



BLESSED ARE

*the poor
they who mourn
the meek
they who hunger
the merciful
the clean of heart
the peacemakers
the persecuted
you*

SAINT MARK

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 1, 2026, Español página 16



Welcome to 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

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time. Readings can be found in the music handouts or on page 893 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.



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



The Gospel Reading for today is what is popularly called the Sermon on the Mount. Many think it is the absolute epitome of Jesus' teachings. To be sure it tells us how we are to live our lives, the attitudes we are to have. We must remember that those who were waiting and hoping for the Messiah expected a military leader, one who would lead them in battle against their oppressors.

In His Sermon on the Mount Jesus gives a more accurate perspective of Who He is. He begins what we call the Beatitudes (the word means "blessings") with "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." In a sense we are all "poor in spirit." Without the guidance and strength provided us by the Lord there is no way we can escape this poverty of spirit, of spirituality, if you will.

That is why we often say that living God-centered lives is at the very core of stewardship. Being a disciple of Christ translates into being a steward of our many gifts and blessings. Some scholars believe that Jesus may have given this sermon often during His ministry. Those who followed Jesus and became the earliest Christians, the first members of the Church, were fond of quoting and referring to what the Lord said on this occasion. As stated, Jesus provides us with the secret of living a good life. If we rely on Him and follow Him, we will be blessed. © Catholic Stewardship Consultants, 2025

Pastoral Pondering – In the spirit of Christian stewardship, we are called to recognize that all we possess—our time, talents, and treasures—are gifts from God, entrusted to us for the building up of His Kingdom. **Legacy giving**, also known as **planned giving**, offers a profound way to extend this stewardship beyond our lifetime by including our parish in your will, estate plans, or other charitable arrangements.

Legacy giving is more than a financial decision; it is a spiritual act of gratitude and faith. Through a bequest or other planned gift, you ensure that the ministries, sacraments, education, and outreach that have nurtured your spiritual life continue to serve future generations. Such gifts provide enduring support for our parish's mission, helping to maintain our facilities, fund essential programs, and sustain pastoral care even in times of need.

The Church teaches that generosity is a reflection of God's abundant love. As stewards, we are invited to share the blessings we have received, aligning our material resources with our faith values. A legacy gift allows you to express profound thanksgiving for the parish's role in your life—through baptisms, weddings, funerals, and daily worship—while creating a lasting impact that echoes the Gospel message of hope and service.

Many parishioners have discovered that including the parish in their estate plans brings peace of mind, knowing their values and faith will endure. These gifts, whether modest or substantial, combine to strengthen our community and secure its future.

If you have not yet considered a legacy gift, we encourage you to reflect on how you might continue your support in this meaningful way. Resources and guidance are available through our parish office or trusted advisors. Please contact us for more information or to discuss how your legacy can help preserve our shared Catholic heritage.

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.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please Pray For

Tom Addison
 Julie Andrews
 Sarah Armstrong
 Donald Arrup
 Maryann Bahret
 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 Crognaie
 Janice D'Angelo
 Sheila DeArmon
 Judy and Rich Deboer
 John Deluca
 Joan Demarco
 Henry Diener
 Charlie Donovan
 Jane & William Dragoon
 James Dupree
 Barbara Dutty
 James P. Durcan
 Joanne Errick
 Jack Evans
 Frances & Kai Ferell & Family
 Charles Fillipo
 Al Fischlein
 Joseph Fiore
 Tom Fox
 Alan Friedl & Family
 Carmine Gallo
 Teri Gay
 Valeria Gerbasi
 Daniel Gilbridge
 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
 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
 Peggy Lauricella
 Craig Leiker
 Joan Lesch
 Marie Ligon
 Peter R. Loew
 Kitty Long
 Mary Jo Lucey
 Margaret Lynch
 Utelia Malwitz
 Tom & Colette Manente
 Dr. Sivaramalingam
 Manickavasagar
 Rosina Marcucci
 Vernon McCord
 Melissa McDonald
 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
 Kristine Yeager
 Margaret Yeager
 Robert Virgint
 Caroline Vogel
 Jonathan Wark
 Welcome Retreat Staff
 Paul Widman
 Carol Woodard
 Mary Jane Zimmerman

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 1

7:30 am † Maria Torres
 9 am † Charles Kern
 11 am † Eileen Marino
 1 pm The Gonzalez
 4:30 pm † Derek McDonald
 5 pm † Jose Mendoza

Monday, February 2

7 am Eileen Corkery
 9 am † Amy Vaughin

Tuesday, February 3

7 am The Deininger Family
 9 am Larry Taylor Jr.

