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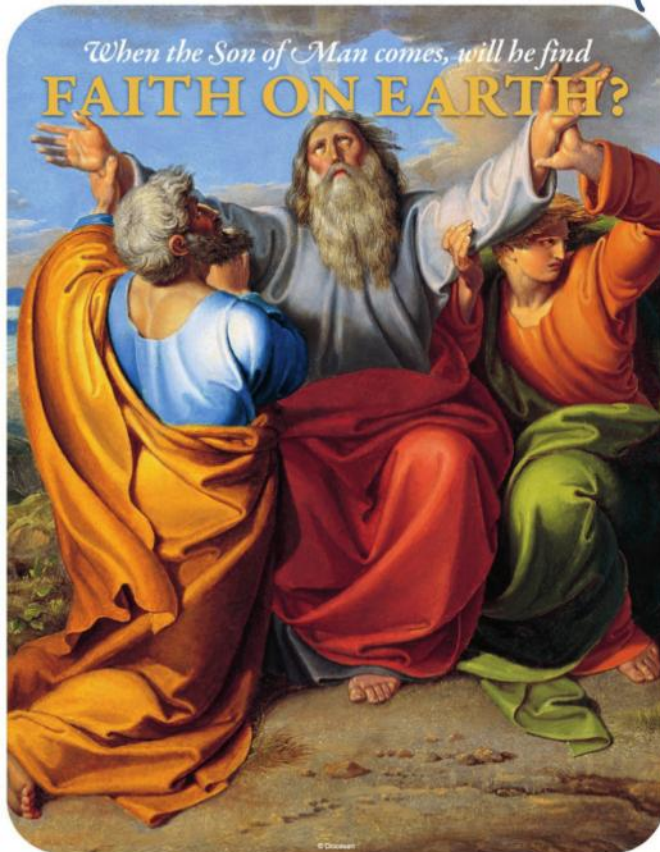
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October is the Month of the Holy Rosary

SAINT MARK

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 19, 2025, Spanish Page 16

Welcome to St. Mark



Today we celebrate 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The readings can be found on page 1196.

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.

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online-giving](http://stmarknc.org/online-giving)

FROM THE PASTOR: 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The four pillars of parish stewardship are hospitality, prayer, formation, and service. Today's readings show us the immense value of prayer and the privileged place it must have in our

individual lives and in our parish community.

Our Lord Himself calls us to prayer — and persistence in prayer — in the Gospel passage from Luke. Jesus tells the parable of the nagging widow who finally wears down the judge with her unrelenting persistence in her pursuit of a just ruling from him on her behalf. Jesus goes to great lengths to describe this judge, saying he “neither feared God nor respected any human.” Yet even this corrupt judge responds with a just judgment because of the widow's persistence.

Jesus uses this outlandish example to draw a vivid contrast between a reluctant, dishonest judge and our loving, all-merciful Father. If even a bad judge will give a good result in response to a persistent request, how much more (infinitely more) eagerly and perfectly will our good Father respond to our persistent prayers to Him.

If he delays in responding, if he provides a different response from the one we were expecting, we can remain confident and trusting in His goodness, knowing that His response, whenever it comes and in whatever form, will be the very best one for us.

Our job then, as Christian stewards, is simply to remain faithful to our relationship with God through prayer. We must lean on each other in our communities — family and parish — as we support each other in prayer. A strong pillar of prayer will make all our other stewardship efforts fruitful. © Catholic Stewardship Consultants, 2025

Pastoral Pondering – I have noticed for a while now that many folks in the parish, and many Catholics in general, seem to have an erroneous or at least a confused understanding of the “Sunday obligation.” The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days is rooted in our fundamental obligation to

worship God and keep the Lord's Day holy. In light of this, I thought it opportune to present a summary of the Church's teaching in this regard. I hope you find it helpful.

Catholics are obligated to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation primarily because it is a precept of the Church, rooted in both divine law and ecclesiastical authority. This obligation stems from the Third Commandment (“Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day”), which in Christian tradition applies to Sunday as the day commemorating Christ's Resurrection, marking it as a day of worship, rest, and renewal. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) explains this in detail, particularly in sections on the precepts of the Church and the Third Commandment.

Biblical and Theological Foundations

- The obligation draws from Scripture, where God commands the sanctification of the Sabbath (Exodus 20:8-11; Deuteronomy 5:12-15). For Christians, this shifts to Sunday—the “Lord's Day”—to honor Jesus' Resurrection on the first day of the week (Acts 20:7; Revelation 1:10).
- The Eucharist is seen as the “source and summit” of the Christian life (CCC 1324), making participation essential for spiritual nourishment, community unity, and fulfilling one's relationship with God. As CCC 2180 states, the faithful are bound to participate in Mass on these days to sanctify them through worship. Holy Days of Obligation are additional feasts (such as Christmas, Assumption of Mary, or All Saints' Day, varying by region) that the Church designates as equally important for similar reasons—honoring key mysteries of faith, the Virgin Mary, or saints—requiring the same level of observance.

Church Law and Precepts

- This is formalized as the first precept of the Church: “You shall attend Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor” (CCC 2042). It requires active participation in the Eucharistic celebration and abstaining from work that hinders sanctification or rest.
- Canon Law reinforces this: “On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are obliged to

participate in the Mass” (Canon 1247). The Sunday Eucharist is described as the “foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice,” making attendance obligatory unless excused by serious reasons like illness, infant care, or a dispensation from a pastor (CCC 2181). Deliberately missing without such cause is considered a grave (mortal) sin.

