

*Assumption
of the Blessed
Virgin Mary*



Friday, August 15

Vigil Mass: 7 pm

Feast Day: 7 am, 9 am,

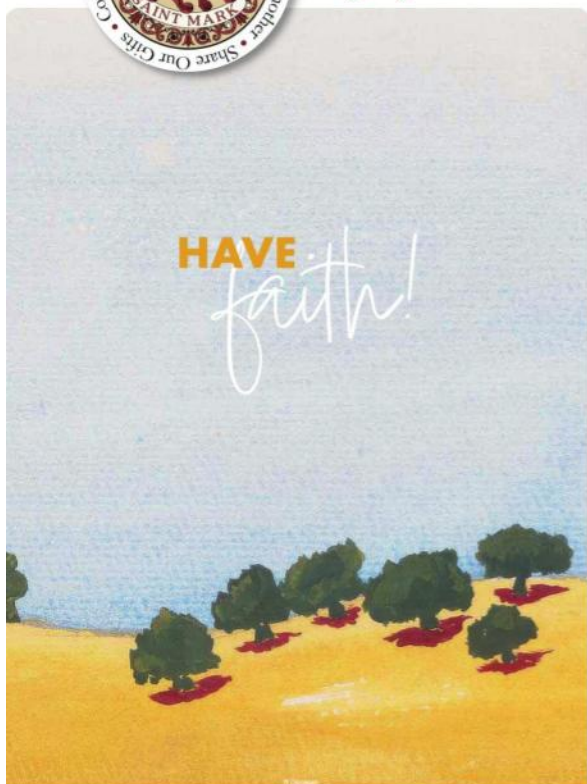
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SAINT MARK

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 10, 2025, Español pagina 15



Welcome to St. Mark



Today is the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The readings can be found on page 1176. 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



Whether you are just beginning your stewardship journey or have been living a stewardship way of life for years, today's readings invite us to ask ourselves an important question.

The question is this: "What do you treasure?" Of course, we all know the "right" answer: we treasure our faith, our family, and our friendships. But Jesus tells us in the Gospel passage from Luke

how we can discover the real answer to this question. He says, "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."

To discern what we really treasure, we need to do a check on our hearts. We can each ask ourselves, "Where do I spend the majority of my energy? Where do I find my thoughts dwelling? How do I choose to spend my time when I find myself with a few spare moments? What do my spending habits reveal about my what is important to me?"

As Christian stewards, we are called to live our lives in grateful response to all that God has given us. Do I recognize and treasure these gifts?

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Pastoral Pondering – A couple of weeks back, I wrote about the various types of prayer. Following up on that, I wanted to address what I would call emotionalism and faith. Over the years I have encountered quite a few Catholics who complain that they do not get anything out of Mass or they don't "feel" God's presence. This often leads to their searching all over the place – sometimes in all of the wrong places – for something to fill that void. There is a danger here that needs to be avoided.

The Catholic view of emotionalism, while not explicitly addressed as a single concept in official doctrine, can be understood through the Church's teachings on emotions, reason, and the role of the will in spiritual life. Emotionalism, broadly defined as an excessive or uncontrolled reliance on emotions over reason or disciplined faith, is generally approached with caution in Catholic theology. Below is a concise explanation based on Catholic principles:

1. Emotions as Part of Human Nature: The Catholic Church teaches that emotions (or "passions") are natural components of human psychology, created by God. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 1763-1768), passions like love, joy, sorrow, or anger are neither good nor bad in themselves but become morally good or bad based on how they are directed by reason and the will toward God's purpose.

2. Balance of Reason and Emotion: Catholicism emphasizes the integration of emotions with reason and faith. Emotionalism, as an overemphasis on feelings without grounding in truth or moral reasoning, can lead to spiritual imbalance. St. Thomas Aquinas, a key Catholic theologian, teaches that passions must be governed by reason, which is informed by divine law and grace, to align with virtue (*Summa Theologiae*, I-II, Q. 24).

3. Dangers of Emotionalism in Worship: In the context of liturgy and prayer, the Church values authentic emotional expression but warns against emotionalism that prioritizes subjective feelings over objective truth or the sacredness of worship. For example, Pope Benedict XVI, in his writings on liturgy, critiqued overly sentimental or entertainment-driven worship styles, advocating for reverence and focus on Christ's sacrifice (*The Spirit of the Liturgy*). The Church encourages heartfelt devotion but rooted in doctrine and tradition. Sadly, there are many examples of contemporary Catholic worship that ignore this basic principle.

4. Discernment in Spiritual Life: Catholic spirituality, as seen in the works of mystics like St. Ignatius of Loyola or St. Teresa of Ávila, stresses discernment to distinguish genuine spiritual consolations (from God) from fleeting emotional highs. Emotionalism that lacks discernment may lead to self-deception or instability in faith.

5. Charismatic Movements and Emotional Expression: The Catholic Charismatic Renewal, for instance, embraces expressive worship and emotional experiences like joy or spiritual gifts (e.g., speaking in tongues). However, the Church regulates such movements to ensure they align with doctrine and are not driven by unchecked emotionalism. Vatican documents, like those from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, emphasize that charismatic expressions must be tested against Scripture and Tradition.