Wednesday, February 4

7 am The King Family
 † Joseph Barrett
 6:30 pm † Ben Wagner
 † James Woodworth

Thursday, February 5

7 am † Robert J. McCommons Jr.
 9 am † Patricia Anderson

Friday, February 6

7 am † Sharon Sheridan
 9 am Margaret Armour
 7 pm St. Mark Parishioners

Saturday, February 7

9 am † John Matthew Stengel
 5 pm † Kenneth Coolidge

Sunday, February 8

7:30 am † Steve and Vicki Edens
 9 am † Charlie Martin & Family
 11 am † Marion Catalano
 1 pm The Trenton Philips O'Neil Family
 4:30 pm † Dennis Miller
 5 pm † Nancy Breen

† Deceased

Pray for Our Military

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

Army: 2nd Lt. Amelia Andretti; 1st Lt. Patrick Camatcho; 1st Lt. Sarah Camatcho; Major Robert Caraccilio; 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

For the Week of February 1, 2026

Sun. **Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

Mon. **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**
 Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Tue. 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30; 19:3; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mk 5:21-43

Wed. 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk 6:1-6

Thu. **Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr**
 1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd; Mk 6:7-13

Fri. **Memorial of St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs**
 Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29

Sat. 1 Kings 3:4-13; Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14; Mk 6:30-34

Sun. **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16



Valentine's ∞ DAY

DATE NIGHT

February 14, 6-10 pm
Dinner. Music. Games. Talk. Friends.

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.

Registration: stmarknc.org/marriage-ministry; \$50 per couple; in the Parish Hall.

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



Monday, February 2
9 am & 7 pm Mass

*Feast of the
Presentation of the Lord*



CANDLEMAS
BLESSING OF CANDLES

We will have a special Blessing of Candles on Monday, February 2, at both the 9 am and 7 pm Masses.

All are invited to bring their household candles for blessings. Please leave them on the tables where the priest will bless them.

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Forty days after Christmas, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, traditionally known as Candlemas. On this day, Mary and Joseph bring the infant Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem, faithfully fulfilling the Law—and in doing so, unknowingly place the Light of the world into the heart of the Temple.

In the Gospel account, Simeon takes the Child into his arms and proclaims Jesus to be “a light for revelation to the Gentiles and glory for your people Israel.” This moment reveals who Christ truly is: Light entering the world, offered to God, and given for all.

Because of this proclamation, the Church blesses candles on this feast. Candles are a visible reminder of Christ’s presence—quiet, steady, and enduring. They symbolize the Light that shines in darkness and is not overcome.

All are invited to bring household candles to be blessed. These may be used throughout the year during personal prayer, at times of illness or difficulty, during storms, or when a visible reminder of Christ’s nearness is needed.

Blessed candles become sacramentals—simple objects set aside to draw our hearts toward God and remind us that faith is lived not only in church, but in the ordinary moments of home and family life.

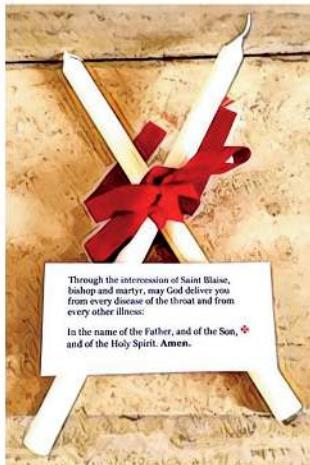
As we place candles before the altar to be blessed, we are invited to ask: Where does Christ want to bring His light into my life this year—and how am I called to carry that light to others?



Tuesday, February 3

7 am & 9 am Mass

Feast of St. Blaise



BLESSING OF THROATS

7 am & 9 am Mass

On the Feast of St. Blaise, all are invited to come and receive a special blessing for protection from afflictions of the throat and other illnesses.

It is customary to bless the throats with two candles tied together with a red ribbon to form a cross. The priest or deacon will place the candles around the throat of whoever seeks the blessing, saying:

"Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you free from every disease of the throat, and from every other disease. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

Feast of St. Blaise Blessing of Throats

The Church's calendar beautifully weaves faith into everyday life, and the Feast of St. Blaise is a beloved example of this lived tradition.

