

Happy Mother's Day

The loveliest masterpiece
of the *heart* of God
is the *heart* of a mother.

— *St. Thérèse of Lisieux*



SAIN'T MARCK

Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 14, 2023, Music Page 2, Spanish Page 15

Welcome to St. Mark - Happy Easter!



Thank you for being a part of our parish, either as a visitor or a long-time parishioner.

Our Mission: We are all called as one by Christ to embrace the spirit of stewardship and engagement to Grow in Christ, Serve One Another, Share Our Gifts and Connect in Faith. This mission is our quest for holiness. It is by our intentional discipleship that each of us become stewards of the gifts God has given us and to share them with others. Our time, our talent and our treasure is given to us by God to share with others by spreading the Gospel and building His kingdom.

The Order of the Mass May 14, 2023

Today's Readings can be found in the St. Augustine Hymnal in your pew on **page 873**. The Order of the Mass, to follow along, begins on page 7.

PROCESSIONAL:

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus, # 523

MAY CROWNING 9 am Only:

Immaculate Mary, # 294

OFFERTORY:

The Summons, # 637

COMMUNION:

Worthy is the Lamb (right)

One Bread, One Body #690

Regina Caeli, # 234

RECESSIONAL:

Jesus Christ is Risen Today, # 229

At the close of Mass, please join us in the Prayer to St. Michael, the Archangel: Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the Power of God, cast into hell, Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

WORTHY IS THE LAMB

Ricky Manalo

Refrain

Wor-thy is the Lamb that was slain to re - ceive
hon - or and glo - ry. Wor - thy are the ones who be - lieve
to re - ceive the good - ness of God.

Verses

1. Wor - thy are you, O Pas - chal Lamb. Sal -
2. Wor - thy are you, O Bread of Life. By
3. Wor - thy are you, O Ris - en Christ.

1. Wis - dom and strength be - long now to you. You
2. va - tion and joy be - long now to us. By
3. Won - ders and signs, re - veal - ing your might. Your

1. laid down your life and died up - on the cross: we've be -
2. con - quer - ing death and ris - ing to new life, we've be -
3. pow - er and glo - ry shine up - on our lives: we've be -

2 to Refrain

1. come a peo - ple of hope.
2. come a peo - ple of praise.
3. come your light for the world.

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Happy Mother's Day!

Let us give thanks to God for all of the mothers in our lives who have loved us and continue to lead us to Jesus. Most of all, thank you for our most perfect mother Mary, who constantly points us to her Son.

FROM THE PASTOR



On this sixth Sunday of Easter, our readings remind us that God must come first in our lives, and that love of God shows itself in concrete actions – this is precisely why the stewardship way of life is so necessary.

Our second reading, from St. Peter, challenges us to, “Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts.” In other words, we are to put Christ

first above all else in our lives. His role is not merely as Savior of our lives, as significant as that role is – He is to be “Lord” of our lives as well. As His disciples, we are called to make Him ruler of all aspects of our lives – our time, talent, and treasure.

The beauty of the stewardship way of life is that it offers us a concrete means to show that Christ truly is Lord of our lives, to “prove” our love, in a manner of speaking, because true love is not a mere sentiment. “Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me,” Jesus tells us in our Gospel passage from John.

True love is an act of the will. It requires obedience to all of God’s commandments. This requires courage, humility, and deep trust in Him.

But the rewards of this kind of love are indescribably wonderful. Christ tells us Himself, “Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.”

Could there be anything more satisfying to live in such a way that the God of the universe is pleased to reveal more and more of Himself to us? © Catholic Stewardship Conference, 2023

Pastoral Pondering – Happy Mother’s Day! We pray a special blessing upon all of our mothers who do so much to make the world a better place, and we pray for the happy repose of all of our mothers who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.

I have been listening to *The Catechism in a Year* with Father Mike Schmitz. While I’ve had to go through the catechism before, this format is a nice refresher. One of the topics which he recently covered, coincided with a question that came in through the “Ask Father” portal on the parish website. The question regarded the Catholic understanding of *extra ecclesia nulla salus* (outside the Church there is no salvation). I thought it was helpful to offer some brief comments here for everyone’s benefit.

This particular topic is addressed beginning with canon 846. The paragraph restates the statement positively by pointing out that all salvation comes from Christ the Head through the Church which is his Body. *The Dogmatic Constitution on the Church* (Lumen Gentium) states it this way:

Basing itself on Scripture and Tradition, the Council teaches that the Church, a pilgrim now on earth, is necessary for salvation: the one Christ is the mediator and the way of salvation; he is present to us in his body which is the Church. He himself explicitly asserted the necessity of faith and Baptism, and thereby affirmed at the same time the necessity of the Church which men enter through Baptism as through a door. Hence, they could not be saved who, knowing that the Catholic Church was founded as necessary by God through Christ, would refuse either to enter it or to remain in it.

What the Catechism does is recognize that God in His infinite mercy does not penalize those who do not know the Church’s necessity. In other words, God is not limited. The Council Fathers indicate that those who seek God to the best of their ability and according to the dictates of their consciences, can be saved.

This is especially pertinent when we think of those who, though baptized, are not united fully to the Church of Christ. While they are united to the Church imperfectly, they, nonetheless, are not cut off from God’s salvific plan.