Practical and Spiritual Reasons

- Attending Mass orients believers toward God at the start of the week, fosters community, and provides grace through the sacraments. It's not just a rule but an opportunity for encounter with Christ.

The Church emphasizes this as the highest form of worship, essential even during travel or vacations, underscoring its priority in Catholic life.

This obligation applies to all Catholics who have reached the age of reason (around 7 years old) and are physically able, with exceptions for valid impediments.

Parents have a very important obligation to assist their children to fulfill this obligation. In general, children under the age of 16 cannot get to Mass without the assistance of the adults in their lives. Hence, the culpability for missing Mass usually falls to those adults rather than the children.

In the end fulfilling the “Sunday obligation” is more about loving God than anything else. Do we love Him enough to give Him at least an hour on Sundays and holy days? It would seem this is the least we can do in offering this act of love to the One who loved us first.

When it comes to life,
the critical thing is
**whether you take
things for granted or
take things with
gratitude.**

—G.K. Chesterton

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please Pray For

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

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

Rachel Grieshop
Hank Griffin
John Grivizas
Helen Haddad
Madeline Louise Henwood
Kevin Herman Sr.
Hannah Hopkins
Frank Hunnicutt III
Jerry Jackson Jr.
Cathi Kalberier
Karen Kastle
Gary Katz
Carol & Frank Kenny
Dennis Koenig
Jackie Kopicki
Peggie Lauricella
Joan Lesch
Marie Ligon
Peter R. Loew
Kitty Long
Mary Jo Lucey
Dr. Sivaramalingam
Manickavasagar
Patrick & Annette Mann
Rosina Marcucci
Vernon McCord
Cathy Milligan
Terry Milstead
Lucille Modica
Vincent Montoya
Mary Morgan
Haleigh Moss
Elizabeth Mulligan
Jamie Mulvihill
Angeles Murphy
Maria Magdalena Murphy
Carl Muti
Paul Nealon Jr.
Paul Sr. and Sally Nealon
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
Joette Reid
Lindsay Remington
Butch Remesch
Lola Rodriguez
Maria Rubinos
Thomas Rynne
Phyllis Searles
Daniel Sheffield
Deacon Ronald Sherwood & Family
Mark Shields
Sue Sia
Todd Singh
Robert Somerville
Betsy Spartz
Jeff Stark
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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 19

7:30 am † John Glenn McKeon Jr.
9 am St. Mark Parishioners
11 am Emily Fodale
1 pm Omar, Yahir, & Matthew Almanza

4:30 pm † Kenneth Andrews
5 pm † James F. Donaghy

Monday, October 20

7 am † Maureen Kateri Jennings
9 am Lonnie Manns Jr.

Tuesday, October 21

7 am † Patricia Ann Piedmonte
9 am † Lou Dijacamo

Wednesday, October 22

7 am † Mrs. J. Terpening
† Catherine Thiemann
6:30 pm † Patricia Nestor
† Gerry Gallagher

Thursday, October 23

7 am James Tweed
9 am The Marques Family

Friday, October 24

7 am † Marie English
9 am † Gregory Warner
7 pm † Norberto Fernandez

Saturday, October 25

9 am † Helen Othling
5 pm Respect Life Ministry

Sunday, October 26

7:30 am † John Haley
9 am Carol & Frank Dixon
11 am St. Mark Parishioners
1 pm Family Joya Almanza & Family Garcia Almaza
4:30 pm † Peter & Margie Stanton
5 pm † Christopher Gamble

†Deceased

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Scripture Readings: For the Week of October 19, 2025

Sunday Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Ex 17:8-13; Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; 2 Tm 3:14-4:2; Lk 18:1-8

Monday: Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17; Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9

Sunday Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Sir 35:12-14; 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

Pray for Our Military

Air Force: Airman Gregory Burke; Airman Antoinio Diaz; Lt. Col. Michael Dagoon; 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.

MONTH OF THE ROSARY

Rosary Makers Spread Devotion to Rome: The Making of 1,000 Rosaries

This October—the Month of the Rosary—our St. Mark Rosary Makers are sharing their love for the Blessed Virgin Mary with the universal Church in a beautiful way. The group has crafted over 1,000 rosaries that will soon journey to Rome, where they will be distributed to seminarians, missionaries, and priests studying at the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas (the Angelicum), a Dominican university serving students from more than 100 countries.

The rosaries will be received and distributed by Fr. Benedict Croell, O.P., a Dominican friar who serves in Development and Mission Advancement at the Angelicum and as rector of the Convitto Internazionale San Tommaso d'Aquino, a residence for priests.

Fr. Benedict, appointed a Missionary of Mercy by Pope Francis in 2016, has served in many ministries, including five years in the Dominican missions in East Africa. Many parishioners may remember him from his visit to St. Mark several years ago, when he led our powerful parish mission on the Presence of God, focusing on Divine Providence, the Divine Indwelling, and the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

This connection makes our outreach especially meaningful, as we join with the Dominican Friars and the global Church in fostering a deeper devotion to Our Lady.

To ensure the rosaries reach their destination safely, parishioners Chris and Kelly Fernandez and their family will hand-deliver them to Rome during the first week of November, a true family mission! In addition to this international effort, our Rosary Makers continue to craft hundreds of rosaries for parish needs and special requests, including for Baptisms, Confirmations, and the Boy Scouts. We recently sent 100 rosaries to St. Agnes Church in WV at the request of a parishioner as they do not have enough rosaries.

Please keep our dedicated Rosary Makers—and all who will receive these rosaries—in your prayers as together we help spread the peace and love of Mary's intercession throughout the world.



Photo: Fr. Benedict Croell, O.P., at St. Mark in 2016 and the Fernandez children making rosaries.

