



SAINT MARK

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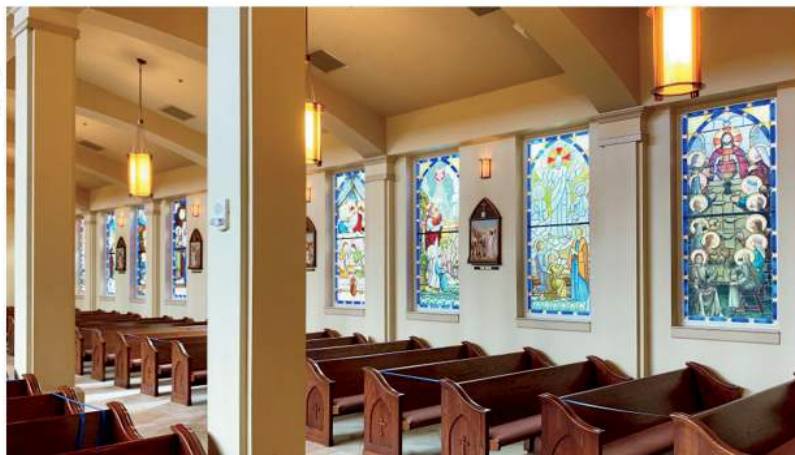
Welcome to St. Mark!

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, the final day of the Holy Season of Christmas. Readings can be found in the music handouts or on page 811 of the St. Augustine Hymnal.

As Jesus steps into the waters of the Jordan, the heavens open, the Holy Spirit descends, and the Father proclaims, "You are my beloved Son." With this moment, Christ's public ministry begins and the Church turns with Him toward the road ahead.

Tomorrow, Ordinary Time begins. This season is not a pause between holy moments, but a sacred journey where we walk with Jesus and His disciples through His earthly life: His preaching, His miracles, His encounters with the poor and forgotten, His calling of ordinary people to follow Him. This journey will lead us to Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18.

Here at St. Mark, we are surrounded by a beautiful invitation to live this season well. Our Mysteries of the Rosary stained glass windows guide us visually and prayerfully through the life of Christ—from His Incarnation to His Passion, Resurrection, and glory. As we pray the Rosary and meditate on these mysteries, we are drawn into what may be called "ordinary time," but is in truth holy time shaped by Christ's presence and saving work.



Ordinary Time asks us to walk faithfully, not hurriedly.

To listen. To grow. To follow Jesus not only in extraordinary moments, but in daily life. The life of the Church exists to support that journey.

In the weeks ahead, St. Mark offers many opportunities to deepen prayer, grow in faith, serve others, and build community through the sacraments, ministries, service, formation, and simple presence with one another. Each step, however small, is part of our shared discipleship.

As Christmas comes to its close, may we remember that our own baptism calls us to follow Christ every day.

Come walk with Him. Come pray with His Church.

Come live this holy season together at St. Mark.

Please join us in the Prayer to St. Michael after the Final Blessing. **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.



Thank you for generously sharing your gifts with the parish. You may make an online donation at stmarknc.org/online-giving

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. *You may receive Holy Communion kneeling on the tongue or standing to receive in your hand.*
5. *Please consume the Holy Eucharist in front of the minister of Holy Communion, before walking away.*

We invite you to make St. Mark your parish home!

If you are interested in registering as a member of St. Mark, please go to stmarknc.org/registration or scan the code. You may submit the form online or bring a paper copy to the Welcome Desk during normal business hours. Forms can be found in the narthex. Please know, you do not need to be Catholic to join and come to our parish.

Stay up-to-date on all happenings at the parish by following us on social media or signing up to receive our e-newsletter at stmarknc.org/emailnewsletter.



FROM THE PASTOR



Today marks the close of the Christmas season, but before we return to Ordinary Time, we have one more great feast to celebrate — The Baptism of the Lord. Today's feast is a perfect opportunity to consider the privileges and responsibilities we all share as Christian stewards by virtue of our own Baptism.

At the moment of our Baptism, we became adopted sons and daughters of God, members of his holy, Catholic Church. Though we may not have realized it, the moment of our Baptism is also the moment we become Christian stewards, disciples of Jesus Christ, tasked with the work of following in His footsteps day by day and sharing the Gospel message with all those around us.

In our second reading from the Acts of the Apostles, St. Peter gives us a glimpse of the person of Jesus we should imitate. "He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him." We must live our lives like Jesus, seeking to do good to everyone we encounter; not just those in our inner circle of family and friends, but everyone in our community since the Father loves us all and Jesus sought out everyone with His saving message.

In the Gospel passage from Matthew, we see yet another aspect of Jesus in action, this time as he humbly stands before John to be baptized by him. What humility and what willingness to unite Himself to us our

Lord demonstrates by this act. We can do no less as we live out our daily lives as his disciples.

And when we do strive with all our might to live out our Baptismal call to Christian stewardship, we will experience the deep honor of knowing that we, too, are God's "beloved" sons and daughters "with whom He is well-pleased." © Catholic Stewardship Consultants, 2025

Pastoral Pondering

As many of you know, on December 17 Bishop Martin issued a pastoral letter concerning the reception of Holy Communion. In that letter, he directed that non-fixed altar rails and kneelers be removed no later than January 16.

I want to acknowledge, very simply and honestly, that this has been difficult for many in our parish. I feel that weight as well. I love St. Mark, and I am grateful for the reverence and devotion so many of you show toward the Holy Eucharist. I do not take lightly the concerns, questions, or disappointment this has raised. I am also aware that some of the faithful have made use of the appropriate channels within the Church to petition for clarification or reconsideration, and those processes may continue.

At the same time, as your pastor, I am entrusted with leading this parish in fidelity to the Church and her discipline in those matters that do not contradict Catholic law. While there are sincere and thoughtful discussions about posture for receiving Holy Communion, the current liturgical discipline in the United States

indicates that Communion is ordinarily received standing, whether on the tongue or in the hand. It is important to state clearly that the right of an individual communicant to kneel remains fully intact, and no one may ever be denied Holy Communion for choosing to do so.

