



## RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

Let us reflect on the sanctity of human life at every stage and in every condition.

Our merciful acts —whether in collecting coats and blankets, providing food, helping furnish a home, giving Christmas gifts or protecting the vulnerable — are expressions of our faith in action.

There is no shortage of demands placed on all of us these days, but the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy remain the bedrock of our Catholic lives.



### **Prayer Chain for Life**

Sunday, October 5, 2-3 pm

*See page 8.*

### **Coat, Blanket and Toy Drive**

Next Weekend, October 11 & 12

*See page 7.*

### **Thanksgiving Food Drive**

Begins October 19

### **Housewares Collection**

November 1

### **Christmas Giving Tree**

Begins November 2



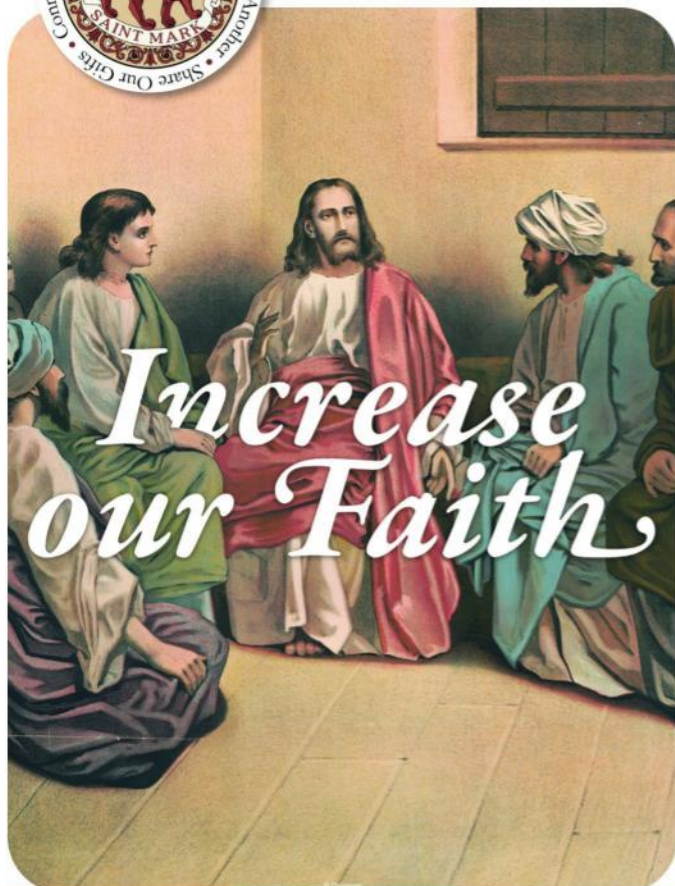
# SAINT MARK

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# Welcome to St. Mark



Today we celebrate 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The readings can be found on page 1192. 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](http://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

**S**aint 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.

## ONLINE GIVING

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## FROM THE PASTOR: 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Our readings today show us that living a stewardship way of life, that is, a life focused on serving God and His Kingdom, is not easy. They also show us that our lives belong to God, not to us, and that God will indeed bring about the fulfillment of His kingdom. We just need to have faith that He can do it and commit to our small part in His grand design.

This is both our privilege and responsibility as Christian stewards. Jesus makes this privilege and responsibility clear in today's Gospel passage from Luke. When the apostles ask the Lord to increase their faith, He tells them that even a mustard-seed sized faith is all that is needed to move mountains (because it is God who does the heavy lifting). We need to only take the tiniest step forward, and He will do the rest.

But living our lives in His service is also very much our responsibility, as Jesus explains through the parable of the unprofitable servant later in the passage. Our Lord describes a scene in which a servant has just come from tending to the master's affairs and asks whether it would be reasonable for the master to begin waiting on the servant. Of course, it would not be reasonable! The servant would be expected to continue to serve his master until he has completed the work the

master has given him that day. Jesus says that we should have the same attitude before God.

The time, talents, and treasure entrusted to us are all God's. Our very lives belong to Him. Whatever we do on God's behalf with our lives and our gifts is simply our God-given responsibility.

The stewardship way of life makes the privilege and responsibility of serving Christ and His kingdom a reality.

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**Pastoral Pondering** – As we move into autumnal colors, with shorter days and cooling weather, the late weeks of the liturgical year always provide us with an opportunity to reflect on faith and life. It is also that time of the calendar year when we start thinking about those who are less fortunate among us. In the coming weeks, we have a number of efforts to assist the least of our brethren with life's basic needs including the coat drive, thanksgiving food drive and the Christmas giving effort (formerly known as the Angel Tree). There is no shortage of demands placed on all of us these days, but the spiritual and corporal works of mercy remain the bedrock of our Catholic lives. Thank you in advance for responding with a generous heart.

## STEWARDSHIP

### Spotlight on Called & Gifted Workshop

Today's second reading reminds us that we are called to "stir into flame the gift of God that you have through the imposition of my hands." (2 Timothy 1:6) The Holy Spirit living in all the baptized requires our cooperation to bear fruit. When we surrender our intellect and will in obedience to follow and serve where God calls, the gifts and graces of the Holy Spirit are stirred into flame.

