

BEHOLD
the LAMB of GOD,
WHO TAKES AWAY
the SINS of the
WORLD.

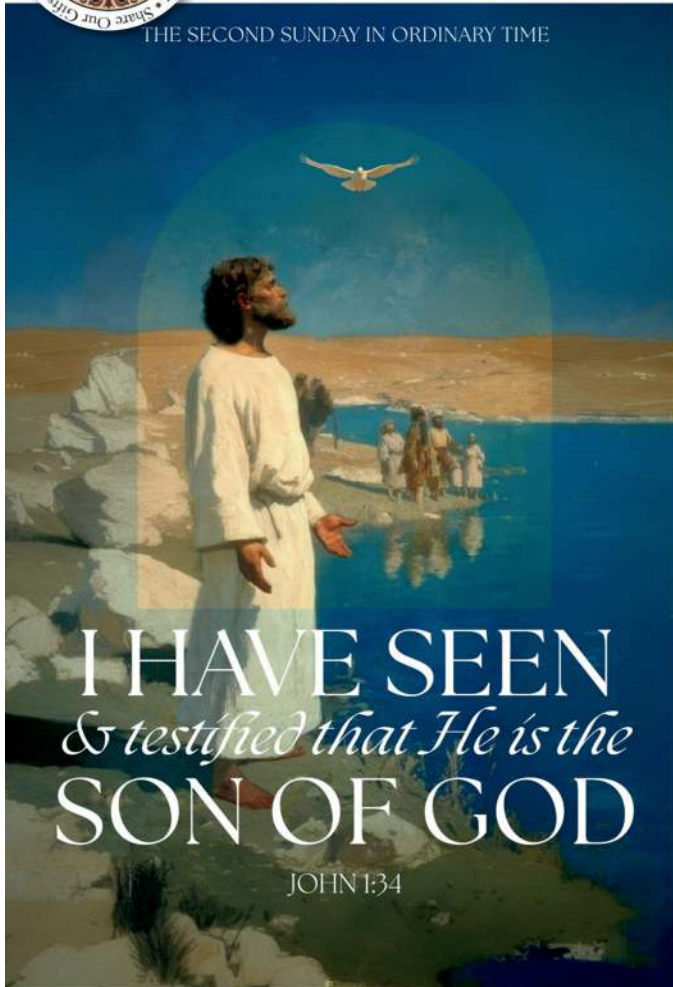
SAINT MARK

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Welcome to St. Mark!

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Today is the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time. Despite its name, Ordinary Time is anything but ordinary. It is the season in which we walk with Jesus through His public ministry and learn what it means to live as His disciples in the daily rhythms of life. Ordinary Time is not centered on a single feast, but on how faith is lived: in our families, our work, our relationships, and our choices. Week by week, we are invited to follow Christ more closely and to allow His presence to shape the way we live.

Readings can be found in the music handouts or on page 889 of the St. Augustine Hymnal. The Order of the Mass can be found on page 7.

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.

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.



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 standing or kneeling.
5. **Please consume the Holy Eucharist in front of the minister of Holy Communion, before walking away.**

For Non-Catholics: We welcome you to Holy Mass and are glad you are here. Please feel free to participate by singing, standing, kneeling, etc. However, the reception of Holy Communion is reserved for Catholics in a state of grace. At the time of Communion, please feel free to come forward with your arms crossed over your chest for a blessing or to remain in your pew. See page 1302 in the hymnal for more information.

FROM THE PASTOR



Today's readings provide clear and inspiring reminders of the most fundamental aspect of our identity — that of servants of our most high and holy God, His modern-day disciples, and stewards.

John the Baptist recognized the holiness of Jesus and the response due to Him when he encountered Christ in person on the day they met at the Jordan River. His response, which we read in our Gospel passage from St. John was, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world... He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'"

What a powerful description of our Lord and the place He should rightfully have in each of our lives. He is truly our Savior, the only one who can free us from our sinfulness. We are utterly and completely dependent on His power, love, and mercy. Therefore, He truly does "rank ahead" of us; he deserves to be first, above all other priorities and plans in our lives. Let us examine our daily lives and encourage our children to do the same.

Does the way I spend my time reflect that God comes first? Do prayer and weekly Mass, regular confession, and time with my family "rank ahead" of everything else on my calendar? Do I use my talents, skills, and energy to serve my family, parish and community in thanksgiving and recognition that God's kingdom ranks ahead of any other goals or ambitions? Do I spend my money and use my material possessions to glorify God?