Jesus teaches very clearly in the Scriptures that baptism is necessary for salvation. This, then raises the question about the non-baptized and how they fit into God’s plan. Paragraph 1257 points out that the Church does not know of any means other than Baptism that assures entry into eternal beatitude; this is why she takes care not to neglect the mission she has received from the Lord to see that all who can be baptized are “reborn of water and the Spirit.” The paragraph goes on to note, however, that while “*God has bound salvation to the sacrament of Baptism, but he himself is not bound by His sacraments.*”

Through the centuries the Church has understood that while water baptism is the normal means of receiving Baptism, there also exists the baptism of blood for those who are martyred for Christ and the Baptism of desire for those who, although lacking baptism, had a sincere desire to receive it. The latter is especially apropos for Catechumens who die before their initiation.

So, what about those who are non-baptized? In the end, the Church leaves much to God’s mercy. In the final analysis, any unbaptized who attains salvation, does so by Christ and through the Catholic Church; albeit the person would not know that fact until he arrived on the other side of eternity.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please Pray For...

Sharon Antoszyk
Sarah Armstrong
David & Sandy Arrowood
Katherine Arvesu
Pat Ason
Don & Doreen Bacheson
Daisy Bayona
Gary Beckley
Michele Boos
Felix Feliciano Cuccirramo
Borja
Jhana Maya Bradshaw
Lynne Bridges
Gretchen Burke
Anne Caestecker
Carolyn Cascarano
Tracey Chapman
Beth Collins
William Conklin
Dotti Dambrauskas
Judy DeBoer
Mary Deininger
Cody Dinunzio
Christopher Dougherty
David Dougherty
Jack Dougherty
Monica Dougherty
Nathaniel Dougherty
Nicholas Dougherty
Emma Drummond
James P. Durcan
Kai & Frances Ferrell
Lisa Benny Filbert
Richard Foy
The Frino Family
Joseph Del Giorgio Sr.
Sr. Golden
Eric Gordon
Paige Grieshop
Rachel Grieshop
William Habel
Juan Humberto Pizarro
Hagemann
Larry Hauser

Phyllis Henderson
Madeline Louise Henwood
Rosa Dolores Seminario
Herrera
Dave Heaton
Kevin Herman Sr.
Clifford Hogan
David & Penny Holley
Jean Huber
Donald Jerrems
Steve Kaminski
Carli Kantra
Carla Brodie Keim
Carol and Frank Kenny
Dee Kistel
John Knezovich
Dexter Koehl
Noah Langan
The Langan Family
Martha Langbo
John Lee
Patricia Lennes
Jeanne LoPriore
Magdalena Lovejoy
Pauline Lowe
Timothy Lynch
Alyssa Magro
Jane Mayhew
Kay McAfee
Deacon Rich &
Sue McCarron
Kasia Mickey
Scott Mickey
Tracy Milioto
Anthony J. Misenheimer
Maili Montgomery
Deacon Robert Murphy
William Mooney
Kevin Neary & children
Michael Newton
Helen Othling
Josie Pais
Alana Pellegrino
Pat Piedmonte

Baby Rosario Pio
Angela Piraino,
Gianluca Piraino
Mary Lynn Polly
Florina Bravo Ramirez
(deceased)
Joette Reid
Rose Salois
Celia Sanchez
Jose Maria Sanchez
Joseph Sassano
Abel Scilingo
Juani Scilingo
Felix Julian Cucciramo
Seminario
Baby Liam Marcus Scott
Liam Marcus Scott
Mickey Shannon
Deacon Ronald Sherwood
& Family
Jimmy Shields
Todd Singh
Ben Smith
Jerry & Betty Jean Smith
William Sossei
The Stravoravdis Family
Michael Swiger
Rosie Tailor
Stacey Tarasiewicz
Angie Tate
Devan Tillotson
Kathleen Underwood
Lucia Solis Vallarino
Samantha Velasquez
Lewis Vellia
Juan Villa
Cordelia Vogel
Cassandra Wallace
Joann Weber
Robin E. Wilson
Mary Jane Zimmerman

Mass Intentions

Sunday May 14

7:30 am St. Mark Parishioners
9 am All mothers living and
deceased
11 am † Albert Nigro
1 pm † Jazmire Perez
5 pm † Lauro Toledo

Monday May 15

7 am All mothers living and
deceased
9 am † Eric Theriot

Tuesday May 16

7 am † Patricia Perez
9 am All mothers living and
deceased

Wednesday May 17

7 am † Teresa Perez
Meira Volk
6:30 pm All mothers living and
deceased
Bill & Rosie Fountain

Thursday May 18

7 am All mothers living and
deceased
9 am † Robert McAfee

Friday May 19

7 am † Jack Campbell
9 am Bill Fountain III
7 pm All mothers living and
deceased

Saturday May 20

9 am First Communicants
5 pm All mothers living and
deceased

Sunday May 21

7:30 am † Dr. Martin White
9 am † Roberto Rojas
11 am † Lucia Siguencia
1 pm All mothers living and
deceased
5 pm † Shirley A Splet

† Deceased

To submit a prayer request or for
additional people in need of
prayers, visit: [stmarknc.org/
prayerchain](http://stmarknc.org/prayerchain).