The church is called to help us discover and develop our charisms. "Whether extraordinary or simple and humble, charisms are graces of the Holy Spirit which directly or indirectly benefit the Church, ordered as they are to her building up, to the good of men, and to the needs of the world. Charisms are to be accepted with gratitude by the person who receives them and by all members of the Church as well. They are a wonderfully rich grace for the apostolic vitality and for the holiness of the entire Body of Christ, provided they really are genuine gifts of the Holy Spirit and are used in full conformity with authentic promptings of this same Spirit, that is, in keeping with charity, the true measure of all charisms." (CCC 799-800)

We are all called to serve where He calls us. When we serve where we are truly called, service is joy. "For that which men love, either no labor is felt, or the labor itself is loved." (St. Augustine) We each have unique contributions to make as parts of the Body of Christ and no individual is called to do everything.

Instructors from Catherine of Siena Institute will present a Called and Gifted™ workshop at St. Mark on Saturday, October 25. This introductory workshop is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about charisms and how we can each discern our unique gifts. We encourage you to discover and develop your own spiritual gifts by registering and joining us for this event. "Pursue love, but strive eagerly for the spiritual gifts." (1 Corinthians 14:1)

Use the QR code to register:



### Discover God's Call for Your Life

**When:** Saturday, Oct 25; 9-am–3:30 pm

**Where:** Parish Hall

God is calling you to a unique purpose in life, a work of love that only you can do. Discern your charisms (spiritual gifts) and begin to discern God's call. You have received gifts in Baptism and Confirmation through which God intends His love to reach others. Come and discover these charisms in you!

#### WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

- Saturday 9 am to 3:30 pm
- The Call of the Laity Catholic
- Spiritual Gifts Inventory Explained
- Role of the Holy Spirit
- Charisms Discernment Process
- Role of Charisms in Parish, Community and World

**\$20 registration fee. Lunch will be provided.**

Register at [stmarknc.org/small-group-registration](http://stmarknc.org/small-group-registration) or scan the code to the left.

\*When you register for the workshop, you will be emailed instructions on how to go online and take the Catholic Spiritual Gifts Inventory. To get the most benefit from the workshop, please complete the online inventory before you come.

## PARISH LIFE

### Mass Schedule Changes

**Mon., Oct. 6 -Fri., Oct. 10**

We will have visiting priests this week as our clergy will be participating in their annual Retreat. Please note, we will not have confessions on Wednesday evening. Thank you for keeping all of the priests in your prayers.

**Monday, October 13**, Columbus Day: The Office and Kerin Family Center will be closed for the holiday.

### 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 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 be \$25 each, or "5 tickets for \$100.00". Tickets will be sold after Mass Oct. 11-12, and Nov. 15-16. Payments may be made by cash, check or credit card.

Tickets may also be purchased by contacting the members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians who are also fellow parishioners:

Contact Information:

Paul Mescall – [pmesca@aol.com](mailto:pmesca@aol.com),  
731-394-1795

Frank Fay – [frankfay58@gmail.com](mailto:frankfay58@gmail.com),  
704-641-4176

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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.



### Sister Rose Marie Tulacz, SND

#### A Ministry of Liturgical and Fine Art Photography and Spirituality

**When:** Oct. 11-12, after Masses

**Where:** St. Mark Piazza

Sister Rose Marie Tulacz, SND, will visit St. Mark next weekend. Stop by to view and purchase her award-winning liturgical, nature, and landscape photography. Sister Rose Marie Tulacz is known as the "Nun with a Nikon," and has spent a lifetime working to spearhead projects around the globe and helping vulnerable, underserved women and children.

Cards, prints, and framed artwork will be available for sale. All proceeds support the spiritual and humanitarian outreach of the Sisters of Notre Dame.

Please check out her website to learn more and see her fine work:

[www.sisterrosemarietulacz.com](http://www.sisterrosemarietulacz.com).

**Welcome.** CRHP 2.0  
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## A Special Opportunity for Men

- **What?** An incredible experience that will help you discover what's missing in your life and what to do about it
- **When:** Sat./Sun. November 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>
- **Where:** St. Mark's Kerin Center
- **Why?** You deserve a break! Join fellow parishioners for a weekend of respite, renewal, fellowship, & good food!
- **How to Sign up:** Scan the QR code below or register at <https://stmarkretreat.com/>
- **Questions:** Call Joe Smith (610) 883-7753





## Love, Legacy and Peace of Mind: Estate Planning for Families

When: Thurs., Oct. 23; 6:30 pm

Where: St. Mark Parish Hall

### St. Mark will host an Estate Planning Seminar.

Join us for a practical and informative seminar designed for busy adults who want to protect what matters most. Whether you're raising children, caring for aging parents, managing a home, or building your career, now is the right time to start or update your estate plan.

A legal expert will walk you through the essentials—like creating a will, naming guardians for your children, setting up health care and durable powers of attorney, and choosing beneficiaries. Don't miss out on this invaluable opportunity to take control of your future, protect your family and ensure your legacy for generations to come. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact Karen Donahue at 704-948-0231 ext. 136. or [karen.donahue@stmarknc.org](mailto:karen.donahue@stmarknc.org).

Scan the QR code to RSVP  
by October 20.



## Lunch and Learn: Crime Prevention in Our Communities

When: Mon., Oct. 20, 11 am-1 pm




Where: Parish Hall

Officer Matthew Choice, Huntersville PD, along with his crime investigators will raise awareness on crime in the Lake Norman area. They will provide safety tips to avoid becoming a victim as well as the influx of illegal drugs infiltrating our community.

A complimentary lunch is included. Registration required.