Challenge questions, to be sure. But questions worthy of our high calling as Christian stewards offered a glorious mission in service of our Lord and His kingdom. What will our response be? © *Catholic Stewardship Consultants*, 2025

Pastoral Pondering – As I write this, I am just getting back from the Holy Land Pilgrimage with more than 20 of our seminarians. Spending the Octave of Christmas and celebrating the New Year in the

Holy Land was very special and being with such a close-knit group was especially heartening.

One of the questions that was posed before the pilgrimage began was, "Father, is it safe to go over there?" I can say without a doubt that it is safe to visit the Holy Land. We had no issues. What was sad was to see the Christian community suffering because of the lack of tourists. If you have the opportunity to go to the Holy Land, especially with Christopher Cross, I encourage you to go. The next scheduled trip is in March with Father Martinez. There are still slots available.

We began the New Year on the Mount of Beatitudes with Mass and Holy Hour. One of the seminarians noted that it was amazing to listen to the sermon of the Lord in the very place where He gave it while He was there on the altar in the monstrance. Another highlight was having two Masses in the Holy Sepulcher itself. Because of the size of the tomb, many in the group had to participate from the anteroom. One of the seminarians noted that it touched him deeply when the priest came out of the tomb to distribute Communion. "Literally, the Lord was coming out of the Tomb to give Himself to us."

For me personally, the Mass that we celebrated in Bethlehem in the Church of the Nativity complex was very moving. We celebrated Mass in the Chapel of St. Helena on the Feast of St. John the Apostle, just a short walk away from the grotto of the Nativity. The seminarians



provided the music for the Mass, and it was "otherworldly". I could feel the Lord's presence and was overwhelmed with the reality that we were celebrating Christmas where Christmas was first celebrated.

I have no doubt that the experience will impact the life and ministry of each of the seminarians who participated, especially those preparing for priestly or diaconal ordination this coming May. One cannot walk where Jesus walked without leaving with a new appreciation of all that He did for us.

Finally, thank you to all who made this pilgrimage possible. Through your kindness, you have enriched these men and helped them grow in their knowledge and love of Jesus Christ.



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 Chicoine
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
Josette Grace
Robert Graham
Paige Grieshop
Rachel Grieshop

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

Hank Griffin
John Grivizas
Helen Haddad
Fran Hehn
Laura Hehn
Allan Helmbrecht
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
Louise Painter
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

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

Nicholas Frangipane
husband of Mary Ann Frangipane
Sandra Dupree wife of James Dupree

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, January 19

9 am † Erica Massee Montana

Tuesday, January 20

7 am † Willie Covington
9 am † Eileen Cody

Wednesday, January 21

7 am John Patrick Phillips
† Virginia Lane
6:30 pm † Luz Maria Torres
† John and Lorraine Ryan

Thursday, January 22

7 am † Jack & Peter Ryder
9 am † James F. Donaghy

Friday, January 23

7 am † Nick Evans
9 am Respect Life Ministry
7 pm St Mark Parishioners

Saturday, January 24

9 am † Eric Theriot
5 pm † Piper Grace Amundson

Sunday, January 25

7:30 am † Geralda Capristo
9 am Rachel Cannon
11 am † Charles Kern
1 pm † Esperanza Rodriguez
4:30 pm † Joan Loughlin
5 pm † Thomas & Ellen Barcellona
† 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; SCANG Sgt. John Andrew 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 Rusciolli

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

For the Week of January 18, 2026

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

Monday 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday Memorial of Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13; Mk 3:7-12

Friday 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-37; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-31

Sunday Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 8:23-9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17



Small Groups

growing disciples. connecting lives. building community

Now Registering: Small Groups Lenten Study

The Activated Disciple: The 40-Day Challenge with Jeff Cavins

Registration is now open for our upcoming Small Groups Lenten Study "The Activated Disciple: The 40-Day Challenge with Jeff Cavins."

For nearly 10 years, Small Groups at St. Mark have provided parishioners with a meaningful way to grow in faith, build authentic relationships, and feel more connected to parish life. Whether you are new to St. Mark or have been here for decades, Small Groups offer a welcoming space to pray together, reflect on Scripture, share life, and walk the journey of discipleship side by side.

This Lent, we invite you to join a group—or form one of your own—as we take part in an eight-week study designed to help solidify the daily habits of a true disciple. The Activated Disciple is a forty-day challenge that provides practical structure for prayer, Scripture, and intentional faith practices, helping participants move from good intentions to lasting transformation.

Jeff Cavins explains that many people desire to pray more, read the Bible more consistently, and live their faith more intentionally—but often lack a rhythm that makes these practices stick. This study offers a clear and accessible framework to help you encounter Christ multiple times each day and make walking with Jesus a natural part of everyday life.