In summary, the Catholic Church views emotions as valuable but subordinate to reason, will, and faith. Emotionalism, when it overrides these, is seen as potentially misleading or spiritually immature. The goal is a balanced faith where emotions enrich but do not dominate one's relationship with God. In the end, the goal of prayer, especially liturgical prayer, is to worship God. It is not about seeking heavenly *warm fuzzies* to make us feel better. On occasion we may certainly receive these signal graces, and we should thank God for those. Nonetheless, they are not ends in themselves. The only end of the spiritual life is God Himself.

Holy Day of Obligation: The Assumption of Mary

*When: Vigil Mass, Thurs. Aug. 14;
7 pm*

*Feast Day Mass, Fri. Aug. 15;
7 am, 9 am, 12:10 pm,
7 pm Spanish*

The Assumption of Mary is an important day in the Church and a Holy Day of Obligation. This event is celebrated every year on Aug. 15 and is the fourth Glorious Mystery. The Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary instructs us on one of the important Marian Dogmas: the death of the Blessed Virgin Mary and her assumption, body and soul, into Heaven.

The office and Kerin Center building will be closed Aug. 15.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 10

7:30 am St. Mark Parishioners
9 am † John & Donna Wingert
11 am † Simon & Maria Royko
1 pm The Family Garcia
5 pm † Kenneth Springer

Monday, August 11

7 am † Pacita Tuazon
9 am Joanna Solorzano

Tuesday, August 12

7 am Lynn Darwish
9 am † Brian Torczynski

Wednesday, August 13

7 am Lia Cruz
† Gerald McNerney
6:30 pm † Kenneth Springer
† Roger Ludwig Porubsky

Thursday, August 14

7 am † Robert Davies
9 am † Tom Bresnahan

Friday, August 15

7 am † Roger Ludwig Porubsky
9 am Mary's Women of Joy
7 pm † Marcial Dominguez

Saturday, August 16

9 am Deacon Tom & Nancy
McGahey
5 pm St. Mark Parishioners

Sunday, August 17

7:30 am † Robert & George Williams
9 am † John Phillips
11 am † Deacon Leo Gladnick &
Lori Gladnick
1 pm † Alfredo Sanchez
5 pm † Norine Petroni

† Deceased

*May God's grace be with the families
of our recently deceased*

Vernon McCord, Husband of Marie McCord
and

Patricia Ann Piedmonte, Mother of John
Piedmonte

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**; 2nd Lt **Connor Milligan**; SrA. **Benjamin Salber**; Airman **Chloe Scott**

Army: 2nd Lt. **Amelia Andretti**; 1st Lt. **Patrick Camatcho**; 1st Lt. **Sarah Camatcho**; Major **Robert Caraccilo**; 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 Rusciolelli**

Navy: LCDR. **Matthew Giannone**; Lt. **Albert Remy, 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
Lindsay Remington
Butch Remesch
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

Sun Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or
Heb 11:1-2, 8-12; Lk 12:32-48 or Lk 12:35-40

Mon Memorial of Saint Clare, Virgin

Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15 19-20; Mt 17:22-27

Tue Dt 31:1-8; Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wed Dt 34:1-12; Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17, Mt 18:15-20

Thu Memorial of Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

Jos 3: 7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 18:21-19:1

Fri Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14;
1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28

Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16; 1 Cor
15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Sat Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11, Mt 19:13-15

Sun Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

ADORATION

Adoration Chapels in the United States

By: Donna Fodale/Adoration Coordinator

We are so blessed here at St. Mark to have an Adoration Chapel. I just received an email this week from someone who asked about visiting our Chapel. She will be on retreat with a group of ladies from South Carolina. They wanted to make sure to stop in and visit the Lord. I have received many of these emails over the years. So, just know that you may be sharing your time in Adoration with someone from a different state or even a different country. Thanks to Amy Burger and her social media posts, people are aware of all the wonderful things that St. Mark offers but most especially our love for the Eucharist. Not too long ago I had a friend visit from New York and though I am sure she was happy to visit me, she could not wait to visit our church and the Adoration chapel. Like my friend there are many people that follow us on social media. Social media can often be a great way to Evangelize.

Below are some of the responses that I received from a few parishioners on the Adoration Chapels that they have visited. I pray that the next time that you plan a vacation, you plan it around the closest Adoration Chapel if possible.

Next time you visit our chapel remember that somewhere around the world there are people sitting, gazing at the Lord just as you are. Reflecting on this is a reminder of how we are all brother and sisters in Christ and that one day God willing, we will all be in heaven, close to each other, sharing in the beatific vision.

Al and Mary Jarvis write...

In 2022, we were in Orlando on December 8th. We went early for the evening Mass at the Basilica of Mary, Queen of the Universe and were able to visit the adoration chapel there shortly before it closed for the day. It is a beautiful church, so different from the normal Orlando attractions, and well worth

visiting. I don't have a photo of the chapel; it is located at the back of the church, but here is the altar.

Also, last year, on a trip to Wisconsin, we visited the shrine of Our Lady of Champion and the

adoration chapel there. The Shrine is lovely and is the only approved Marian apparition site in the US.



Barbara Moschella shared the picture to the right of the Adoration chapel located at St. Gregory the Great in Bluffton South Carolina.



Melanie Castillo writes...

I used to live in Wildwood Missouri. Our parish was Holy Infant Catholic Church in Ballwin MO. It had a warm, welcoming and peaceful adoration chapel. It was the first time when I actively went and spent time with the Blessed Sacrament,

as well as introduce and take my sons to the chapel. I soon discovered that it was Cardinal Dolan's parish when he was a boy.