RSVP: Kevin & Janet Urban,  
[urbkevy@yahoo.com](mailto:urbkevy@yahoo.com), 704-689-3847





1ST ANNUAL

# DAVID CALABRASE MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT


*Presented by the Monsignor Joseph A. Kerin Knights of Columbus Council #12654 Huntersville, NC*

## Monday, November 10, 2025

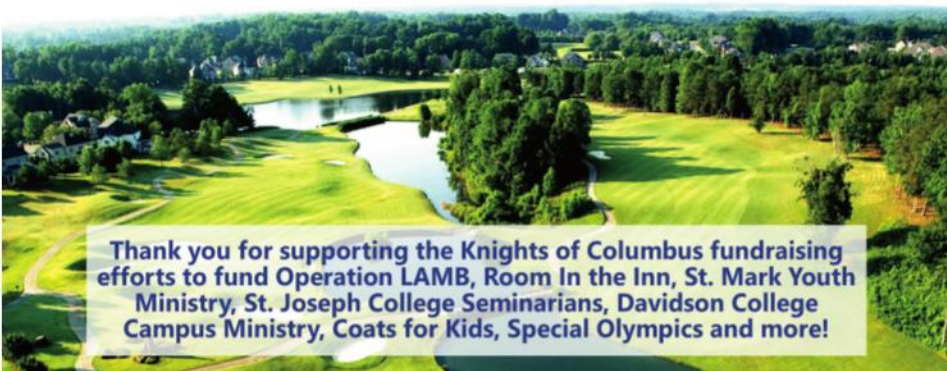
### NORTHSTONE COUNTRY CLUB

11 AM SHOTGUN START, CAPTAIN'S CHOICE  
\$160/Per Golfer for Green Fees; \$20 for Mulligan Package.

*50/50 Raffle; Putting Contest; Closest-to-Pin  
Chicken & BBQ Buffet*



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John Knight / [john.knight1@verizon.net](mailto:john.knight1@verizon.net) / 703-618-3779



Thank you for supporting the Knights of Columbus fundraising efforts to fund Operation LAMB, Room in the Inn, St. Mark Youth Ministry, St. Joseph College Seminarians, Davidson College Campus Ministry, Coats for Kids, Special Olympics and more!

## Monthly Meal Ministry

When: Oct. 8; 4-7 pm

Where: 1210 North Tryon St., Charlotte

Please help us as we serve dinner to the gentlemen of the Roof Above North Tryon Campus. On the second Wednesday of every month we prepare, cook and serve dinner to around 150 gentlemen at the Roof Above Men's Shelter. This is a wonderful ministry great for middle schoolers and up with a parent.

We serve the second Wednesday of every month at 4 pm and prepare and cook the meal and then leave promptly at 7 pm as the residents clean up. Sign up at [SignUpGenius](https://www.signupgenius.com) and search by the email below.

Please contact Carol Palillo for more information.

Information: [cpalillo1@gmail.com](mailto:cpalillo1@gmail.com)

Contact: Carol Palillo, 704-363-4128







contact: Maddie Torres  
maddie.torres@stmarknc.org

## ALL SAINTS DAY Art Showcase

Sign Up HERE: 

*when?*  
Submissions are due by 10/31 - but not BEFORE 10/25  
Displayed on 11/01/25 - All Saints Day

*who?*  
All parishioners are invited to participate - kids, teens, adults, families

*what?*  
Your project can be anything that helps others learn about and be inspired by your saint's life:

- Poster or display board
- Painting, drawing, or collage
- Sculpture or 3D model
- Poem, song, or original story
- Video or slideshow (must provide device to view on)
- Quilt square, embroidery, or craft
- Any creative expression you love!

Include in your project:

- Saint's name and feast day
- When/where they lived
- Key moments in their life
- Their virtues and good works
- Why they inspire you



## Nourish Up Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

The Nourish Up food pantry needs volunteers for two different roles:

**Driver/delivery person:** On the third Thursday of the month from 9:30–11 am, someone is needed to drive to Target, pick up food items, take to Nourish Up on Stumptown Rd, and unload/weigh the delivery. Must have transportation and an SUV-sized vehicle and be able to lift 40 pounds. Contact Beth Zuhosky at beth@zuhosky.com if interested.

**Pantry Volunteer:** Volunteers are needed to work on Wednesdays or Thursdays from 9:30 am–12:30 pm at Nourish Up pantry. This is a client-facing role in which you will be helping clients choose items. Can opt in for every week or every other week or once per month. Contact Lauren Steele at laurenfloyd@verizon.net if interested.

## Volunteer Opportunities!

### Did you know that St. Mark has a Volunteer Opportunities Inventory!

Are you interested in getting more involved at Saint Mark? The Charitable Services Committee has a program to help parishioners find ways that they can volunteer at the parish or in the community.

To make it easier, we have a "Volunteer Now" section on the parish website where you can go to find service opportunities. If you have time and talents to give, we want to help you find a way to put them to use! Just go to [stmarknc.org/volunteer-opportunities](http://stmarknc.org/volunteer-opportunities) (or scan the code) to find a list of ways that you can help out. It changes every week so bookmark the page and check back when you have some time to give.

New Volunteer Opportunities: Catholic Charities, Furniture and Housewares Collection, Nourish Up Volunteers, Families Forward Charlotte, Martha and Mary Chapel Cleaning Ministry, Angels and Sparrows, Men's Shelter of Charlotte, and more!