Scripture Readings

For the Week of May 14, 2023

Sun. Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20;
1Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

Mon. Memorial of St. Isidore the Farmer
Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Jn
15:26-16:4

Tue. Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8;
Jn 16:5-11

Wed. Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14;
Jn 16:12-15

Thu. Saint John I, Pope and Martyr
Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 16:16-20

Fri. Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 16:20-23

Sat. Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest, Religious
Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10; Jn 16:23b-28

Sun. Ascension of the Lord
Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23;
Mt 28:16-20

Holy Mass to Honor Military Personnel

Monday, May 29, 2023

10:30 am Rosary; 11 am Mass
St Patrick Cathedral, Charlotte



Offered for all military personnel
who have died and for those who
are now serving.
All military personnel are invited
and encouraged to come in
uniform.

PARISH LIFE

Personal Finances Bible Study Classes

St. Mark has begun offering Compass Catholic Financial Bible Studies. The first round has been very successful, with several changed and improved lives because of engaging and committing to God with our finances. God has a plan; we just need to Trust and Act! Both studies feature a Catholic scriptural view on financial matters. The next round of studies is listed below.

Faith and Money Matters (Spanish) - A 6-week Bible Study that teaches fundamental money management techniques. Topics include reducing debt, saving more, and planning your spending. Introduction meeting on June 1 in Room 204, and the study begins on Jun 15. The Study runs each Thursday, for 6 weeks, from 6 - 8 pm. We will meet in Room 204 or 200.

Set Your House in Order - A 5-week Bible Study that teaches the Biblical importance of financial stewardship from a Catholic viewpoint (including tithing, end of life decisions, etc.). This study provides personal financial exercises which help participants gather, create, update and organize important documentation. The study begins on June 1, and runs each Thursday for 5 weeks, from 6 - 7:30 pm, in Room 202.

For more information, please contact one of the following:

Emilio Gomez - 704-948-0231 x 117 (Spanish)

Fred Goduti - 704-293-2429

Doug Jones - 704-659-2179

Bob Langbo - 704-737-0085

Duc In Altum Camp

Attention all Catholic young women ages 16-19! Do you know where your life is going? Do you have a desire to grow deeper after the role model of our Lady? You are invited to attend the seventh annual Duc In Altum camp to spend time with other young women your age looking at the Lord's call in your life, while having fun and receiving the tools for a strong prayer life. DIA is led by priests and Religious of the diocese and is supported by the diocesan Office of Vocations. Duc In Altum camp will be held from June 26 - June 30, 2023 at Belmont Abbey College in Belmont. The cost of the camp is \$150. Registration deadline is Wednesday, June 14.

If you are interested, please visit our website: charlottevocations.org, or contact. Sister Mary Raphael at 704-370-3402 or mraphael@stjcs.org.

The Holy Face of Jesus and The Immaculate Heart of Mary

When: Monday evenings, 5 pm

Where: St. Mark Catholic Church

The apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima occurred just 70 years after the revelations by Jesus to Sr. Marie de St. Pierre. Although the connection is seldom recognized, the messages of Jesus to the Carmelite nun, and those of Our Lady to the children at Fatima are the same - many souls will be lost because of the sin of blasphemy unless God's people help them.

In April 1843, Jesus communicated to the holy nun that He desired her to pray for her own past sins as well as for the sins of others as a Work of Reparation to save souls. "Apply yourself diligently to honor My Sacred Heart and also the Heart of My Mother." (The Golden Arrow p.110) The two Hearts must not be, indeed cannot be separated. Blasphemy against one pierces both. Jesus revealed the ugly wounds caused by blasphemy of the Holy Name of God. Similarly, Our Lady revealed the damage done by blasphemy of her Immaculate Heart. Both issued warnings of what would happen if their appeals were not heeded.

The Work of Reparation through Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus answers the pleas of Jesus and Our Lady to save souls.

Contact: Virginia Greecher, greecherv3@gmail.com

Annual Quo Vadis Days Camp

Attention all Catholic young men ages 15-19! Do you know where your life is going? The Lord Jesus has a great plan for you! You are invited to attend the tenth annual Quo Vadis Days camp to spend time with other young men your age looking at the Lord's call in your life while having fun. QVD is led by priests and seminarians of the diocese and is supported by the diocesan Office of Vocations. Quo Vadis Days will be held from June 12-16, 2023 at Belmont Abbey College in Belmont. The cost of the camp is \$150. Registration deadline is Wednesday, May 31.

If you are interested, please visit our website: charlottediocese.org/vocations/quo-vadis-days or contact Father Brian Becker, Diocesan Promoter of Vocations at bjbecker@rcdoc.org.

YOUNG AT HEART

Alzheimer's Respite Ministry

When: Every Monday, 1 pm

Where: Family Center, Room 200

The Young at Heart Alzheimer's Respite Ministry at Saint Mark Catholic Church is for individuals with early to moderate Alzheimer's. Our dedicated volunteers will fill the need for prayer, friendship and socialization, realizing that meaningful relationships remain possible through all stages of Alzheimer's.

Our program is free. Contact: Janet Urban, jraceart@yahoo.com or 704-236-7475

Serving Catholics in Western North Carolina in the Diocese of Charlotte

New Parish Announced For Northern Mecklenburg County

By **JOANN KEANE**
Associate Editor

HUNTERSVILLE — Explosive growth of the Diocese of Charlotte was further evidenced this week with the May 13 proclamation: Establishment of the newest parish in western North Carolina.