Small Groups are more than a study, they are about connection. They foster friendship, accountability, encouragement, and a sense of belonging within our parish community. Groups meet in a variety of settings and formats, making it easy to find (or create) one that fits your schedule and comfort level.

Whether you join an existing group, invite friends to form a new one, or step into Small Groups for the first time, this Lenten journey is an opportunity to grow spiritually while deepening your connection to the St. Mark community.

Registration is now open.

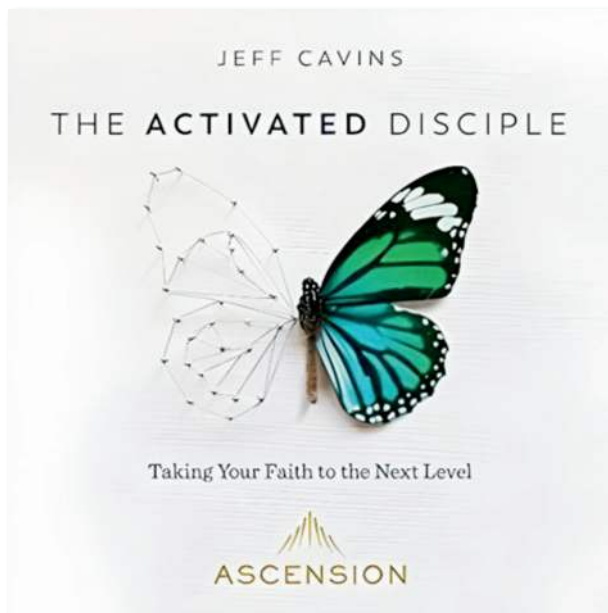
To register, join a group, or start a new group, visit: www.stmarknc.org/small-groups.

New to Small Groups:

1. Select a group by clicking "Choose a Group."
2. Complete registration and payment by clicking "Registration/Payment."

Current Small Group Members:

If your group is participating in this study, simply register, no need to select a group.



Coming Up at Saint Mark

Tuesday, January 27

Prayer and Praise

January 30 & 31

Fidelis January Jumpstart

February 7 and 8

Women's Welcome Retreat

Wednesday, February 11

Young at Heart Luncheon

Saturday, February 14

Marriage Date Night

Sunday, February 15

Donut Sunday

Wednesday, February 18

Ash Wednesday

Friday, February 27

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

February 28

Stewardship Renewal Weekend

Saturday, March 7

Family Ministry First Saturday Dinner

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

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 Baptism

Growing in Christ, Serving One Another, Sharing Our Gifts, and Connecting in Faith

The readings for today remind us of the graces we receive at baptism and our baptismal call to "put on Christ" (Galatians 3:27). "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life." (Romans 6:3-4)

As Jesus emptied Himself for baptism by John, to "fulfill all righteousness" (Matthew 3:15), He invites us into a relationship with God through the Holy Spirit and to share what we have found because we have been changed and desire this good for another. Whatever you do, do from the heart, as for the Lord and not for others. (Colossians 3:23) May we respond every day as intentional disciples and good stewards, "I delight to do your will, my God; your law is my inner being". (Psalm 40:9)



Lent Begins In One Month! Ash Wednesday: February 18

Ordinary Time gives us the gift of time: time to listen more closely, return to prayer, and notice where God may be inviting growth before the season ahead.

Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.





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, 515-570-1293.

We look forward to meeting you!

Prayer & Praise Night

When: Tues., Jan. 27:, Rosary 7 pm and Prayer and Praise 7:30 - 8:30 pm
Where: Sanctuary

As we begin 2026, one Scripture that comes to mind is Isaiah 43:18-19: "*Remember not the former things, neither consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing...*"

Are you longing for a new beginning? Have personal or global burdens left you weary? Are you crying out to God and waiting for His response? Whether you feel like the prodigal who needs to come home, or the one who is already home yet needs to be reminded of the Father's great love, this invitation is for you.

We invite you to come and be renewed, refreshed, strengthened, and encouraged in your walk with the Lord. As Revelation 22:17 declares: "*The Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come.' ... And let him who is thirsty come. Let him who desires take the water of life without price.*"

Future dates: February 24, March 24, April 14

Contact information: Fernando 252-412-9978 (call or text)

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!



New Parishioner Meet and Greet

When: Sun., Feb. 1, 10:15-11:30 am
Where: Parish Hall

Are you new to St. Mark or still feeling new? We'd love to welcome you personally at our next New Parishioner Meet and Greet!