If you are interested in becoming an Adorer or sub please contact: donna.fodale@stmarknc.org.

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS

Custom St. Mark T-Shirt for 2025 Eucharistic Congress!

\$15-20, Children and Adult Sizes, English or Spanish

Order Deadline August 18; T-shirt pick-up at church after Mass August 30 and 31

T-shirts are available for order and payment through Chameleon Screen Printing.

To order, go to stmarknc.org/eucharistic-congress (scan code) and click on the ORDER HERE button.

Join fellow parishioners as we march together in the Eucharistic Procession at the Diocese of Charlotte's Eucharistic Congress, a powerful, public witness to our belief in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. When we walk together, unified in prayer and purpose, we proclaim to the world that Christ is truly present in our Church, in our Diocese, and in our lives.

To help us stand out and walk in unity, we are offering t-shirts featuring the Monstrance from our very own Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel. This is the first time we've created a custom design to reflect our parish's deep devotion to the Eucharist.

T-shirts are made to order and will not be sold after this date.

Let's show up together — in spirit and in strength — for Our Lord!



STEWARDSHIP

Spotlight on Stewardship of Our Hearts for the Kingdom, Pilgrimage of Hope Ministry Fair

When: Sat., Aug. 16 and 17

Where: Monsignor Kerin Family Center Parish Hall

Jesus teaches us to align our hearts with the kingdom in heaven in our gospel reading today. He reminds us to be faithful and prudent stewards, first of the treasure we hold in Jesus, and then in giving to those in need. When we receive baptism, we also obtain the virtue of faith, *virtus fidei*, the “capacity to believe” and the “presence of the Holy Spirit” (Pope John Paul II, *Catechesi Tradendae* 19). Each of us must still make a personal act of faith, *actus fidei*, after we reach the age of reason, to freely accept Jesus and the transforming graces and treasures he desires to give.

Jesus calls us to intentional discipleship, motivated by love and recognizing the dignity of each person. We must choose to align our hearts with his, laying down the nets of our old ways, which hold us in unfaithfulness. As Christians, he entrusts us with much, and he also demands much. Disciples follow Jesus into stewardship, serving, and relieving the suffering of those around us.

Jesus tells us to prepare for His coming and reminds us of the importance of repenting and returning to grace quickly when we fail, rather than remaining in a state of sin. Knowledge of what Jesus calls us to do without actions that reflect our belief in these truths is a dead faith, *fides informis*, “For just as a body without a spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.” (James 2:26)

When we allow the light of Christ to shine in all we do and say, we steward our hearts for the kingdom. The Catholic Church holds the keys to the kingdom and calls us to vigilance.

Wherever you are on your discipleship and stewardship journey, the St. Mark’s community is here to walk with you.

We invite you to join us at our annual ministry fair, Pilgrimage of Hope, next weekend. Saturday, August 16, after 5 pm Mass & Sunday, August 17, after 7 am, 9 am & 11 am Masses. Get your passports stamped and enjoy refreshments as you learn about the many ways we equip ourselves to steward our hearts for the kingdom and share hope as we Grow in Christ, Serve One Another, Share Our Gifts, and Connect in Faith at St. Mark and the greater community.



Pilgrimage of Hope

MINISTRY FAIR

Your journey starts here!

Food. Raffles. Fun. Friends.

Schedule of Events

Next Saturday and Sunday
August 16 & 17
In the Parish Hall after Mass

Saturday, August 16
Hot Dogs, after 5 pm Mass

Sunday, August 17
Donut Holes, after 7:30 & 9 am Mass
Hot Dogs, after 11 am Mass

Join us for St. Mark's Annual Ministry Fair and take a Jubilee Year of Hope Pilgrimage through the many ministries that **make our parish so amazing!**

Pick up your passport and **travel from table to table, discovering more than 45 ministries where you can** serve our parish and how you can be part of the journey.

Whether you're called to hospitality, liturgy, outreach, evangelization or formation, **there's a place for you to grow, serve, share, and connect here.**

Let this pilgrimage lead you to new friendships, deeper faith, and meaningful service.

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PILGRIMS OF HOPE

RESPECT LIFE

A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life

In the wake of Congress's defunding of Planned Parenthood, the U.S. Bishops are inviting Catholics to pray for St. Joseph's intercession from now through October 1 to stop taxpayer funding of the abortion industry.

*Dearest St. Joseph,
at the word of an angel,
you lovingly took Mary into your home.
As God's humble servant, you guided
the Holy Family on the road to
Bethlehem,
welcomed Jesus as your own son
in the shelter of a manger,
and fled far from your homeland
for the safety of both Mother and Child.
We praise God that as their faithful
protector,
you never hesitated to sacrifice
for those entrusted to you.
May your example inspire us also
to welcome, cherish, and safeguard
God's most precious gift of life.
Help us to faithfully commit ourselves
to the service and defense of human
life*

*— especially where it is
vulnerable or threatened.
Obtain for us the grace
to do the will of God in all things.
Amen.*

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PARISH LIFE

Altar Server Training

When: Sun., Aug. 17 and 24; 6:30 - 8 pm
Where: Church



We would like to invite any rising 4th grader or older who would like to serve the Lord to come and learn how to be an Altar Server.