Therefore, unless a suspensive decision is issued by the Bishop or by the Dicastery for Divine Worship, we will comply with the directive and remove the kneelers from around the sanctuary. To assist with the reverent and timely distribution of Holy Communion, we will also increase the number of Communion stations.

I know this change will be challenging for some. It is not something I approach lightly. My hope is that we can carry this moment together, offering whatever frustration or sorrow we may feel as a personal sacrifice, united to Christ present in the Eucharist. Crosses come in many forms, and how we bear them matters greatly. Let us remain united in prayer and charity, so that anger, bitterness, or division never take root at St. Mark.

The weight of the Bishop's office is a heavy one. I pray for Bishop Martin daily, and I ask that you do the same.

On a happier note, as we come to the end of the Christmas season, I want to thank all who dropped off Christmas greetings and goodies. Your kindness is very much appreciated.

Practicing the Virtues in 2026: Obedience, Listening and Following

As we enter Ordinary Time, the Church invites us to walk with Jesus through His earthly life, seeing Him through the eyes of His disciples, listening as they listened, following as they learned to follow.



Obedience, in the Christian life, is not blind submission or loss of freedom. It is the virtue that disposes the heart to listen attentively and respond in trust. Its opposite is not independence, but self-will, the temptation to decide for ourselves what we will accept, obey, or ignore.

Jesus reveals obedience as love in action. He listens to the Father and freely aligns His life with the Father's will. In doing so, He teaches His disciples — and us — that obedience is the path by which faith becomes lived reality.

The Church gives us concrete ways to practice this virtue. Our faithful participation in Sunday Mass, our return to the Sacrament of Confession, and our observance of Holy Days of Obligation are not arbitrary requirements. They are acts of obedience that form us over time, shaping our hearts to receive grace, healing, and truth even when it is inconvenient or challenging.

When the virtues were installed throughout our church in December 2021 as Scriptural Art, they became visible reminders of this interior work. Obedience stands among them not as a demand, but as an invitation — to listen before we speak, to trust before we insist, and to follow before we fully understand.

As you notice the virtues displayed around you, consider where obedience may be quietly at work in your life, and where self-will may be resisted. Obedience does not ask for perfection. It asks for openness and a willingness to hear Christ's call and take the next faithful step with Him.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please Pray For

Julie Andrews
Sarah Armstrong
Donald Arrup
John & Casey Ball
Daisy Bayona
Deidre Beck
Catherine Belloni
Richard Biddy
Beatrice Bilodeau
Marilyn Bissinger
Brian Blatchford & Family
Virginia "Gini" Bond
Kathy Brandt
Dave Breen
Helen Sally Buff
Elaine Burkinshaw
Carmen Cabranes
Anne Caestecker
Michelle Chichone
Rod Clair
Jim Clark
Murphy Clark
Beth Collins
William Conklin
Vic Crognale
Janice D'Angelo
Sheila DeArmon
Judy and Rich Deboer
John Deluca
Henry Diener
Charlie Donovan
Jane & William Dragoon
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
Valeria Gerbasi
Denny & Monica Golden
Tom Goodwin

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

Josette Grace
Robert Graham
Paige Grieshop
Rachel Grieshop
Hank Griffin
John Grivizas
Helen Haddad
Fran Hehn
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
Craig Leiker
Joan Lesch
Marie Ligon
Peter R. Loew
Kitty Long
Mary Jo Lucey
Margaret Lynch
Tom & Colette Manente
Dr. Sivaramalingam
Manickavasagar
Rosina Marcucci
Vernon McCord
Cathy Milligan
Terry Milstead
Lucille Modica
Vincent Montoya
Mary Morgan
Haleigh Moss
Niall Mulkeen
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
Ellen Posey
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
Pennie Singh
Todd Singh
Bill Sirnack
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, January 11

7:30 am † Salvatore Sr. & Frances Addamo
9 am John Yellico
11 am † Antoni Kalinowski
1 pm † Alejandra O. Palomar
5 pm † Msgr. Richard Bellow

Monday, January 12

7 am † John W. Stafford
9 am † Anna Veltri

Tuesday, January 13

7 am † Antoinette Sirianni
9 am St. Mark Parishioners

Wednesday, January 14

7 am † Mary Crow
† Dave Breese
6:30 pm The Esser Family
† Burton and Helen Edens

Thursday, January 15

7 am Gerald Corkery
9 am Mary's Women of Joy

Friday, January 16

7 am Andrew Cannon
9 am † Sisters of Charity
7 pm † Tomas Gomez

Saturday, January 17

9 am † Mary Louise Koehl
5 pm Frank & Debbie Salvato

Sunday, January 18

7:30 am † Frank Sternisha
9 am † Charlie Martin & Family
11 am James & Mary Ellis
1 pm † Juana Alvarez Flores
5 pm † Ernesto Marrero
† Deceased

Pray for Our Military

Air Force: C4C Andrew Bauders; 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; Airman Michael F. Yellico

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Week of January 11, 2026

Sunday	The Baptism of the Lord Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Mt 3:13-17
Monday	1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday	1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday	1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45
Friday	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-17, 18-19; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 2:13-17 3
Sunday	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

Caring for Those Who Care for Us



Supporting Priests and Religious Workers Serving Our Church

Religious Workforce Protection Act

How You Can Learn More or Take Part

For parishioners who wish to learn more or to share their support, there is a simple and respectful way to contact elected representatives regarding the **Religious Workforce Protection Act**.

Scan the QR code below or go to www.usccb.org/RWPAtoolkit to learn more about this issue.



For an online sample letter that you can write, email, or to call your representatives about caring for priests and religious workers, scan this QR code or go to www.votervoice.net/USCCB/Campaigns/125641/Respond



Thank you.