Our Lady Undoer of Knots Rosary Maker's Ministry

When: Sat., Oct. 25; 10 am

Where: Parish Hall Room 204

Would you like to be a part of the ministry devoted to making rosaries? Everyone is Welcome!

What a beautiful way to share your talent while evangelizing the Rosary.

Whether you are a beginner (we will teach you) or someone who has been making Rosaries for years, we need you!

If you enjoy making things with your hands, have a devotion to the Blessed Mother and the Rosary please consider becoming part of this Ministry. You can make rosaries at home or join us on October 25.

If you plan on joining us, please call or email Sharon Torczynski, sharon.torczynski@stmarknc.org



Mysteries of the Rosary

May our windows be your guide.

The stained glass windows that line the nave of the church represent each of the 20 Mysteries of the Rosary.



Please come, pray and reflect on the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Pray privately or join us in the church on Tuesdays at 7 pm and immediately before the following Masses: Wednesday 6:30 pm, Saturday 5 pm, and Sunday 7:30 am.



ADULT PROGRAMS



FREE ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR Thursday, October 23, 6:30 pm

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

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.

Please RSVP to stmarknc.org/planned-giving.

Light refreshments will be served.

Info: Karen Donahue, 704-948-0231 ext. 136 or
karen.donahue@stmarknc.org.



Young Adult Ministry

If you are 21 -39 and looking for ways to connect with other faithful, our Young Adult Ministry would love to have you join them. Activities include both group study and social events. This group may be especially helpful for those new to the parish or otherwise looking to build new friendships.

The best way to learn about upcoming events for this ministry is through their GroupMe address: by scanning the QR code. Contact: Sean Meier at

seanmeier1@gmail.com



Welcome.
There is **More** to Life

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 8th & 9th
- **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



EXODUS

Stewardship Spotlight: Exodus 90

"Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary." (Luke 18:1) Living our vocations can be difficult, especially when we try to do things alone. As today's reading from Exodus shows, whether fighting on the front lines or leading others, we can overcome weariness when friends support us and help us persevere.

Exodus 90 invites men 18 and older to join a brotherhood seeking freedom from habits that prevent them from fully living their callings and growing closer to God and others.

Exodus 90 focuses on aesthetic disciplines, promoting the virtues of faith, self-control, patience, and fortitude. "Proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching." (2 Timothy 4:2) The St. Mark group meets on Saturday mornings at 7 am in the Kerin Center, or at the picnic tables, or in the Narthex if there are conflicts. To learn more, visit exodus90.com or contact St. Mark parishioner Paul Foret at pbforet@gmail.com.

ADULT PROGRAMS

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. Come connect, make new friends and build community. Feel free to bring a friend! We'd love to see everyone again! Please RSVP using code so we can plan for you. Questions:

45plussingles@gmail.com



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,
urbkeve@yahoo.com, 704-689-3847



Struggling with Questions About Separation or Divorce?

When: Mon., Oct. 27, 7 pm

Where: Parish Hall

If you or someone you know is facing the challenges of separation or divorce, you are not alone. St. Mark Catholic Church is offering a special opportunity to speak with a member of the **Charlotte Mecklenburg Bar Association**—completely free of charge.

If you have specific questions, please submit them by October 20 to divorce.support@stmarknc.org.

This is a confidential and supportive setting, open to all seeking clarity or guidance during a difficult time. This should not be considered a substitute for a consultation to obtain individual legal advice and is provided as a broad overview of the Family Law/divorce process in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, generally.

Special Talk: Emily Hogan

Caring Conversations: Supporting Teens & Young Adults Through Mental Health Challenges

When: Thurs., Nov. 6, 6:30 pm

Where: Family Center Parish Hall

Who: Parents and Loved Ones of High School
Students and Young Adults

About the Talk

Suicide and self-harm are deeply painful issues in our communities, but they're also preventable. Join us for a thoughtful and compassionate evening with **Emily Hogan, MS, MSW, LCSWA**, as she returns to the parish to lead a talk focused on the emotional well-being of young people. Geared toward parents, grandparents, teachers, youth ministers, and other caregivers, this session will explore current trends in adolescent and young adult mental health, with a special emphasis on how we can better support those we love.

During the session, Emily will:

- Review what the research tells us about adolescent and young adult mental health today
 - Describe common signs and symptoms of depression and suicidal thinking
 - Outline important risk and protective factors
 - Offer practical strategies for approaching difficult conversations about mental health and suicide
 - Provide an overview of local and national community resources and supports
- While this talk is limited to caregivers, we may plan a future session specifically tailored for teens and young adults themselves. There will be time for Q&A and resource handouts will be provided.

Emily Hogan, MS, MSW, LCSWA is a St. Mark parishioner and a clinical therapist at Clover Counseling, PLLC in Huntersville. Emily spent eight years working at colleges and universities, including Davidson College, helping young adults navigate mental health concerns within the college environment. Emily specializes in supporting adolescents and young adults with anxiety, depression, eating disorders/disordered eating, relationship conflicts, personality disorders, and many other mental health concerns. Over the past twelve years, Emily has taught numerous Mental Health First Aid USA courses to increase community awareness surrounding mental health concerns. She is passionate about improving mental health awareness and response within the Catholic community.