We will be holding two training sessions in the Church on Sundays after Mass, on August 17 and 24 from 6:30 - 8 pm.

Contact: Matt Mixa,
stmarkacolytes@gmail.com

Stephen Ministry

The Stephen Ministry is made up of St. Mark parishioners who have received extensive training to give emotional and spiritual care/ support to fellow St. Mark 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 trying times. Whatever difficulty you are facing, Stephen Ministry is here to serve you, so you don't have to suffer alone.

For more information, please contact either Leanne Vaccaro at leanne.vaccaro@stmarknc.org or Rich Kull at rkull@optonline.net.

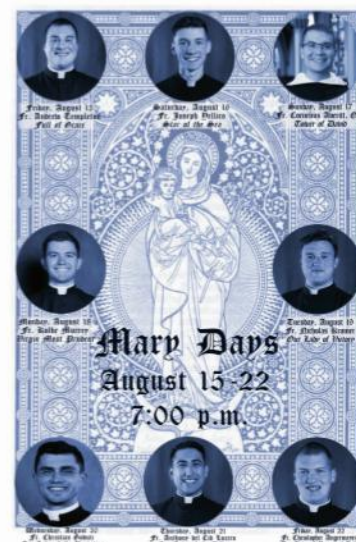
Or visit our website at stmarknc.org/Stephen-ministry.

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St. Thomas Annual Mary Days

When: Fri., Aug 15-Fri., Aug 22, 7 pm
Where: St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 1400
Suther Rd, Charlotte

All are invited to the Annual Mary Days Masses at St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church. From the Solemnity of the Assumption on Friday, Aug. 15 through the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Friday, Aug. 22, St. Thomas Aquinas parish will have eight days of Masses celebrating Our Blessed Mother! All of our newly ordained priests – including Fr. Angermeyer – and two other visiting priests will each celebrate one of the Masses, preaching on different titles of Our Lady! Masses begin in the Church at 7 pm All are welcome to attend!



RELAUNCHING ST. MARK

Walking with Moms in Need

WHO?

This effort is for everyone—men, women, families, youth, and individuals—who want to build a culture of life and love here at Saint Mark and beyond! Let us walk together in hope and service to the Moms in need of our community.

Every woman facing an unexpected pregnancy or parenting in difficult circumstances should know she can turn to her local Catholic Church for the help and hope she needs. That is the mission of Walking with Moms in Need—a nationwide, parish-based initiative of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

At Saint Mark, we are relaunching this outreach with renewed commitment, and we invite you to walk with us. This apostolate seeks to provide real, tangible support to pregnant and parenting women—not just within our parish, but across our entire local community.

Five Pillars of Support:

We are organizing this initiative around five key pillars, and we need your help in each area. We encourage you to prayerfully consider how God might be calling you to serve:

1. **Resource Referral:** Help connect mothers to local services and resources
2. **Monetary Support:** Financial contributions or assistance with fundraising
3. **Material Support:** Donating or collecting essential baby and household items
4. **Emotional Support:** Offer friendship, encouragement, and mentorship
5. **Spiritual Support:** Pray intentionally for our moms and the ministry

WHO? Each pillar will have a volunteer leader.

If you feel called to serve as a coordinator in one of these areas, please reach out to us directly—we would love to talk with you about this opportunity for servant leadership.

If you have questions, feel drawn to one of the support pillars, or feel called to take on a leadership role, please contact beth@zuhosky.com or meet us at the St. Mark Ministry Fair August 16-17.

Learn More:

National website for Walking with Moms in Need www.walkingwithmoms.com/videos



Watch the new 3-minute video, **Answering the Call**, featuring our own diocesan leader, Melissa Scanlon from St. Matthew Church, that beautifully highlights how parishes like ours can be the hands and feet of Christ to mothers in need. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6htuNr8GuOg>





Director of Faith Formation: SARAH.RIDER@stmarknc.org www.stmarknc.org/ff

REGISTRATION CLOSES 8/11 at 4PM

ELEMENTARY

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Sunday 9:30-10:45

Monday 4:30-5:45 ; 6:15-7:30

*kindergarden classroom available ONLY at Sunday session

All other elementary grades available at all times.

This is not only for those receiving First Communion, all elementary aged children are welcome to participate in religious education!

FIRST COMMUNION

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First Communion is typically completed in 2nd grade for those who attended 1st grade faith formation. If you are unsure if your child is eligible for a First Communion class, reach out to sarah.rider@stmarknc.org

MIDDLE SCHOOL

sarah.rider@stmarknc.org

Sunday: 9:30 am - 10:45 am

Monday: 6:30 pm - 7:45 pm

EDGE is a Middle School Youth Group for all students in 6-8th Grade. 7th grade EDGE is required to receive Confirmation in 8th grade.

CONFIRMATION

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Sunday: 9:30 am - 10:45 am

Monday: 6:30 pm - 7:45 pm

Confirmation is typically completed in 8th Grade. One year in our EDGE program is required to enter Confirmation prep in 8th grade. 8th graders who did not complete 7th grade EDGE, should complete EDGE in 8th grade, and register for Confirmation in 9th grade.

If your child is not yet baptized:

If your child is under 7 years old please contact [EMILY BIXLER emily.bixler@stmarknc.org](mailto:EMILY.BIXLER@stmarknc.org).