Join us after the 9 am Mass for a relaxed reception and a light breakfast where you'll meet fellow parishioners, connect with our clergy, staff, and ministry leaders, and discover all the ways you can get involved in parish life. Whether you're looking for spiritual enrichment, community events, volunteer opportunities, or just friendly faces, you'll find it here.

This is a perfect way to ask questions, learn more about the parish, and start feeling truly at home at St. Mark. Please RSVP at stmarknc.org/meet-and-greet.



ROSARY MAKERS MINISTRY

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.

Rosary Makers Support Dominican Friars

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. The Fernandez family was blessed to be able to deliver rosaries to Fr. Benedict Croell, O.P., who helped distribute these rosaries internationally.

All 1,300 rosaries were distributed within an hour of arrival. The missionaries were deeply grateful for such a beautiful gift, and it was a joy to see how generously St. Mark was able to support their mission.

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



Photos of Dominican Friars
distributing rosaries in Colorado.



Save the Date: Parish Mission “The Presence of God” with Fr. Benedict Croell, O.P.

When: Monday - Wednesday, March 16-18

Where: Morning and Evening Sessions, In the Church

Fr. Benedict Croell, O.P. returns to St. Mark for our Lenten Parish Mission. He was here with other Dominican friars in 2016.

This mission is part of the Angelicum “Presence of God” Parish Mission initiative, an international Dominican preaching ministry grounded in the tradition of St. Thomas Aquinas, intended to renew parish life through reconciliation, Eucharistic devotion, and deepened love for God. The international team travels from Rome and across the U.S., helping Catholics encounter Christ in a personal and transformative way.

Fr. Benedict Croell, O.P. is a Dominican friar from Broomfield, Colorado with a wide-ranging ministry that spans parish, university, and itinerant preaching work. He is currently the Director of Development & Mission Advancement for the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas, the Angelicum, in Rome, Italy.

He travels extensively across the United States with an international team of Dominican priests preaching parish missions on the theme of “The Presence of God”, focusing on encountering God, especially in the Eucharist, and renewing faith through prayer, Confession, and Eucharistic devotion.

Mission Themes & Focus

Day 1: Divine Providence

Come to see how God lovingly guides us, even through trials **and uncertainty, and grow in trust of His plan for your life.**

Day 2: Divine Indwelling

Discover how Christ dwells intimately within each soul through grace and the Eucharist.

Day 3: His Real Presence

A deep encounter with Jesus truly present — Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity — in the Holy Eucharist, and the healing graces available through His presence and mercy.

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

Stephen Ministry

The Stephen Ministry is made up of St. Mark parishioners who have received extensive training to give emotional and spiritual care/ support to fellow St. Mark parishioners as well as to those in our community.

This ministry is a confidential, one to one opportunity to receive Christian care in a comfortable meeting place, whether in your home, parish hall, or even in a park setting.

We all go through times of:

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|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Grief | Stress to being a caregiver |
| Children leaving home | Relocation |
| Divorce | Hospitalization |
| parenting | Changes in living situations |
| Job Loss | Terminal Illness |
| Issues related to aging | Natural disaster |
| Cancer diagnosis | Chronic health conditions |
| Adjustment to retirement | Adjustment to disability |
| Medical crisis | Rehabilitation from illness or injury |
| Job stress | Marital separation |
| Spiritual crisis | Pregnancy |
| Unemployment | |

Stephen Ministry is here to serve you, so you don't have to suffer alone. *For more information, please contact either Leanne Vaccaro at leanne.vaccaro@stmarknc.org or Rich Kull at rkkull1216@gmail.com or visit our website at stmarknc.org/Stephen-ministry.*



High School Youth Ministry January

When: Sun., Jan. 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.