To explore these opportunities, go to [stmarknc.org/volunteer-opportunities](http://stmarknc.org/volunteer-opportunities).

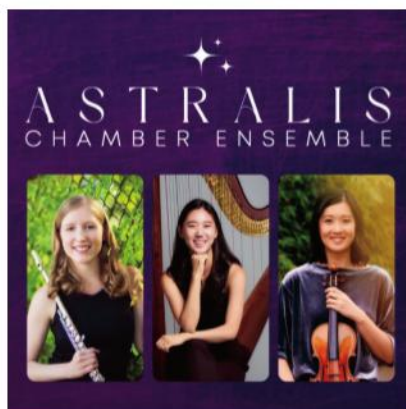
Please remember, all volunteers 18 and older must follow our Safe Environment requirements. Go to [stmarknc.org/SAFE](http://stmarknc.org/SAFE) for details.

## Concert Series: Astralis!

When: Mon., Oct. 20; 7 pm

Where: Church

The Astralis Chamber Ensemble, featuring flute, harp, and viola, returns to St. Mark for a second season. This year's program, *Meditations*, will showcase the ensemble's signature blend of beauty and depth through works by Claude Debussy, Théodore Dubois, and Harald Genzmer. The Astralis Chamber Ensemble is an innovative, award-winning small ensemble known for its uncommon instrument pairings and imaginative programming.





# Coat, Blanket and Toy Drive

## Next Weekend!

**We Will Collect Before and After All Masses!**

## **October 11 & 12**

*Take donations to the Family Center Parish Hall*

**We are collecting coats for children (birth to 12), teens, women and men; blankets and comforters; and toys, games, puzzles, books for all ages (birth to teens). We will also take bikes. No clothes please! *Tax receipts available.***



**The need is great.**

Last year we served 700+ people  
because of your generosity.

**Thank you for your generosity!**

# RESPECT LIFE MONTH



## Respect Life Month 2025

Each October the Church celebrates Respect Life Month. As Catholics, we are called to defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between.



### Stand and Pray: Annual National Life Chain **THIS SUNDAY!**

**When:** Sun., Oct. 5, 2-3 pm

**Where:** In front of the church along Stumptown Road

October is National Respect Life Month and the first Sunday in October is Respect Life Sunday.

Come together with the world as our parish joins together to stand and pray for life during the annual National Life Chain prayer vigil.

Since 1987, believers have gathered nationwide on the first Sunday of every October to prayerfully stand for Life.

Bring your ministry, Small Group, apostolate, parish group, school class or anyone you know and stand shoulder to shoulder to make a public, prayerful, peaceful stand for Life.

We will organize at the Memorial for Life statue of Mary and then fan out along Stumptown Road, from the main entrance to past the school.

Signs will be provided in English and Spanish if you would like; a Rosary is recommended. You are welcome to bring a chair or an umbrella.

### Walking With Moms In Need: Infant and Toddler Clothing Drive

**When:** Sun., Oct. 12

**Where:** Pro-Life Ministry Fair — Please Do Not Leave in Narthex

Walking with Moms in Need are collecting new and gently used infant and toddler clothes up to 4T. Please bring your donations to the Pro-Life Ministry Fair in the Parish Hall on Sunday, October 12. We will have a table at the Fair to collect these items. (Note: This is separate from the Coat, Blanket, and Toy Drive.)

### Fall 40 Days for Life Campaign

**When:** Now-Sun., Nov. 2

**Where:** Abortion Centers in Charlotte

Join us for prayer, fasting and community outreach to stop abortion! The Fall 2025 40 Days for Life campaign, a peaceful, prayerful and law-abiding campaign, starts on Wednesday, September 24, and ends Sunday, November 2,

There will be two campaign locations in Charlotte this fall: 1.) Planned Parenthood 700 Torrence St., Charlotte, from 7 am to 7 pm Monday through Saturday; 2.) A Woman's Choice facility 421 N. Wendover Rd., Charlotte from 8 am to 8 pm, Monday through Saturday. Go to [40DaysforLife.com/charlotte](https://40DaysforLife.com/charlotte) for more information and to sign up or just show up.

### Monthly Respect Life Mass & Rosary Vigil

**When:** Fri., Oct. 17, 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, Oct. 17 followed by peaceful prayer outside of Planned Parenthood (700 S. Torrence Street, Charlotte).

Contact: Mike FitzGerald at [respect.life@stmarknc.org](mailto:respect.life@stmarknc.org)

*"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you..." Jeremiah 1:5*



### Rachel Retreats for Post-Abortion Healing

Rachel Weekend Retreats create a healing environment of prayer and forgiveness. The retreat works to reconnect individuals to themselves, their friends, and family and to realize God's ever-present love. These retreats can help men and women who have experienced abortion begin their healing journey.

Please contact us for more information or to register:

Jackie Childers: 980-241-0251 | [Jackie.childers1@gmail.com](mailto:Jackie.childers1@gmail.com) or  
Lorena Haynes: 828-585-0483 | [Lorena\\_Haynes@yahoo.com](mailto:Lorena_Haynes@yahoo.com) (Spanish)

**English Retreat: October 17-19, 2025**  
**Spanish Retreat: December 5-7, 2025**



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# Pro-Life Ministry Fair

## Sunday, October 12

*After 9 am, 11 am & 1 pm Mass, Parish Hall*

Have you felt called to do more to promote the dignity of human life, to end abortion, or to support pregnant mothers in need?

