



VETERANS DAY

HONORING ALL
WHO SERVED AND
WHO SERVE TODAY

*See page 4 for a list
of the men and women
from our parish serving
in the Armed Forces.*

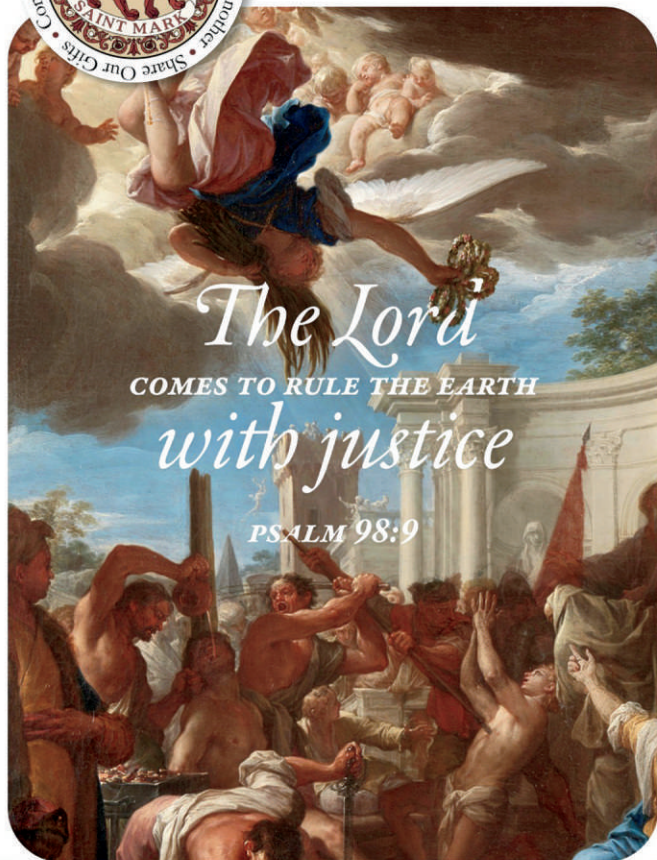


SAINT MARK

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome, November 9, 2025, Spanish Page 16



Welcome to St. Mark



Today we celebrate Dedication of the Lateran Basilica. The readings can be found on page 1293. 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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[stmarknc.org/
online-giving](http://stmarknc.org/online-giving)

FROM THE PASTOR



Today, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome — the cathedral church of the Pope and the mother church of all Christendom. While this feast honors a sacred building, it also reminds us of a deeper truth: we, the People of God, are the living temple of His presence.

In the first reading, Ezekiel describes life-giving water flowing from the temple, bringing renewal wherever it goes. This image calls us to be channels of God's grace in the world. St. Paul tells us, "You are the temple of God, and the Spirit of God dwells in you" (1 Cor 3:16). As stewards, we are entrusted with the sacred task of caring for this temple — our own hearts and our parish community — so that God's presence may shine through us.

In the Gospel, Jesus cleanses the temple, declaring that His body is the true dwelling place of God. Through our baptism, we share in this mystery and are called to reflect God's holiness in all we do.

Today's feast is an invitation to renew our commitment to the Church — to participate actively in her mission, to serve generously, and to let our lives be signs of God's living presence in the world. © Catholic Stewardship Consultants, 2025

Pastoral Pondering

Last year I noted that the norm for the distribution of Communion in the United States is standing and on the hand. I brought it up because parishioners were questioning why Bishop Martin, when he visited the parish, did not utilize the altar rails. This is not the norm universally, but each conference of bishops is asked to adopt that posture which is to be normative. The USCCB website states the following:

The *General Instruction* asks each country's Conference of Bishops to determine the posture to be used for the reception of Communion and the act of reverence to be made by each person as he or she receives Communion. In the United States, the body of Bishops has determined that "[t]he norm... is that Holy Communion is to be received standing, unless an individual member of the faithful wishes to receive Communion while kneeling" and that a bow is the act of reverence made by those receiving (no. 160). The right to receive Communion on the tongue or on the hand and whether to receive kneeling or standing belongs to the individual. The normative practice, however, is clear and is set by the body of bishops. <https://tinyurl.com/y4c9j2vf>

When we began offering the Traditional Latin Mass a number of years ago, we added the altar rails to meet the requirements of that particular celebration. The use of the rails gradually became the norm at the parish because more and more people started to use them. Personally, I believe it promotes reverence and devotion. At the same time, obedience is a virtue, and I think it is important to be united with other parishes in the Diocese and return to the normative practice as noted above which Bishop Martin is asking to be implemented on the First Sunday of Advent, November 30. As noted above, each individual retains the right to kneel to receive the Eucharist.