Caring for Those Who Care for Us

Last week, we shared a pastoral concern affecting the Catholic Church in our region. Some priests currently serving in the United States — and in the Diocese of Charlotte — under religious worker visas are required by law to leave the country after five years, even when their ministry is thriving and while they are still waiting for permanent residency. This situation has already affected priests serving in dioceses close to home, including priests who have served parishes like ours.

A narrowly focused, bipartisan proposal known as the **Religious Workforce Protection Act** would address this specific problem. The legislation would allow religious workers who are already lawfully present and who have applied for permanent residency to remain in the country while their applications are processed. It does not increase immigration numbers, but responds to a backlog that has made the current system difficult for parishes and the people they serve.

At its heart, this is a pastoral concern about continuity of care, stability in parish life, and supporting those who have dedicated their lives to serving God's people.

Exodus 90 in 2026: A Call to Freedom for Men

*When: Begins Mon., Jan. 5 for 2026; Wed., Feb. 18 for Lent;
Fraternity meets Saturday mornings at 7 am*

Where: Kerin Family Center

Exodus 90 is a 90-day spiritual journey for men seeking greater freedom, discipline and brotherhood through prayer, asceticism and fraternity. Rooted in Sacred Scripture and the tradition of the Church, Exodus 90 invites men to deepen their relationship with Christ and grow in virtue together.

The full Exodus 90 journey begins Jan. 5 with the theme "I Will Be with You."

For those unable to commit to the full 90 days, the Exodus 90 Lenten Challenge begins Feb. 18 with the theme "To the Promised Land."

The St. Mark Exodus 90 fraternity meets Saturday mornings at 7 am, typically in the Kerin Center, with alternate meeting locations including the picnic tables or the Narthex if needed.

Scan the code. Download the Exodus 90 APP.

Questions? To learn more, visit exodus90.com or contact St. Mark parishioner Paul Foret at pbforet@gmail.com.



STEWARDSHIP

Roof Above Men's Shelter Monthly Dinner Service

When: Second Wednesday of Every Month

Where: Roof Above, 1210 North Tryon St., Charlotte

As we begin a new year, you may be seeking new ways to serve our community in Jesus' name. We invite you to consider joining this meaningful ministry serving the gentlemen who reside at the Roof Above Tryon Campus.

On the second Wednesday of every month, volunteers prepare, cook, and serve a meal to approximately 150 gentlemen. This is a deeply rewarding opportunity, as you can experience firsthand the gratitude and appreciation of those we serve.



This ministry is open to volunteers of all ages and is a wonderful opportunity for middle school-aged students to serve alongside a parent. We aim to have at least eight volunteers each month. No prior experience is required—just a cheerful spirit and a willingness to serve.

St. Mark extends heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped serve the gentlemen of Roof Above in 2025, including Carol and Andrew Mayernik; Jim and Lisa Martel; Kyle and Lisa Ritchie; Ellen and Brian Reichard; Neil Eibler; Kaitlin Eibler; Rita Healy; Kathy Creighton; Robert Matsey; Bobby Matsey; and many others. Your generosity and dedication are truly appreciated. Thank you.

Information: Roofabove.org

Contact: Carol Palillo, 704-363-4128, cpalillo1@gmail.com

Stewardship Spotlight: Stewardship of Justice

Today's readings emphasize Jesus' mission to bring justice to earth. "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing...for God was with him." (Acts 10:38) As the Spirit of God visibly descended on Jesus at his baptism, all the souls of the baptized are marked by the Holy Spirit. He is our light of truth and we are called to follow Him in doing good and advocating for justice. "This is my beloved Son, listen to him." (Mark 9:7)

Good stewardship of justice includes recognizing that all life has inherent value and deserves dignity. We have the responsibility to protect the poor, vulnerable, unborn, aged, those with disabilities or illness and the persecuted. "Pope Saint Gregory the Great felt it necessary to remind the faithful: "Every minute we can find a Lazarus if we seek him... The rich man was not punished because he took what belonged to others, but because, while possessing such great riches, he had become impoverished within... in his prosperity, he preserved no sense of justice; the wealth he had received made him proud and caused him to lose all sense of compassion."

May we all respond to our call to steward justice well! In addition to the individual opportunities we encounter to promote justice within our families and community, our Respect Life ministry encourages us to become engaged in efforts to protect life and to study the church's teachings on marriage, children, and the dignity of the human person.

Learn more about how you can get involved at:
www.stmarknc.org/respect-life.

YOUR LIFE'S JOURNEY...

How will you be remembered?

**ESTABLISH A LEGACY THAT RESPONDS
TO THE MANY GIFTS GOD HAS GIVEN YOU.**

Creating a Lasting Legacy of Faith

Did you know that you can make a gift that reflects the blessings you've received and shared throughout your lifetime? By including St. Mark in your will or making another planned gift, you help ensure ongoing support for our parish and its mission. You can also honor the memory of a loved one by contributing to an endowment that strengthens our Catholic faith for generations to come. For more information, please contact Karen Donahue, Development Coordinator, at karen.donahue@stmarknc.org.

Ongoing Food Bin and Gift Card Collection

When: Anytime

Where: Narthex Bin

Please remember to bring non-perishable food donations with you any time you come to the church. We have a permanent food collection bin inside the entrance of the church. Volunteers take this food every week to various food pantries in Huntersville and Charlotte.

Grocery gift cards (\$25) can also be left in the parish office.

Please do not leave anything else in the Narthex Bin. It is a hardship to the volunteers to sort through clothing and household items. We do not use these items and do not have a way to get them to people in need.

Thank you.



PARISH LIFE

Thank You, Christmas Volunteers

As we conclude the Holy Season of Christmas, we offer our heartfelt gratitude to the many clergy, staff, and volunteers who made our Christmas liturgies at St. Mark so prayerful, beautiful, and welcoming.