Announcing St. Mark in Huntersville as a parish, Bishop William G. Curlin said, “St. Mark parish will help meet the faith needs of our parishioners residing in northern Mecklenburg County.” The bishop named Msgr. Joseph Kerin as pastor of the new parish community.

The decision for St. Mark comes after consultation and reflection of information prepared by the Office of Planning. Along with the bishop, Father Mauricio West, vicar general and chancellor, and members of the presbyteral council reviewed an extensive feasibility study outlining growth trends and population shifts in the area of northern Mecklenburg County. “This area (along with southern Iredell County) is sited as

one of the fastest growing areas in North Carolina,” said Planning Director George Cobb.

With this in mind, the diocese opted to utilize a 23-acre tract on Stumptown Rd., land purchased by the diocese in 1990. A recently purchased home across from the property will serve as the St. Mark parish rectory.

In a letter to registered Catholics in zip codes 28078, 28031 and 28036, Msgr. Kerin issued an invitation to join the new faith community. On June 1, the first Mass for St. Mark will be offered at Northcross Lanes at the Lake, located on Highway 21, off I-77 at exit 25.

In the foreseeable future, the bowling center will be home base for the people of St. Mark, with Masses scheduled Sundays at 9 and 11 a.m. “We plan to take our time to organize the parish and form community, then assess our (facility) needs,” said Msgr. Kerin. “Any building program will develop as a result of that procedure.”

Parish boundaries for St. Mark begin at the northeast corner of Mecklenburg County and proceed west along that boundary until reaching the waters of Lake Norman; proceeding southwest in the main channel of the lake until the Gaston County Line, following the Gaston County line south to the southern boundary of Township 10; follow the southern boundary east to the Township 9 southern boundary; continue along the southern boundary of Township 9 until reaching the Mecklenburg County line, and proceed north along the Mecklenburg County line until reaching the northeast boundary of Mecklenburg County.



Photo by JOANN KEANE

Msgr. Joseph Kerin and the sign noting the location of St. Mark, the newest parish in the Diocese of Charlotte.



Happy 26th Anniversary!

It was exactly 26 years ago that Bishop William Curlin proclaimed the establishment of a new parish in western North Carolina! The bishop named Monsignor Joseph A. Kerin, the first pastor of St. Mark.

Thank you for being a part of the St. Mark community. We are glad you are here.





LUAU!

FRESHMAN WELCOME SUMMER KICKOFF

JUNE 4
6PM - 8:30PM

**ALL RISING 9TH- GRADUATED SENIORS WELCOME!
HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY!**

Water Games| Dunk Tank |
Tug-o-War| Volleyball | so much more!

LIFE TEEN REGISTRATION OPEN:
[HTTPS://WWW.STMARKNC.ORG/FAITH-FORMATION-K-12](https://www.stmarknc.org/faith-formation-k-12)

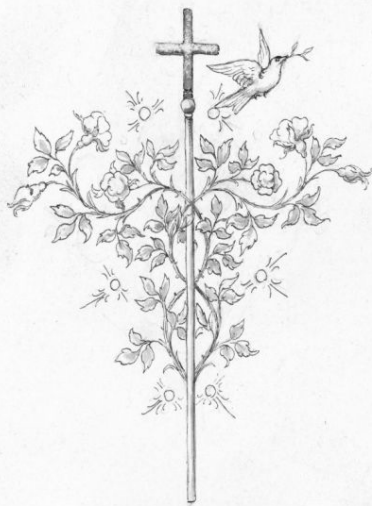


First Holy Communion and Confirmation Gifts and Cards

The Carolina Catholic Corner Book and Gift Store has a large selection of gifts for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. The store is located in the Kerin Family Center hallway near the Adoration Chapel.

We have bibles, youth bibles, rosaries, books, medals, prayer cards, key chains, jewelry, mugs, figurines, plush saints, religious socks, First Holy Communion gift sets, and more. The store is parishioner owned and a portion of all sales goes to support the parish.

The store is open whenever the building is unlocked, so stop in anytime to shop for your family and friends who are receiving sacraments in May.



Mission Café Fatima: Start Praying the Rosary Every Day

May is the month when Catholics show their devotion to Our Lady, Jesus' blessed mother. We pray the Rosary using beads to count how many prayers have been said. Pope Francis asks that we pray the Rosary to ask Our Lady to intercede for us during these difficult times.

To start a daily devotion to the Rosary, some faithful young parishioners have started Café Fatima. For \$22, you get a mug, rosary, and prayer card to help you along. Their mission is to get people to pray the Rosary while drinking your daily coffee or tea. Just designate a place in your home, garden, or park where you can have your beverage and pray.

If you'd like to be a part of this, call 704-337-7296 and state that you are calling about Café Fatima.

The \$22 fee covers the cost of the hand potted mug and the rosary. This is not a business and it is supported by St. Mark Church. Once you call, they will arrange a time when you can get the mug and rosary at the parish office. There is a sample and a booklet in the Narthex if you would like more information.

Our Lady of Fatima asked us to pray for the conversion of poor sinners. She is still calling her children to do so. This mission is an answer to that call in a creative way: praying the rosary daily with your cup of coffee.