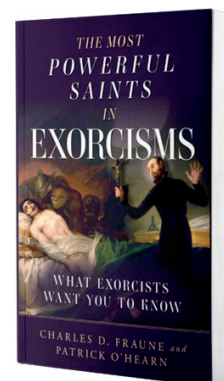
Charles Fraune, "The Most Powerful Saints in Exorcisms: What Exorcists Want You to Know"

When: Mon., Nov 10, 6:30 pm

Where: Kerin Family Center Parish Hall

In this talk, based on his recent book, *The Most Powerful Saints in Exorcisms: What Exorcists Want You to Know* Charles Fraune will present the inspiring teachings about the saints, their power to help us, and their wondrous presence in the life of the Church, including within the ministry of exorcists.

Charles Fraune's books have been endorsed by bishops, exorcists, and those working in deliverance ministry. This talk is recommended for high school students and older.



ADULT PROGRAMS



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UNITED STATES

Marriage Retreat

When: Fri-Sun., Oct 24-26

Where: Belmont Abbey College

Experience the power of intentional marriage formation within a Catholic small-group community.

At this Evangelization Retreat, you will grow in faith with your spouse, improve your marriage, and form deep relationships with other married couples in your faith community.

Domestic Church can help you find the tools, friendships, and resources to live your vocation with your spouse, together as a couple.

The Retreat takes place Friday, October 24 from 6-8 pm; Saturday 8 am-2 pm, and Sunday 8 am-4 pm at Belmont Abbey College. Cost is \$125 couple and includes Sunday Mass, meals for Saturday and Sunday, and all retreat materials.

Contact Patrick & Jessica Kelty at

region14@domesticchurchfamilies.com

Nursing infants are welcome; no childcare. For registration, scholarships, and complete information:

domesticchurchfamilies.com or QR Code.



Coming Up at Saint Mark

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

Sunday, October 26

New Member Meet and Greet

Tuesday, October 28

Lord of Miracles Mass (sp)

Friday, October 31

All Saints Day Relics in Church

Saturday, November 1

All Saints Day Relics and Art Show

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

Monday, November 10

Charles Fraune Talk on Spiritual Warfare

Saturday, November 15

Mass of Consolation



DISCOVER YOUR GOD-GIVEN GIFTS!

A Day to Uncover the Charisms Within You

Saturday, October 25 | 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM | Parish Hall

Have you ever wondered *why* God made you the way He did, or what unique purpose He's calling you to? Come spend a day discovering the spiritual gifts (charisms) you received at Baptism and Confirmation, special ways God intends His love to reach others *through you!*

This fun, faith-filled workshop will help you:

Recognize your personal charisms

Understand how the Holy Spirit is at work in your life

See how your gifts can bless our parish, community, and world

Begin discerning your next steps in living out God's call

Schedule Highlights:

The Call of the Laity

Catholic Spiritual Gifts Inventory Explained

Role of the Holy Spirit

How to Discern and Use Your Charisms

\$20 registration (includes lunch!)

Register at stmarknc.org/called-and-gifted

or scan the QR code.



After you register, you'll receive instructions to complete the Catholic Spiritual Gifts Inventory online to complete before the workshop to get the most out of the experience.



COME DISCOVER THE JOY OF BEING WHO GOD MADE YOU TO BE!

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

STEWARDSHIP

Thanksgiving Food Drive

We will collect Grocery Store GIFT CARDS in the amount of \$25 & nonperishable, unopened FOOD items. PLEASE NO GLASS!

All donations will help families at Saint Mark and the Lake Norman area. Our goal is to give all adopted families a bag of groceries and a grocery store gift card.

Representatives will be available to collect donations after all Masses the weekends of **October 25/26 and November 1/2.**



FOOD ITEMS can be dropped off before Mass each weekend or in the wooden box located in the Church Narthex **October 20 to November 2.** Gift Cards may be turned in at the Welcome Desk in the Family Center Hallway.

Thanksgiving Food Items-Non-perishable

Stuffing * Instant Potatoes * Rice * Macaroni & Cheese * Canned Yams / Sweet Potatoes
Canned Vegetables (Corn, Peas, Green Beans, Carrots) * Beans (Dried or Canned)
Gravy (Canned or Dried Mix) * Fruit (Canned, Fruit Cups, Applesauce)
Dessert Mixes (Cornbread, Brownies, Cookies, Cake Mix)

General Food Items - Non-perishable

Peanut Butter and Jelly * Pasta and Pasta Sauce
Canned Meat / Fish * Breakfast Foods (Oatmeal, Cereal)
Canned Soup * Juice boxes * Baking (Flour, Sugar)
Snacks (Crackers, Granola Bars, Cookies)



PLEASE CHECK EXPIRATION DATES ON ALL NON-PARISHABLES

*Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity.

*Please contact KC Shinnars (704-458-8783; nccnms1@yahoo.com) with any questions or to volunteer www.stmarknc.org/thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving Food Drive Volunteers Needed!

When: Sat. & Sun, Oct. 18/19, 25/26,
Nov. 1/2

Where: Outside Before Masses

We need A LOT of volunteers for the next three weekends to hand out grocery bags (October 18/19) then help collect food donations before every Mass (Oct. 25/26 and Nov 1/2.)

All ages are welcome; children under 6th grade should have a parent with them.

It takes a team to make this happen!

Volunteers help greet parishioners bringing donations, move food from the Narthex collection bins, and load items into our storage trailer.

After all donations are received, we'll sort and prepare everything to be shared with families in need within our community.

This is a wonderful opportunity to live out a Corporal Work of Mercy — feeding the hungry.

Please sign up at
stmarknc.org/Thanksgiving or scan the QR code to volunteer.



*Thank you to volunteer
KC Shinnars for organizing
this annual outreach effort.*

St. Mark Grounds, Adoration and Children

For everyone's safety, please remember that children should always be accompanied by an adult while in the church or parish buildings, including the parish hall.