St. Blaise, a bishop and martyr of the early Church, is remembered for his intercession for those suffering from illnesses of the throat. On his feast day, the Church invites the faithful to receive a special blessing for protection and healing, especially from ailments of the throat and other illnesses.

At our 7 and 9 am daily Masses on Tuesday, February 3, the Blessing of Throats will be offered. Using two candles tied together in the form of a cross, the priest or deacon will pray this ancient blessing over those who come forward, asking God's protection and grace through the intercession of St. Blaise.

This simple ritual reminds us that God cares for the whole person—body and soul—and that the Church accompanies us not only in moments of worship, but in moments of vulnerability, illness, and need.

Many people battle illness, seen and unseen, physical and emotional, so this blessing becomes an act of trust: placing our health, our voices, and our daily lives into God's hands.

Come and receive this blessing. Let the rhythms of the Church year shape your prayer, your home, and your heart.



Virtue for the Week: Hope

As we continue our journey through Ordinary Time, the Church places before us the Beatitudes—words of promise spoken to those whose lives do not always feel strong, successful, or complete. These are not commands or ideals to be achieved by effort alone. They are assurances of what God is already bringing about.

The virtue that allows us to hear the Beatitudes with trust is hope.

Hope is not optimism or positive thinking. It is not pretending that suffering, weakness, or uncertainty do not exist. Christian hope is the quiet confidence that God is faithful to His promises, even when the way forward is not yet clear.

In our church, the pillar marked Hope is located near the back, in a place with little light and little attention. This is fitting. Hope is often lived not in moments of clarity, but in waiting. It remains steady even when answers are delayed or circumstances remain unresolved.

Above the doors near this pillar is the Scriptural Art depicting Pentecost, with the words: “And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.” As we leave the church, this image reminds us that hope does not end at the altar. It goes with us. The same Spirit given to the disciples continues to guide, strengthen, and sustain the Church today.

The opposite of hope is not realism, but despair or resignation—the belief that change is impossible or that God is no longer at work. As Fr. John has encouraged us this year, growth in the Christian life often means allowing God to transform these quiet vices into virtues.

Hope grows when we remain faithful in small ways: returning to prayer, staying close to the Sacraments, and trusting God one step at a time. As we walk with Christ through Ordinary Time, may we ask for the grace to live with hope—not because everything is resolved, but because God is present and His promises endure.



Catholic Classics Concert

When: Wed., Feb. 11, 7:30 pm

Where: In the church

Join us for an evening of prayerful, joy-filled music at our Catholic Classics Concert, part of the new Little Flower Concert Series.

Under the direction of Manuel Mora, the St. Mark Choirs will lead a *sing-along* concert celebrating the depth and beauty of Catholic sacred music across generations.

The program features works by classical masters such as César Franck and Franz Schubert, whose compositions are known for their rich harmonies, expressive melodies, and deep sense of reverence—music that lifts the soul and draws the listener into prayer.

Alongside these timeless classics, the concert also includes beloved contemporary Catholic hymns by Dan Schutte and Marty Haugen. Their music reflects the prayer and spirit and invites full participation through accessible melodies and heartfelt texts rooted in Scripture.

This is a *sing-along* concert, designed for everyone, whether you love traditional sacred music, modern Catholic hymnody, or simply enjoy lifting your voice in praise with the parish community.

All are welcome. Come listen, sing, and experience the beauty of our Catholic musical tradition—shared together as one parish family.



STEWARSHIP

Stewardship Spotlight: Stewardship of Humility Growing in Christ, Serving One Another, Sharing Our Gifts, and Connecting in Faith

Many of Jesus' teachings remain as counter-cultural today as they were when He first taught them. We are reminded today to seek and recognize the blessings of humility. "God chose the foolish...to shame the wise, the weak...to shame the strong, the lowly...so that no human being might boast before God." (Corinthians 1:27-29)

The beatitudes further remind us to focus on the virtues of mercy, peace, and justice, building the kingdom of heaven rather than earthly kingdoms rooted in selfishness and pride. A great way to grow in humility is by serving others. For those seeking ways to serve, our Volunteer Opportunities page is a great resource. "Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:3)

<https://www.stmarknc.org/volunteer-opportunities>



**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.**

PARISH LIFE

Scouting For Food 2026

When: Feb. 7-8; after Masses

Where: St. Mark Fountain

The Saint Mark Cub Scout Pack 97 will collect non-perishable food items before the Masses on February 7 and 8 and deliver the food to the Nourish Up food bank in Charlotte in support of our local needy families. Anything you can provide is greatly appreciated. Donations can also be left in the Narthex bin.