Are you wondering what groups are active in our community that help mothers choose life for their babies, support them in crisis situations, find healing, or are active in praying to end abortion in our community?

Would you like to learn the various ways you can help support these organizations?

Join us Sunday, October 12 to learn about local pro-life and pro-motherhood organizations and how you can support them. As we mark the three-year anniversary of the overturning of *Roe vs. Wade*, the third-annual St. Mark Pro-Life Ministry Fair is a place to learn about the pro-life initiatives in our community and how to get involved and support mothers in need.

*Come enjoy a cup of coffee and donuts.*



### FEATURED ORGANIZATIONS:

**Birtheright of Charlotte**  
**Carolina Family Coalition**  
**Community Pregnancy Center of Lake Norman**  
**Healed and Restored**  
**MiraVia**  
**North Carolina Right to Life**  
**Students for Life**  
**Walking With Moms In Need**

**Abortions are on the rise in North Carolina and Charlotte. This is an important opportunity to help build a culture of life in our community.**

Year	Charlotte Abortions	North Carolina Abortions
2017	9,912	27,183
2018	10,411	27,581
2019	10,854	28,450
2020	11,098	30,004
2021	11,864	32,454
2022	16,606	40,037
2023	19,251	42,954

Source: NC Dept. of Health & Human Services - State Center for Health Statistics

For questions contact Mike FitzGerald, St. Mark Respect Life, [respect.life@stmarknc.org](mailto:respect.life@stmarknc.org)





**Fraternus Excursion to the Green River:** Forty brothers and captains from our parish set out for a memorable excursion to the Green River in Rutherfordton, N.C. The heart of the trip was nine hours of Adoration with Exposition and Benediction, Mass at the river's edge and Confessions.

Meals were prepared on site by an incredible team of brothers and captains under the leadership of Captain David Mancusi. Beyond the food and games, the trip emphasized mentoring and leadership: older teens and HAWC brothers guided younger brothers in activities such as capture the flag, with Juan Pablo Garcia, Brendan Heidtman, and Christian Simms stepping into key leadership roles. We were blessed to welcome new parishioners—and even new Catholics—who shared how moving it was to experience fraternity in the beauty of God's creation.

Fraternus continues to meet on Wednesday evenings after Mass, and we welcome new brothers and families to join us in this vibrant ministry. To find out more, go to <https://www.stmarknc.org/fraternus>.



## Singles 45+ Fellowship Event

**When:** Sun., Oct. 19; 4- 8 pm

**Where:** Torrence and Knox, 20936 Torrence Chapel Rd, Cornelius

Please join us for a relaxed, fun afternoon of fellowship. Enjoy wonderful conversation, a lively atmosphere and delicious food. Take this opportunity to connect, make new friends and build community. Feel free to bring a friend! We'd love to see everyone again!

There's a perfect outdoor space for us to meet. Please RSVP so we can plan for you: Sign-Up Genius, [signupgenius.com](https://signupgenius.com), or scan the QR code.

Questions? [45plussingles@gmail.com](mailto:45plussingles@gmail.com)



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## This Week on Formed

Week of October 05, 2025



### John XXIII: The Pope of Peace

This movie tells the life story of John XXIII from his youth through his young priesthood, episcopacy, life as cardinal, and eventually his life as pope. Elected supposedly as an "interim Pope" who would just keep the status quo and listen to the advisers around him, John XXIII proved to be his own man when he surprised the Church and world by calling for the Second Vatican Council.



### The Joyful Mysteries

St. Padre Pio said, "The Rosary is the 'weapon' for these times." This incredible film series takes viewers right to the Holy Land, where these Mysteries actually happened, encouraging deeper reflection and meditation on them.



### Divine Mercy with Fr. Michael Gaitley

Renowned speaker and author Fr. Michael Gaitley tells the dramatic history of God's love and mercy as interwoven through the transformative message of St. Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of Pope St. John Paul II.

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## YOUTH MINISTRY

### Middle School and High School Fall Festival

When: Sun., Oct. 5, 6-8 pm

Where: Parish Hall

**Middle school students are invited to join Life Teen  
for a special night of Fall Fun!**

All middle and high schoolers are invited to our Youth Ministry Fall Festival! There will be dinner, lawn games, pumpkin painting, s'mores, a baking contest, and a movie!

Small pumpkins and paint will be provided for pumpkin painting, but please feel free to bring a bigger pumpkin to decorate!

Bring your favorite homemade fall dessert to be entered into the baking contest. Winner will receive a prize!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Olivia DiGiovanni or Gus Free:

[augustine.free@stmarknc.org](mailto:augustine.free@stmarknc.org)

### **High School Life Teen**

When: Sundays, 6-8 pm

Where: Family Center Parish Hall

Basketball, foursquare, and board games will run from 5:30-6:10 pm

### **New Life Night Series!**

**Life in Color: Life Night Series on Hope**

When: Sun., Oct. 12, 6-8 pm

Where: Parish Hall

**Dress messy for color games!**

Wear a white shirt and prepare to get messy! Please try to arrive between 5:50 and 6:20pm and bring a towel to sit on for your ride home!

