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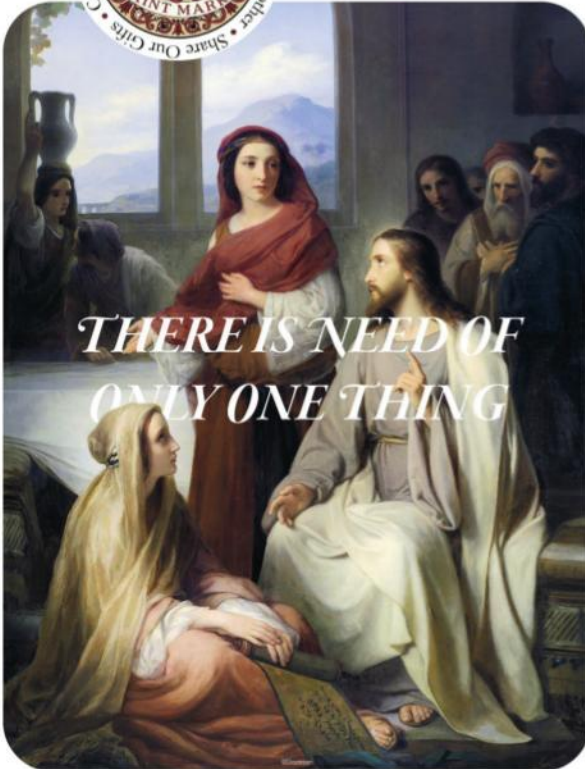
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SAINT MARK

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Welcome to St. Mark



Today is the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The readings can be found on page 1170. Music handouts are at the entrances; see an usher if you did not receive one.

Thank you for being a part of our parish, either as a visitor or a long-time parishioner. We are thankful that you are here and welcome you back anytime for Mass, prayer in our Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel or any of our programs.

At St. Mark, we believe 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 are given to us by God to share with others by spreading the Gospel and building His kingdom.

If you are interested in registering as a member of St. Mark, please go to stmarknc.org/registration or use the QR code. You may submit the form online or bring a paper copy to the Welcome Desk during business hours, including Sunday 8:30 am-12:15 pm. Forms can be found in the narthex. Please know, you do not need to be Catholic to join and come to our parish.



At the close of Mass, join us in the Prayer to St. Michael. **Please do not leave the church until after the priests, deacons, and servers have exited the church.**

Thank you



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.

Guidelines for Communion For Catholics

1. To be in a state of grace, that is to say, to be free from any unconfessed mortal sin.
2. To abstain for at least one hour before Holy Communion from any food and drink, with the exception of water and medicine.
3. To know what you are receiving and to approach the altar with devotion.
4. *St. Mark uses altar rails. Please go to the far end of the rail and either kneel to receive Holy Communion on the tongue or remain standing to receive in your hand. The distribution of the Precious Blood remains suspended.*
5. **Please consume the Holy Eucharist in front of the minister of Holy Communion, before walking away.**

For Non-Catholics: We welcome you to Holy Mass and are glad you are here. Please feel free to participate by singing, standing, kneeling, etc. However, the reception of Holy Communion is reserved for Catholics in a state of grace. At the time of Communion, please feel free to come forward with your arms crossed over your chest for a blessing or to remain in your pew.

See page 1302 in the hymnal for more information.

FROM THE PASTOR



In today's Gospel reading from St. Luke, we receive a reminder about the proper use of the gift of time, a fundamental aspect of a stewardship way of life. Our passage highlights one of the most famous dinner

parties ever thrown, recalling the day that Martha and Mary hosted our Lord in their home. We are told that Martha, as a good steward, welcomes Christ in but then becomes "burdened with much serving" while her sister and fellow hostess chooses to simply sit with Jesus, listening to Him speak.

Martha becomes indignant at Mary's behavior and complains to Jesus, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me." But Jesus, in His infinite wisdom, refuses to get pulled into this sisterly spat. Instead, He offers Martha a fresh way to look at the situation. "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing."

What is that one thing? It is to put Jesus first in our lives and above all other things; to "sit at his feet" and listen as Mary did, giving Him the priority of our time no matter how busy we think we are. When we truly commit to putting Christ first in our daily lives through a regular time of prayer and frequent participation in the sacraments, we will find that all our other concerns become less pressing, less overwhelming.

Why is this so? Because the time we invest in our relationship with God saturates all aspects of our lives with His grace. And because God cannot be outdone in generosity. He will abundantly reward any sacrifice we make to spend time with Him. ©Catholic Stewardship Consultants, 2025

Pastoral Pondering

In the Catholic tradition, prayer is a foundational practice, understood as a personal and communal relationship with God. It's seen as a dialogue, not a monologue, where the individual lifts their heart and mind to God, seeking communion, guidance, and alignment with His will. Below is a concise overview of the Catholic understanding of prayer, grounded in Church teaching and tradition:

1. Definition and Purpose:

- The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC 2559) defines prayer as "the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God." It's an act of love, trust, and dependence on God, fostering a covenant relationship.
- Prayer's primary aim is communion with God, aligning human will with divine will, as modeled by Jesus in the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13).

2. Types of Prayer (CCC 2626-2643):

- **Adoration:** Worshipping God for His infinite goodness and majesty (e.g., Eucharistic adoration).
- **Petition:** Asking for personal needs or forgiveness, acknowledging human dependence on God.
- **Intercession:** Praying for others, reflecting charity and solidarity (e.g., praying for the living and the dead).
- **Thanksgiving:** Expressing gratitude for God's gifts, as seen in the Eucharist ("thanksgiving" in Greek).
- **Praise:** Glorifying God for who He is, beyond what He does.