I also want to be clear that love and devotion for the Eucharist can be expressed in any number of ways within the life of the Church. No one can argue that the Diocese of Charlotte does not have a deep love for the Eucharist. It is the center of our lives, and it is certainly the center of our parish here at St. Mark. From our love for the Eucharist flows our commitment to effective catechesis, evangelization, and our tremendous outreach to the poor. Those things remain unchanged.

Any time changes are made, especially in the liturgy, it touches people deeply. My hope is that after almost 11 years as your pastor, you know how much I love and care for you and for the liturgy entrusted to us. I simply believe that it is better that we are faithful to the liturgical norms given to us by legitimate Church authority as outlined in the *General Instruction to the Roman Missal*. Personal preferences, including my own, which go beyond these norms should not encroach on the liturgical celebration. As our Holy Father reminds in his pontifical motto, *In Illo Uno Unum* (In the One (Christ) we are one), in the liturgy and in our Catholic life.

ADORATION

"Jesus Himself is calling you to spend one special specific hour with Him each Week."

(St. John Paul II)

By: Donna Fodale/Adoration Coordinator

I am very blessed that people often share with me certain things that they read, hear or have experienced pertaining to the Eucharist and Adoration. They share things that have touched their hearts and have helped them grow in their devotion to the Eucharist and Adoration.

One parishioner came across a video that had seven words that have helped her reflect more deeply on the power of the Eucharist. Not only can this be a powerful prayer used after receiving the Eucharist at Mass, but it can also be a powerful prayer to say before the Blessed Sacrament in Adoration.

The seven words are **"Jesus Hide Me in Your Wounds Forever."** Some of the profound meaning of each word or phrase:

- **Jesus** - Asking for spiritual survival; it is an act of surrender; Jesus said, "come to Me all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest". Matthew 11:28
- **Hide Me** - You are asking Jesus to be your shelter and a place of safety. You place yourself under His protection.
- **In Your Wounds** - A place of healing power, asking to be submerged in mercy. By His wounds we are healed.
- **Forever** - Seal of Eternity, not just today but beyond death. Never let me wander, never let me leave you. Make this permanent in me.

A great time to say these words are as soon as you have consumed the Host at Mass or when you are before the Lord in Adoration.

What are some of the things that you do in Adoration that help you enter more deeply into prayer?

How does the Lord speak to you during your time in Adoration?

If you would like to share about what you like to do in Adoration or how Adoration has helped you in your relationship with Christ, please email: donna.fodale@stmarknc.org

You never know, your words can be the very words that inspire someone else to come to our Adoration Chapel and experience the grace and peace that can only come from being present before the true body of Christ.

If you are interested in becoming a weekly **Adorer**, please, register at www.stmarknc.org/adoration.

Can't commit to an hour then become a sub for more information on being a sub please email donna.fodale@stmarknc.org

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
Vic Crognale
Janice D'Angelo
Sheila DeArmon
Judy and Rich Deboer
John Deluca
Henry Diener
Jane & William Dragoon
James Dupree
Barbara Dutty
James P. Durcan
Jack Evans
Frances & Kai Ferell & Family
Charles Fillipo
Al Fischlein
Joseph Fiore
Tom Fox
Alan Friedl & Family
Maureen K. Frost
Carmin Gallo
Teri Gay
Valeria Gerbasi
Denny & Monica Golden
Tom Goodwin
Josette Grace

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

Robert Graham
Paige Grieshop
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
Margaret Lynch
Dr. Sivaramalingam
Manickavasagar
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
Joann Nigro
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
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, November 9

7:30 am Maria Fernanda Meneses
9 am † Members of the Hlenski Family
11 am St. Mark Parishioners
1 pm † Josefa Osorio
4:30 pm † Kay McAfee
5 pm John & Jean Huber