Priority food needs include canned fruit (especially no sugar added), canned meats, canned pastas, cereal and low or no sodium canned vegetables.

Pilgrimage to Holy Land with Fr. Kevin Martinez March 15-26, 2026

Enjoy a 10-day Pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Fr. Kevin Martinez and Christopher Cross.

We will have daily Mass at most of the holy sites we visit. Experience 5 nights in Jerusalem and 3 nights at the Sea of Galilee. While in Jerusalem, we will celebrate early morning Mass each day in the Tomb of Christ or on Calvary. We will visit the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, and the Church of Visitation where Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth. We will do the Way of the Cross and the Palm Sunday route as well as having an evening holy hour in the Garden of Gethsemane. We will take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee and have Mass on Mt. Tabor and on the Mt. of Beatitudes. We will celebrate Mass in Nazareth and renew our Baptismal vows next to the Jordan River. We will visit all the mystery sites of the Holy Rosary.

Fr. John Putnam and Christopher recently returned from the Holy Land with the seminarians, and both can attest to the fact that their spiritual pilgrimage was very safe at every site they visited throughout the country.

There are only a few seats left for this trip, and the departure is only 7 weeks away.

More Information: Christopher Cross at 704-274-2031 or go to the website at www.CatholicHolyLand.com. It will be a trip you will remember for the rest of your life.

Prayer Apostolate of Reparation

When: Every Tuesday, 5:30 pm

Where: St. Mark Catholic Church

In 1843, Jesus revealed to Sister Mary of St. Peter, a Carmelite nun in Tours, France, that reparation was imperative for the sins of atheism, blasphemy, and the profanation of Sundays and Holy Days. The Archconfraternity of the Holy Face was established in 1885 to facilitate this work of reparation looking to St. Veronica as their model.

You are invited to participate in the work of reparation through this devotion, imitating the actions of the holy woman Veronica. In her desire to alleviate, in whatever way she could, the sufferings inflicted on Jesus by His executioners during His Passion, Veronica wiped the filth from His Holy Face. By praying the prayers of reparation and striving to promote the faithful observance of the first three commandments of the Lord, we seek to alleviate the sufferings our Lord endures from atheists, blasphemers, and those who profane His Holy Days.

"Let us, therefore, wipe the august Face of the Savior, soiled with the spittle of blasphemers, and He will wipe our soul, soiled with the spittle of sin." Sr. Mary of St. Peter (Manual of the Holy Face p. 363)

ADORATION



Speak Lord Your Servant is Listening...

By Donna Fodale/Adoration Coordinator

In one of Fr. Roux's homilies, he shared how every day we should pray the words, speak Lord your servant is listening.

He spoke about the importance of silence and how so many of us struggle with silence.

However, it is often in silence that we can hear the Lord speak to our hearts.

For me personally, I know that to be true. That is why the Adoration Chapel, though it may not always be perfectly quiet, fosters that very prayer, speak Lord your servant is listening.

The past few weeks, I offered some suggestions for prayer intentions. Most of us who spend time with the Lord in Adoration have many intentions that we bring before Him. This is a good thing. He wants us to ask, seek and knock. Scripture tells us this. Scripture also tells us to give thanks and praise to the Lord!

Over the years though, many have found that there are those times when they are before the Lord and it is almost like sitting with an old friend. No need to share anything but each other's company. He gazes at you and you gaze at him. How simple and yet so beautiful. Those moments of silence have often revealed to their hearts things that they would not otherwise have received.

Silence can be very difficult for most of us. For me personally, it takes more than a few minutes in Adoration before I can declutter all the things that consume my thoughts.

The most important thing is to try and not to give up. Next time in Adoration, after you have offered prayers of thanksgiving and your intentions say those words that our Lord longs to hear...