3. Forms of Prayer:

- **Vocal Prayer:** Spoken prayers, like the Rosary, Our Father, or Hail Mary, engaging both body and soul.
- **Meditative Prayer:** Reflecting on Scripture or sacred mysteries (e.g., Lectio Divina or meditating on the Rosary's mysteries).
- **Contemplative Prayer:** A silent, loving gaze toward God, seeking deeper union, as taught by saints like Teresa of Ávila and John of the Cross.

4. Theological Foundations:

- Prayer is rooted in the Trinity: Catholics pray to the Father, through the Son, in the Holy Spirit (CCC 2655).
- Jesus is the model of prayer, seen in His constant communion with the Father (e.g., John 17). The Holy Spirit inspires and sustains prayer (Romans 8:26).
- Mary and the saints are intercessors, not mediators, whose

prayers join ours to God (CCC 2673-2679).

5. Role in Catholic Life:

- Prayer is essential for salvation, as it nurtures faith, hope, and charity (CCC 2558). It's a daily obligation, often through practices like morning/evening prayers, Mass, or the Liturgy of the Hours.
- The Eucharist, as the "source and summit" of Christian life (CCC 1324), is the highest form of prayer, uniting believers with Christ's sacrifice.
- Prayer strengthens against temptation and fosters virtues, as seen in the lives of saints like Thérèse of Lisieux, who called prayer "a surge of the heart."

6. Practical Expressions:

- **Liturgy:** The Mass and sacraments are communal prayers, uniting the Church on earth and in heaven.
- **Devotions:** Practices like the Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, or novenas deepen personal devotion.
- **Spontaneous Prayer:** Heartfelt, unscripted prayer is encouraged alongside structured forms.

7. Challenges and Growth:

- Catholics are taught to persevere in prayer despite distractions or dryness, trusting God's presence (CCC 2729-2733).
- Prayer requires humility and openness, as St. Augustine said: "Man is a beggar before God."

Supporting Evidence:

- The *Catechism* (Part Four, CCC 2558-2865) provides a comprehensive guide to prayer, emphasizing its centrality.
- Vatican II's *Sacrosanctum Concilium* highlights liturgy as the primary expression of prayer, uniting the Church. Saints' writings, like St. Ignatius of Loyola's *Spiritual Exercises*, offer practical methods for deepening prayer.

For further exploration, consult the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* or resources from the Vatican (vatican.va). Prayer, in Catholicism, is not just a practice but a way of life, drawing believers into God's love and mission.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 20

7:30 am † Luis Echevarria
9 am † Anna Stojek
11 am † Lisa Tober
1 pm Fr. Carlos Echevarria Ortizo
5 pm St. Mark Parishioners

Monday, July 21

7 am Alexandra Hernandez
9 am † Peter Sirianni

Tuesday, July 22

7 am † Melissa Herman
9 am † Janeth Hernandez Flores

Wednesday, July 23

7 am Stephany Shayeghi
† Virginia McCaskey
6:30 pm † Susan Nash
Alfredo Evaristo Galvez

Thursday, July 24

7 am † David Adkins
9 am Sue Bruce

Friday, July 25

7 am Alex & Anna Canales
9 am Respect Life Ministry
7 pm † Maria Rodriguez

Saturday, July 26

9 am Marilyn Williams
5 pm † Christine Scanlon

Sunday, July 27

7:30 am St. Mark Parishioners
9 am Lisa Modzelewski
11 am † Duane Reynolds &
Ilean Reynolds
1 pm Adela Borja
5 pm Richard Laube

† Deceased

Pray for Our Military

Air Force: Airman **Gregory Burke**; Airman

Antoinio Diaz; Capt. **Stephen Hack**; Lt. Col. **Douglas Lincoln**; Capt. **Ryan Loyd**; **Alejandro Martinez**; Sgt. **James McCormick**; SrA. **Benjamin Salber**; Airman **Chloe Scott**

Army: 2nd Lt. **Amelia Andretti**; 1st Lt. **Patrick Camatcho**; Major **Robert Caraccilo**; Lt. **Sarah Camatcho**; Lt. Col. **Michael Dragoon**; SSgt. **Darcy Fisher**; **Kyle Hawk**; PFC. **J. Parker Hogan**; Capt. **John Hughes**; Pvt. **Chaz Margo**; Maj. **Daniel McCormick**; 2nd Lt. **Maria Morell**; PV2 **Matthew Pressley**; Maj. **Stephen J. Romeo**; **Andrew Santos**; Capt. **Ramon Ricardo Tapia**; Spl. Forces **Nolan Tillotson**; **Josh Wagner**; 1st Lt. **Nick Worth**

Marines: LCPL. **Richard Breier**; Sgt. **Andrew Sales**; Maj. **Matthew Santoli**; Cpl. **Ben Holden**; 1st Lt. **Nathanael Rusciollelli**

Navy: LCDR. **Matthew Giannone**; Lt. **Albert Remmey, Jr.**; LCDR. **Jordan Mayo**; ENS. **Rory Moran**, OSSN. **Daniel Pressley**; LCDR. **Jenna Hehn Quist**; ENS. **Tyler Spear**; LCDR. **William Vey**; CTT2. **Zachary Wortham** and all service members not listed.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please Pray For...