At St. Mark, we love seeing children grow in faith and learn the beauty of prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Parents, we warmly encourage you to bring your little ones to Adoration and help them discover the peace of being with our Lord.

As you do, please help your children understand that the chapel is a place of quiet prayer and reverence, where others are spending time with Jesus. We know that little voices can't always be silent, but gentle guidance helps them learn how special this time and place are.

Thank you for helping us make our parish a place of prayer and peace for all!

New Parishioner Meet & Greet

When: Sun., Oct. 26, Noon

Where: Family Center Parish Hall

Are you new to the parish, or still feel new?
Would you like to learn more about St. Mark and connect with other parishioners?

Each quarter we host a New Member Meet and Greet designed to bring people together and get to know more about the parish.

We will have our fall New Parishioner Meet and Greet after the 11 am Mass next Sunday. Please join us for a light lunch, a chance to meet one another, and a warm St. Mark welcome! Please RSVP so we can plan: stmarknc.org/meet-and-greet or scan code.



STEWARDSHIP

Catholic Charities Household Collection

When: Sat., Nov. 1; 9:30-11 am

Where: St. Mark Parking Lot

St. Mark partners with Catholic Charities to support its program which provides furniture and houseware items for families in need. We thank the many parishioners and volunteers who have helped with the donation and collection of furniture and household items. We are incredibly grateful to all of you for doing corporal works of mercy and providing much needed support to those in greater need. Through your generosity and spirit of community outreach St. Mark parishioners have delivered numerous essential items to families in need and extended a helping hand to our neighbors.

Housewares Collection Details, New or Gently

Used Items Only:

Please bring items from THIS LIST ONLY to the St. Mark parking lot between 9:30-11 am. The list is very specific based upon the needs. Volunteers will receive the donations and load them into cars for delivery:

Please do not bring furniture donations to the parking lot.

What We Can Collect:

Baking Pans 9x13 or larger

Bath Towel Sets, hand towels/washcloths

Casserole Dishes

Coffee Pots/Makers

Microwave Ovens (small)

Pots and Pans sets

Shower Curtains/Liners/Rings

Toasters

Furniture Collection Details:

All furniture donations must be made at least one week in advance by emailing CatholicCharitiesOALeas@stmarknc.org.

What We Can Arrange to Pick Up:

Kitchen Tables/Chairs (tables 6ft max size; no bar stools), Dressers (max 5 ft long), Sofas (no sleeper or recliner sofas or futons or irregular-shaped sectionals), End/Coffee/Bedside Tables, Upholstered Chairs

We Cannot Accept: TV cabinets/large armoires/entertainment centers/tall bookcases; TVs (non-flat screen, or bigger than 43 inches, or heavier than 25 lbs.; mattresses; headboards/footboards/bed frames; office equipment, desks, or chairs; nor file cabinets.

If you would like to help with this collection, please contact our Catholic Charities leader Bob Langbo. CatholicCharitiesOALeas@stmarknc.org



Catholic Charities
Diocese of Charlotte



World Mission Sunday Collection This Week

World Mission Sunday is the annual worldwide Eucharistic celebration for the Missions and missionaries of the world. This is a global effort for the entire Church to provide for the building up of more than 1,000 local churches in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands and parts of Latin America and Europe. Through the work of these churches and their witness to Christ, the poor receive practical help and experience God's love and mercy, His hope and peace.

The envelope for this collection is part of your parish envelope packet. You can drop the envelope in the basket, or make an online donation at www.osvhub.com/stmarknc/giving/funds/world-mission-sunday.

All Souls Day Spiritual Remembrance

In celebration of All Souls Day, we will remember our deceased loved ones during our All Souls Day Masses on Sunday, November 2, and throughout November. You can turn your envelope in the Offertory baskets in the Narthex, to the office, or you may submit an online version at www.stmarknc.org/AllSouls.



THE LORD IS GOOD TO THOSE WHO WAIT FOR HIM,
TO THE SOUL THAT SEEKS HIM.

LAMENTATIONS 3:25

A Note on All Saints Day:

All Saints' Day (November 1) is not a holy day of obligation because it falls on a Saturday and the obligation is lifted according to U.S. bishops' norms. As such, we will not have a cemetery Mass nor a Mass of Remembrance this year. We will still have our annual relic veneration on Oct. 31 and Nov. 1.

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ASTRALIS CHAMBER ENSEMBLE

OCTOBER 20, 2025

ST. MARK CATHOLIC CHURCH

7:00 PM 14740 Stumptown Rd
Huntersville, NC 28078

Angela Massey FLUTE



Christine Wu VIOLA



Jane Yoo HARP



MEDITATIONS

The award-winning musicians of the Astralis Chamber Ensemble have been described as "scary good" and "truly riveting." Angela Massey (flute), Christine Wu (viola), and Jane Yoo (harp) present "Meditations." The concert will begin with the Dubois Terzettino that inspired this unique and beautiful combination of instruments. Other works will include the Ballade by Debussy, an exquisite German trio by Genzmer, JS Bach Suite, and Fantaisie by Saint-Saëns. Join us for an enchanting evening of music with the Astralis Chamber Ensemble.

Upcoming EMHC Training

When: Sun., Oct. 19, 6 pm

Where: In the Church

Training will be offered on Sunday, October 19 after the 5 pm Mass for anyone interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC). The sessions will take 1 1/2 hours to complete. Safe Environment requirements must be met, and other information is also required. If interested, please contact Ralph Wearsch at rwearsch.em@gmail.com.