Monday, November 10

7 am Thomas J. Garberina Sr.
9 am † Vernon McCord

Tuesday, November 11

9 am † Gordon Thomas Lackey

Wednesday, November 12

7 am Kaia Jade Cruz
† Bob Fernez
6:30 pm † Judy A. Taddei
† Marie Sorkin

Thursday, November 13

7 am † James O'Brien & Jack Ryder
9 am Suzanne FitzGerald

Friday, November 14

7 am Raymond Brindley
9 am † Andrea Olynick
7 pm † Larry Hauser

Saturday, November 15

9 am Respect Life Ministry
5 pm Susan DeGrace

Sunday, November 16

7:30 am † Gregory Warner
9 am † Carol Tipton Hook
11 am † Anthony Yenichek
1 pm St. Mark Parishioners
4:30 pm † Frani Hibbs
5 pm † Burdzinski & Kazimierski Families

† Deceased

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun. Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome
Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Mon. Memorial of Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10; Lk 17:1-6

Tue. Memorial of Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop
Wis 2:23-3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19; Lk 17:7-10

Wed. Memorial of Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr
Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19

Thu. Memorial of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
Wis 7:22b-8:1; Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25

Fri. Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab; Lk 17:26-37

Sat. Wis 18:14-16, 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8

Sun. Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mal 3:19-20a; Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19

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.



November: Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory

"As we enter Heaven we will see them, so many of them walking towards us and thanking us. We will ask who they are, and they will say a poor soul you prayed for in Purgatory."

– Fulton J. Sheen

November is the month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory, dedicated to praying for those who have died, in purgatory, and undergoing purification before entering heaven. By observing November as the Month of the Holy Souls, we are reminded of our duty to intercede for the deceased, emphasizing faith in the mercy of God and the eventual reunion in heaven.

Gaining a Plenary Indulgence for the Holy Souls in Purgatory: There is still time to *gain a Plenary Indulgence for those souls who are waiting to join the saints in heaven. To gain an indulgence each day from now through November 8, the faithful must be in a state of grace, receive Holy Communion, visit a cemetery to pray for the departed, recite an Our Father, and recite the Creed.*

St. Gertrude Prayer to Release Souls from Purgatory!

The St. Gertrude Prayer is attributed to St. Gertrude the Great, a 13th-century German Benedictine nun and mystic known for her deep devotion and contemplative visions. According to tradition, Jesus revealed to St. Gertrude that reciting this prayer would release many souls from purgatory.

The prayer is as follows:

"Eternal Father, I offer Thee the most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen."

Veterans Day, November 11, 2025



This Tuesday, our parish offices will be closed in honor of Veterans Day, a day set aside to remember the men and women who have served our nation with courage, sacrifice, and devotion to the cause of freedom.

As we pause in gratitude, we also turn to Mary, the Queen of Peace, and ask her intercession for all who have served and for those who continue to protect our country today.

May her Son, the Prince of Peace, bring healing to those wounded in body, mind, or spirit, and grant eternal rest to all who have laid down their lives in service to others.

Let us never take for granted the freedoms we enjoy, nor forget the cost at which they were secured.

May our hearts be filled with gratitude — and our prayers lifted in hope for peace in our nation and throughout the world.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.” — Matthew 5:9

Slaying Dragons



Press

Talk by Author and Speaker

Charles D. Fraune

Monday, November 10th

Parish Hall @ 6:30pm!

***“The Most Powerful Saints in
Exorcisms: What Exorcists
Want You to Know”***

In this talk, based on his recent book,

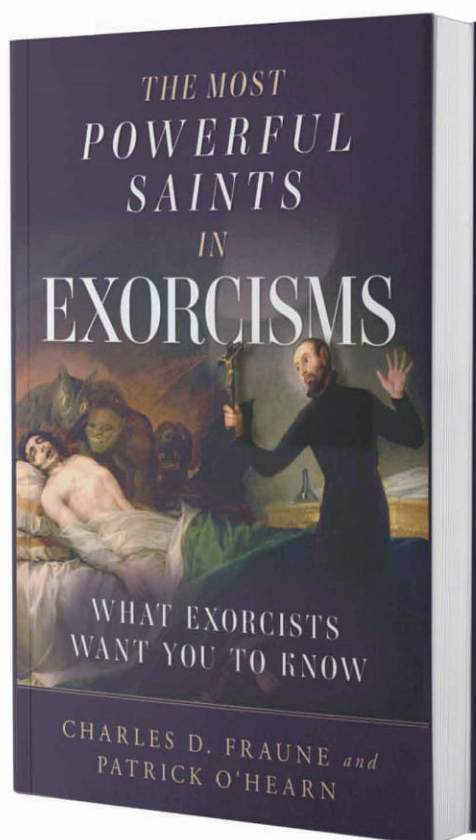
*The Most Powerful Saints in Exorcisms:
What Exorcists Want You to Know*

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.