For the Month of May...

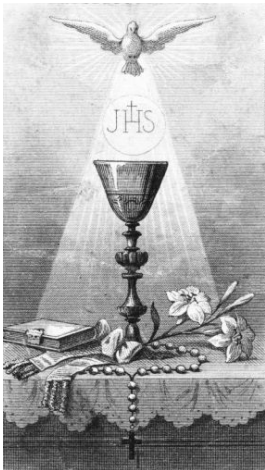
The following are changes to the daily Mass Schedule.

- Saturday, May 20. The 9 am Mass will be First Communion Mass. There will be no Confessions before this Mass.
• Wednesday, May 17. There will be no 6:30 pm Mass. Confirmation Mass will be at 6 pm. There will be no Confessions before this Mass.
• Friday, May 19. There will be no 7 pm Spanish Mass. Confirmation Mass will be at 6 pm. There will be no Confessions before this Mass.
• Monday, May 29, Memorial Day. There will be no 7 am Mass, only 9 am, and the office will be closed.

LIFE TEEN UPCOMING EVENTS

21 May Baccalaureate Mass/ Senior Night
4 June LUAU: Freshman Welcome/ Summer Kickoff
11 June Summer Movie Nights Begin!
7 July Steubenville ATL Conference *Spots Still Available! *

High School Teens (rising 9th welcome starting June 4th) Sunday 6-8PM Parish Hall www.stmarknc.org/lifeteen



Sacraments of First Initiation: First Holy Communion and Confirmation

Congratulations to all of our children who received their first Sacrament of Holy Communion this Saturday. We will have three more groups receive their first Holy Communion next weekend as well. In total, we will have 218 children receive the gift of Jesus in the Eucharist. May they come with joy to His Supper to the praise and glory of God.

This Wednesday and Friday, 173 middle schoolers will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep them, along with their sponsors, in your prayers this week.

Thank you to all of the catechists and staff who have walked alongside these children and their families over the past two years. With your love and guidance, these young people are forever changed.

Congratulations to those who will receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.



HIGH SCHOOL GRADS AND FAMILIES!

BACCALAUREATE *Mass*

Sunday May 21st
5PM Mass
6PM Reception

RSVP, details, and Submit
Senior Announcement:
[www.tinyurl.com/
stmarkGRAD2023](http://www.tinyurl.com/stmarkGRAD2023)

Direct any questions to High School Youth
Ministry Coordinator at sarah.rider@stmarknc.org



July 19 – August 1

Fatima Peace Pilgrimage

After a three year hiatus due to travel restrictions, The Te Deum Foundation annual trip to Fatima, Portugal returns! Join a grace-filled journey with Fr. John Putnam, Fr. Christopher Roux and seminarians from the Diocese of Charlotte.* For more information, go to tedeumfoundation.org or call 336-765-1815.



** If you are unable to join us, please consider a donation to provide scholarship funding for our seminarians. Donations can be made using the QR code or go to tedeumfoundation.org.*

*Thank you for your support and prayers
for a safe and successful pilgrimage.*



THE SEASON OF EASTER

Stephen Ministry...

A Parish Resource

The Stephen Ministry is made up of St. Mark parishioners who have received extensive training to give emotional/spiritual care and support to fellow parishioners as well as to those in our community. This ministry is a confidential, one-to-one opportunity to receive Christian care in a comfortable meeting place, whether in your home, Parish Hall, or even in a park setting.

We all go through times of:

- Grief
- Divorce
- Job loss
- Cancer diagnosis
- Medical crisis
- Spiritual crisis
- Stress to being a caregiver
- Hospitalization
- Terminal illness
- Chronic health conditions
- Adjustment to disability
- Marital separation
- Children leaving home
- Challenges related to parenting
- Issues related to aging
- Adjustment to retirement
- Job stress
- Unemployment
- Relocation
- Changes in living situations
- Natural disaster
- Military deployment of a loved one
- Rehabilitation from illness or injury
- Pregnancy

Stephen Ministry is here to serve you, so you don't have to suffer alone.

For more information, please contact either

Leanne Vaccaro at
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or

Dana Iannielli at
danachristian70@yahoo.com
or visit our website at
stmarknc.org/stephen-ministry.

May 15: The Feast Day of St. Dymphna

St. Dymphna is the patroness of those suffering nervous and mental afflictions and can be a source of inspiration and devotion. People invoke her name and intercession for friends and family in need of healing from mental illness, as well as the stresses and anxieties of day-to-day living.

The Catholic Psychotherapy Association with members across the United States and in Australia, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Italy, Singapore, Spain, Trinidad and the United Kingdom have asked their respective dioceses to have a **Diocesan-wide Mass intention on May 15** for those afflicted with mental health issues and for the mental health practitioners who support these individuals.

FEAST DAY MASS

of ST. DYMPHNA

Monday, May 15

7 am & 9 am

These two Masses will be offered for the intention of those afflicted with mental health issues and for the mental health practitioners who support these individuals.

A relic of St. Dymphna will be available for veneration.

All professional members of the Catholic Psychotherapy Association profess and support its Mission Statement:

The mission of the Catholic Psychotherapy Association is to support mental health practitioners by promoting the development of psychological theory and mental health practice which encompasses a full understanding of the human person, family, and society in fidelity to the Magisterium of the Catholic Church.