*Life Teen is open to all current high school students. We also strive to promote and provide an environment where teens can be around other like-minded Catholic teens, and have a chance to just have fun, and escape the many cares and worries of their everyday lives.*

*We meet (most) Sunday nights from 6-8 pm and always serve dinner. Our Sunday meetings are called Life Nights.*

*We use the REMIND app to message parents and teens weekly about activities, reminders, or schedule changes.*

**Stay Connected!**

**REMIND App:**

Class code **smhsym2025**

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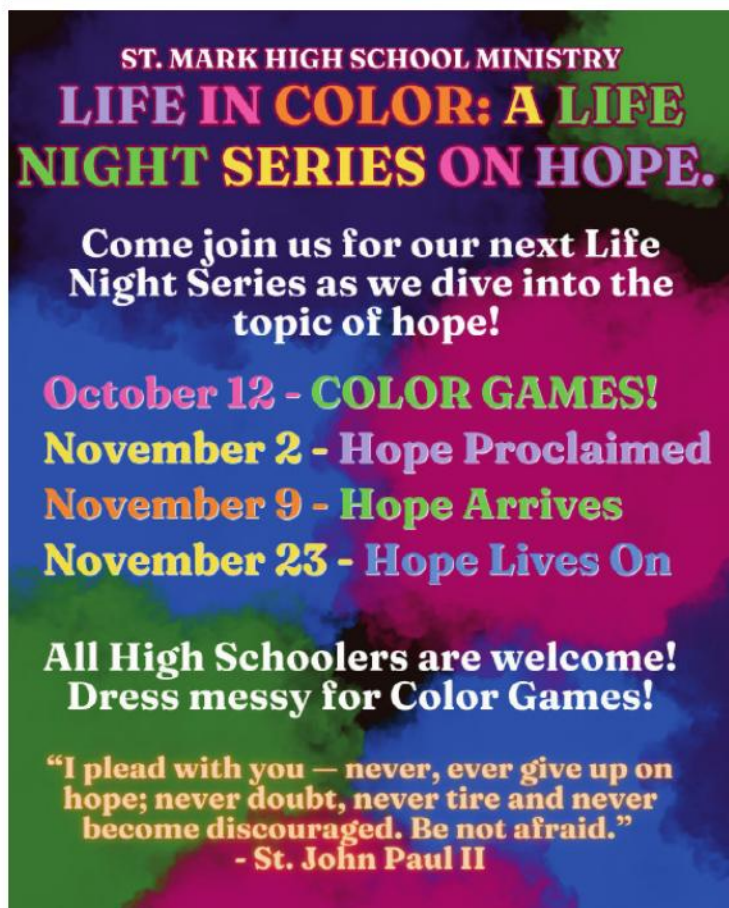
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# ADORATION

## Now Jesus Loved Martha and Her Sister and Lazarus

By: Donna Fodale/Adoration Coordinator



One of my favorite encounters with Jesus is from John Chapter 11: 1-7 (The raising of Lazarus)

In this Scripture I am drawn to the encounter that both Mary and Martha have with Jesus. The moment that Lazarus became ill, they both knew exactly whom they should go to for help. They knew that Jesus loved them and that he would not abandon them in their time of need.

This scripture also highlights the love that Mary has for Jesus. In John 12:3 we read about how Mary, with great love and humility, knelt at Jesus' feet and anointed them with perfumed oil. I can just imagine that when Jesus received the message Mary sent, letting him know that Lazarus was ill, it may have brought back the memory of her kneeling at his feet, anointing them. Maybe at that moment he remembered how gentle she was when anointing his feet. Maybe there was a moment she looked up at him and he looked in her eyes and both were met with love and mercy. So beautiful!

These are the moments that we often experience in the Adoration chapel.

Are we like Mary and Martha? Do we go to Jesus when we need help? Just as Jesus loves Mary and Martha, he loves each one of us.

Think about this... that same Jesus that Mary knelt before is the same Jesus you come before in Adoration.

That same Jesus that raised Lazarus from the dead, is the same Jesus that you sit before in Adoration.

As Catholics we believe that Jesus is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament... body, blood, soul and divinity. If for some reason you struggle with this truth, spend time in Adoration and ask the Lord to help you with this truth. He will!

Each one of us can read different scriptures and take different things from them. The Holy Spirit seems to highlight for us different words, depending on what the Lord is inviting us to look at on our own spiritual journey.

I invite you to take this passage with you to Adoration. Read it a few times and see what touches your heart. What is your encounter with Jesus like?

*John chapter 11:1-7*

*Now a man was ill, Lazarus from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha.*

*Mary was the one who had anointed the Lord with perfumed oil and dried his feet with her hair; it was her brother Lazarus who was ill.*

*So, the sisters sent word to him, saying, "Master, the one you love is ill."*

*When Jesus heard this he said, "This illness is not to end in death,\* but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it."*

*Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.*

*So, when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was.*

*Then after this he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea."*

To become an Adorer, register at: [stmarknc.org/adoration](http://stmarknc.org/adoration).

To be a sub, please contact [donna.fodale@stmarknc.org](mailto:donna.fodale@stmarknc.org).