**St. Mark Catholic Church
Huntersville, NC**

Monday, November 10th

**This Book, and more
spiritual warfare Books on Sale
*Book Signing***



Endorsed by Bishops, exorcists,
and those working in deliverance
ministry.

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Spotlight: Uniting with the Universal Church

We celebrate the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome today. After centuries of Christian persecution, the Lateran Basilica was dedicated by Pope Sylvester I on November 9, 324. It is the oldest church in the West. In addition to its significance as the seat of the Pope, the head of the universal church, its history as the first cathedral where Christians could openly worship and publicly practice their faith is cause for universal celebration.

This feast reminds us of our love and unity with Christian's throughout the ages and around the world. We are blessed to enjoy physical spaces set apart to encounter God, including chapels, churches, basilicas, and cathedrals. Setting aside sacred time to spiritually connect to God with the universal church also helps us grow in holiness. Praying the Liturgy of the Hours, the official set of daily prayers for the church, also known as the

Divine Office, includes psalms, readings, and prayers for specific times of day, joining our prayers with all the prayers of the church. "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thess. 5:16-18) Choose whatever time of day works best for you, begin with one set of prayers, and sanctify this time each day.

A recent Fr. Mike Schmitz podcast tells more about the Liturgy of Hours and can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tYwVeGeTrao>, or visit <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgy-of-the-hours>. The prayers for the Liturgy of Hours can be found through apps like Divine Office, iBreviary, Laudate, Universalis, or online at divineoffice.org, ibreviary.com, or universalis.com. Growing in Christ, Connecting in Faith.

Select Ornaments Outside after Mass

Christmas Giving Tree

"It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Thank you to everyone who selected Christmas Giving Tree ornaments last weekend! What a blessing to have such enthusiastic support.

WHAT TO DO NOW?

- 1) Start bringing gifts back! We will be collecting at the POD located in the parking spaces next to the Family Center.
- 2) There are still plenty children, elderly, and those in need that still have tags on the tree. The trees are available outside after Mass.
- 3) You may also make an online donation to Angel Tree at stmarknc.org/Christmas-Giving-Tree or scan the code.



As a reminder how this works. Each ornament has a gift request. Just take one (or more!), purchase the item, and return it in a gift bag with the tag attached. Online donations can be made at or scan code.

Your generosity helps share the love of Christ and the true spirit of Christmas with those who need it most!

Organizations Receiving Gifts in 2025:

Croft Community School
Blythe Elementary
Huntersville Elementary
Long Creek Elementary
St. Mark Elementary
Torrence Creek Elem.
Huntersville Oaks
Hope House
Children's Hope Alliance

Bridge of Hearts
Catholic Charities
MOP
Mira Via
Little Smiles
St. Mark Families
Walking with Moms in Need
Daughters of the Virgin Mother
Neighborhood C.A.R.E. Center



Young at Heart Thanksgiving Luncheon

For ALL those **55+**

Wednesday, November 19, 11 am

in the Parish Hall

Come for our annual
traditional Thanksgiving meal,
prepared by our own parishioner
Clint Schaney.

Cost: \$15 donation

To reserve your spot, please fill out an envelope
— found at the Welcome Desk in the Family Center —
and deposit it in the black box on the wall.



*Cutoff for reservation is
Monday, November 10!*

PARISH LIFE

Prayer Shawl Ministry October

When: Tues., Nov. 11 & 18; 10 am

Where: Kerin Family Center Parish Hall

If you like to knit or crochet, consider making prayer items. The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 10 am in the Parish Hall. Join us to pray, connect, and crochet/knit. All materials are provided through the parish ministry budget including yarn, needles, hooks, etc. Don't worry if you don't know how to crochet/knit, we will teach you.

If you prefer to make items at home, that's okay, too.

For information about joining this ministry or receiving a prayer shawl for yourself or someone you love, please contact Liz Hoegler at

jlhoegler@gmail.com.

Did You Miss Our Estate Planning Seminar?

