8:00pm - 10:00pm Spanish Pentecostal Prayer Group - Church

Corona Self-Help Group Speaking at ALL MASSES

Sunday December 11, 2022 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10:00am Mass (Mandatory). 11:15am - 1:15pm Confirmation Years 1 & 2 ENGLISH - Upstairs School Rooms
1:00pm - 4:00pm SFO Council Meeting - St. Anthony Room
2:00pm - 4:30pm Cenacle Associates Meeting - St. Clare
2:00pm - 8:30pm Feast of the Virgin of Guadalupe - Parish Center

4:00pm Mass (Obligatorio) 5:15pm-6:30pm Confirmation Year 1 & 2 **SPANISH (EVERY WEEK)** - Upstairs School Rms
First Communion **SPANISH (EVERY WEEK)**
5:30pm - 6:30pm O.C.I.A (Spanish) - Madonna Room

Monday December 12, 2022

7:00pm - 8:30pm O.C.I.A (English) - St. Clare Room
7:00pm - 9:00pm Living Rosary - Church
7:30pm - 9:30pm Diocesis De Palm Beach Escuela De Formación Cristiana Migrantes - Madonna Room

Tuesday December 13, 2022

10:00am - 11:00am Al Anon - St. Clare Room
7:00pm - 8:00pm SoulCore - St. Clare Room
7:00pm - 9:00pm Choir Practice - Church

Wednesday December 14, 2022

6:30pm - 7:30pm CCD Classes - School Rooms
8:00pm - 10:00pm Sagrada Familia - Chapel

Thursday December 15, 2022

11:00am - 12:00pm SoulCore - St. Clare Room
7:00pm - 9:00pm Al Anon - St. Clare Room

Friday December 16, 2022

1:00pm - 2:30pm El Camino Group - St. Anthony Room
7:30pm - 9:30pm John XXIII - St. Clare Room

Saturday December 17, 2022

8:00pm - 10:00pm Spanish Pentecostal Prayer Group - Church

Sunday December 18, 2022 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

1:00pm - 2:00pm SFO Prayer Group - Church
4:00pm Mass (Obligatorio) 5:15pm-6:30pm Confirmation Year 1 & 2 SPANISH (EVERY WEEK) - Upstairs School Rms

NO ENGLISH CLASS THIS WEEK
First Communion SPANISH (EVERY WEEK)

5:30pm - 6:30pm O.C.I.A (Spanish) - Madonna Room

Advent Reflections



**FOLLOW OUR FRIARS ON FACEBOOK
AND THE WEBSITE ON WEDNESDAYS
DURING ADVENT**

**WEEK 1: NOVEMBER 30 - FR. GERMAIN
WEEK 2: DECEMBER 7 - FR. JOE
WEEK 3: DECEMBER 14 - FR. RICHARD
WEEK 4: DECEMBER 21 - FR. CARL**