Julie Andrews
Sarah Armstrong
John & Casey Ball
Daisy Bayona
Deidre Beck
Richard Biddy
Beatrice Bilodeau
Brian Blatchford & Family
Virginia "Gini" Bond
Kathy Brandt
Dave and Nancy Breen
Helen Sally Buff
Elaine Burkinshaw
Carmen Cabranes
Anne Caestecker
Michelle Chichone
Murphy Clark
Beth Collins
William Conklin
Tim Cunnane
Janice D'Angelo
Judy and Rich Deboer
John Deluca
Henry Diener
James Dupree
Barbara Dutty
Greg Duncan
James P. Durcan
Jack Evans
Frances & Kai Ferrell &
Family
Charles Fillipo
Joseph Fiore
Tom Fox
Alan Friedl & Family
Maureen K. Frost
Carmine Gallo
Teri Gay
Denny & Monica Golden
Josette Grace
Robert Graham
Hank Griffin

To submit a prayer request, visit: stmarknc.org/prayerchain

John Grivizas
Helen Haddad
Kevin Herman Sr.
Hannah Hopkins
Jerry Jackson Jr.
Cathi Kalberier
Craig Kashuba
Karen Kastle
Gary Katz
Carol & Frank Kenny
Chris Kerstetter
Jackie Kopicki
Peggie Lauricella
Joan Lesch
Marie Ligon
Peter R. Loew
Mary Jo Lucey
Dr. Sivaramalingam
Manickavasagar
Patrick & Annette Mann
Rosina Marcucci
Vernon McCord
Cathy Milligan
Terry Milstead
Lucille Modica
Vincent Montoya
Haleigh Moss
Elizabeth Mulligan
Jamie Mulvihill
Angeles Murphy
Maria Magdalena Murphy
Carl Muti
Paul Nealon Jr.
Margaret Nelson
The Ober Family
Blanca Yolanda Ojeda
Margaret Paquette
Hazel Palmer
The Patterson Family
Fernando Paverpai
John Pecoraro
Doug Peterson

Angela Piraino
Gianni Piraino
Ella Postlewait
Nicole & Bruce Preiss
Thomas Ranney
Gretchen Rasheed
Joette Reid
Lola Rodriguez
Madge Root
Maria Rubinos
Thomas Rynne
Ray Scouten
Phyllis Searles
Daniel Sheffield
Deacon Ronald Sherwood
& Family
Mark Shields
Sue Sia
Todd Singh
Robert Somerville
Betsy Spartz
Jeff Stark
Dr. Edward Staudinge
John Williams Stoker &
Family
Terri Summers
The Tate Family
Kenneth Terry & Family
Cheryl Thompson
Mike Tolbert
Alston Torres
Zaida Torres
Lucia Solis Vallarino
Robert Virgint
Caroline Vogel
Jonathan Wark
Welcome Retreat Staff
Paul Widman
Carol Woodard
Mary Jane Zimmerman

SCRIPTURE READINGS

For the Week of July 20, 2025

Sun. Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

Mon. Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 12:38-42

Tue. Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene

Sgs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9;
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Wed. Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28; Mt 13:1-9

Thu. Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Mt 13:10-17

Fri. Feast of Saint James, Apostle

2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Mt 20:20-28

Sat. Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Mt 13:24-30

Sun. Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8; Col 2:12-14;
Lk 11:1-13

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Spotlight: Fidelis Ladies

At St. Mark, we encourage people to embrace a life of stewardship by offering ways to grow in Christ, serve one another, share our gifts, and connect in faith for all ages and stages of life. Fidelis is a parish-sponsored school-year program with girls in grades 6-12 into sisterhood with women, young and old, leading each other to Christ. The girls are Fidelis Sisters, and the adults are Fidelis Ladies. This spotlight highlights our Fidelis Ladies.

Alaina Duncan, Fidelis Lead Lady, shared that being a Fidelis Lady greatly impacted her faith and helped her connect with other women at St. Mark. Through the small group sessions each week, they discuss the scriptures, virtue of the week, saint quotes, and invitations. "This has led to deep and authentic friendships. I am constantly in awe of our younger Fidelis sisters and our Lady mentors and their faith, wisdom, and example."

The Fidelis program incorporates all the St. Mark stewardship pillars: grow, serve, share, and connect. Fidelis Lady Bridget Russo shared some examples she has witnessed. "A King's Message about making giving IMPACTFUL, not just what you have left over . . . invitations (to) read the Bible or commit scripture to memory. The ladies and sisters made cards for a senior home last Christmas and delivered a beautiful concert to the residents the day they dropped them off. Events dedicated to wonderful female friendships, where sisters and ladies can enjoy ice skating or hiking. Every sister or lady who takes part in a Fidelis night shares their gifts with everyone else there. We have a wonderful hospitality team that cooks and cleans up each week. Many participants are crafty or sporty and excel at the activities. Some are gifted in organization and planning, and others have the gift of crafting captivating messages. During our discussion, every person who shares their perspective is giving a gift to the small group. I've honestly gained more from the sisters during those talks than I've given."

The mission of the Fidelis ministry, "forming girls — heart, mind, body, and soul — into a sisterhood of mature, virtuous disciples of Christ through the witness of Catholic women," focuses on growth in relationship with Christ and connecting in faith, which overflows into serving one another and sharing our gifts. St. Mark Fidelis invites girls in grades 6-12 and women to join them. They would love to have you come and see what Fidelis is all about on Wednesday nights this fall! For more information about Fidelis, contact St. Mark Fidelis Lead Lady, Alaina Duncan fidelis@stmarknc.org or visit www.fidelissisterhood.org.

Reflecting God's Light

With all of our efforts previously on the Growing Home Capital Campaign, we are a little short on our DSA goal. Please remember to donate to this important fund which provides essential support for the good work of the Diocese of Charlotte. **Currently, 382 parishioners have donated. No amount is too small so please go to charlottediocese.org/dsa or scan code to make a gift.**

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| St. Mark Goal: | \$403,139.00 |
| Pledged/Paid: | \$296,848.22 |
| Balance: | \$106,290.78 |

Thank you!



**DIOCESAN
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APPEAL 2025**



Physical Healing Prayer & Praise Night

When: July 29: The Rosary starts at 7 pm and the Prayer and Praise is from 7:30-8:30 pm

Where: In the church

We would like to invite you to come and spend an hour praising God and opening ourselves to His healing touch. Come for physical healing, or just to experience God in a profound way as we worship our Lord in prayer and song. If you have never been to these evenings, please pray to see if God wants you to come. If you have been in one of these evenings, consider coming back to support what God is doing during these times of prayer and praise.