CPA has over 350 worldwide members.

For additional information about finding a Catholic professional that can help address mental health issues, please email Christine Wisdom, M.S. LCMHC at info@wisdomintegrativecounseling.com.

St. Dymphna May 15



*Lord Jesus Christ,
You have willed that St. Dymphna should be invoked by
us as the patroness of mental health and have brought it
about that her interest in these people and those that
serve them should be an inspiration to and an ideal of
charity throughout the world.*

*Grant that, through the prayers of this youthful martyr
of purity, those who experience mental health challenges
everywhere on earth may be helped and consoled.*

I recommend to You in particular, (name).

*Be pleased to bear the prayer of St. Dymphna and of
your Blessed Mother. Give those whom invoke them the
strength and courage to bear their affliction with
resignation to Your Divine Will.*

*Give them the consolation they need and especially the
healing and recovery they so much desire, if it be Your
Will. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

*Saint Dymphna, Patron Saint of Mental Health,
the world is filled with stress, anxiety and mental
challenges. Pray for us to deepen our faith,
patience and wisdom. Amen.*

About Saint Dymphna: St. Dymphna was born in Ireland in the seventh century to a pagan father, who was a region king, and a devout Christian mother. When she was fourteen, she consecrated herself to Christ and took a vow of chastity. Her mother died and her father's mental health deteriorated.

St. Dymphna fled to Belgium with the assistance of Fr. Gerebran, two servants, and the king's jester. She settled in Geel where, with her wealth, she built a hospital for the poor and sick. Unfortunately her father found and killed both St. Dymphna and Fr. Gerebran. She was only 15 years old.

The residents collected both St. Dymphna and Fr. Gerebran's remains and laid them to rest in a cave. Fr. Gerebran's remains were moved to Xanten, Germany.

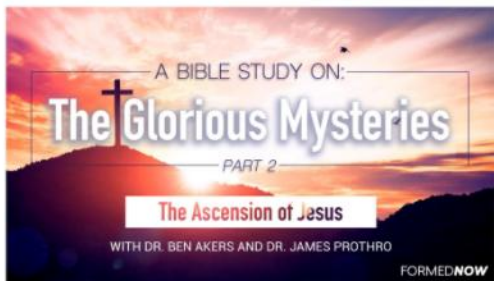
Because of many reports of miraculous healings of mental illness attributed to St. Dymphna, she was canonized in 1247. In 1349, a church honoring St. Dymphna was built in Geel, and by 1480, so many pilgrims were arriving in need of treatment that the church was expanded.

In the 15th century, the original St. Dymphna Church burned to the ground and the magnificent Church of St. Dymphna was erected and consecrated in 1532, where it still stands above the location her body was originally buried.

Many miracles have occurred at her shrine. Her remains were placed in a silver reliquary in the church. Some of her remains can also be found at the National Shrine of St. Dymphna at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Massillon, Ohio. St. Mark has a relic of the saint in our reliquary case in the left transept.

THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

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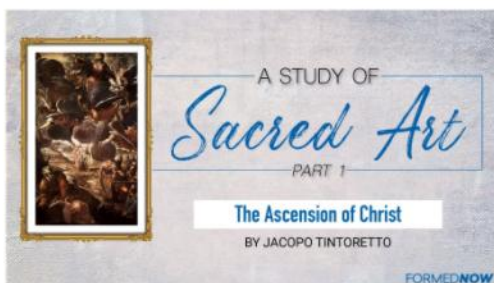
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... and all service members not listed.

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Mass Schedule

Mon/Tue/Thu: 7, 9 am
Wed: 7 am, 6:30 pm
Fri: 7, 9 am
7 pm (Spanish)
Sat: 9 am, 5 pm Vigil
Sun: 7:30, 9, 11 am,
1 pm (Español), 5 pm

All Masses may be watched live:

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Please do not attend Mass if you are sick, have a fever or are in a high-risk group.

Confessions

Confessions are held 45 minutes prior to the start of Mass for a 30 minute duration.
In addition, Wednesday: 6 pm—7:15 pm and Saturday: 3 pm—5 pm

Rosary in the Church

Tue: 7—7:30 pm
Wed: Immediately preceding 6:30 Mass
Sat: Immediately preceding 5 pm Mass
Sun: Immediately preceding 7:30 am Mass

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

Available in the Monsignor Bellow Adoration Chapel in the Family Center.

See stmarknc.org/adoration for complete details.

Hospitalization

If you or your loved one are in an area hospital, call the Parish Office to reach one of the Priests. The Priests offer Confession, bring the Holy Eucharist to you or administer the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

Baptisms & Weddings

The use of the Church for Baptisms, Weddings and other Sacramental events is available to active parishioners. Contact the Parish Office. (Please note that weddings and baptisms cannot be celebrated during Lent.)

Financial Counseling

Complimentary and confidential services are available to provide financial literacy training, personal financial coaching, and/or advocacy support for you and your family. Contact the Parish Office.

Carolina Catholic Corner Gift and Book Store

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Tuesdays, 9:30 am, Parish Hall.