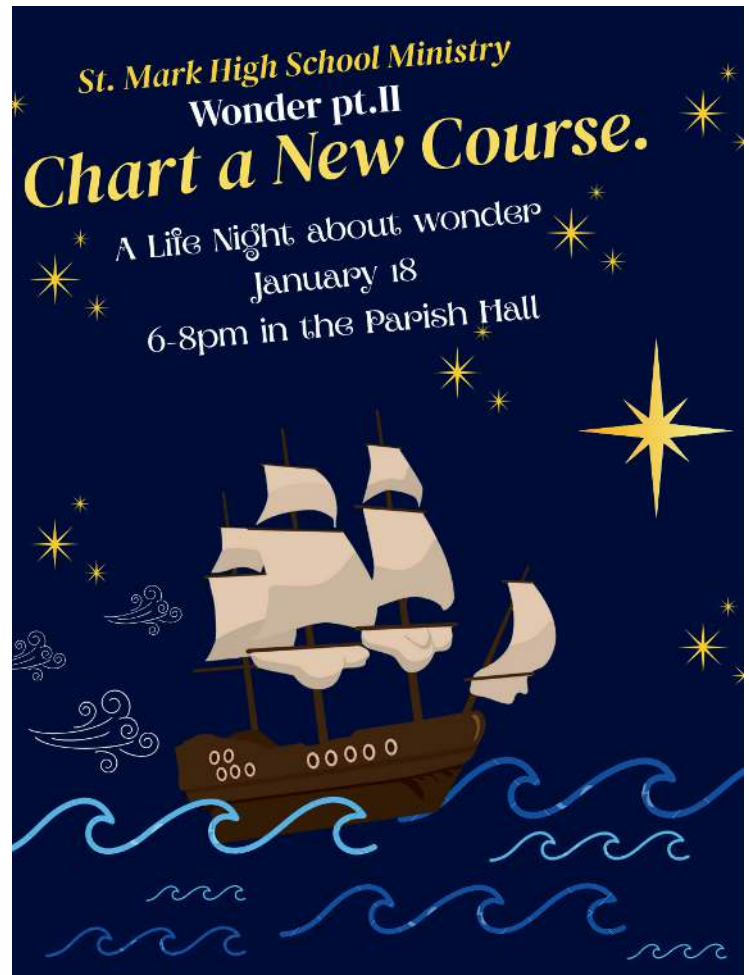
High school students are invited to come, bring a friend, and be part of something meaningful this winter as we continue through the Holy Season of Christmas, Ordinary Time, and toward Lent together.

Stay Connected!

REMINd App: Class code **smhsym2025**

Instagram: @stmarkncyouth

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



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.

"Young in Spirit" Exercise Class

When: Tuesdays 1- 2 pm

Where: Family Center

A group of parishioners gather on Tuesdays in the Parish Hall for fun, light exercise. A chair is available if needed for seated or standing support. The class is free, all seniors are welcome!

Contact: Janet Ceraldi
janetceraldi@gmail.com

I HAVE A DREAM
Martin Luther King Jr.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
When: Mon., Jan. 19

In observance of the national holiday, the Parish Offices and Kerin Family Center will be closed.

Returning hate for hate multiplies hate,
adding deeper darkness to a night
already devoid of stars.
Darkness cannot drive out darkness;
only light can do that.
Hate cannot drive out hate,
only love can do that.
Martin Luther King Jr., Strength to Love

The Gift of Scripture

Pope Leo XIV's prayer intention for the month of January is for the faithful to pray with the word of God.

In a video released Jan. 7, the Holy Father said that he is praying "that we may learn, practice, and love praying with the word of God."

"The gift of Scripture is God's love letter to humankind," he said. "Let's pray that we all draw from this gift and get to know Our Lord."



ADORATION

Pray for the Little Ones

By: Donna Fodale/Adoration Coordinator

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

We are so blessed at St. Mark to have a wonderful Preschool Program. Not only does our program focus on preparing the children to go to kindergarten but it also teaches them about their Catholic faith.

When one of our preschool teachers, Mrs. Dontino shared that she and the other preschool teachers often bring their classes to visit our Adoration Chapel, I was overjoyed! They are teaching our children about the true presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. It is so important that we, as a community, pray for these little ones. It is important because believing in the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist is our Catholic faith!

Mrs. Dontino writes...Down the hall from the adoration chapel are six classrooms of preschoolers and their teachers. I am fortunate to be one of those teachers helping to prepare my students not just for kindergarten, but for a life of being a faithful Catholic in a secular world.

Some believe that four-year-olds are too young to believe that Jesus is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. But no, it is so easy for young children to believe in things that they cannot see. They believe in the Tooth Fairy, the Easter Bunny, and Santa Claus. We can use that willingness to believe to teach them knowledge of the spiritual realm. This is why we at the preschool spend an entire week at the beginning of October teaching that God gave each of us our very own guardian angel to watch over us all day and night. That is a gift to have that knowledge. But do they know that Jesus is actually present in the tiny host just down the hall?

I can personally attest to the many blessings that have come from spending an hour with Jesus once a week. How would Jesus bless these children and their families if they spent just a few minutes with Him once a week?

The lesson came first. I showed them actual pictures of inside the chapel, and I told them that when Jesus ascends into heaven to be with God the Father, He doesn't want to leave us, because he loves us too much. So, he finds a way to be with us always. Jesus can do anything, so He hides himself in this little, tiny piece of bread, called a host. He waits for us to come sit with him and talk to him in our hearts. He can hear us. We can thank him for blessings, and we can ask for things. We can tell him anything we want, or we can just sit with him quietly. He just wants to be with us.