Contact: Fernando at 252-412-9978 (call or text)

Mission Speaker and Second Collection THIS Sunday. Thank you for your support of this global outreach.

Mission Appeal: Building a Synodal Church of Hope in the Sylhet Diocese

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Warm and heartfelt greetings from the **Sylhet Catholic Diocese of Bangladesh**—a mission land where the Spirit of God moves silently among Indigenous peoples, marginalized families, and faith-seeking souls. As we prepare to celebrate the Jubilee Year 2025, under the theme “Pilgrims of Hope,” we renew our call to journey together—clergy, religious, and laity—as a synodal Church, united in love, solidarity, and mission.

In the spirit of Synodality—walking together, listening to each other, and discerning God's will—we embrace the urgent call to bring healing, justice, and the Good News to the most vulnerable in our region. As Pilgrims of Hope, we are committed to building a Church that reflects God's mercy through concrete service. Today, we appeal to your generous heart to support **five key priorities** for the development and sustainability of our diocese:

- **Center for Children with Disabilities** In our diocese, many children with disabilities suffer in silence due to stigma, poverty, and the lack of specialized services. We envision establishing a Disability Center that will offer education, therapy, spiritual care, and family support—upholding their dignity as beloved children of God and enabling them to thrive.
- **Health Centers for Mothers and Children** Our tea garden and remote communities lack access to basic health services. Malnutrition, unsafe childbirth, and preventable diseases take a tragic toll on lives. We seek to develop maternal and child health centers that will offer prenatal care, safe delivery, vaccinations, nutrition guidance, and health education—bringing life and hope to our mothers and children.
- **Education for Orphans and Underprivileged Children** Many orphaned and impoverished children in Sylhet Diocese cannot access education. Inspired by the Gospel and the Jubilee Year's call to renew lives, we aim to establish boarding and educational programs that offer not only academic learning but also spiritual, emotional, and social support—empowering children to become witnesses of hope and transformation.
- **Food Relief During Natural Disasters** Our region is frequently struck by floods and storms that leave communities devastated. As a Church of accompaniment, we want to establish an emergency food support system and disaster relief fund to respond swiftly to crises—providing food, shelter, and compassion when it is needed most.
- **Faith Formation and Evangelization** In this Jubilee Year, the call to deepen our faith and spread the Gospel is more urgent than ever. We are investing in faith formation programs, catechist training, retreats, sacramental preparation, and Small Christian Communities (SCCs) to ensure that the flame of faith continues to burn brightly in every village and family.

Why Your Support Matters:

We are a new diocese with vast responsibilities and limited resources. With only a handful of priests and vast mission territory, our ability to serve spiritually and pastorally is deeply challenged. But with **your prayerful and financial support**, we can become a Pilgrim Church of Hope—proclaiming the Gospel, defending human dignity, and building bridges of peace and justice.

The Jubilee Year 2025 calls all Catholics to “open wide the doors of hope.” Let us open those doors together—for the disabled child who needs care, the mother who longs for safe delivery, the orphan yearning for education, the flood victim desperate for food, and the seeker longing for Christ.

Let us journey together—hand in hand—as a Synodal Church. Let us be Pilgrims of Hope. Your contribution, large or small, will become a sign of God's mercy and a light in someone's darkness. Let us answer the call of the Jubilee—not just with celebration, but with action.

May the Lord bless your generosity, and may the Jubilee bring renewal to all.

With prayer and gratitude,
+Bishop Shorot Francis Gomes Bishop,
Sylhet Catholic Diocese



ADORATION

Have you ever visited an Adoration Chapel outside of North Carolina?

By: Donna Fodale,
Adoration Coordinator



If yes, we want to hear all about it! I am putting together a bulletin series on the different Adoration Chapels that people have visited outside of North Carolina. We want you to share the name of the church, location, and anything else you would like to share about it. Pictures are welcome, too.

My hope is to create a list of Adoration Chapels that you can visit when you are not in North Carolina.

If you have visited an Adoration Chapel and would like to share your experience, please email

Donna.fodale@stmarknc.org

We are so blessed to have so many people visiting the Lord throughout the day and night. Thank you for making time to visit Him!

If you would like to sign up for a Holy Hour, please go to:

www.stmarknc.org/adoration

If you would like to be part of our sub team, please email:

donna.fodale@stmarknc.org

“Each time you approach the Blessed Sacrament remember that Jesus has been waiting for you for twenty centuries for this personal visit from you.”

(St. Josemaria Escriva, founder of Opus Dei)

RESPECT LIFE

Quarterly Respect Life Mass & Rosary Vigil

When: Friday, July 25 ; 9 am

Where: St. Mark Catholic Church

The Respect Life Committee invites you to come pray for the end of abortion and for abortion-minded women to choose life. Please join us for St. Mark's quarterly Respect



Life Mass at 9 am on Friday, July 25 followed by peaceful prayer outside of Planned Parenthood (700 S. Torrence Street, Charlotte).

Contact: Mike FitzGerald at respect.life@stmarknc.org

“Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you...”

Jeremiah 1:5



Fr. Christopher Angermeyer was ordained a priest on June 14.

St. Mark is his first assignment where he will serve as our parochial vicar.

Fr. Christopher Angermeyer's first St. Mark homily:

“The beauty of the Mass is it's a bridge between heaven and earth. The mediator, being that of Jesus Christ, comes to descend upon us and takes bread and wine and makes it into His body.

That sacrifice will happen all throughout eternity. It's the same sacrifice that is celebrated year after year.

It is His sacrifice. It's not my sacrifice. It's not the priest's sacrifice. It is His sacrifice.