Speak Lord your servant is listening. Then wait. It may take several times before you can truly enter into the silence, but it is well worth it. Prayer is a wonderful thing and as Catholics the Saints help reveal to us so many nuggets of wisdom that help us grow closer to the Lord. Silence is one of those things that most, if not all, of the Saints recommend to us.

Quotes from Saints on Silence...

Pope Saint John Paul II:

"We need to find God, and He cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. In reality, only in silence does man succeed in hearing in the depth of his conscience the voice of God, which really makes him free."

Saint Therese of Lisieux:

"O blessed silence, which gives so much peace to the soul! Frequently, only silence can express my prayer."

Saint Teresa of Avila:

"In silence, we find the strength to hear God's voice and to understand His will."

To become a weekly adorer, register at stmarknc.org/adoration.

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



Coming Up at Saint Mark

Sunday, February 1

New Member Meet and Greet

Monday, February 2

Candlemas 7 pm

Tuesday, February 3

Feast of St. Blaise Blessing of Throats

February 7 and 8

Women's Welcome Retreat

Wednesday, February 11

Young at Heart Luncheon

Catholic Classics Concert, 7:30 pm

Saturday, February 14

Marriage Date Night

Sunday, February 15

Donut Sunday

Wednesday, February 18

Ash Wednesday

Saturday, February 21

Rite of Election

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

Diaper & Wipe Drive

Now-February 8

5th Annual Drive!



My name is Annie Morell. I am a sophomore at Community School of Davidson and parishioner at St. Mark.

This year, I have taken the lead—along with fellow parishioner Lelia McQuaid—of the Pro-Life Club at our school. Our mission is to raise awareness about the reality of abortion and to support women who choose life.

My sister, Colette Morell, founded the Pro-Life Club four years ago. I assisted her throughout that time, and after her graduation, I felt inspired and called to continue this precious mission at our school.

This month, we are hosting our 5th Annual Diaper Drive.

Over the past four years, our club has collected more than 50,000 diapers and over 100,000 wipes. Imagine the number of mothers and babies who have benefited from your generosity!

Thank you to the St. Mark parishioners for your enthusiastic and faithful support of these efforts.

We are currently collecting diapers and wipes to donate to MiraVia and other local organizations that serve mothers and children in need.

Thank you for supporting life.

You may leave donations in the Narthex Bin.



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

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2nd Annual Open House

**SUNDAY, FEB. 15
2 - 4 PM**

Light refreshments will be served.

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Charlotte, NC 28205
(704) 975-8572



Martyrs and Monastics

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. Elizabeth Klein, Professor of Theology at the Augustine Institute Graduate School, to discuss her Short Course: Martyrs and Monastics. Who are the early Church martyrs? What fueled their witness to the faith? How did monasticism develop? These questions and more are addressed in this show.

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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Join us! Knights of Columbus

When: Mon. Feb. 2, 6:30 pm

Where: Kerin Family Center Room 202

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

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

Deepen your spiritual life and faith formation

Support local charitable causes and parish initiatives

Participate in family and community events

Build strong bonds of brotherhood with fellow Catholic men

Whether you're looking to give back, grow spiritually, or simply connect with like-minded men, there is a place for you in our Council.

Our next general meeting will be at 6:30 pm, Monday, February 2, in the Kerin Family Center, Room 202. Please come as our guest to see what we are all about.

To learn more or express interest contact Ray FitzGerald at RFITZG@AOL.COM OR 704-992-1702.



partners would help us in funding the many requests that come to the council monthly. So far, we have supported 10 seminarians, 2 missionaries, monthly meals for Fraternus and Fidelis, monthly meals for Davidson College Catholic Ministry dinners, Life Teen, Edge, Faith Formation, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Scouts, Christmas trees, Into The Breach booklet series, and multiple other parish needs and activities.

This year we would like to expand our \$100 (20 tickets) Club. Last year we had 8 members - we would like to try for 20+ this year. We will also offer a \$500 Corporate option. That will allow for 100 tickets to be offered as customer giveaways (contact Richard Clancey regarding giveaway options.)

First prize is \$5000. Second prize is \$4000. 3rd & 4th prizes are \$500. 5th & 6th prizes are \$400 and 7th prize is \$200. Drawing is May 16, 2026.

Hand offs can be done in person or via the K of C mailbox at the reception desk.

Payment options: Cash, Checks made out to Msgr. Kerin Council 12654, Zelle or Venmo to Richard Clancey.