Stephen Ministry

The Stephen Ministry is made up of St. Mark parishioners who have received extensive training to give emotional and spiritual 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 times of: *Grief, Children leaving home, Divorce, Parenting, Job Loss, Issues Related to Aging, Cancer Diagnosis, Adjustment to Retirement, Medical crisis, Job stress, Spiritual Crisis, Unemployment, Stress to Being a Caregiver, Relocation, Hospitalization, Changes in Living, Situations, Terminal Illness, Natural Disaster, Chronic Health Conditions, Adjustment to Disability, Rehabilitation from Illness or Injury, Marital Separation, and Pregnancy.*

Stephen Ministry is here to serve you, so you don't have to suffer alone. For more information, please contact either Rich Kull at rkull@optonline.net Leanne Vaccaro leanne.vaccaro@stmarknc.org or visit our website at stmarknc.org/Stephen-ministry.



Fr. Kevin Martinez 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



YOUTH MINISTRY



High School Life Teen Off Until Nov. 9:

October 19 - NO High School Event

October 26 - NO High School Event

November 2 - Hope Arrives

November 9 - Hope Lives On

High School Youth Ministry Bible Study

When: Tuesdays; 6-7 pm

Where: Room 203, Kerin Family Center

This Bible Study is open to all high school students and consists of 30 mins of hanging out, snacking, chatting, and/or a game, and then 30 mins of Bible Study. It's a very simple event, and a good opportunity to set aside some time during the week for Catholic friendship and for time with God in prayer.

Stay Connected!

REMIND App:

Class code **smhsym2025**

Instagram: @stmarkncyouth

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Email List: augustine.free@stmarknc.org



DREXEL HIGH SCHOOL

A Classical High School in the Catholic Tradition

Drexel High School Parent Information Night

When: Thurs, Oct. 30; 6 pm

Where: St. Mark Parish House

Come and learn about Drexel High School, a Classical high school in the Catholic tradition!

Parents and students: please join us as Drexel High's faculty and headmaster discuss the school's approach to a Classical education in the Catholic tradition. Learn about our mission, scheduling a visit, how to enroll, and scholarship opportunities. Light refreshments and snacks will be provided.

Please scan the QR code to RSVP! Visit us at drexelhigh.org or email admissions@drexelhigh.org for more information!



All Saints Day Art Showcase

Celebrate the Saints through Art!

All parishioners—kids, teens, adults, and families—are invited to participate in our All Saints Day Art Showcase! Create a project that helps others learn about and be inspired by your favorite saint's life.

Bring your submissions between October 25–31 and then see them on November 1 (All Saints Day)

Your artwork can take any form—poster, drawing, painting, collage, sculpture, poem, song, video, craft, or any creative expression you love!

Include in your project:

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



Sign up online using the QR code above or visit stmarknc.org for details.

Questions? Contact Maddie Torres at maddie.torres@stmarknc.org.

**Remain faithful
to what you have
learned and believed**

2 Timothy 3:14



RESPECT LIFE MONTH

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October 2025



Election 2025 Novena

When: Mon., Oct. 27-Tues., Nov. 5, 5:30-5:45 pm

Where: In the Church

The Respect Life Committee and the Holy Face Prayer Group are once again organizing our annual election novena in the nine days leading up to the election. Please join us in the church from October 27-November 5, 5:30-5:45 pm to pray a parish-wide novena. Note, you will need to pray the novena at home on Saturday, November 1 and Sunday, November 2 (you can also pray the novena each day at home.)

Novena Prayer:

Oh my Jesus! Cast upon us a look of mercy Turn Thy Face towards each one of us even as Thou didst turn to Veronica, not that we may see It with the eyes of our body, for we do not deserve to do so. But turn It towards our hearts, that being sustained by Thee, we may ever draw from that powerful source, the vigor necessary to enable us to wage the combats we have to undergo. Amen. Through the merits of Thy Precious Blood and Thy Holy Face, O Jesus, grant us our petition: May voters choose elected leaders who will uphold the dignity of every human life, sanctity of marriage, liberty of the Church and her members; and may the newly elected officials be guided by the Holy Spirit as they fulfill their positions. Mary, our Mother, and St Joseph, pray for us. Amen.~

Prayer for the Election: Consecration of the Election to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mary Immaculate, living tabernacle of the Divinity, where the eternal Wisdom lies hidden to be adored and served by angels and men, Queen of heaven and of earth, beneath whose sway are subject all things that are lower than God, Patroness of the United States of America, sorrowful and mindful of our own sinfulness and the sins of our nation, we come to thee, our refuge and hope. Knowing that our country cannot be saved by our own works and mindful of how much our nation has departed from the ways of thy Son, we humbly ask that thou wouldst turn thine eyes upon our country to bring about its conversion.

We consecrate to thee the integrity of the upcoming election and its outcome, so that what is spiritually and morally best for the citizens of our country may be accomplished, and that all of those who are elected would govern according to the spiritual and moral principles which will bring our nation into conformity with the teachings of thy Son. Give grace to the citizens of this land so that they will choose leaders according to the Sacred Heart of thy Son, that His glory may be made manifest, lest we be given the leaders we deserve. Trusting in the providential care of God the Father and thy maternal care, we have perfect confidence that thou whilst take care of us and will not leave us forsaken. O Mary Immaculate, pray for us. Amen. (Composed by exorcist Fr. Chad Ripperger)

ADORATION

After the Holy Eucharist, the Holy Rosary is the Most Powerful Weapon for Fighting the Devil and the Shortest Ladder for Climbing into Heaven. St. Carlo Acutis

By: Donna Fodale/ Adoration Coordinator

As you may know the month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. There are so many great homilies that have been given on the importance of praying the Rosary.