If you were unable to attend the free Estate Planning Seminar held on Oct. 23 we'd be happy to provide you with more information. Please feel free to reach out to Karen Donahue at

karen.donahue@stmarknc.org.

We have extra information packets from the Diocese available to assist you with your estate planning needs.

James Tweed's Diaconate Ordination: Bus Trip Interest

We are considering a group bus trip to Immaculate Conception Church in Hendersonville, N.C. for the Diaconate Ordination of James Tweed on Saturday, December 6.

The bus would leave St. Mark around 7 am and return about 4 pm. Estimated cost: \$30-\$35 per person (meals to be determined).

Please go to our Sign Up Genius at

www.stmarknc.org/james-tweed or scan the code.

You may also leave your information with Paige, Karen or Sharon at the Welcome Desk.

If interested, please provide your name and the number in your group. *This is an interest sign-up only and does not guarantee a seat.*



Ministry for Couples Struggling with Infertility: Harvest Hope

When: Nov. 20: 8 pm

(We meet once a quarter)

Where: Zoom; RSVP for meeting link

For couples experiencing infertility, it is often a lonely road to walk. There is an undercurrent of hope, resting in the Lord's providence, that the harvest will come despite the heavy cross. Harvest Hope is launching to provide a Catholic support group for couples walking the road of infertility. This group will provide a space to share the trials that infertility can bring to a couple's life while upholding the Church's teachings.

The group name comes from Galatians 6:9: "And let us not grow weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap a harvest, if we do not lose heart."

Contact: Lindsey Schmidt & Mary Weaver, harvest.hope.stmark@gmail.com

Spain, Fatima and Lourdes Pilgrimage Information Session

When: Wed., Nov. 12; 7:00 pm

Where: Virtual via Zoom

Come here about our inspiring Marian Pilgrimage with Father Kevin Martinez to Fatima, Spain, and Lourdes, May 24-June 4, 2026! This meeting will be an opportunity to see the itinerary, ask questions, and meet your fellow pilgrims!

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!

Share this invitation with your family and friends — all are welcome to join and learn more about this beautiful experience!

Please help us plan with your RSVP at this link or scan the QR code:

<https://tinyurl.com/ykub2n28>

More Information:

WoodardLuxuryTravel.com/events-trips

Contact: Donny Woodard, 980-483-3620, dwoodard@WoodardLuxuryTravel.com



Alzheimer's Respite Ministry - A Place of Peace

When: Mondays 1-4 pm

Where: Kerin Family Center, Room 200

Caring for someone with Alzheimer's can be both beautiful and challenging. At Saint Mark Catholic Church we understand the deep need for companionship, spiritual support and meaningful engagement — especially in the early to moderate stages of Alzheimer's.

Our Alzheimer's Respite Ministry offers a safe, welcoming space where your loved one can experience prayer, friendship and joyful socialization. Our dedicated volunteers recognize that meaningful relationships are possible at every stage of Alzheimer's. We are here to nurture those connections with compassion and faith.

You are welcome to attend with your loved one or allow us to care for them while you receive some much-needed respite from your caregiving.

To enroll in this free program, contact: Janet Urban, jgraceart@yahoo.com or 704-236-7475

Make a Difference with Nourish Up! Volunteers Needed

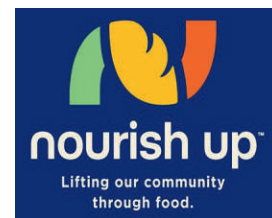
Looking for a meaningful way to give back to your community?

Join the Nourish Up Food Pantry team and help bring hope and nourishment to our neighbors!

We're seeking friendly, compassionate volunteers to assist clients in selecting food items at the pantry on Stumptown Rd. This is a hands-on, client-facing role - perfect for those who love connecting with people and making a direct impact.

Volunteers are needed to work on Wednesdays or Thursdays from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm. Volunteer weekly, bi-weekly, or even just once a month- whatever fits your schedule!

Contact Lauren Steele at laurenfloyd@verizon.net to get started.



MASS OF CONSOLATION

For all who have suffered miscarriage or stillborn loss.



Saturday, November 15 9am Mass

Those who have suffered miscarriage or stillborn loss are invited to our 3rd annual Mass of Consolation on Saturday, November 15. This year we will offer a series of short talks in the Monsignor Kerin Family Center Parish Hall after the Mass:

Attendees will have the opportunity to write their child and family name in a Book of Remembrance to be placed at the altar during the offertory. Families will also receive a blessed white candle to take home with them.