We are especially grateful to Sister Mary Agnes and the Daughters of the Virgin Mother, who lovingly decorated our church and faithfully served as sacristans throughout the



Christmas season. We thank Manuel Mora, Director of Sacred Music, along with all of our choirs and musicians, whose sacred music lifted our hearts in praise. Our thanks also extend to Emily Bixler, our Liturgy Coordinator, for her careful planning and coordination of our many Christmas liturgies.

We are deeply appreciative of Chris Lemke, our ushers and

greeters, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, altar servers, and the many behind-the-scenes volunteers who helped each Mass run smoothly and reverently. Most especially, we thank our clergy, who generously offered their time, prayer, and pastoral care throughout this holy season.

Each Christmas, thousands come to St. Mark seeking Christ in the manger. Through your service, they found a parish filled with faith, beauty, and welcome.

Thank you for helping make room for Christ—and for one another—this Christmas.

Thank you to all of our generous parishioners who donated to our Christmas Flower Fund. We will keep all in our prayers and apologize for any errors or omissions in this list.

In Memory or Honor Of

Acquisto family
Salome family
Alberta Winch
Tom & Ellen Barcellona
Anthony Ray Bucci
Kathie Bunch
David & Theresa Fogarty
Sheila Fogarty
Maria Juvelina
Charon Martines
William Karagus (father)
Ann Karagus (mother)
Mary Louise Koehl
Thomas Lavinio
Carnea & Joseph Guzzo
Jennie & Thomas Lavinio
Arlene & Joseph Barna
Rosalie & Janet Brescia
Karen McDonnell
Ronald Edmondson
Hugh & Ellis Fanning
Meeie & Tess O'Riordan
Philip Petendree
John Bukowiecki
Nancy Bukowiecki

Addie Bolger
Antony Soniya
John Rocco
Daphne Williams
Deondra Sinclair
Rosaisely Chacon Martines
Terry Webster
Mickey Shannon
Bill Shannon
Dave Robinson
Ch Wilkinson
Alan F Worth
George Barta

Other Donors

M/M Gerardo Almanza
Mr Omar Almanza
Mrs Claudia Alvarez Dionicio
M/M Sean Angell
Mr Jose Ayala
M/M Richard Berkey
Mr Juan Blanco
M/M Michael Bowlding
Mrs Miguel Angel Cerdá
M/M Andrew Depew
Colleen Edmondson
M/M Joseph Fitzgerald

David Fogarty
Mrs Andrew Gillette
M/M Paul Gust
Mary Harrington
Ms Monica Hajar
Mrs Van Hua
Ms Suleyma Joya Alvarado
Ms Joan Lesch
Mrs Maria Lozano
Mrs Antonia Monfil
M/M John Movay
Mrs Son Nguyen
M/M Thomas Ober
M/M Gerald Pacella
M/M Geoffrey Palmer
Ms Juventina Ramirez
M/M Chad Rogers
M/M Gene Sewalish
M/M Anthony Seyler
M/M Brian Sisson
Mrs Patricia Thierfelder
Ms Griselda Torres
M/M Joe Verdeur
Mrs Muriel Worden
Mr Franklin Xavier



Singles 45+ Fellowship Event

When: Sunday, Jan., 18, 4 – 7:30 pm

Where: The Serve Pickleball + Kitchen,
20220 Chartown Dr., Cornelius

Join us for an evening of fellowship and fun for those aged 45+! Whether you are a regular or a newcomer, we invite you to grab a friend and meet us for a great time of community. It's the perfect opportunity to connect and make new memories.

Please note that we are meeting on the third Sunday in January and starting at our old start time of 4 pm since *The Serve* closes at 8 pm on Sundays.

RSVP Today: Please let us know you're coming by signing up using at tinyurl.com/53ds3kwz.

Questions? We are here to help! Feel free to reach out to us at 45plussingles@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you there!



PARISH LIFE

Rosary-Making Workshop

When: Sat., Jan. 24, 10 am-Noon

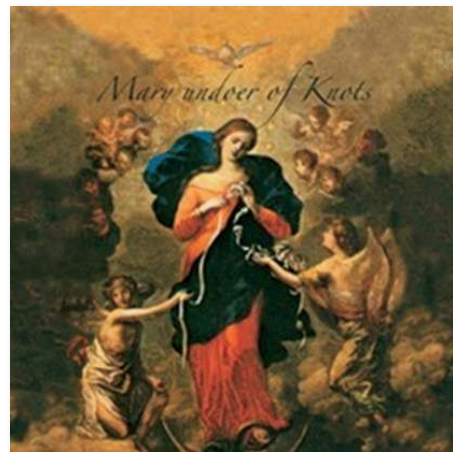
Where: Family Center, Room 204

Looking for a meaningful way to prepare for Lent? Something prayerful, hands-on and deeply impactful?



Join the St. Mark Rosary Makers for a rosary-making workshop in honor of *Our Lady, Undoer of Knots*. This beautiful ministry brings together young and old, beginners and experienced hands alike, to serve the Church through prayer, craftsmanship, and quiet mission.

Each year, our Rosary Makers create thousands of rosaries, shared locally and sent around the world. Our rosaries go to seminarians, missionaries, priests, parishes in need, and for sacramental celebrations right here at St. Mark. Every rosary made becomes a prayer placed into someone else's hands.



You are welcome to:

- Make rosaries with us during our gatherings
- Learn the process and continue making rosaries at home
- Participate as much or as little as your schedule allows

No experience is necessary; we will teach you everything you need to know.

With Ash Wednesday less than a month away, now is the perfect time to begin a simple yet powerful Lenten practice. It's a way of offering your time, your prayer, and your hands to Mary, who lovingly unties the knots in our lives.