Contact Richard Clancey for tickets. 704 - 609 - 4400.
Rclancey@gmail.com. Every Sunday at 5pm Mass

It's Almost Fish Fry Season!

When: Friday, Feb. 27; 4:30 – 7:30 pm

Where: Kerin Family Center

Mark your calendar for the famous Showmars, Knights of Columbus Fish Fry events! This year three Fridays have been set aside for this popular annual fundraiser. The first fish fry will take place on Feb. 27, followed by two additional dates: March 13 and March 27. The events will be held at the Kerin Center, or you can use the drive-thru located between the Kerin Center and St. Mark School for your convenience. Both fried and broiled fish will be offered again this year, giving you the option to choose your favorite. For those who do not care for fish, a pasta platter will also be available. The Kitchen Krew will be cooking up all your favorites. Please support our Knights of Columbus by attending and enjoying these delicious meals. Your participation helps make this fundraising event a success! For further information see the contacts listed below.

Contact: Frank Salvato, 703-585-0534, gk6831@msn.com

Contact: Ray Marr, 704-904-3839, raymarr44@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus State Raffle

We have kicked off the Knights of Columbus raffle at our first 2026 Council meeting. We have already sold 100 tickets at the meetings. Our goal is 1000 tickets. Each ticket is \$5. Half of that goes to the council to fund charitable requests. The other half goes to the state to fund larger statewide initiatives. To have a successful fundraiser, the council and state need matching funds. All the funding is used for local needs and our fundraising efforts along with other statewide councils combine efforts and funding for a greater ability to serve community needs.

Minimum orders are \$20 for 4 tickets and \$5 for each additional ticket. The Knights themselves have been very generous in the past, but we would hope other parishioners and community

Two Young St. Mark Parishioners Have Been Accepted as Full-Time Life Teen Missionaries

For many years now the Msgr. Kerin Council has offered \$500 stipends for Seminarians connected with the parish. This year that number is 10. For about 7 years now we have offered similar funding for young parish adults that choose to spend a year or 2 as campus Missionaries. They are required to cover their own expenses for that time and must do their own fundraising. This year the council is assisting 2 parishioners that will be full-time missionaries with Life Teen. Our stipend is significant but not enough to cover their needs for a year. Below is their information for individual support. Alex has finished college, spent some time in seminary and has now chosen the mission route. Anabella has graduated high school and cherished her own time with the various Life Teen offerings here at St. Mark and away retreats. She was also accepted as a full time Life Teen Missionary.

Contact Alex Lavine at alex.lavine116@gmail.com.
Or visit <https://donate.lifeteen.com/fundraiser/6566992>.

Mail: You can also send a check to Life Teen, Inc with 'Alex Lavine Mission Year' in the memo line to:

Life Teen, Inc
Attn: Full-Time Missions
P.O. Box 117299
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Contact Anabella Quintero at aquintero@lifeteen.com.

Or Mail a check to Life Teen Inc. with "Anabella Quintero - Missionary" in the memo line to:

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YOUTH MINISTRY

High School Youth Ministry January

When: Most Sundays, 6-8 pm

Where: Family Center Parish Hall

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

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

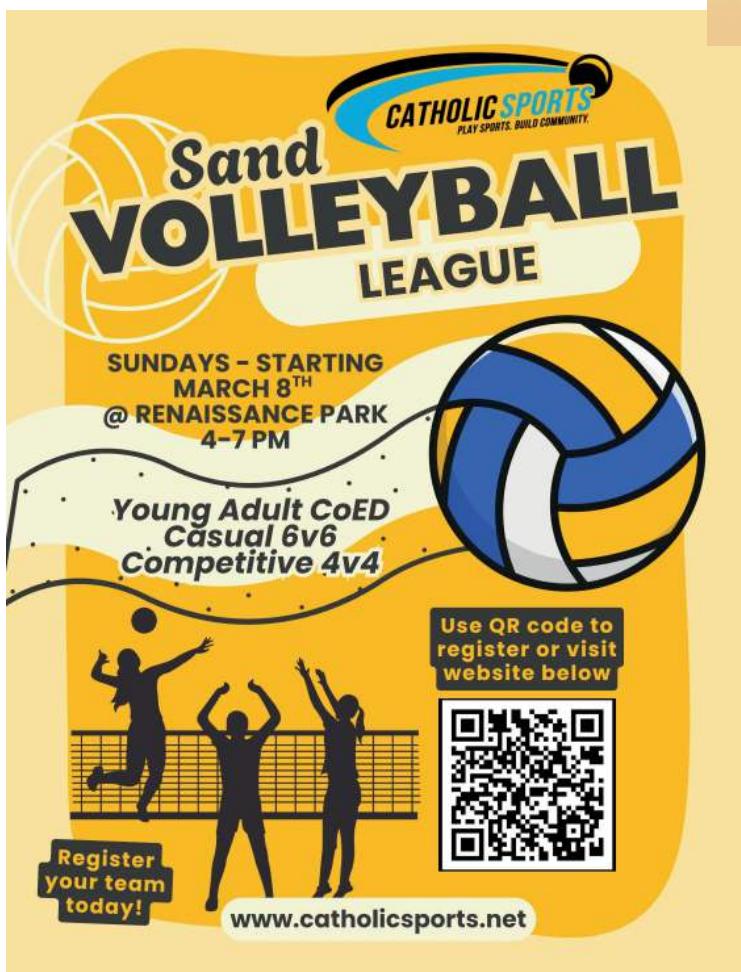
Whether your teen has been involved before or is thinking about coming for the first time, this is a great moment to jump in. Many teens find that these nights become one of the highlights of their week, a place where they feel known, supported, and encouraged.

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**

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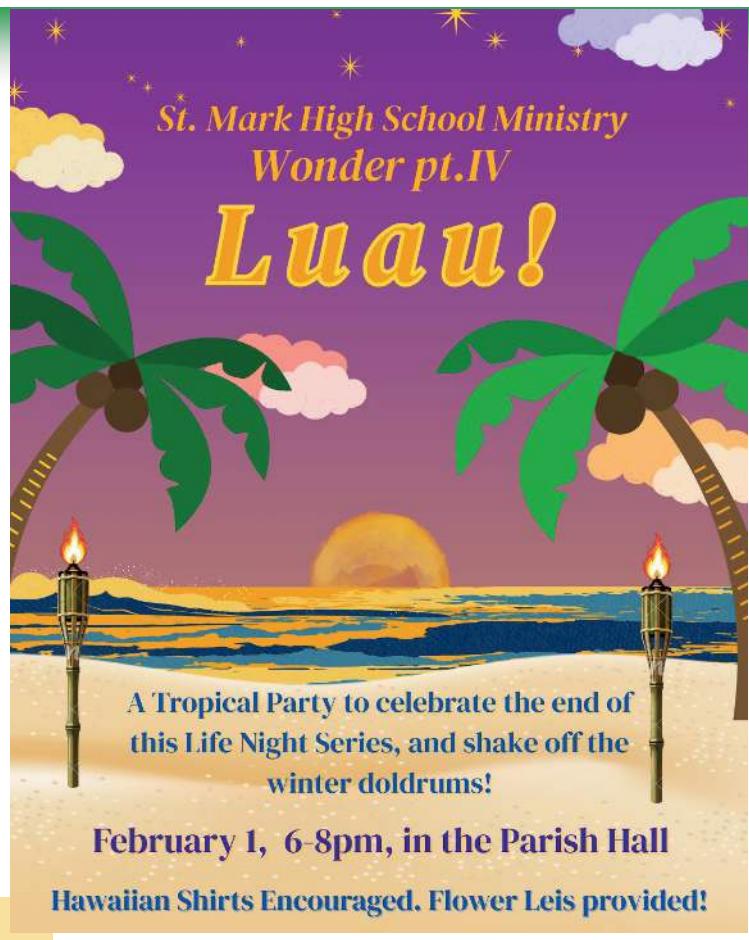
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A Tropical Party to celebrate the end of this Life Night Series, and shake off the winter doldrums!

February 1, 6-8pm, in the Parish Hall

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Women's Day of Reflection at St. Therese

When: Sat., Feb 28, 8:30 am-12:30 pm

Where: St. Therese Catholic Church, Mooresville

"Rise, Do Not Be Afraid" (Matthew 17:7)

All women of the parish, along with friends, neighbors, and daughters (18+), are invited to the Annual Women's Day of Reflection on Saturday, February 28, from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm at St. Therese Catholic Church.