Our children already have the Holy Spirit, given to them at baptism, and we haven't any idea how the Holy Spirit is working quietly in their souls. As parents and teachers, we can offer exposure and plant seeds, and let the Holy Spirit do the rest.

This is the beginning of learning to be quiet, reverent, and controlling the wiggles. But more importantly, it's the beginning of a lifelong relationship with Jesus our Savior, the one and only thing they will ever need.

Some of our preschoolers shared their thoughts on visiting Jesus in the Chapel.

Luca:

"It doesn't look like Jesus, because he's hiding in the bread"

Why do we go to the chapel?

"Because we want to see Jesus, because we love him."

What do you do when you're in there?

"I talk to him. I thank him for this world, and for my mom and dad."

Edwin:

"I think Jesus wants me to go there so that I can pray to him."

"I say a lot of stuff to him, like thank you for making me and my friends and family."

Rose:

"We have to be quiet because people are praying, but He can hear what we say in our hearts."

What do you say? "I say I love you and thank you for the Earth and for my mom and dad."

James:

"We have to kneel down, because we want to show Jesus how much we love him."

What do you tell Jesus?

"I tell him that I love him."

This week please pray for these little ones and for all our young people who do not have someone to guide them in their Catholic Faith.

Thanks to Amanda Rametta, the director of our preschool and all our teachers, for helping foster a love for Jesus in the Eucharist.

I invite all parents to bring their children to visit the Adoration Chapel. Just do five minutes. Especially if they are very young. Prepare them for the visit like Mrs. Dontino does. Five minutes of grace!

To become a weekly Adorer register at: stmarknc.org/adoration.

To be a sub please contact: donna.fodale@stmarknc.org.



PARISH LIFE

Practicing the Virtues in 2026: Virtue for the Week: Faith

As Ordinary Time begins, we begin where the Christian life itself begins: with Faith.

Faith is more than agreement with certain beliefs. It is trusting Christ enough to respond to His call. Throughout the Gospels of Ordinary Time, Jesus encounters ordinary people and invites them to follow Him. Their journey does not begin with certainty, but with faith.

Our Scriptural Art in the church depicts the Great Commission from the Gospel of Mark (Mark 16:14–18), where the risen Christ sends His disciples into the world. As a parish under the patronage of St. Mark, this image reminds us that faith is meant to be lived, not kept private.

As Fr. John has encouraged us at the start of this new year, growth in the Christian life often means turning vices into virtues. The opposite of faith is not honest questioning, but unbelief, self-reliance, or indifference—

living as though God is distant or unnecessary. These attitudes quietly weaken discipleship.

Faith is renewed when we turn back to Christ in concrete ways: returning to Mass, praying even when it feels difficult, seeking reconciliation, and choosing trust over control. Each small act of faith reorients the heart and allows God to strengthen what is weak.

Faith grounds every other virtue. It sustains hope, shapes obedience, deepens charity, and gives courage to live the Gospel in the world. As we enter Ordinary Time, we ask for the grace to let God transform our weaknesses into virtues and to follow Christ with renewed trust.



**Food Fun and Fellowship
Invites all 55 & over to our**

**Valentine Luncheon
Wednesday,
February 11, 2026
11 am in the Parish Hall**

**Entertainment will be
provided by Rearview Rock**

**\$15 donation per person
Envelopes are at the Welcome Desk
Cut-off date for reservations is
Monday, February 2**

**Place your envelope in the Black Box
on the wall by the Welcome Desk doors.**

I am made
GLORIOUS
in the sight
of the Lord

Isaiah 49:5



MARRIAGE MINISTRY



Valentine's Day Marriage Ministry Date Night

When: Sat. Feb. 14, 6-9 pm

Where: Family Center Parish Hall

All married couples are invited to our third annual Marriage Ministry Date Night as we reflect on this year's National Marriage Week theme from the USCCB:

"Man and Woman, He Created Them: Together with Purpose."

Marriage is more than a commitment — it is a sacred sacrament, a vocation through which husband and wife reveal Christ's faithful love to the world. This Valentine's Day, step away from the busyness of life and enjoy an evening designed to strengthen your bond, celebrate your unique gifts as a couple, and reconnect with joy and intention.