As a special connection, many of the rosaries made by our St. Mark Rosary Makers have supported the global mission of the Church through the Dominican Friars. We are blessed that Fr. Benedict Croell, O.P., who has helped distribute these rosaries internationally, will be returning to St. Mark this March for our Parish Mission in March. This is a beautiful reminder that even small acts of faith can have far-reaching impact.

Come be part of a mission that reaches far beyond our parish one rosary, one prayer, one knot entrusted to Our Blessed Mother.

Information: Sharon Torczynski, Rosaryblessing@aol.com, 303-667-1971



Catholic Sports in Charlotte

When: Sat., Jan 17, 6:15 – 9 pm

Where: Sports Connection

8626 Hankins Rd., Charlotte

Calling all young adults (18+) to join us in celebration of the launch of Catholic Sports in Charlotte! Catholic Sports is an organization dedicated to cultivate authentic community through recreational sports.



The launch party will be on January 17, 6:15 – 9 pm at Sports Connection - Northlake! There will be indoor pickleball, indoor volleyball and information on how to sign up for upcoming leagues.

This event is free but participants are required to register.

Please scan the QR code, or use the link forms.gle/GcpZh3EyZyc16psp6

Contact: Liz Kenney, elizabethmkenney@gmail.com



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



Fidelis January Jumpstart 2026

PERSEVERANCE

A Catholic retreat for young women in 6th-12th grade



St. Mark Catholic Church

14740 Stumptown Rd. Huntersville, NC

Friday, January 30th (Highschool) 6:30pm-9:00pm

Saturday, January 31st (Everyone) 9:00am-5:00pm

SISTERS
(6th-12th grade)



<https://tinyurl.com/JJ-2026-Sisters>

Registration:

\$25 FRIDAY NIGHT ONLY
\$45 PER ATTENDEE
\$100 FAMILY MAXIMUM

Register by January
16th to guarantee a
Jumpstart t-shirt!

LADIES
(volunteers)



<https://tinyurl.com/JJ-2026-Ladies>

St. Mark Preschool Registration 2026-27 School Year Opens This Week!

Saint Mark preschool offers classes for 3-5 year old children in a safe, loving, secure and Catholic environment. Our children have fun while learning about their faith and preparing for kindergarten.

Registration dates for the 2026-27 school year:

Jan. 13 Current and Alumni Families

Jan. 21 Parishioners of St. Mark

Feb. 3 Community

Go to stmarknc.org/preschool for complete program details, classes, registration forms and more. Contact our preschool director to schedule a tour:

Amanda.Rametta@stmarknc.org



Coming Up at Saint Mark

January 30 & 31

Fidelis January Jumpstart

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 27

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

Monday, March 9

St. Serra Mass

Friday, March 13

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

Sun-Tues, March 16-18

Parish Mission, Benedict Croell OP

Saturday, March 21

St. Patrick Dinner and Show

Friday, March 27

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

Tuesday, March 31

Chrism Mass

April 2-5

Easter Triduum and Easter

Sunday, April 12

Divine Mercy Sunday

Wednesday, April 29

Young at Heart Ministry Luncheon

Saturday, May 23

Diaconate Ordination

Saturday, May 30

Priest Ordination

YOU ARE MY
BELOVED SON,
WITH YOU I AM
WELL PLEASED

MATTHEW 3:17

High School Youth Ministry is back this January!

When: Sun., Jan. 11, 18, and 25, 6-8 pm

Where: Family Center Parish Hall

The new year is a natural time to begin again, and our High School Youth Ministry is resuming with a January Life Night series built around the seasons of the Church and the journey of faith.

These evenings are designed especially for teens. A place to gather, ask questions, build friendships, and grow in faith in a way that feels real and welcoming.

Each Life Night includes

- Dinner together
- Time to connect with other teens
- Prayer and reflection
- Honest conversations about faith and life

No pressure. No need to have everything figured out. Just come as you are.

Whether your teen has been involved before or is thinking about coming for the first time, this is a great moment to jump in. Many teens find that these nights become one of the highlights of their week, a place where they feel known, supported, and encouraged.

High school students are invited to come, bring a friend, and be part of something meaningful this winter as we continue through the Holy Season of Christmas, Ordinary Time, and toward Lent together.

Stay Connected!

REMIND App: Class code **smhsym2025**

Instagram: @stmarkncyouth

Join our Email List: augustine.free@stmarknc.org

Christmas	Ordinary Time	Lent
January 11 6-8pm Parish Hall	January 18 6-8pm Parish Hall	January 25 6-8pm Parish Hall

January Life Night Series:
An Invitation to

Wonder



Altar Server Training

When: Sun., Jan. 11; 6:30 - 8 pm

Where: Church

Serving at the altar is a beautiful way for our young people to grow in faith and assist the priest during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. We invite all rising 4th graders and older who feel called to serve the Lord in this special ministry to attend our upcoming training session.

Join us on Sunday evening, January 11, to learn the roles, responsibilities and reverence of being an Altar Server.

Contact: Matt Mixa,

stmarkacolytes@gmail.com



Coffee & Conversation

Every Tuesday after
9am Mass in the
Kerin Family Center

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

NEW COMMUNIO SURVEY!

Building Stronger Relationships at St. Mark

A Parish-Wide Relationship Health Assessment



At St. Mark, we believe that healthy relationships are at the heart of a thriving parish. Marriage, family life, friendships, and community are not only personal gifts; they are essential to the life and mission of the Church.



COMMUNIO

In response to the needs of our time, St. Mark is partnering with **Communio**, a nonprofit ministry that helps parishes renew relationships, marriages, and family life as a powerful form of evangelization. Together, we are prayerfully discerning how to strengthen connection, accompaniment, and relational health in our parish over the coming years.

What's Ahead for Our Parish

In the months to come, you will begin to see new and enhanced opportunities at St. Mark, including:

- Strengthening existing ministries and offering new gatherings that foster community, friendship, and belonging within the parish and beyond
- Intentional outreach through digital and mailed communication to welcome those who may feel disconnected from parish life
- New, skills-based relationship ministries designed to support people at every stage of life—single, dating, engaged, or married

Before launching these initiatives, our parish staff seeks to better understand the real relationship needs within our parish community.