## Coming Up at Saint Mark

### Saturday, October 4

Blessing of Pets, 10 am, Memorial for Life Wings and Trivia

### Sunday, October 5

Prayer Chain for Life

### Saturday and Sunday, October 11 and 12

Coat and Blanket Drive

### Sunday, October 12

Pro-Life Ministry Fair

### Tuesday, October 14

Prayer and Praise

### Saturday, October 18

Thanksgiving Food Drive Begins

### Monday, October 20

Lunch and Learn

Astralis Concert Series, 7 pm

### Thursday, October 23

Estate Planning Seminar

### Saturday, October 25

Called and Gifted Workshop

### Saturday, November 1

All Saints Day

Catholic Charities Furniture Collection

### Sunday, November 2

Christmas Giving Tree Gift Campaign

### Thursday, November 6

Special Suicide Talk: Emily Hogan

### Saturday and Sunday, November 8 and 9

Men's Welcome Retreat

### Saturday, November 15

Mass of Consolation

### Wednesday, November 19

Young at Heart Luncheon

### Sunday, November 30

Advent Begins, St. Nicholas Brunch

### Saturday, December 6

First Saturday Dinner

### Monday, December 8

Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation, Offices closed

### Tuesday, December 9

Prayer and Praise

### Saturday, December 13

Parish-Wide Holiday Celebration

### Thursday, December 25

Christmas, Holy Day, Offices closed

### Thursday, January 1

Holy Day, Offices Closed

### Saturday, January 3

First Saturday Dinner

### Saturday, January 17

Meal Packaging Event

Events scheduled may change. Exact times and details will be in the bulletin and newsletter in the weeks before event.

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## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

### Please Pray For

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Richard Biddy  
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To submit a prayer request, visit: [stmarknc.org/prayerchain](http://stmarknc.org/prayerchain)

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, October 5

7:30 am St. Mark Parishioners  
9 am † Benjamin D. Helmer  
11 am † Virginia White  
1 pm † Francisca Leon  
5 pm † Jose Mendoza

### Monday, October 6

7 am † Donnia White

### Tuesday, October 7

7 am Lee Benson

### Wednesday, October 8

7 am † Greg Hart

### Thursday, October 9

7 am † Cheryl Wynn

### Friday, October 10

7 am † Ann Cassidy

### Saturday, October 11

9 am Respect Life Ministry  
5 pm † Jackson Rametta

### Sunday, October 12

7:30 am † Raul Echevarria & Norma Suclupe  
9 am Michael & Maria LaCour  
11 am † Betty Weiss  
1 pm † Marco Antonio Aguilera  
4:30 pm † Deacon Robert Murphy  
5 pm St. Mark Parishioners  
† Deceased



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday** Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; 2  
Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

**Monday** Jon 1:1-2:1-2, 11; Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8; Lk 10:25-37

**Tuesday** Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary  
Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8;  
Lk 10:38-42

**Wednesday** Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4

**Thursday** Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 11:5-13

**Friday** Jl 1:13-15; 2: 1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9;  
Lk 11:15-26

**Saturday** Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12, Lk 11:27-28

**Sunday** Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13;  
Lk 17:11-19

### Pray for Our Military

**Air Force:** Airman Gregory Burke; Airman Antoinio Diaz; Lt. Col. Michael Dragoon; 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; 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:** DCFN Matthew J Bixler Jr.; LCDR. Matthew Giannone; SR Chase T. Golden; 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.



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**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30  
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### 25<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Celebration

When: Sun., Oct. 26, 3 pm

Where: Cathedral of St. Patrick, Charlotte

If you were married during 1975 or 2000, you are invited to the annual Diocesan Anniversary Mass at The Cathedral of Saint Patrick. Limit of 2 guests per couple. Please register by scanning the QR code or visiting this link <https://charlottediocese.org/form-wedding-anniversary-mass/>.



### Early Bird discount before Monday, Oct. 13!

Married and engaged couples are invited to the 7th annual Together in Holiness conference. REGISTRATION:

[togetherinholiness.org/charlotte](https://togetherinholiness.org/charlotte).

Early Bird Price: Couple \$54/ Individual \$35; Scholarships are available; on-site Childcare (pre-registration required) \$5/child Complete info:

[togetherinholiness.org](https://togetherinholiness.org) or email [th@forlifeandfamily.org](mailto:th@forlifeandfamily.org).

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## Evangelization Retreat

**October 24-26**  
Fri 6-8pm | Sat 8a-7p | Sun 8a-4p

**Cost \$125**  
Includes lunch & dinner Saturday & Sunday, plus all retreat materials.  
No overnight lodging options at Belmont Abbey College. Travel and lodging options are available in the Belmont Gardens area if needed.

**Location**  
Belmont Abbey College  
100 Belmont Mt Holly Rd  
Belmont NC 28012

**Register**

<https://domesticchurch.org/retreat>  
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You desire to grow in faith with your spouse, put in the hard work to improve your marriage, and form deep relationships with other married couples in your faith community.

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For a scholarship application,  
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Sun 8:15 am-12:15 pm | Phone: 704-948-0231

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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](http://stmarknc.org/livestream)

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

## Confessions

Confessions are held 45 minutes prior to the start of Mass for a 30 minute duration.

In addition, Wednesday: 6 pm — 7:15 pm and Saturday: 3 pm — 5 pm

## Rosary in the Church

Tue: 7—7:30 pm

Wed: Immediately preceding 6:30 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](http://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](http://www.CharlotteCursillo.com) for information on upcoming retreat weekends, ultreyas and group reunions.