If your child is OLDER THAN 7 and has not been Baptized, they will need to be enrolled in OCIA for children to receive their Sacraments, contact [PAUL LASKOWSKI](mailto:PAUL.LASKOWSKI@stmarknc.org) for information: paul.laskowski@stmarknc.org.

If your child is in 9th grade or older and needs Confirmation:

High School Confirmation Classes are offered on Tuesday evenings. contact: paul.laskowski@stmarknc.org.
<https://www.stmarknc.org/ocia-for-children-and-teens>

CATECHISTS NEEDED!

Adult volunteers are needed for ALL the above classes!
Tuition is waived/reimbursed for all children of catechists.
Scan this QR code for more details:



PARISH LIFE

Men's Bible Study – What We Believe: The Beauty of the Catholic Faith

*When: Most Wednesday evenings 7:15 – 8:45 pm,
beginning Sept. 10*

Where: Room 200 Parish Center

In this study, you will uncover the amazing riches of the Catholic faith. You will also discover:

- What is the Catholic Church all about
- What does it mean to be Catholic
- What do Catholics actually believe
- Who Catholics truly are and how we are called to live
- The profound gift of the sacraments, especially the Holy Eucharist, the source and summit of our Faith
- How to imitate Christ through prayer, through personal conversion, and through love for others

Founded by Christ himself, the Catholic Church is where we encounter God in his Word, his sacraments, and his saints. Maybe you've been Catholic your entire life, recently returned to the faith or converted into the faith. Wherever you may be in your journey, you will be profoundly moved by the beauty and the richness of the Catholic Church.

For Registration & Information: Ray FitzGerald
(Rfitzg@aol.com or 704-992-1702)

There is a fee for purchase of workbook or online access to video and course materials



Study: "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom" with Kathleen Lewis.

When: Thurs., Sept. 18 - Dec. 4

Where: Kerin Family Center Parish Hall

Mary's Women of Joy announces its exciting fall series exploring the life of freedom offered by the Holy Spirit! *Interior Freedom* and *In the School of the Holy Spirit* by Father Jacques Philippe serve as the content for the series, and Kathleen Lewis acts as teacher and guide through twelve weekly sessions.

Learn to meditate on God's Word, cooperating with the Lord's transforming graces. In a supportive community of women, consider what the Scriptural invitation to live authentic freedom means in your life!

Mary's Women of Joy is a sisterhood that celebrates our beauty and dignity as beloved daughters of God and honors the feminine genius so perfectly expressed by our Mother Mary. Entrusted to the heart of Mary and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, MWOJ seeks to encounter Jesus Christ more deeply through prayer and the Catholic study of scripture and Church teachings. Fostering relationships with one another, MWOJ encourages and supports women in their spiritual growth, understanding, and appreciation of the Catholic faith.

Space is limited, so register early at stmarknc.org/mwoj
\$45 Non-refundable registration fee; includes study materials.

Online registration is open until August 10.

Thursday Morning Session,
10 am–12:30 pm, Kerin Family Center Parish Hall

Thursday Evening Session
6:30-7pm Hospitality and 7–9 pm Study, Kerin Family Center Classrooms

Sessions include prayer, worship, teaching, small group discussions, coffee, and delicious snacks.

Contacts:

Morning session – Pat Thierfelder, patbill725@icloud.com

Evening session – Margie Vermilion, vptinc@yahoo.com

Save the Date!

SeptemberFest 2025

September 27, 6–9 pm

Annual Parish Family Social

Food Trucks. Music. Bounce Houses.
Drinks. Cupcake Walk. Ice Cream.
Primal Brewery. Game Truck. BINGO. Crafts.

Connect in Faith

PARISH LIFE

Putting on the Armor of God Conference

When: Sat., Sept. 10 am – 3 pm

Where: St. Mark Catholic Church Parish Hall

Join the Saint Mark Family Ministry for a day of spiritual strengthening! Learn how to combat evil and cultivate virtue. Increase spiritual protection for families. Deepen your connection with Our Lady through Marian Devotion. Snacks and lunch from Viva Chicken are included.

Guest Speaker: 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 and confessions are available.

The cost is \$35/couple or \$20/single.

More Information and Registration:

www.stmarknc.org/family-ministry

Contact: Michelle Suarez or Kelly

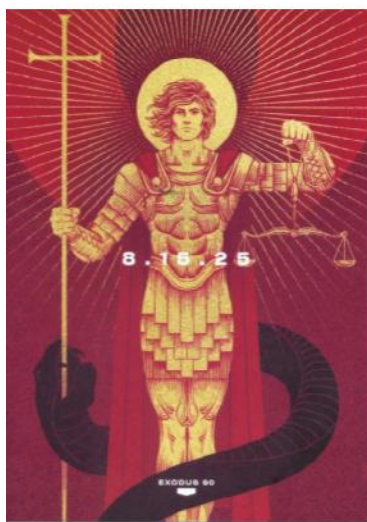
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Attention Men: Exodus90 St. Michael's Lent

When: Saturdays, Aug 15-Sept. 29, 7 am

Where: Kerin Family Center



St. Michael's Lent is a 40-day period of prayer, fasting, and spiritual discipline from August 15 to September 29, the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel.

This ancient tradition, embraced by St. Francis of Assisi, is being revived today through Exodus 90, a powerful spiritual journey for men seeking freedom, strength, and deeper union with Christ.