How You Can Help:

All parishioners 18 years and older are invited to participate in a brief Relationship Health Assessment.

The survey questions were developed by academic experts in relationship health and education. Your responses are confidential and will help guide the parish in choosing meaningful events, ministries, and supports for the months and years ahead.

Survey Dates

January 3 – January 11

How to Participate:

Text, Online or Paper

Complete the 3-minute survey by:

- **Text the Survey Link:**
- Open the Messages app on your phone
- Start a new text message
- In the "To" field, type **42284**
- In the message field, type **stmarknc**
- Press Send
- You will receive a reply with a link to the survey. Tap the link to begin
- **Online: Scan the QR code** to go straight to the survey.
- **Paper:** Surveys are available at the Welcome Desk in the Family Center.



Your Voice Matters and helps us better respond to the needs of singles, couples, and families; build ministries rooted in real experiences; and strengthen relationships that support faith and hope.

Thank you for helping us build a parish where relationships are strengthened, faith is renewed, and no one walks alone. For more information, contact: christine.wisdom@stmarknc.org

2026 Women's Welcome Retreat

Come be inspired by a community of women on your faith journey.

When: Feb. 7-8, 8 am Sat. – 3 pm Sunday

Where: Kerin Family Center

Our retreats have been a life-changing experience for the women who have attended. This is your opportunity to be a part of this amazing retreat program at St. Mark.

The 6th annual Women's Welcome Retreat will take place February 7 & 8, in the Kerin Family Center.

This is a 1.5 day women's retreat built around creating fellowship with other women of the parish where they can share their Catholic Faith and the challenges of living a Christ-centered life.

Welcome is designed to meet every lady right where she is in her faith journey, whether far away from God, seemingly close, or somewhere in between.

Created by Matthew Kelly's Dynamic Catholic organization, the retreat is led by ordinary parishioners.

Participants will hear 10

inspiring witness

testimonies, enjoy great food, Mass, Adoration, examine their own faith experience and build authentic Catholic fellowship.

Hurry! Space is limited.

Register at

stmarknc.org/welcome-retreat or scan the code.

Questions? Email Lauren at

LaurenFloyd@verizon.net

Welcome.



Are you new to Saint Mark?

(Or not "new" but still feel "new"?)

Women Newcomers

Please come join us to laugh, cry, and make new friends!

Wednesdays
February 4-April 22
10-11:30 am

New to our parish or still feel "new"? The class is based on Susan Miller's book **"After the Boxes Are Unpacked"** dealing with the spiritual, emotional and practical needs when making a move. It is a great way to meet fellow parishioners and make new friends.



Space is limited; reserve your spot today!

To register or for further information, please call Catherine, 704-340-6234 or Maxine, 704-515-570-1293.

We look forward to meeting you!

Pilgrimage to France

Join Fr. Michael Carlson and Catholic author Patrick O'Hearn for a nine-day "Little Flower" pilgrimage to France from May 5 to May 13, 2026. They will be visiting Lourdes, Paris, Alençon, Lisieux, and Chartres.

Register at stcharlespilgrimages.com/ohearn-france. Ten more souls are needed to sign up by February.

*Heaven was opened
and the Holy Spirit descended upon him
IN BODILY FORM LIKE A DOVE.*



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The Desert Fathers (Part 1) | Littlest Saints

In this special two-part episode, we follow the stories of three famous desert fathers—St. Anthony the Great, St. Macarius, and St. John the Dwarf—as they navigate the perils of the desert in search of its great spiritual riches.

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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

RESPECT LIFE

9 Days for Life: A National Novena for the Dignity of Human Life

When: January 16-24

Join Catholics across the country in nine days of prayer, reflection, and simple daily action for the protection of all human life—from conception to natural death. Each day focuses on a specific intention, inviting us to grow in compassion, mercy, and hope.

Daily Prayer Intentions:

Day 1 – For the End of Abortion

We pray that the tragic practice of abortion may end, and that every human life may be recognized as a precious gift, worthy of love and protection.

Day 2 – For Healing After Abortion

We pray for all who suffer from participation in abortion, that they may encounter Christ's mercy and find forgiveness, healing, and peace.

Day 3 – For Pregnant Mothers in Need

We pray that every expectant mother may receive compassionate care, encouragement, and support as she nurtures new life.

Day 4 – For Fathers of Preborn Children

We pray that fathers may courageously support both mother and child, embracing their unique and irreplaceable role in welcoming new life.

Day 5 – For Mothers Choosing Adoption

We pray for women discerning adoption, that they may be strengthened by grace and surrounded by support as they choose this loving, life-giving path.

Day 6 – For Conversion of Hearts

We pray that all who support or participate in abortion may experience a conversion of heart and seek the Lord's boundless mercy.

Day 7 – For Legal Protection of Unborn Children

On the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children, we pray that all preborn children may be protected in law and welcomed in love.

Day 8 – For Civic Leaders

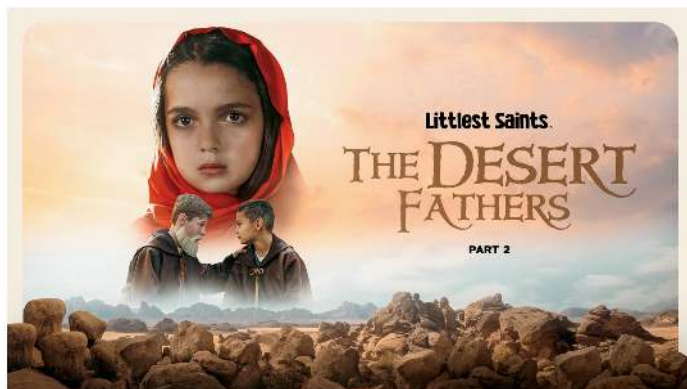
We pray that civic leaders may work to protect the dignity and rights of every human life, especially the most vulnerable.