There was one homily that I heard on the feast day of the Holy Rosary that really struck me. The priest was sharing the importance of praying the Rosary in Adoration. He mentioned that it was the perfect place to pray the rosary. When you pray the Rosary, you are meditating on the life of Jesus. What better place to meditate on the life of Christ then when you are sitting right before him in the Blessed Sacrament.

I have to say that I do enjoy praying both the Rosary and the Chaplet in the Chapel. The quietness of the Chapel with our Lord before us can help us better enter into the mysteries that we are meditating on.

There have been many miracles that are attributed to praying the rosary. According to sacred tradition, the Blessed Virgin Mary gave [15 promises](#) to Blessed Alan de la Roche and Saint Dominic for those who faithfully pray the Rosary. I have included just a few of them in this bulletin piece. We also know that In Fatima, during the apparitions, the Blessed mother asked the children to pray the Rosary for peace in the world.

I would like to invite you to go to the chapel and offer a Rosary for peace and for all the intentions you carry in your heart.

I remember seeing an old movie and the scene showed two men that were going to fight. One man said to the other. Go ahead, choose your weapon. Of course he chose the one that seemed to be most powerful.

For us, the Rosary is that weapon. Know that the Rosary is a powerful weapon that helps us grow in holiness, conquer sin and draws us deeper into a relationship with Christ through the intercession of the Blessed Mother. Below are a few of the Promises the Virgin Mary gave to those who faithfully pray the Rosary:

- **Those who faithfully serve me by the recitation of the Rosary shall receive signal graces.**
- **I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the Rosary.**
- **The Rosary shall be a powerful armor against hell. It will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies.**
- **The recitation of the Rosary will cause virtue and good works to flourish. It will obtain for souls the abundant mercy of God. It will withdraw the hearts of men from the love of the world and its vanities and will lift them to the desire of eternal things. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means.**
- **The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the Rosary shall not perish.**
- **Those who recite my Rosary devoutly, applying themselves to the consideration of its sacred mysteries, shall never be conquered by misfortune. In his justice, God will not chastise them; nor shall they perish by an unprovided death, i.e., be unprepared for heaven. Sinners shall convert. The just shall persevere in grace and become worthy of eternal life.**

Please prayerfully consider committing to a weekly Holy Hour
Register at: www.stmarknc.org/adoration

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



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

Monday, November 10, 2025

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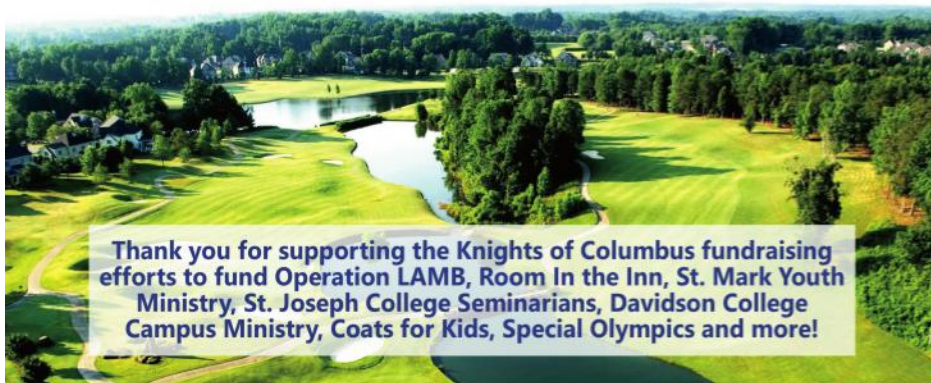
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Thank you for supporting the Knights of Columbus fundraising efforts to fund Operation LAMB, Room In the Inn, St. Mark Youth Ministry, St. Joseph College Seminarians, Davidson College Campus Ministry, Coats for Kids, Special Olympics and more!

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

25th & 50th 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 2 guests per couple. Register by scanning the QR code.



OUR HELP IS FROM THE LORD, WHO MADE HEAVEN & EARTH

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Join the Knights of Columbus

When: Mon., Nov. 3, 6:30 pm

Where: Family Center Room 200

Are you a Catholic man looking to grow in your faith, serve your parish and community, and become part of a brotherhood rooted in charity and Catholic values?

The Knights of Columbus invite you to be part of something greater. As a member you will have opportunities to:

- Deepen your spiritual life and faith formation
- Support local charitable causes and parish initiatives
- Participate in family and community events
- Build strong bonds of brotherhood with fellow Catholic men

Whether you're looking to give back, grow spiritually, or simply connect with like-minded men,

There is a place for you in our Council.

Our next general meeting will be Monday, November 3 in Room 202 at 6:30 pm. Please come as our guest to see what we are all about.

To learn more or express interest contact: Ray FitzGerald at

RFITZG@AOL.COM OR 704-992-1702



Knights of Columbus Youth Soccer Challenge

When: Sat., Nov. 8, 11 am

Where: Rescue Squad Park, 7819 Galway Lane, Denver, NC

The Soccer Challenge is open to boys and girls ages 9 to 14. The competition is a penalty-kick contest, designed to let youth demonstrate their basic soccer skills in a friendly, structured format.

This initiative is part of a national Knights of Columbus program intended to promote sportsmanship, healthy competition, and youth engagement.

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In service to One. In service to all.