Are you ready to:

- ☐ Reignite your prayer life?
- ☐ Break free from distractions and comforts?
- ☐ Walk with other men toward holiness?

The Church and the world need men who are fully alive in Christ. This is your invitation to rise.

We meet on Saturday mornings at 7 am at the Monsignor Kerin Family Center. Click the QR code for more details.

HIGH SCHOOL LIFE TEEN

Verso L'Alto! ... To the heights!

Life Night - Sunday 8/10

*A Celebration and Exploration
into the lives of Carlos Acutis
and Pier Giorgio Frassati.*



Dinner - Game - Talk - Prayer - Prizes

6pm-8pm, St. Mark Parish Hall

DRAFT DAY

LIFE NIGHT **AUGUST 17TH**

**GRAND START OF THE FALL SEMESTER OF
ST. MARK HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY!**

**PIZZA • WINGS • DESSERT • PRIZES • FOOTBALL THEMED
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**WEAR YOUR FAVORITE SPORT TEAM'S
JERSEY OR COLORS!!!**

ST. MARK PARISH HALL

6:00-8:00 PM

TRAVEL

Faith Food and Wine:

Jubilee Year Pilgrimage

**Reserve by August 31, 2025 to
Save \$200!**

Join Father Kevin Martinez on a Marian Pilgrimage to Fatima, Spain & Lourdes

When: May 24 – June 4, 2026

Where: Fatima, Spain, Lourdes

Join Father Kevin Martinez and Woodard Luxury Travel for an unforgettable 12-day pilgrimage through Fatima, Spain, and Lourdes—a sacred adventure filled with faith, food, fun, and awe-inspiring beauty!

Trip Highlights Include: The miraculous site of Fatima, where the Virgin Mary appeared to three shepherd children. A visit to the birthplace of St. Teresa of Avila, one of the great Doctors of the Church. Time to explore the vibrant culture and stunning sights of Madrid, Zaragoza, and La Rioja. A tour of Burgos Cathedral, a breathtaking UNESCO World Heritage Site. A moving experience in Lourdes, complete with the moving candlelight procession!

Whether you're deepening your spiritual journey or exploring Europe's holy gems, this trip is sure to uplift your heart and soul.

Space is limited—don't miss this chance to travel with purpose and joy!

Reserve your spot today and make memories that will inspire you for a lifetime.

More Information:

www.WoodardLuxuryTravel.com/events-trips

Contact: Donny Woodard,
980-483-3620, or

dwoodard@WoodardLuxuryTravel.com



CHARLOTTE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

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Friday, Sept. 5, 2025



- 5 p.m. Doors open
- 5-11 p.m. Food / Cash Bar / Exhibitors
- 6:45 p.m. Welcome
- 7-9 p.m. Matt Maher in Concert
- 8:30-9 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
- 9-11 p.m. Screening: "Carlo Acutis: Roadmap to Reality"

Saturday, Sept. 6, 2025

- 9 a.m. Eucharistic Procession from St. Peter Catholic Church to the Charlotte Convention Center
- 10:45-11:30 a.m. Holy Hour, led by Bishop Michael Martin, OFM Conv.
- 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Chapel open, Confessions
- 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Food / Exhibitors
- 5:15 p.m. Pre-Mass music by The Vigil Project
- 5:30 p.m. Holy Mass, led by Bishop Michael Martin, OFM Conv.

Spanish Programming

Saturday, Sept. 6 / Hall A-B Main Stage

- 12:30-1:30 p.m. Paula Umaña
- 1:30-2:30 p.m. Fr. Roberto Serrano, OFM

English Programming

Saturday, Sept. 6 / Hall A-B Main Stage

- 3-4 p.m. Chris Stefanick
- 4-5 p.m. Fr. John Riccardo

Vietnamese Programming

Level 3: East Wing Room 216

- 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Confessions and a talk led by Father Tri Truong, pastor of St. Joseph Vietnamese Catholic Church in Charlotte

Middle/High School Programming

Level 3: East Wing Room 220

- 12:30-3:30 p.m. Chris Stefanick
- Note: High School dismissal at 3:30 p.m.; Middle School dismissal at 3:45 p.m.

Family Programming

Level 3: East Wing Room 219

- 1-2:30 p.m. Screening: "Carlo Acutis: Roadmap to Reality" (English)
- 3-4:30 p.m. Screening: "Carlo Acutis: Roadmap to Reality" (Spanish)



More information:

PARISH LIFE

2025 Ireland of Your Dreams Raffle Tickets

The Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) will again be selling raffle tickets, the winner this year to receive up to \$5,000 toward extraordinary experiences on one of CIE Tours Guided Vacations through Ireland. 2nd Place Drawing for \$500.00, 3rd Place Drawing for \$250.

This is the 15th consecutive year we have conducted this raffle, the proceeds of which have been used, and will continue to be used, to support our parish, pro-life activities, seminarian education and various other religious and humanitarian organizations which have been adopted by our AOH Division.

Raffle tickets will continue to be priced at \$25 each, or "5 tickets for \$100.00".

Ticket sales will be conducted after weekend Masses Aug. 23-24, Sept. 13-14, Oct. 11-12, and Nov. 15-16. Payments may be made by cash, check (payable to "AOH Meck #2") or credit card.