Day 9 – For All Who Defend Life

We pray that all who uphold the dignity of human life may be strengthened, renewed, and guided by the Holy Spirit.

How to Participate: Each day includes a short prayer, reflection, and suggested action that only take a few minutes a day. Sign up for the complete daily prayers and reflections: www.respectlife.org/9-days-signup or scan the QR code to receive daily emails.

As a parish family, let us unite our prayers and entrust every life to God's loving care, one day, one prayer, one intention at a time.



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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.

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

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



DEL PASTOR

Hoy marca el final de la temporada navideña, pero antes de volver al Tiempo Ordinario, tenemos una gran fiesta más que celebrar: el Bautismo del Señor. La fiesta de hoy es una oportunidad perfecta para reflexionar sobre los privilegios y responsabilidades que todos compartimos como administradores cristianos en virtud de nuestro propio Bautismo.

En el momento de nuestro Bautismo, nos convertimos en hijos e hijas adoptivos de Dios, miembros de su santa Iglesia Católica. Aunque quizá no nos hayamos dado cuenta, el momento de nuestro Bautismo es también el momento en que nos convertimos en administradores cristianos, discípulos de Jesucristo, encargados de seguir sus pasos día tras día y compartir el mensaje del Evangelio con todos los que nos rodean.

En nuestra segunda lectura de los Hechos de los Apóstoles, San Pedro nos da un vistazo a la persona de Jesús a la que deberíamos imitar. "Se dedicó a hacer el bien y a sanar a todos los oprimidos por el diablo, porque Dios estaba con él."

Debemos vivir nuestras vidas como Jesús, buscando hacer el bien a todos los que encontramos; no solo los de nuestro círculo íntimo de familiares y amigos, sino todos en nuestra comunidad, ya que el Padre nos ama a todos y Jesús buscó a todos con su mensaje salvador.

En el pasaje del Evangelio de Mateo, vemos otro aspecto de Jesús en acción, esta vez mientras humildemente se presenta ante Juan para ser bautizado por él. Qué humildad y disposición a unirse a nosotros, nuestro Señor, demuestra con este acto. No podemos hacer menos mientras vivimos nuestra vida diaria como sus discípulos.

Y cuando nos esforcemos con todas nuestras fuerzas por cumplir nuestro llamado bautismal a la administración cristiana, experimentaremos el profundo honor de saber que nosotros también somos los "amados" hijos e hijas de Dios "con quienes Él está bien complacido." © Consultores de Gestión Católica, 2025

Reflexión pastoral

Como muchos de vosotros sabéis, el 17 de diciembre el obispo Martin emitió una carta pastoral sobre la recepción de la Sagrada Comunión. En esa carta, ordenó que las barandillas y las rodillas no fijas fueran retiradas a más tardar el 16 de enero.

Quiero reconocer, de forma muy sencilla y honesta, que esto ha sido difícil para muchos en nuestra parroquia. Yo también

siento ese peso. Amo a San Marcos y estoy agradecido por la reverencia y devoción que tantos de vosotros mostráis hacia la Sagrada Eucaristía. No tomo a la ligera las preocupaciones, preguntas o decepciones que esto ha generado. También sé que algunos de los fieles han utilizado los canales apropiados dentro de la Iglesia para solicitar aclaraciones o reconsideraciones, y esos procesos pueden continuar.

Al mismo tiempo, como vuestro párroco, se me confía la tarea de dirigir esta parroquia en fidelidad a la Iglesia y a su disciplina en aquellos asuntos que no contradicen la ley católica. Aunque existen discusiones sinceras y reflexivas sobre la postura para recibir la Sagrada Comunión, la disciplina litúrgica actual en Estados Unidos indica que la Comunión se recibe normalmente de pie, ya sea en la lengua o en la mano. Es importante dejar claro que el derecho de un comulgante individual a arrodillarse permanece plenamente intacto, y que nadie podrá ser jamás privado de la Sagrada Comunión por elegirlo.

Por lo tanto, salvo que el obispo o el dicasterio para el culto divino emitan una decisión suspensiva, cumpliremos la directiva y retiraremos a los arrodillados de los alrededores del santuario. Para ayudar en la distribución reverente y oportuna de la Sagrada Comunión, también aumentaremos el número de estaciones de Comunión.

Sé que este cambio será un reto para algunos. No es algo que aborde a la ligera. Mi esperanza es que podamos llevar este momento juntos, ofreciendo cualquier frustración o tristeza que sintamos como sacrificio personal, unidos a Cristo presente en la Eucaristía. Las cruces pueden presentarse de muchas formas, y cómo las llevemos es muy importante. Permanezcamos unidos en la oración y la caridad, para que la ira, la amargura o la división nunca echen raíces en San Marcos.

El peso del cargo de obispo es muy grande. Rezo diariamente por el obispo Martin y os pido que hagáis lo mismo.

El cargo de obispo es pesado. Rezo por él todos los días, y espero que tú también lo hagas. En una nota más alegre, al acercarnos al final de la temporada navideña, quiero dar las gracias a todos los que dejasteis felicitaciones y regalos navideños. Agradezco mucho tu amabilidad.



Fortaleciendo las Relaciones en St. Mark

Una Evaluación Parroquial de la Salud de las Relaciones

Cómo Puede Ayudar

Todos los feligreses de 18 años en adelante están invitados a participar en una breve Evaluación de la Salud de las Relaciones.

Las preguntas de la encuesta fueron desarrolladas por expertos académicos en la salud y educación de las relaciones. Sus respuestas son confidenciales y ayudarán a guiar a la parroquia en la selección de eventos, ministerios y apoyos significativos para los próximos meses y años.