Cursillo

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Divorce Support Group

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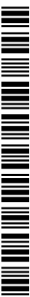
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En este sexto domingo de Pascua, nuestras lecturas nos recuerdan que Dios debe ser lo primero en nuestras vidas, y que el amor a Dios se manifiesta en acciones concretas; esta es precisamente la razón por la cual la forma de vida de mayordomía es tan necesaria.

Nuestra segunda lectura, de San Pedro, nos desafía a:

"Santifiquen a Cristo como Señor en sus corazones". En otras palabras, debemos poner a Cristo primero por encima de todo lo demás en nuestras vidas. Su papel no es simplemente como Salvador de nuestras vidas, tan significativo como es ese papel, Él también debe ser "Señor" de nuestras vidas. Como Sus discípulos, estamos llamados a hacerlo gobernante de todos los aspectos de nuestras vidas: nuestro tiempo, talento y tesoro.

La belleza de la forma de vida de mayordomía es que nos ofrece un medio concreto para mostrar que Cristo es verdaderamente el Señor de nuestras vidas, para "probar" nuestro amor, por así decirlo, porque el verdadero amor no es un mero sentimiento. "El que tiene mis mandamientos y los observa, es el que me ama", nos dice Jesús en nuestro pasaje evangélico de San Juan.

El verdadero amor es un acto de la voluntad. Requiere obediencia a todos los mandamientos de Dios. Esto requiere valor, humildad y profunda confianza en Él.

Pero las recompensas de este tipo de amor son indescriptiblemente maravillosas. Cristo mismo nos dice: "El que me ama será amado por mi Padre, y yo lo amaré y me revelaré a él".

¿Podría haber algo más satisfactorio para vivir de tal manera que el Dios del universo se complace en revelarnos más y más de Sí mismo? © Conferencia de Mayordomía Católica, 2023

Reflexión pastoral – ¡Feliz Día de la Madre! Oramos una bendición especial sobre todas nuestras madres que hacen tanto para hacer del mundo un lugar mejor, y oramos por el feliz descanso de todas nuestras madres que nos han precedido marcadas con el signo de la fe. He estado escuchando *El Catecismo en un Año* con el Padre Mike Schmitz. Si bien he tenido que pasar por el catecismo antes, este formato es un buen repaso. Uno de los temas que cubrió recientemente, coincidió con una pregunta que llegó a través del portal "Pregúntele al Padre" en el sitio web de la parroquia. La pregunta se refería a la comprensión católica de *extra ecclesiam nulla salus* (fuera de la Iglesia no hay salvación). Pensé que sería útil ofrecer algunos comentarios breves aquí para el beneficio de todos.

Este tema en particular se aborda a partir del canon 846. El párrafo reafirma positivamente la declaración al señalar que toda salvación viene de Cristo la Cabeza a través de la Iglesia que es su Cuerpo. *La Constitución dogmática sobre la Iglesia* (Lumen gentium) lo establece de esta manera:

Basándose en la Escritura y la Tradición, el Concilio enseña que la Iglesia, peregrina ahora en la tierra, es necesaria para la salvación: el único Cristo es el mediador y el camino de la salvación; él está presente para nosotros en su cuerpo que es la Iglesia. Él mismo afirmó explícitamente la necesidad de la fe y del Bautismo, y así afirmó al mismo tiempo la necesidad de la Iglesia a la que los hombres entran a través del Bautismo como a través de una puerta. Por lo tanto, no podían ser salvos quienes, sabiendo que la Iglesia Católica fue fundada como necesaria por Dios a través de Cristo, se negarían a entrar en ella o permanecer en ella.

Lo que hace el Catecismo es reconocer que Dios en su infinita misericordia no penaliza a aquellos que no conocen la necesidad de la Iglesia. En otras palabras, Dios no está limitado. Los Padres conciliares indican que aquellos que buscan a Dios lo mejor que pueden y de acuerdo con los dictados de sus conciencias, pueden salvarse.

Esto es especialmente pertinente cuando pensamos en aquellos que, aunque bautizados, no están plenamente unidos a la Iglesia de Cristo. Aunque están unidos a la Iglesia de manera imperfecta, no están separados del plan salvífico de Dios.

Jesús enseña muy claramente en las Escrituras que el bautismo es necesario para la salvación. Esto, entonces, plantea la pregunta acerca de los no bautizados y cómo encajan en el plan de Dios. El párrafo 1257 señala que la Iglesia no conoce ningún otro medio que no sea el Bautismo que asegure la entrada en la bienaventuranza eterna; es por eso que se cuida de no descuidar la misión que ha recibido del Señor para ver que todos los que pueden ser bautizados "renacen de agua y del Espíritu". El párrafo continúa señalando, sin embargo, que mientras "*Dios ha vinculado la salvación al sacramento del Bautismo, pero él mismo no está obligado por Hes sacramentos*".

A través de los siglos, la Iglesia ha entendido que si bien el bautismo en agua es el medio normal para recibir el bautismo, también existe el bautismo de sangre para aquellos que son martirizados por Cristo y el bautismo de deseo para aquellos que, aunque carecen de bautismo, tenían un deseo sincero de recibirlo. Esto último es especialmente apropiado para los catecúmenos que mueren antes de su iniciación.