Tickets may also be purchased by contacting the members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians who are also fellow parishioners. Their names/contact information are listed below and they will be happy to answer any questions.

Contact Information:

Paul Mescall - pmesca@aol.com, 731-394-1795

Frank Fay - frankfay58@gmail.com, 704-641-4176

Ray FitzGerald - rfitzg@aol.com, 704-992-1702

Bernard Holst - bholst@carolina.rr.com, 704-507-3261

We sincerely thank you for your support and participation over the years, without which we could not have succeeded. The drawing will be held on Saturday, November 29, 2025. Good Luck to all.



Monday Night Football Books

The Knights of Columbus Monday Night Football books are available after all Masses this weekend while they last. Books are \$20 each. Less than 75 books are available out of the 1100 to be sold this year. This year there will be 11 \$50 winners each week thru the Super Bowl.

For more information, drop by their table near the Fountain or contact raymarr44@gmail.com.



LAMB Clay Shoot Fund Raiser

When: September 26, 2025 (rain date October 10, 2025)

Arrival: 8 am

Finish: 1 pm

Where: Four Branches Sporting Preserve, 425 Poplar Hill Church Road, Polkton, NC 28135

Cost: \$125 per individual

Lunch and Breakfast provided

The Knights will sign up participants for this clay shoot after Masses on August 16 and 17. Not available next weekend, Scan the QR Code below to register for this event and pay the \$125 fee.

On Friday, September 26 2025, 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 LAMB Clay Shoot fundraiser to assist the "**Least Among My Brethren**", people with intellectual disabilities within our local community. LAMB Foundation members as well as the Knights of Columbus are 100% volunteers, and over 93% of all the funds go directly to the local charities, a few of which are Holy Angels of Belmont, Special Olympics of N.C., Hough High School's SAC/AU Program for exceptional children, Community School of Davidson's Exceptional Children Class, Melmark Carolinas and Shining Hope Farms.

The Clay Shoot event will start at 8 am with check-in, registration and breakfast. Teams will be assigned to starting stations on a 1-mile course. A Knights representative will give welcoming remarks and Four Branches manager will conduct a safety briefing. Then, the event will begin about 9 am.

Up to 25 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 1-mile course, shoot at clay pigeons with 12 or 20 gage shotguns and keep score on the number of clays hit. Don't own a shot gun? No worries, 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.

Participants of all experience levels are invited; beginners, intermediate and advanced clay shooters. Beginners will be paired on teams with experienced clay shooters.

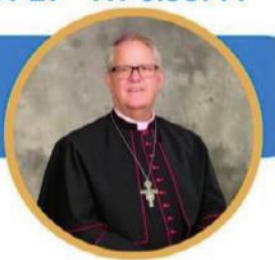
For further information contact Dave Stoughton at dhstoughton@aol.com



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WEDNESDAY AUGUST 27TH AT 6:30PM

A Special Mass of Hope and Faithful Persistence, followed by a reception with Rev. Bishop Michael Martin



**All are welcome...
Come be inspired as we
celebrate the Feasts of
St. Monica and St. Augustine**

We will gather in the spirit of St. Monica as we find encouragement in her example of persistent prayer, especially when waiting for our loved ones to return to, or join in, the Faith.



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OF MONICAS**

**WEDNESDAY AUGUST 27TH 2025
AT 6:30PM**

**St. Paul The Apostle
Catholic Church
2715 Horse Pen Creek Rd
Greensboro, NC 27410**



Saint Mark Parish Directory

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Sun 8:15 am-12:15 pm | Phone: 704-948-0231

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Rev. Christopher Angermeyer

Rev. Aaron Huber (in residence)

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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

Please use Online Giving or mail in your offertory

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; ccli.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

Ellen | 704-907-8555

Alcoholics Anonymous

Tom | 704-604-7739

Alateen program

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





Del Párroco – 19º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Ya sea que esté comenzando su viaje de mayordomía o haya estado viviendo una forma de vida de mayordomía durante años, las lecturas de hoy nos invitan a hacernos una pregunta importante.

La pregunta es esta: "¿Qué atesoras?" Por supuesto, todos sabemos la respuesta "correcta": atesoramos nuestra fe, nuestra familia y nuestras amistades. Pero Jesús nos dice en el pasaje evangélico de Lucas cómo podemos descubrir la verdadera respuesta a esta pregunta. Él dice: "Porque donde esté tu tesoro, allí estará también tu corazón".

Para discernir lo que realmente atesoramos, necesitamos hacer un examen de nuestros corazones. Cada uno de nosotros puede preguntarse: "¿Dónde gasto la mayor parte de mi energía? ¿Dónde encuentro mis pensamientos? ¿Cómo elijo pasar mi tiempo cuando me encuentro con unos momentos libres? ¿Qué revelan mis hábitos de gasto sobre lo que es importante para mí?"