What to Expect:

- Delicious dinner
- Music and games
- Engaging, marriage-focused presentation
- Fellowship with other married couples



Registration: stmarknc.org/marriage-ministry; \$50 per couple

Questions? Christine Wisdom, christine.wisdom@stmarknc.org

RESPECT LIFE

Monthly Respect Life Mass & Prayer Vigil

When: Fri, Jan. 23, 9 am Mass

Where: Church

Please join us for our Monthly Respect Life Mass followed by a peaceful prayer vigil this Friday morning.

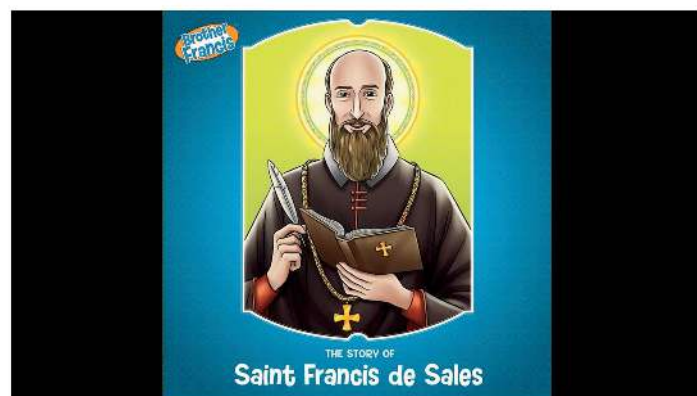
Following Mass, we will travel together to Charlotte for a peaceful Rosary Prayer Vigil at Planned Parenthood, 700 S. Torrence Street.

Prayer Vigil: 10:15 – 11:15 am

We will caravan to Charlotte and return to Saint Mark by 11:45 am or earlier, depending on weather conditions.

For more information:

respect.life@stmarknc.org



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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, ultreys 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



2º domingo en el
Antiguo
Testamento
18 de enero de
2026

Las lecturas de
hoy ofrecen
recordatorios

claros e inspiradores del aspecto más fundamental de nuestra identidad: la de siervos de nuestro Dios altísimo y santo, sus discípulos modernos y mayordomos.

Juan el Bautista reconoció la santidad de Jesús y la respuesta que le correspondió cuando se encontró con Cristo en persona el día que se conocieron en el río Jordán. Su respuesta, que leemos en nuestro pasaje evangélico de San Juan, fue: «He aquí, el Cordero de Dios, que quita el pecado del mundo... Él es el que dije: 'Un hombre viene tras mí que está por delante de mí porque existió antes que yo.'»

Qué descripción tan poderosa de nuestro Señor y del lugar que Él debería tener legítimamente en cada una de nuestras vidas. Él es verdaderamente nuestro Salvador, el único que puede liberarnos de nuestra pecaminosidad. Dependemos total y completamente de Su poder, amor y misericordia. Por lo tanto, Él realmente "se sitúa por delante" de nosotros; Él merece ser el primero, por encima de todas las prioridades y planes en nuestras vidas. Examinemos nuestra vida diaria y animemos a nuestros hijos a hacer lo mismo.

¿La forma en que paso mi tiempo refleja que Dios es lo primero? ¿La oración y la misa semanal, la confesión regular y el tiempo con mi familia "están por delante" de todo lo demás en mi calendario? ¿Utilizo mis talentos, habilidades y energía para servir a mi familia, parroquia y comunidad en acción de gracias y reconocimiento de que el reino de Dios está por encima de cualquier otra meta u ambición? ¿Gasto mi dinero y uso mis posesiones materiales para glorificar a Dios?

Preguntas de desafío, sin duda. Pero preguntas dignas de nuestro alto llamado como mayordomos cristianos ofrecieron una misión gloriosa al servicio de nuestro Señor y de Su reino. ¿Cuál será nuestra respuesta? © Consultores de Gestión Católica, 2025

Reflexión pastoral – Mientras escribo esto, acabo de regresar de la Peregrinación a Tierra Santa con más de 20 de nuestros

seminaristas. Pasar la octava de Navidad y celebrar el Año Nuevo en Tierra Santa fue muy especial y estar con un grupo tan unido fue especialmente alentador.

Una de las preguntas que se planteó antes de que comenzara la peregrinación fue: "Padre, ¿es seguro ir allí?" Puedo decir sin duda que es seguro visitar Tierra Santa. No tuvimos ningún problema. Lo triste fue ver a la comunidad cristiana sufrir por la falta de turistas. Si tienes la oportunidad de ir a Tierra Santa, especialmente con Christopher Cross, te animo a que vayas. El próximo viaje programado es en marzo con el padre Martínez. Todavía quedan espacios disponibles.