Entonces, ¿qué pasa con aquellos que no están bautizados? Al final, la Iglesia deja mucho a la misericordia de Dios. En el análisis final, cualquier no bautizado que alcanza la salvación, lo hace por Cristo y a través de la Iglesia Católica; aunque la persona no sabría ese hecho hasta que llegara al otro lado de la eternidad.

Misa y veneración de reliquias por la fiesta de Santa Dymphna

Cuando: Lunes, 15 de mayo, 7 y 9 am



El Obispo Jugis recibió una solicitud de la Asociación Católica de Psicoterapia para recordar a los que sufren de enfermedades mentales y profesionales de la salud mental el 15 de mayo, la fiesta de Santa Dymphna, patrona de la salud mental. Muchas personas hoy en día tienen un pariente o amigo que sufre de una enfermedad mental o del estrés y la ansiedad provocados por la vida moderna. Santa Dymphna representa una devoción especial de ayuda para aquellos en tal necesidad.

Las misas del lunes 15 de mayo se ofrecerán por la intención de los afectados por problemas de salud mental y para los profesionales de la salud mental que apoyan a estas personas.

Una reliquia de Santa Dymphna estará disponible por la mañana y temprano en la tarde.

Oración de Santa Dymphna:

Señor Jesucristo,

Has querido que Santa Dymphna sea invocada por nosotros como patrona de la salud mental y has provocado que su interés por estas personas y aquellos que les sirven sea una inspiración y un ideal de caridad en todo el mundo. Concédenos que, a través de las oraciones de este joven mártir de la pureza, aquellos que experimentan desafíos de salud mental en todas partes de la tierra puedan ser ayudados y consolados. Alégrate de escuchar la oración de Santa Dymphna y de tu Santísima Madre. Da a aquellos que los invocan la fuerza y el coraje para soportar su aflicción con resignación a Tu Divina Voluntad. Dales el consuelo que necesitan y especialmente la sanación y recuperación que tanto desean, si es Tu Voluntad. Por Cristo, nuestro Señor. Amén.

Santa Dymphna, Patrona de la Salud Mental, el mundo está lleno de estrés, ansiedad y desafíos mentales. Ore para que profundicemos nuestra fe, paciencia y sabiduría.

y para los profesionales de la salud mental que apoyan a estas personas, oramos al Señor.



Lecturas de las Escrituras

Para la Semana del 14 de Mayo de 2023

- Domingo** Sexto Domingo de Pascua
Hch 8, 5-8. 14-17; Sal 65, 1-3a. 4-5. 6-7a. 16 y 20; 1 Ped 3, 15-18 1 Ped 4, 13-16; Jn 14, 15-21 Jn 17, 1-11
Cuando la Ascensión del Señor se celebra el domingo siguiente, la Segunda Lectura y el Evangelio del Séptimo Domingo de Pascua podrán leerse el Sexto Domingo de Pascua
- Lunes** Memoria de San Isidro Labrador
Hch 16, 11-15; Sal 149, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6a y 9b; Jn 15, 26-16, 4
- Martes**
Hch 16, 22-34; Sal 137, 1-2a. 2bc-3. 7c-8; Jn 16, 5-11
- Miércoles** Hch 17, 15-16, 22-18, 1; Sal 148, 1-2. 11-12ab. 12c-14a. 14bcd; Jn 16, 12-15
- Jueves** Solemnidad de la Ascensión del Señor
Hch 1, 1-11; Sal 46, 2-3. 6-7. 8-9; Ef 1, 17-23; Mt 28, 16-20
Memoria de San Juan I, Papa y Mártir
Hch 18, 1-8; Sal 97, 1. 2-3ab. 3cd-4; Jn 16, 16-20
- Viernes** Hch 18, 9-18; Sal 46, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7; Jn 16, 20-23
- Sábado** San Bernardino de Siena, Presbítero
Hch 18, 23-28; Sal 46, 2-3. 8-9. 10; Jn 16, 23-28
- Domingo** Solemnidad de la Ascensión del Señor
Hch 1, 1-11; Sal 46, 2-3. 6-7. 8-9; Ef 1, 17-23; Mt 28, 16-20
Séptimo Domingo de Pascua
Hch 1, 12-14; Sal 26, 1. 4. 7-8a; 1 Ped 4, 13-16; Jn 17, 1-11

Sacramentos de Primera Iniciación: Primera Comunión y Confirmación

Felicitaciones a todos nuestros niños que recibieron su primer Sacramento de la Sagrada Comunión este sábado. Tendremos tres grupos más que recibirán su primera comunión el próximo fin de semana también. En total, tendremos 218 niños que recibirán el don de Jesús en la Eucaristía. Que vengan con gozo a su cena para alabanza y gloria de Dios.

Este miércoles y viernes, 173 estudiantes de secundaria recibirán el Sacramento de la Confirmación. Por favor, manténganlos, junto con sus patrocinadores, en sus oraciones esta semana.

Gracias a todos los catequistas y al personal que han caminado junto a estos niños y sus familias en los últimos dos años. Con su amor y guía, estos jóvenes han cambiado para siempre.

Felicitaciones a aquellos que recibirán los dones del Espíritu Santo. Ven, Espíritu Santo, llena los corazones de tus fieles y enciende en ellos el fuego de tu amor. Envía tu Espíritu y ellos serán creados.



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