Fechas de la Encuesta

Del 3 al 11 de enero

Cómo Participar

Por mensaje de texto, en línea o en papel
Complete la encuesta de **3 minutos** de las siguientes maneras:

•**Por mensaje de texto:**

- Abra la aplicación de Mensajes en su teléfono
- Comience un nuevo mensaje de texto
- En el campo "Para", escriba **42284**
- En el mensaje, escriba **sanmarcosnc**
- Presione Enviar
- Recibirá una respuesta con un enlace a la encuesta. Toque el enlace para comenzar

• **En línea:** Escanee el código QR para ir directamente a la encuesta.

Cuando se abra la encuesta, las instrucciones aparecerán en inglés, pero podrá cambiar el idioma a español usando la opción en la esquina superior derecha de la pantalla.



• **En papel:** Las encuestas están disponibles en el **Mostrador de Bienvenida en el Centro Familiar.**

Su Voz Es Importante

Su participación nos ayuda a responder mejor a las necesidades de solteros, parejas y familias; a crear ministerios basados en experiencias reales; y a fortalecer relaciones que sostienen la fe y la esperanza.

Gracias por ayudarnos a construir una parroquia donde las relaciones se fortalecen, la fe se renueva y nadie camina solo.

9 Días por la Vida: Una Novena Nacional por la Dignidad de la Vida Humana

Cuándo: del 16 al 24 de enero
Únase a los católicos de todo el país en nueve días de oración, reflexión y sencillas acciones diarias por la protección de toda vida humana, desde la concepción hasta la muerte natural. Cada día se enfoca en una intención específica, invitándonos a crecer en compasión, misericordia y esperanza.

Intenciones Diarias de Oración:

Día 1 – Por el Fin del Aborto

Oremos para que termine la trágica práctica del aborto y para que toda vida humana sea reconocida como un don precioso, digno de amor y protección.

Día 2 – Por la Sanación Después del Aborto

Oremos por todos los que sufren a causa de su participación en el aborto, para que encuentren la misericordia de Cristo y reciban perdón, sanación y paz.

Día 3 – Por las Madres Embarazadas en Necesidad

Oremos para que toda madre embarazada reciba cuidado compasivo, ánimo y apoyo mientras nutre una nueva vida.

Día 4 – Por los Padres de Niños No Nacidos

Oremos para que los padres apoyen con valentía tanto a la madre como al hijo, abrazando su papel único e irremplazable en la acogida de una nueva vida.

Día 5 – Por las Madres que Eligen la Adopción

Oremos por las mujeres que están discerniendo la adopción, para que sean fortalecidas por la gracia y rodeadas de apoyo al elegir este camino amoroso y que da vida.

Día 6 – Por la Conversión de los Corazones

Oremos para que todos los que apoyan o participan en el aborto experimenten una conversión del corazón y busquen la misericordia infinita del Señor.

Día 7 – Por la Protección Legal de los Niños No Nacidos

En el Día de Oración por la Protección Legal de los Niños No Nacidos, oramos para que todos los niños por nacer sean protegidos por la ley y acogidos con amor.

Día 8 – Por los Líderes Cívicos

Oremos para que los líderes cívicos trabajen por la protección de la dignidad y los derechos de toda vida humana, especialmente de los más vulnerables.

Día 9 – Por Todos los que Defienden la Vida

Oremos para que todos los que defienden la dignidad de la vida humana sean fortalecidos, renovados y guiados por el Espíritu Santo.

Cómo Participar: Cada día incluye una breve oración, reflexión y una acción sugerida que solo toma unos minutos. Regístrese para recibir las oraciones y reflexiones diarias completas en:

<https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-signup> o escanee el código QR para recibir correos electrónicos diarios. Como familia parroquial, unamos nuestras oraciones y confiemos cada vida al cuidado amoroso de Dios, un día, una oración y una intención a la vez.



El Sacramento de la Reconciliación en St. Mark

Confesiones se ofrecen **todos los días** en nuestra parroquia como una manera de preparar nuestros corazones para recibir la misericordia de Dios. Las confesiones **siempre comienzan 45 minutos antes de la Misa** y **terminan 15 minutos antes del inicio de la Misa**, cuando los sacerdotes deben comenzar a prepararse para la liturgia.

Procedimiento para Confesarse

Las filas para confesión se formarán **por el pasillo lateral**. Por favor, preste atención a las luces del confesionario:

Verde: Abierto

Roja: En uso

Sin luz: Confesionario cerrado

El confesionario cerrará **15 minutos antes del inicio de la Misa**.

Lecturas de las Escrituras

Para la Semana del 11 de Enero de 2026

Domingo	Fiesta del Bautismo del Señor Is 42, 1-4. 6-7 o Is 55, 1-11 o He 10, 34-38 o 1 Jn 5, 1-9; Sal 28, 1a y 2. 3ac-4. 3b y 9b-10 o Is 12, 2-3. 4bcd. 5-6; Mt 3, 13-17
Lunes	1 Sm 1, 1-8; Sal 115, 12-13. 14-17. 18-19; Mc 1, 14-20
Martes	1 Sm 1, 9-20; 1 Sam 2, 1. 4-5. 6-7. 8abcd; Mc 1, 21-28
Miércoles	1 Sm 3, 1-10. 19-20; Sal 39, 2 y 4ab. 7-8a. 8b-9. 10; Mc 1, 29-39
Jueves	1 Sm 4, 1-11; Sal 43, 10-11. 14-15. 24-25; Mc 1, 40-45
Viernes	1 Sm 8, 4-7. 10-22; Sal 88, 16-17. 18-19; Mc 2, 1-12
Sábado	Memoria de San Antonio, Abad 1 Sm 9, 1-4. 10. 17-19; 10, 1; Sal 20, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7; Mc 2, 13-17
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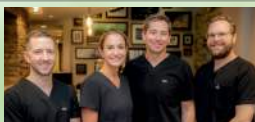
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