Comenzamos el Año Nuevo en el Monte de las Bienaventuranzas con la Misa y la Hora Santa. Uno de los seminaristas señaló que era asombroso para el sermón del Señor en el mismo lugar donde lo dio mientras estaba allí en el altar de la custodia. Otro momento destacado fue celebrar dos misas en el propio Santo Sepulcro. Debido al tamaño de la tumba, muchos del grupo tuvieron que participar desde la antesala. Uno de los seminaristas señaló que le conmovió profundamente cuando el sacerdote salió de la tumba para repartir la Comunión. "Literalmente, el Señor salía de la Tumba para entregarse a nosotros."

Para mí personalmente, la misa que celebramos en Belén, en el complejo de la Iglesia del Nacimiento, fue muy emotiva. Celebramos misa en la Capilla de Santa Elena en la festividad de San Juan Apóstol, a pocos pasos de la gruta de la Natividad. Los seminaristas proporcionaron la música para la misa, y era "de otro mundo". Podía sentir la presencia del Señor y me abrumó la realidad de que estábamos celebrando la Navidad donde se celebró por primera vez.

No tengo duda de que la experiencia impactará la vida y el ministerio de cada uno de los seminaristas que participaron, especialmente de aquellos que se preparan para la ordenación sacerdotal o diaconal este próximo mayo. No se puede caminar donde caminó Jesús sin irse con una nueva apreciación de todo lo que hizo por nosotros.

Por último, gracias a todos los que hicieron posible esta peregrinación. Gracias a vuestra bondad, habéis enriquecido a estos hombres y les habéis ayudado a crecer en su conocimiento y amor por Jesucristo.



Próximamente en San Marcos

Martes, 27 de enero

Oración y alabanza

30 y 31 de enero

Fidis Enero: Arranque

7 y 8 de febrero

Retiro de Bienvenida para Mujeres

Miércoles, 11 de febrero

Almuerzo de Jóvenes en Corazón

Sábado, 14 de febrero

Noche de cita de boda

Miércoles, 18 de febrero

Miércoles de Ceniza

Viernes, 27 de febrero

Freída de Pescado de los Caballeros de Colón

Sábado, 7 de marzo

Ministerio Familiar Primera Cena de Sábado

Lunes, 9 de marzo

Misa de Santa Serra

Viernes, 13 de marzo

Freída de Pescado de los Caballeros de Colón

Dom-Martes, 16-18 de marzo

Misión Parroquial, Benedict Croell OP

Sábado, 21 de marzo

Cena y espectáculo de San Patricio

Viernes, 27 de marzo

Freída de Pescado de los Caballeros de Colón

Martes, 31 de marzo

Misa del Crisma

2-5 de abril

Triduo de Pascua y Pascua

Domingo, 12 de abril

Domingo de la Divina Misericordia

Miércoles, 29 de abril

Almuerzo de Ministerio Jóvenes en Corazón

Sábado, 23 de mayo

Ordenación Diaconal

Sábado, 30 de mayo

Ordenación sacerdotal

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

Oramos 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

Oramos 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

Oramos 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

Oramos 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

Oramos 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

Oramos 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

Oramos 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

Oramos 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 18 de Enero de 2026

Domingo	Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario Is 49, 3. 5-6; Sal 39, 2 y 4ab. 7-8a. 8b-9. 10; 1 Cor 1, 1-3; Jn 1, 29-34
Lunes	1 Sm 15, 16-23; Sal 49, 8-9. 16bc-17. 21 y 23; Mc 2, 18-22
Martes	1 Sm 16, 1-13; Sal 88, 20. 21-22. 27-28; Mc 2, 23-28
Miércoles	Memoria de Santa Inés, Virgen y Mártir 1 Sam 17, 32-33. 37. 40-51; Sal 143, 1. 2. 9-10; Mc 3, 1-6
Jueves	Día de Oración por la Protección Legal de los Niños No Nacidos 1 Sm 18, 6-9; 19, 1-7; Sal 55, 2-3. 9-10. 11-12. 13; Mc 3, 7-12
Viernes	1 Sm 24, 3-21; Sal 56, 2. 3-4. 6 y 11; Mc 3, 13-19
Sábado	Memoria de San Francisco de Sales, Obispo y Doctor de la Iglesia 2 Sm 1, 1-4. 11-12. 17. 19. 23-27; Sal 79, 2-3. 5-7; Mc 3, 20-21
Domingo	Tercero Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario Is 8, 23b-9. 3; Sal 26, 1. 4. 13-14; 1 Cor 1, 10-13. 17; Mt 4, 12-23 o 4, 12-17

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