Thank you to the Respect Life Ministry and the Diocese of Charlotte Office of Family Life for offering this Mass to the community.



SAINT MARK Catholic Church
14740 Stumptown Road, Huntersville, NC



DIOCESE OF CHARLOTTE

OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE

2025 DSA Update: 90%!

Goal: \$403,139 | Paid & Pledged: \$363,261.62 | Remaining Balance: \$39,877.38

We have now had 502 families who have contributed to the DSA and are only 10% from our goal. If you haven't donated, what are you waiting for! We have so many good things happening in the Diocese of Charlotte, but we need everyone to pitch in.

No donation is too small. When you give to the DSA, you join with others across the Diocese, united in love as "Reflecting God's Light." Can you pledge \$5, \$10, or even \$20 a month?

What impact does your gift have? Your gift supports food pantries who feed families in need in our Diocese through Catholic Charities. You make it possible for 40,000 children each year to learn about Jesus. You provide for the future of the Catholic Church supporting seminarians and deacon candidates. You enable engaged couples to receive marriage preparation and you provide the elderly with education and social programs to help them stay active and engaged.

Some of these programs impact people right here at St. Mark. Other DSA ministries reach beyond our doors to have a broader impact. Either way, your donation is a tangible expression of our shared commitment to the virtues of faith, hope and charity.

Thank you for supporting the 2025 Diocesan Support Appeal and making your financial contribution today.

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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

Coffee & Conversation

Every Tuesday after
9am Mass in the
Kerin Family Center

Meet new people.
Enjoy old friends.
Connect to the community.



AROUND THE DIOCESE

Retrouvaille Marriage Help

Retrouvaille offers a welcoming and loving space to couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage. Retrouvaille offers hope: hope that it is not too late, hope for a different and better marriage. Retrouvaille helps couples to show each other mercy through the opportunities it provides to listen, to forgive, to be reconciled and to move into their futures believing that God loves them and, with His help and their efforts, their marriages can be healed and restored. For over 48 years, Retrouvaille has provided help for marriage problems/difficulties/ crises.

For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program in Charlotte area on January 16-18, 2026 for couples, email 3062r@helpourmarriage.org or call 727-343-6701

Website: www.HelpOurMarriage.com

3rd Annual ST. NICHOLAS BREAKFAST

Sunday, November 30, 2025

Following the 9 AM & 11 AM Masses

- Hot breakfast including eggs, pancakes, sausage, fruit, and juice.
- Visit with St. Nicholas
- FREE Advent Liturgical Living Resources
- FREE Family Photo Opportunity



Registration Required

Registration closes November 25, 2025, or once capacity is reached.



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

1st Annual David Calabrese Memorial Golf Tournament

When: Mon., Nov. 10; 11 am

Where: Northstone Country Club

Join us for the inaugural **David Calabrese Memorial Golf Tournament** in support of the Knights of Columbus. Proceeds benefit 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.

- **Format:** 11 am Shotgun Start, Captain's Choice
- **Cost:** \$160 per golfer (green fees); \$20 Mulligan Package
- **Extras:** 50/50 Raffle, Putting Contest, Closest-to-Pin

Lunch: Chicken and BBQ Buffet

Sponsored by Primal Brewery and Christian Brothers.

For questions or to sponsor a hole, please contact: Bill Pugh, bill.pugh@cmc.com, 704-309-7466 or John Knight, john.knight1@verizon.net, 704-618-3779



Coming Up at Saint Mark

Monday, November 10

Charles Fraune Talk: The Most Powerful Saints in Exorcisms, 6:30 pm

Tuesday, November 11

Veteran's Day, Offices Closed

Saturday, November 15

Mass of Consolation, 9 am

Wednesday, November 19

Young at Heart Luncheon

Wednesday, November 25

Prayer & Praise

Sunday, November 30

Advent Begins

St. Nicholas Brunch

Monday, December 8

Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation, Offices closed

Tuesday, December 9

Prayer and Praise

Friday, December 12

Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Saturday, December 13

Parish-Wide Holiday Celebration

December 15-23

Posada, nightly, Spanish

Thursday, December 25

Christmas

Thursday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Day, Offices Closed

Saturday, January 3

First Saturday Dinner

Saturday, January 10

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest
Volunteer Appreciation Event

Saturday, January 17

Meal Packaging Event

Monday, January 19

Martin Luther King Day, Offices Closed

February 7 and 8

Women's Welcome Retreat

February 11

Young at Heart Luncheon

Saturday, February 14

Marriage Date Night

Wednesday, February 18

Ash Wednesday

Friday, February 20

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry



CHRISTMAS TREES SALE

The Knights of Columbus are announcing the annual

Christmas tree sale at St. Mark's, an event held for over a decade.