Como mayordomos cristianos, estamos llamados a vivir nuestras vidas en respuesta agradecida a todo lo que Dios nos ha dado. ¿Reconozco y atesoro estos dones? © Consultores de mayordomía católica, 2025

Meditación pastoral – Hace un par de semanas, escribí sobre los diversos tipos de oración. Siguiendo con eso, quería abordar lo que llamaría emocionalismo y fe. A lo largo de los años me he encontrado con bastantes católicos que se quejan de que no obtienen nada de la Misa o que no "sienten" la presencia de Dios. Esto a menudo los lleva a buscar por todas partes, a veces en todos los lugares equivocados, algo para llenar ese vacío. Aquí hay un peligro que debe evitarse. La visión católica del emocionalismo, aunque no se aborda explícitamente como un concepto único en la doctrina oficial, puede entenderse a través de las enseñanzas de la Iglesia sobre las emociones, la razón y el papel de la voluntad en la vida espiritual. El emocionalismo, ampliamente definido como una dependencia excesiva o incontrolada de las emociones sobre la razón o la fe disciplinada, generalmente se aborda con precaución en la teología católica. A continuación se muestra una explicación concisa basada en principios católicos:

1. Las emociones como parte de la naturaleza humana: La Iglesia Católica enseña que las emociones (o "pasiones") son componentes naturales de la psicología humana, creados por Dios. Según el Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica (CIC 1763-1768), las pasiones como el amor, la alegría, la tristeza o la ira no son ni buenas ni malas en sí mismas, sino que se vuelven moralmente buenas o malas en función de cómo las dirigen la razón y la voluntad hacia el propósito de Dios.

2. Equilibrio de la razón y la emoción: El catolicismo enfatiza la integración de las emociones con la razón y la fe. El

emocionalismo, como un énfasis excesivo en los sentimientos sin basarse en la verdad o el razonamiento moral, puede conducir a un desequilibrio espiritual. Santo Tomás de Aquino, un teólogo católico clave, enseña que las pasiones deben ser gobernadas por la razón, que está informada por la ley y la gracia divinas, para alinearse con la virtud (*Summa Theologiae*, I-II, Q. 24).

3. Peligros del emocionalismo en la adoración: En el contexto de la liturgia y la oración, la Iglesia valora la expresión emocional auténtica, pero advierte contra el emocionalismo que prioriza los sentimientos subjetivos sobre la verdad objetiva o la santidad de la adoración. Por ejemplo, el Papa Benedicto XVI, en sus escritos sobre liturgia, criticó los estilos de adoración demasiado sentimentales o impulsados por el entretenimiento, abogando por la reverencia y el enfoque en el sacrificio de Cristo (El Espíritu de la Liturgia). La Iglesia fomenta la devoción sincera, pero arraigada en la doctrina y la tradición. Lamentablemente, hay muchos ejemplos de adoración católica contemporánea que ignoran este principio básico.

4. Discernimiento en la vida espiritual: La espiritualidad católica, como se ve en las obras de místicos como San Ignacio de Loyola o Santa Teresa de Ávila, enfatiza el discernimiento para distinguir los consuelos espirituales genuinos (de Dios) de los altibajos emocionales fugaces. El emocionalismo que carece de discernimiento puede conducir al autoengaño o a la inestabilidad en la fe.

5. Movimientos carismáticos y expresión emocional: La Renovación Carismática Católica, por ejemplo, abarca la adoración expresiva y las experiencias emocionales como la alegría o los dones espirituales (por ejemplo, hablar en lenguas). Sin embargo, la Iglesia regula tales movimientos para garantizar que se alineen con la doctrina y no estén impulsados por un emocionalismo desenfrenado. Los documentos del Vaticano, como los de la Congregación para la Doctrina de la Fe, enfatizan que las expresiones carismáticas deben probarse contra las Escrituras y la Tradición. En resumen, la Iglesia Católica considera que las emociones son valiosas pero están subordinadas a la razón, la voluntad y la fe. El emocionalismo, cuando los anula, se considera potencialmente engañoso o espiritualmente inmaduro. El objetivo es una fe equilibrada donde las emociones enriquezcan pero no dominen la relación con Dios. Al final, el objetivo de la oración, especialmente la oración litúrgica, es adorar a Dios. No se trata de buscar pelusas cálidas celestiales para hacernos sentir mejor. En ocasiones ciertamente podemos recibir estas gracias señaladas, y debemos agradecer a Dios por ellas. Sin embargo, no son fines en sí mismos. El único fin de la vida espiritual es Dios mismo.

ANUNCIOS EN ESPAÑOL

Oración a san José, defensor de la vida

Una Oración a San José, Defensor de la Vida

A raíz de que el Congreso ha retirado los fondos a Planned Parenthood, los Obispos de los Estados Unidos están invitando a los católicos a orar por la intercesión de San José desde ahora hasta el 1 de octubre para detener el uso de fondos de los contribuyentes para la industria del aborto.

Amadísimo san José:

*Ante el pedido de un ángel,
amorosamente llevaste a María a tu hogar.*

*Como humilde siervo de Dios,
guiaste a la Sagrada Familia
por el camino hacia Belén,
acogiste a Jesús como tu hijo*

*en el refugio de un pesebre,
y huiste lejos de tu patria para
la seguridad de la Madre y el Hijo.*

*Alabamos a Dios porque tú,
siendo su fiel protector,
nunca dudaste sacrificararte
por quienes fueron
encomendados a ti.*

*Que tu ejemplo nos inspire
también para acoger, atesorar y proteger
el más preciado don de la vida
que nos regala Dios.*

*Ayúdanos a comprometernos con fidelidad para servir y
defender la vida humana*

*—en especial donde es
vulnerable o esté amenazada.*

*Obtennos la gracia de hacer la voluntad de Dios en todas las
cosas.*

Amén.

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www.usccb.org/prolife
(solo en inglés)



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