And we give praise and glory for what He has done for us.

So at today's Mass, let us rejoice and be glad that our Lord has offered Himself in the sacrifice and that we truly get to praise the Lord in the Holy Eucharist.”

— July 9, 2025, 6:30 pm

PUTTING ON THE ARMOR OF GOD *Conference*

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10AM-3PM

St. Mark Catholic Church
14740 Stumptown Rd. Huntersville, NC 28078

\$20 Single- \$35 Couple

Dr. Dan Schneider is a theologian, former amateur boxer, U.S. Army helicopter pilot and Gulf War veteran, who has worked for many years in the Catholic apostolate of deliverance and exorcism.

9 AM MASS, LUNCH INCLUDED, AND CONFESSIONS AVAILABLE

Join Us for a Day of Spiritual Strengthening!

Combat Evil, Cultivate Virtue

Increase Spiritual Protection for Families
Marian Devotion: Deepen your connection
with Our Lady

Hosted by the St. Mark Family Ministry

Guest speaker

DR. DAN SCHNEIDER



LAMB Clay Shoot Fund Raiser

*When: Fri., Sept. 26, 2025 (rain date October 10);
Arrive 8 am, and Finish at 1 pm*

*Where: Four Branches Sporting Preserve, 425 Poplar Hill
Church Road, Polkton, NC*

Cost: \$125 per individual; Lunch and Breakfast provided

LAMB Foundation of N.C., Inc., a public 501 (c) (3) charity of the Knights of Columbus Monsignor Joseph A. Kerin Council #12654, will hold a Clay Shoot fundraiser to assist the "Least Among My Brethren," people with intellectual disabilities within our local community.

The Clay Shoot event will start at 8:00 am with check-in, registration and breakfast. Teams will be assigned to starting stations on a one-mile course. A Knights representative will give welcoming remarks and Four Branches manager will conduct a safety briefing. The event will begin about 9 am.

Up to twenty-five teams of four members each will engage in a friendly and exciting competition. Each team will rotate

through 15 stations laid out over a beautiful course, shoot at clay pigeons with 12 or 20 gage shotguns and keep score on the number of clays hit. Loaner shot guns are available at no additional cost. Golf carts are provided for easy transport between stations. After the competition, participants will enjoy a luncheon and hear from representatives of some of the charities benefitting from this fund raiser. Prizes will be presented to the highest scoring teams.

All experience levels are invited: beginners, intermediate and advanced clay shooters. Beginners will be paired on teams with experienced clay shooters.

The Knights will signup participants for this clay shoot after Masses on July 19 and 20. Not available next weekend? Scan the QR Code above to register for this event and pay the \$125 fee.



St. Mary Magdalen & St. James

St. Mary Magdalene (Feast Day: July 22) was healed by Jesus and became one of His most devoted followers. She stood by the **CROSS** and was the first to witness the Resurrection, earning her the title "**APOSTLE** to the Apostles." She is the patron of **CONVERTS**, penitent sinners, and contemplative life. Her words, "I have seen the Lord!" (John 20:18), reflect her deep love and faith.



Artwork by Anna Morelli

St. James the Greater (Feast Day: July 25) was one of Jesus' first apostles and part of His inner circle. He preached the **GOSPEL** with boldness and became the first apostle to be **MARTYRED**. He is the patron of **PILGRIMS**, laborers, and Spain, where the Camino de Santiago honors his legacy. Jesus asked him, "Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?" – and James did, with courage.



SAINT MARK
FAMILY MINISTRY

Word Search using the **BOLDED** words above.



Coming Up at St. Mark:
Summer 2025
Grow. Serve.
Share. Connect.



Every Week...

Tuesdays, 1-2 pm, Parish Hall

Young in Spirit Exercise Class

Tuesdays, 5:30 pm, Church

Holy Face of Jesus Prayer Group

Tuesdays, 7 pm, Church

Rosary Prayer Group, Church

Thursdays, 10 am

Millions of Monicas Prayer, Church

Special Events...

Wednesday, July 23, 6:30 pm

Fraternus and Fidelis Summer Bash

Friday, July 25, 9 am

Respect Life Mass & Rosary Vigil

Sunday, July 27

New member Meet and Greet

Caterpillar Ministries School Supply Drive

Tuesday, July 29

Rosary, 7 pm; Prayer and Praise 7:30 pm

Wednesday, August 6, 6:30 p.m.

Mass and Holy Hour of Reparation

Saturday, August 9

Men's Evening of Reflection

Friday, August 15

Assumption of Mary

Holy Day of Obligation: Offices closed

August 16 and 17

Ministry Fair

Friday, August 22, 9 am

Respect Life Mass & Rosary Vigil

Sunday, August 23

Anniversary Dedication of St. Mark

Monday, September 1

Holiday: Labor Day, offices closed

Friday and Saturday, September 5 & 6

Diocese of Charlotte Eucharistic Congress

Wednesday, September 11

Annual Blue Mass

Friday, September 12

Healed and Restored Gala

Saturday, September 13

Family Ministry Armor of God Conference

Wednesday, September 24

Young at Heart Luncheon

Saturday, September 27

SeptemberFest Parish Social

Events subject to change. Watch for more details in the weeks before event.

YOUTH MINISTRY

High School Youth Ministry July 2025

Sun., July 20: Teen Movie Night, 6-8:30 pm

In the Parish Hall. Dinner, snacks, and a movie!

Sun., July 27: Middle and High School Luau, 6-8 pm

In the Parish Hall and church lawn. All Middle and High Schoolers are invited to an end-of-summer tropical bash! Dinner, games, flower leis, and slip-and-slide kickball!

Dress for a messy South-Seas themed party, and bring a towel! Contact mariana.vasquez-damian@stmarknc.org with any questions! See you there! E 'ike iā 'oe ma laila!