Proceeds from tree sales will be directed to charities supported by the organization.

A limited number of Fraser fir Christmas trees are available in three sizes:

6-7 ft.

7-8 ft.

8-9 ft.



Wreaths are also offered in 3 different sizes with the option to add decorations for an additional fee.

Delivery to your home is also an option.

Orders can be placed by scanning the QR code or visiting stmarknc.org/koc.

Order must be received with your payment by November 28, 2025

Pickup / Delivery date will be Saturday, December 6, from 8am till 2 pm.

LIFE TEEN

An Open Letter from Gus Free, High School Ministry Coordinator

Welcome to High School Ministry at St. Mark!

Our mission is to take everything that your teens have learned so far in Faith Formation, and to help them to turn that knowledge into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. 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.

High School Ministry at St. Mark is open to ALL high school teens. Please do not hesitate to email me with any questions! Gus

Want to receive message notifications?

We use the REMIND app to message parents and teens weekly about activities, reminders, or schedule changes. To sign up, download the Remind App, and type in the class code **smhsym2025**.

Other Ways to Stay Connected!

Instagram: @stmarkncyouth

Sunday Bulletin - Updates Every Sunday

Email List: augustine.free@stmarknc.org

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HALL.**

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NOVEMBER 20 OR 21



High School Ministry Flag
Football Tournament and

Thanksgiving
TAILGATE



November 20 or 21

Decorate your car to celebrate the 250th birthday of America, as we look gratefully at all of the ways God has blessed us and our great nation! A tradition going back to the Pilgrims!

Best decorated and most patriotic car will win a prize!

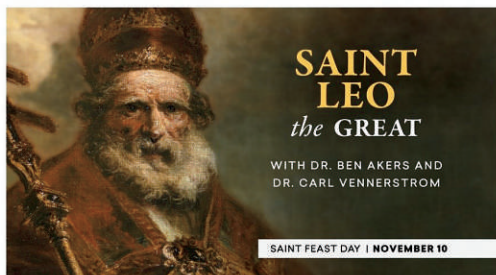
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Week of November 09, 2025



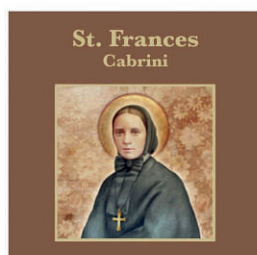
St. Leo the Great | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Carl Vannerstrom as they discuss St. Leo the Great, who served as pope during the tumultuous time of the Council of Chalcedon.



Foretold

From the beginning, God had a plan to save man from sin. With Jesus, that plan was fulfilled. But he also has a specific plan for you. Watch Foretold to rediscover God's providential love for you.



St. Frances Cabrini

No one would have assumed that a sickly girl from Italy would be accepted into a convent nor travel far from home. Yet, St. Frances went on to prove both assumptions incorrect, becoming a nun and missionary who would establish schools, orphanages and hospitals all across America.

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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
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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 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.

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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.

Parishioner Assistance

Financial:

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

Life Crisis: Stephen Ministry
stmarknc.org/stephen-ministry

Food Insecurity:

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

Al-Anon

Ellen | 704-907-8555
Alcoholics Anonymous
Tom | 704-604-7739

Alateen program

Paul G. | 704-641-0654

Divorce Support Group

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

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

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

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Taken Abortion Pill? It may not be too late: Abortion Pill
Reversal 877-558-0333 or abortionpillreversal.com

DEL PÁRROCO



Hoy, la Iglesia celebra la Fiesta de la Dedicación de la Basílica Lateranense en Roma, la iglesia catedral del Papa y la iglesia madre de toda la cristiandad. Si bien esta fiesta honra un edificio sagrado, también nos recuerda una verdad más profunda: nosotros, el Pueblo de Dios, somos el templo vivo de Su presencia.