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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

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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 – 29 DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO



Los cuatro pilares de la mayordomía parroquial son la hospitalidad, la oración, la formación y el servicio. Las lecturas de hoy nos muestran el inmenso valor de la

oración y el lugar privilegiado que debe tener en nuestras vidas individuales y en nuestra comunidad parroquial

Nuestro Señor mismo nos llama a la oración, y a la persistencia en la oración, en el pasaje del Evangelio de Lucas. Jesús cuenta la parábola de la viuda fastidiosa que finalmente desgasta al juez con su implacable persistencia en su búsqueda de un fallo justo de él en su nombre. Jesús hace todo lo posible para describir a este juez, diciendo que "no temía a Dios ni respetaba a ningún ser humano". Sin embargo, incluso este juez corrupto responde con un juicio justo debido a la persistencia de la viuda.

Jesús usa este ejemplo extravagante para establecer un vívido contraste entre un juez reacio y deshonesto y nuestro Padre amoroso y misericordioso. Si incluso un mal juez dará un buen resultado en respuesta a una petición persistente, cuánto más (infinitamente más) con entusiasmo y perfección responderá nuestro buen Padre a nuestras persistentes oraciones a Él.

Si se demora en responder, si proporciona una respuesta diferente a la que esperábamos, podemos permanecer confiados y confiados en Su bondad, sabiendo que Su respuesta, cuando sea que llegue y en cualquier forma, será la mejor para nosotros.

Nuestro trabajo entonces, como mayordomos cristianos, es simplemente permanecer fieles a nuestra relación con Dios a través de la oración. Debemos apoyarnos unos en otros en nuestras comunidades, familia y parroquia, mientras nos apoyamos mutuamente en oración. Un pilar fuerte de oración hará que todos nuestros otros esfuerzos de mayordomía sean fructíferos. © Consultores de mayordomía católica, 2025

Reflexión pastoral: he notado desde hace un tiempo que muchas personas en la parroquia, y muchos católicos en general, parecen tener una comprensión errónea o al menos confusa de la "obligación dominical". La obligación de asistir a Misa los domingos y días festivos tiene sus raíces en nuestra obligación fundamental de adorar a Dios y santificar el Día del Señor. A la luz de esto, me pareció

oportuno presentar un resumen de la enseñanza de la Iglesia a este respecto. Espero que te resulte útil.

Los católicos están obligados a asistir a Misa los domingos y días festivos de precepto principalmente porque es un precepto de la Iglesia, arraigado tanto en la ley divina como en la autoridad eclesiástica. Esta obligación se deriva del Tercer Mandamiento ("Acuérdete de santificar el día del Señor"), que en la tradición cristiana se aplica al domingo como el día que conmemora la Resurrección de Cristo, marcándolo como un día de adoración, descanso y renovación. El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica (CIC) explica esto en detalle, particularmente en secciones sobre los preceptos de la Iglesia y el Tercer Mandamiento.

Fundamentos bíblicos y teológicos

La obligación se basa en las Escrituras, donde Dios ordena la santificación del sábado (Éxodo 20:8-11; Deuteronomio 5:12-15). Para los cristianos, esto cambia al domingo, el "Día del Señor", para honrar la resurrección de Jesús el primer día de la semana (Hechos 20:7; Apocalipsis 1:10).

La Eucaristía es vista como la "fuente y cumbre" de la vida cristiana (CIC 1324), haciendo que la participación sea esencial para el alimento espiritual, la unidad de la comunidad y la realización de la relación con Dios. Como establece CIC 2180, los fieles están obligados a participar en la Misa en estos días para santificarlos a través del culto.

Los Días Santos de Obligación son fiestas adicionales (como Navidad, Asunción de María o Día de Todos los Santos, que varían según la región) que la Iglesia designa como igualmente importantes por razones similares, honrando misterios clave de la fe, la Virgen María o santos, que requieren el mismo nivel de observancia.

Ley y preceptos de la Iglesia

Esto se formaliza como el primer precepto de la Iglesia: "Asistirás a misa los domingos y en los días festivos de precepto y descansarás del trabajo servil" (CIC 2042). Requiere una participación activa en la celebración eucarística y abstenerse de trabajos que dificulten la santificación o el descanso.

El Derecho Canónico refuerza esto: "Los domingos y otros días festivos de precepto, los fieles están obligados a participar en la Misa" (Canon 1247).

La Eucaristía dominical se describe como el

"fundamento y confirmación de toda práctica cristiana", lo que hace que la asistencia sea obligatoria a menos que esté excusada por razones graves como enfermedad, cuidado infantil o una dispensa de un pastor (CIC 2181). Faltar deliberadamente sin tal causa se considera un pecado grave (mortal).

Razones prácticas y espirituales

Asistir a Misa orienta a los creyentes hacia Dios al comienzo de la semana, fomenta la comunidad y brinda gracia a través de los sacramentos. No es solo una regla, sino una oportunidad para el encuentro con Cristo.

La Iglesia enfatiza esto como la forma más alta de culto, esencial incluso durante viajes o vacaciones, subrayando su prioridad en la vida católica.

Esta obligación se aplica a todos los católicos que han alcanzado la edad de la razón (alrededor de los 7 años) y son físicamente capaces, con excepciones por impedimentos válidos.

Los padres tienen la obligación muy importante de ayudar a sus hijos a cumplir con esta obligación. En general, los niños menores de 16 años no pueden asistir a Misa sin la ayuda de los adultos en sus vidas. Por lo tanto, la culpabilidad por faltar a Misa generalmente recae en esos adultos y no en los niños.

Al final, cumplir con la "obligación dominical" se trata más de amar a Dios que cualquier otra cosa. ¿Lo amamos lo suficiente como para darle al menos una hora los domingos y días santos? Parecería que esto es lo menos que podemos hacer para ofrecer este acto de amor a Aquel que nos amó primero.

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