## Natural Family Planning

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Elisabeth Laskowski; Creighton Model;

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## 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](http://benotafraid.net)

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

Reversal 877-558-0333 or [abortionpillreversal.com](http://abortionpillreversal.com)

## Parishioner Assistance

### Financial:

St. Vincent De Paul Society:

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### Life Crisis: Stephen Ministry

[stmarknc.org/stephen-ministry](http://stmarknc.org/stephen-ministry)

### Food Insecurity:

Parish Office

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### Al-Anon

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Alcoholics Anonymous

Tom | 704-604-7739

### Alateen program

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### 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](mailto:divorce.support@stmarknc.org)





## Párate y Ora: Cadena Nacional por la Vida

### ESTE DOMINGO

*Cuándo: Dom., 5 de octubre, 2-3 pm*

*Dónde: Frente a la iglesia a lo largo de Stumptown Road*

Octubre es el Mes Nacional de la Vida y el primer domingo de octubre es el Domingo de Respeto a la Vida.

Únete al mundo mientras nuestra parroquia se reúne para pararse y orar por la vida durante la vigilia anual de oración de la Cadena Nacional por la Vida.

Desde 1987, los creyentes se han reunido a nivel nacional el primer domingo de cada octubre para defender la Vida en oración.

Trae tu ministerio, Grupo Pequeño, apostolado, grupo parroquial, clase escolar o cualquier persona que conozcas y párense hombro con hombro para hacer una manifestación pública, pacífica y en oración por la Vida.

Nos organizaremos en la estatua del Memorial por la Vida de María y luego nos distribuiremos a lo largo de Stumptown Road, desde la entrada principal hasta más allá de la escuela.

Se proporcionarán carteles en inglés y español si lo deseas; se recomienda un Rosario. También puedes traer una silla o un paraguas.

## 3.ª Feria Anual de Ministerios Pro-Vida

*Cuándo: Dom., 12 de octubre, después de las Misas de 9 a.m., 11 a.m. y 1 p.m.*

*Dónde: Salón Parroquial del Centro Familiar*

El Ministerio Respeto a la Vida de San Marcos se complace en organizar nuestra 3.ª Feria Anual de Ministerios Pro-Vida. Este evento especial permite a los feligreses conocer y aprender sobre diversas organizaciones pro-vida en nuestra comunidad. Es una oportunidad para encontrar formas de apoyar a estas organizaciones o incluso inscribirse para ayudar tanto a las madres como a los bebés de nuestra comunidad.

Los abortos están en aumento en Carolina del Norte y Charlotte. Esta es una oportunidad importante para ayudar a construir una cultura de vida en nuestra comunidad. Por favor, ven, disfruta de una taza de café, algo de comer y aprende cómo puedes marcar la diferencia. Las siguientes organizaciones estarán representadas: Birthright de Charlotte, Carolina Family Coalition, Community Pregnancy Center de Lake Norman, MiraVia, North Carolina Right to Life, Ministerio Respeto a la Vida de San Marcos, Walking With Moms In Need.

Para más información o para tener una mesa, contacta a Mike Fitzgerald en [respect.life@stmarknc.org](mailto:respect.life@stmarknc.org).



## ANUNCIOS EN ESPAÑOL



### Del Pastor

Nuestras lecturas de hoy nos muestran que vivir una forma de vida de mayordomía, es decir, una vida centrada en servir a Dios y a Su Reino no es fácil.

También nos muestran que nuestras vidas pertenecen a Dios, no a nosotros, y que Dios ciertamente traerá el cumplimiento de Su reino. Este es tanto nuestro privilegio como nuestra responsabilidad como mayordomos cristianos. Jesús deja claro este privilegio y responsabilidad en el pasaje del Evangelio de hoy de Lucas. Cuando los apóstoles como el Señor para aumentar su fe, Él les dice que incluso una fe del tamaño de una semilla de mostaza es todo lo que se necesita para mover montañas (porque es Dios quien hace el trabajo pesado). Solo necesitamos dar el más mínimo paso hacia adelante, y Él hará el resto.

Pero vivir nuestras vidas en Su servicio también es en gran medida nuestra responsabilidad, como explica Jesús a través de la parábola del siervo inútil más adelante en el pasaje. Nuestro Señor describe una escena en la que un sirviente acaba de llegar de atender los asuntos del amo y pregunta si sería razonable que el amo comenzara a atender al sirviente. ¡Por supuesto, no sería razonable! Se esperaría que el siervo continuara sirviendo a su amo hasta que haya completado el trabajo que el amo le ha dado ese día. Jesús dice que debemos tener la misma actitud ante Dios.

El tiempo, los talentos y el tesoro que se nos ha confiado son todos de Dios. Nuestras propias vidas le pertenecen a Él. Cualquier cosa que hagamos en nombre de Dios con nuestras vidas y nuestros dones es simplemente nuestra responsabilidad dada por Dios.

El estilo de vida de mayordomía hace realidad el privilegio y la responsabilidad de servir a Cristo y a su reino. ©Consultores de mayordomía católica, 2025

**Reflexión pastoral :** a medida que avanzamos hacia los colores otoñales, con días más cortos y un clima fresco, las últimas semanas del año litúrgico siempre nos brindan la oportunidad de reflexionar sobre la fe y la vida. También es esa época del año calendario en la que comenzamos a pensar en aquellos que son menos afortunados entre nosotros. En las próximas semanas, tenemos una serie de esfuerzos para ayudar a los más pequeños de nuestros hermanos con las necesidades básicas de la vida, incluida la colecta de abrigo, la colecta de alimentos de acción de gracias y el esfuerzo de dar Navidad (anteriormente conocido como Angel Tree ©). No hay escasez de demandas para todos nosotros en estos días, pero las obras de misericordia espirituales y corporales siguen siendo la base de nuestras vidas católicas. Gracias de antemano por responder con un corazón generoso.






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