En la primera lectura, Ezequiel describe el agua vivificante que fluye del templo, trayendo renovación dondequiera que vaya. Esta imagen nos llama a ser canales de la gracia de Dios en el mundo. San Pablo nos dice: "Vosotros sois templo de Dios, y el Espíritu de Dios mora en vosotros" (1 Corintios 3:16). Como administradores, se nos confía la sagrada tarea de cuidar este templo, nuestros propios corazones y nuestra comunidad parroquial, para que la presencia de Dios brille a través de nosotros.

En el Evangelio, Jesús purifica el templo, declarando que su cuerpo es la verdadera morada de Dios. A través de nuestro bautismo, compartimos este misterio y estamos llamados a reflejar la santidad de Dios en todo lo que hacemos.

La fiesta de hoy es una invitación a renovar nuestro compromiso con la Iglesia: participar activamente en su misión, servir generosamente y dejar que nuestras vidas sean signos de la presencia viva de Dios en el mundo. © Consultores de mayordomía católica, 2025

Meditación pastoral

El año pasado señalé que la norma para la distribución de la Comunión en los Estados Unidos está de pie y en la mano. Lo mencioné porque los feligreses se preguntaban por qué el obispo Martin, cuando visitó la parroquia, no utilizó las barandillas del altar. Esta no es la norma universalmente, pero a cada conferencia de obispos se le pide que adopte esa postura que debe ser normativa. El sitio web de la USCCB establece lo siguiente:

La *Instrucción General* pide a la Conferencia Episcopal de cada país que determine la postura que se utilizará para recibir la Comunión y el acto de reverencia que debe hacer cada persona al recibir la Comunión. En los Estados Unidos, el cuerpo de obispos ha determinado que "la norma... es que la Sagrada Comunión debe recibirse de pie, a menos que un miembro individual de los fieles desee recibir la Comunión de rodillas" y que una reverencia es el acto de reverencia hecho por quienes la reciben (no. 160). El derecho a recibir la Comunión en la lengua o en la mano y si recibe de rodillas o de pie pertenece al individuo. La práctica normativa, sin embargo, es clara y está establecida por el cuerpo de obispos.

<https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/the-mass/order-of-mass/liturgy-of-the-eucharist/the-reception-of-holy-communion-at-mass>

Cuando comenzamos a ofrecer la Misa Tradicional en Latín hace varios años, agregamos los rieles del altar para cumplir con los requisitos de esa celebración en particular. El uso de los rieles se convirtió gradualmente en la norma en la parroquia porque cada vez más personas comenzaron a usarlos. Personalmente, creo que promueve la reverencia y la devoción. Al mismo tiempo, la obediencia es una virtud, y creo que es importante estar unidos

con otras parroquias de la Diócesis y volver a la práctica normativa como se señaló anteriormente que el Obispo Martin está pidiendo que se implemente el Primer Domingo de Adviento, el 30 de noviembre. Como se señaló anteriormente, cada individuo conserva el derecho de arrodillarse para recibir la Eucaristía.

También quiero dejar claro que el amor y la devoción por la Eucaristía se pueden expresar de muchas maneras dentro de la vida de la Iglesia. Nadie puede argumentar que la Diócesis de Charlotte no tiene un profundo amor por la Eucaristía. Es el centro de nuestras vidas, y ciertamente es el centro de nuestra parroquia aquí en St. Mark. De nuestro amor por la Eucaristía fluye nuestro compromiso con la catequesis efectiva, la evangelización y nuestro tremendo alcance a los pobres. Esas cosas permanecen sin cambios.

Cada vez que se hacen cambios, especialmente en la liturgia, toca profundamente a las personas. Mi esperanza es que después de casi 11 años como su pastor, sepa cuánto lo amo y me preocupo por usted y por la liturgia que se nos ha confiado. Simplemente creo que es mejor que seamos fieles a las normas litúrgicas que nos da la autoridad legítima de la Iglesia, como se describe en la *Instrucción general del Misal Romano*. Las preferencias personales, incluidas las mías, que van más allá de estas normas no deben invadir la celebración litúrgica. Como recuerda nuestro Santo Padre en su lema pontificio, *In Illo Uno Unum* (En el Uno (Cristo) somos uno), en la liturgia y en nuestra vida católica.

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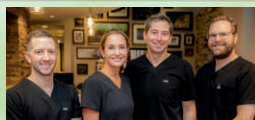
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