Questions: augustine.free@stmarknc.org



We have group meetings on Sunday Nights during the school year, Bible Study during the week, and conference, pilgrimage, and retreat offerings throughout the year. Get plugged into the communication methods listed below and use the QR code to sign up!

Want to receive text message notifications about High School Ministry events?

We use REMIND messaging to text parents and teens weekly activities, reminders, or schedule changes. Sign up by texting "@smhsym2025 to the phone number "81010." **Get Connected! Instagram:** @stmarkncyouth **Email:** augustine.free@stmarknc.org

PARISH LIFE

Mass Intentions

The Mass Intention Calendar for January through June 2026 is now open.

Due to the heavy volume of requests, we have made some changes to better accommodate all of our parishioners. We will book the first six months of the year only, then open the remaining dates in early December. Please be aware that you can request a total of five intentions per person, family or organization for the six-month period.

Mass Intentions are offered at St. Mark Catholic Church, St. Mark Catholic School, and Davidson College at the Lingle Chapel.

Please note that we accept donations in cash or checks only, and the recommended donation is now \$15 per intention. Contact the parish office at 704-948-0231 for more information.

For those who would like to honor their deceased loved ones, we also offer the Purgatorial Society. Your loved ones' name is added to our book for a year, and is remembered at the last Wednesday of every month at the 6:30 pm Mass. Enrollment in this Society is \$25. For more information on the Purgatorial Society, visit our website at stmarknc.org/purgatorial-society or speak to the receptionist at the Welcome Desk.



This Wednesday!



Fidelis & Fraternus Youth Ministry Summer Bash

Wednesday, July 23
6:30-8:45 pm
Outside on the lawn



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We will start with Holy Mass at 6:30 pm; Bash follows
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Caterpillar Ministries School Supply Drive July 26-August 3

We will have our annual drive to benefit Caterpillar Ministries, a non-profit Christian organization that helps the residents in the Huntington Park Community in Huntersville. Caterpillar Ministries serves more than 900 children, adults and seniors through faith development, academic enrichment, crisis care, and advocacy support.

St. Mark has many parishioners in this community that will benefit from your donations. They have a specific list of items needed. Please place these items in the marked bin in the Narthex July 26 through Aug. 3.

Please donate these items only:

- Backpacks
- Loose leaf paper, college ruled
- Composition notebooks, wide or college ruled
- 1 subject spiral notebooks, wide ruled
- 5 subject spiral notebooks, college ruled
- Pencils, pre-sharpened wood or mechanical
- 2-pocket, 3 prong plastic folders, any color

Info: Karen Donahue at karen.donahue@stmarknc.org



PARISH LIFE

Men's Evening with Dr. Ray of EWTN

When: Aug. 9; 6 pm (after 5 pm Mass)
Where: Monsignor Kerin Hall

We are very excited to have Dr. Ray Guarendi of EWTN speak at our next Men's Evening of Reflection. Spread the word! Have some food on us and enjoy the friendship and a talk on Manhood.



RSVP: Scan QR code
Contact: Joe Aiello, 419-787-4677,
atlanticpgm@gmail.com



New Member Meet and Greet

When: Sun., July 27, Noon-1:30 pm
Where: Parish Hall

Are you new to St. Mark or still feeling new? We'd love to welcome you personally at our Summer New Member Meet and Greet!

Join us after the 11 am Mass for a relaxed reception where you'll meet fellow parishioners, connect with our clergy, staff, and ministry leaders, and discover all the ways you can get involved in parish life. Whether you're looking for spiritual enrichment, community events, volunteer opportunities, or just friendly faces—you'll find it here.

This is a perfect way to ask questions, learn more about our parish, and start feeling truly at home at St. Mark.

Please RSVP at
stmarknc.org/meet-and-greet.



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Mark Fitzgerald, from our publisher, Diocesan, will be at our parish Monday, July 21, through Friday, July 25. You can contact Mark at 614-205-4841 or by email mfitzgerald@diocesan.com

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Eleven young men from the United States walk the Way of St. James pilgrimage. They are looking for answers, not beautiful scenery: How do you deal with pain and suffering? Do the weak quit, or do they find meaning on the Camino? How much baggage is enough or too much?



Sts. Joachim and Anne | Catholic Saints

Though they never appear in canonical Scripture, Sts. Joachim and Anne—the grandparents of Jesus—hold a place of great importance in the Church's tradition. Discover more about the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary in this episode of Catholic Saints with Mary McGeehan and Augustine Institute professor Dr. Carl Vennerstrom.



Saint Mary Magdalene | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp for a discussion on the life and witness of St. Mary Magdalene. Who was she, and why is she a saint? Find out in this conversation.

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AROUND THE DIOCESE

Charlotte Young Professional Catholic Event: More Than Advice, The Life-Changing Power of Mentorship

When: Tue., July 29, 7-9 pm

Where: Capitol Towers North: 4350 Congress St, Charlotte

Young Professional Catholics are invited to a special evening with accomplished executives as they share powerful insights on how mentorship has shaped their careers and transformed their lives. This intimate panel discussion will dive deep into the real stories behind professional success - the mentors who opened doors, the guidance that changed everything, and the relationships that continue to drive growth.

This members-only event offers a unique opportunity to hear unfiltered stories from leaders who've walked the path you're on. Come ready for honest conversations, actionable insights, and the chance to connect with fellow members who understand the value of learning from those who've gone before. **Scan the code to register.**

Young Catholic Professionals offer a generation of restless young workers in their 20s and 30s a way to go deeper in faith, life, and work. Together, we seek authentic friendships, a richer sense of purpose, and both personal and professional excellence. Above all, we're here to help inspire modern-day saints!

For more info: www.youngcatholicprofessionals.org



Experience North Carolina's Catholic Music Festival

When: Aug. 2; 12-8pm

Where: The Oaks at Daniel Ridge in Candler, NC

Join Catholics from across the diocese this summer at the Kingfisher Folk Fest, North Carolina's only Catholic music festival, in the beautiful mountains of our state! This all-day, all-ages event includes music, dancing, kids' activities, arts-and-crafts vendors, local food and drink, and more. Sponsored by Canongate Catholic High School, Kingfisher features performances from critically acclaimed Catholic songwriters. Joe Pug, the festival's headliner, has appeared on NPR and performed at the largest stages in America, including Bonnaroo, Lollapalooza, and the Newport Folk Festival. A unique experience of Catholic community, arts, and culture, Kingfisher Folk Fest is rapidly gaining a reputation as a favorite summer event for North Carolina Catholics.

For more information and tickets, visit kingfisherfest.com.

Contact: Andrew Tolkmith,
828-699-9597,
atolkmith@canongatecatholic.org

Part-time Opportunities

Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools is now hiring *After School Assistants*. Locations, Now-May 2026: **St. Ann Catholic School, St. Patrick Catholic School, St. Mark Catholic School in Huntersville**

- Hours 2:30-6 pm
- 3- 5 days a week!
- No weekends or evenings
- Summers off

Contact: ehbuening@rcdoc.org



There are many opportunities to work for the Diocese of Charlotte. For a complete listing of professional, administrative, facility, and teaching jobs, scan the code or please visit charlottediocese.org/employment-opportunities/.

Marian Pilgrimage to Fatima, Spain & Lourdes

When: May 25-June 4, 2026

Where: Fatima, Spain, Lourdes

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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: stmarknc.org/livestream

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stmarknc.org/Online-Giving

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 pm 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 & Book Store

Open daily in the Family Center

Coffee & Conversation Social Gathering

Tuesdays, 9:30 am, Parish Hall.

Cursillo

Visit www.CharlotteCursillo.com for information on upcoming retreat weekends, ultreyas and group reunions.

Natural Family Planning

Joe and Kathy Hack; Sympto-Thermal Method;

704-548-1834; hackhouse@bellsouth.net; cli.org

Elisabeth Laskowski; Creighton Model;

creightonmodel@gmail.com; 484-332-9084

Crisis Pregnancy Help

Community Pregnancy Center of Lake Norman:

704-727-0535

Catholic Charities: 704-370-3262; Birthright:

704-975-8572; Post Abortion: 1-800-5-WE CARE

Poor prenatal diagnosis? You're not alone. There is help.

benotafraid.net

Taken Abortion Pill? It may not be too late: Abortion Pill

Reversal 877-558-0333 or abortionpillreversal.com

Parishioner Assistance

Financial:

St. Vincent De Paul Society:
Emily.Bixler@stmarknc.org

Life Crisis: Stephen Ministry

stmarknc.org/stephen-ministry

Food Insecurity:

Parish Office
stmarknc.org/assistance or
Emily.Bixler@stmarknc.org or
704-948-0231, Ext. 102

Al-Anon

Elen | 704-907-8555

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Tom | 704-604-7739

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Paul G. | 704-641-0654

Divorce Support Group

For anyone going through separation and/or divorce. Meetings are held Monday evenings at 7 pm in Room 204. If parish offices are closed, meetings are held at Lowe's Foods, exit 23.

Contact: divorce.support@stmarknc.org





En la lectura del Evangelio de hoy de San Lucas, recibimos un recordatorio sobre el uso adecuado del don del tiempo, un aspecto fundamental de

una forma de vida de mayordomía. Nuestro pasaje destaca una de las cenas más famosas jamás organizadas, recordando el día en que Marta y María recibieron a Nuestro Señor en su casa. Se nos dice que Marta, como buen mayordomo, da la bienvenida a Cristo, pero luego se siente "cargada de mucho servicio", mientras que su hermana y compañera anfitriona elige simplemente sentarse con Jesús, escuchándolo hablar.

Marta se indigna por el comportamiento de María y se queja a Jesús: "Señor, ¿no te importa que mi hermana me haya dejado sola para servir? Dile que me ayude". Pero Jesús, en su infinita sabiduría, se niega a dejarse arrastrar por esta disputa fraternal. En cambio, le ofrece a Marta una nueva forma de ver la situación. "Marta, Marta, estás ansiosa y preocupada por muchas cosas. Solo se necesita una cosa".

¿Qué es esa cosa? Es poner a Jesús primero en nuestras vidas y por encima de todas las demás cosas; "sentarnos a sus pies" y escuchar como lo hizo María, dándole a Él la prioridad de nuestro tiempo sin importar cuán ocupados pensemos que estamos. Cuando realmente nos comprometemos a poner a Cristo en primer lugar en nuestra vida diaria a través de un tiempo regular de oración y participación frecuente en los sacramentos, encontraremos que todas nuestras otras preocupaciones se vuelven menos apremiantes, menos abrumadoras.

¿A qué se debe esto? Porque el tiempo que invertimos en nuestra relación con Dios satura todos los aspectos de nuestras vidas con Su gracia. Y porque Dios no puede ser superado en generosidad. Él recompensará abundantemente cualquier sacrificio que hagamos para pasar tiempo con Él. ©Consultores de Mayordomía Católica, 2025

Reflexión pastoral

En la tradición católica, la oración es una práctica fundamental, entendida como una relación personal y comunitaria con Dios. Se ve como un diálogo, no como un monólogo, donde el individuo eleva su corazón y su mente a Dios, buscando la comunión, la guía y la alineación con Su voluntad.

A continuación se presenta una descripción concisa de la comprensión católica de la oración, basada en la enseñanza y la tradición de la Iglesia:

1. Definición y Propósito:

- El *Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica* (CIC 2559) define la oración como "la elevación de la mente y el corazón a Dios o la petición de cosas buenas de Dios". Es un acto de amor, confianza y dependencia de Dios, que fomenta una relación de pacto.
- El objetivo principal de la oración es la comunión con Dios, alineando la voluntad humana con la voluntad divina, según el modelo de Jesús en el Padre Nuestro (Mateo 6:9-13).

2. Tipos de oración (CIC 2626-2643):

- **Adoración:** Adoración a Dios por su infinita bondad y majestad (por ejemplo, adoración eucarística).
- **Petición:** Pedir necesidades personales o perdón, reconociendo la dependencia humana de Dios.
- **Intercesión:** Orar por los demás, reflejando caridad y solidaridad (por ejemplo, orar por los vivos y los muertos).
- **Acción de gracias:** Expresar gratitud por los dones de Dios, como se ve en la Eucaristía ("acción de gracias" en griego).
- **Alabanza:** Glorificar a Dios por lo que es, más allá de lo que hace.

3. Formas de oración:

- **Oración vocal:** Oraciones habladas, como el Rosario, el Padre Nuestro o el Ave María, que involucran tanto el cuerpo como el alma.
- **Oración meditativa:** Reflexionar sobre las Escrituras o misterios sagrados (por ejemplo, Lectio Divina o meditar sobre los misterios del Rosario).
- **Oración contemplativa:** Una mirada silenciosa y amorosa hacia Dios, buscando una unión más profunda, como enseñaron santos como Teresa de Ávila y Juan de la Cruz.

4. Fundamentos teológicos:

- La oración tiene sus raíces en la Trinidad: los católicos oran al Padre, a través del Hijo, en el Espíritu Santo (CIC 2655).
- Jesús es el modelo de oración, visto en Su constante comunión con el Padre (por ejemplo, Juan 17). El Espíritu Santo inspira y sostiene la oración (Romanos 8:26).
- María y los santos son intercesores, no mediadores,

cuyas oraciones unen las nuestras a Dios (CIC 2673-2679).

5. Papel en la vida católica:

- La oración es esencial para la salvación, ya que alimenta la fe, la esperanza y la caridad (CIC 2558). Es una obligación diaria, a menudo a través de prácticas como las oraciones matutinas y vespertinas, la Misa o la Liturgia de las Horas.
- La Eucaristía, como "fuente y cumbre" de la vida cristiana (CIC 1324), es la forma más alta de oración, que une a los creyentes con el sacrificio de Cristo.
- La oración fortalece contra la tentación y fomenta las virtudes, como se ve en la vida de santos como Teresa de Lisieux, quien llamó a la oración "una oleada del corazón".

6. Expresiones prácticas:

- **Liturgia:** La Misa y los sacramentos son oraciones comunitarias que unen a la Iglesia en la tierra y en el cielo.
- **Devociones:** Prácticas como el Rosario, la Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia o las novenas profundizan la devoción personal.
- **Oración espontánea:** Se fomenta la oración sincera y sin guion junto con formas estructuradas.

7. Retos y crecimiento:

- A los católicos se les enseña a perseverar en la oración a pesar de las distracciones o la sequedad, confiando en la presencia de Dios (CIC 2729-2733).
- La oración requiere humildad y apertura, como decía san Agustín: "El hombre es un mendigo ante Dios".

Evidencia de apoyo:

- El *Catecismo* (cuarta parte, CIC 2558-2865) proporciona una guía completa de la oración, enfatizando su centralidad.
- El Sacrosanctum Concilium *del Vaticano II* destaca la liturgia como la principal expresión de la oración, uniendo a la Iglesia.
- Los escritos de los santos, como los Ejercicios Espirituales de San Ignacio de Loyola, ofrecen métodos prácticos para profundizar en la oración.

Para una mayor exploración, consulte el *Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica* o los recursos del Vaticano (vatican.va). La oración, en el catolicismo, no es solo una práctica, sino una forma de vida que atrae a los creyentes al amor y la misión de Dios.

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Muchos feligreses de San Marcos viven en esta comunidad y se beneficiarán de sus donaciones. Tienen una lista específica de artículos necesarios. Por favor, coloque sus donaciones en el contenedor marcado en el NárteX desde el 26 de agosto hasta el 3 de septiembre.

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Lecturas de las Escrituras

Para la Semana del 20 de Julio de 2025

- Domingo** Décimo Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
Gén 18, 1-10a; Sal 14, 2-3ab. 3cd-4ab. 5; Col 1, 24-28; Lc 10, 38-42
- Lunes** Éx 14, 5-18; Éx 15, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6; Mt 12, 38-42
- Martes** Fiesta de Santa María Magdalena
Cant 3, 1-4 o 2 Cor 5, 14-17; Sal 62, 2. 3-4. 5-6. 8-9; Jn 20, 1-2. 11-18
- Miércoles** Éx 16, 1-5. 9-15; Sal 77, 18-19. 23-24. 25-26. 27-28; Mt 13, 1-9
- Jueves** Éx 19, 1-2. 9-11. 16-20; Dn 3, 52. 53. 54. 55. 56; Mt 13, 10-17
- Viernes** Fiesta de Santiago, Apóstol
2 Cor 4, 7-15; Sal 125, 1-2ab. 2cd-3. 4-5. 6; Mt 20, 20-28
- Sábado** Memoria de San Joaquín y Santa Ana, Padres de la Santísima Virgen María
Éx 24, 3-8; Sal 49, 1-2. 5-6. 14-15; Mt 13, 24-30
- Domingo** Décimo Séptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
Gén 18, 20-32; Sal 137, 1-2a. 2bc-3. 6-7ab. 7c-8; Col 2, 12-14; Lc 11, 1-13




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