This morning of prayer and reflection will be led by Kathleen Lewis, who will invite participants to reflect on Christ's words: "Rise, do not be afraid." The morning will include time for prayer, reflection, and fellowship. A light brunch will be served.

There is no cost to attend, though a free-will offering will be available. Registration is required, as space is limited.

Sponsored by the Ladies of St. Therese Ministry.

For questions, contact Judy Kukowski at JKukowski@verizon.net.



Healed & Restored Golf Tournament 2nd Annual Fundraiser

Join us for the 2nd Annual Healed & Restored Golf Tournament on Monday, April 6, 2026, at Mooresville Golf Club.

Healed & Restored is a nonprofit organization founded here at St. Mark in 2020. Its mission is to support women and girls who are survivors of abuse, assault, domestic violence, trafficking, and other forms of trauma—helping them find healing, restoration, and the opportunity to thrive.

Tournament Details

- Check-in: 8:30 am
- Shotgun Start: 9:00 am
- Cost: \$150 per player | \$600 per foursome
- 100% of proceeds benefit Healed & Restored

Registration and sponsorship opportunities are available, but space is limited.

To register, visit HealedandRestored.org/golf or scan code.

For more information, contact David Spadey at 704-808-0343 or david@ds1phonesystems.com.

Come enjoy a day on the course while supporting a mission of healing, hope, and restoration.



St. Thomas Lenten Parish Mission: The Four Last Things

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church invites all to a Lenten Parish Mission on Friday, March 6, and Saturday, March 7, led by Fr. Chad Ripperger, a well-known preacher and theologian.

This mission will focus on The Four Last Things—Death, Judgment, Heaven, and Hell—inviting us to a deeper examination of our lives, our choices, and our hope in Christ as we journey through Lent.

Schedule

Friday, March 6 Confessions: 6 pm Sermon: 7 pm

Saturday, March 7 Confessions: 6:30 pm Sermon: 7 pm

Childcare will be available.

The mission will be held at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, 1400 Suther Road, Charlotte.

For more information or to register, visit stacharlotte.com/lentenmission.

This Lenten mission offers a powerful opportunity to pause, reflect, and realign our hearts with eternal truths as we prepare for Easter.



Is Brain Death *Truly* Death?



What Everyone Should Know
about Organ Transplants



Wednesday February 11 | 7:00 p.m.

Aquinas Hall
Saint Thomas Aquinas Church
1400 Suther Road | Charlotte, NC

A presentation based on clinical experience
by Dr. Paul Byrne, M.D.

- Is brain death a valid criterion for organ donation?
- Are there financial conflicts of interest in declaring "brain death" for organ transplants?
- Are patients declared "brain dead" truly deceased?
- Why was the federal government investigating organ transplant organizations for ethical lapses?
- Should one be an organ donor or participate in organ transplants?

The event is free. To learn more visit: www.defendthefamily.org/braindeath

Sponsored by the Carolina Pro-Life Action Network (C-PLAN), a program of the Carolina Family Coalition



CAROLINA FAMILY COALITION

Saint Mark Parish Directory

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Sun 8:15 am-12:15 pm | Phone: 704-948-0231

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Mass Schedule

Mon/Tue/Thu: 7, 9 am
Wed: 7 am, 6:30 pm
Fri: 7, 9 am
7 pm (Spanish)
Sat: 9 am, 5 pm Vigil
Sun: 7:30, 9, 11 am, 1 pm (Español), 5 pm

All Masses may be watched live: stmarknc.org/livestream
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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

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Cursillo

Visit www.CharlotteCursillo.com for information on upcoming retreat weekends, ultreyas and group reunions.

Parishioner Assistance

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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

AI-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:
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Catholic Charities: 704-370-3262; Birthright:

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DEL PASTOR



La lectura del Evangelio de hoy es lo que popularmente se llama el Sermón de la Montaña. Muchos piensan que es el epítome absoluto de las enseñanzas de Jesús. Por supuesto, nos dice cómo debemos vivir nuestras vidas, las actitudes que debemos tener. Debemos recordar que quienes esperaban y deseaban al Mesías

esperaban un líder militar, alguien que los liderara en la batalla contra sus opresores.

En su Sermón del Monte, Jesús ofrece una perspectiva más precisa de quién es. Comienza lo que llamamos las Bienaventuranzas (la palabra significa "bendiciones") con "Bienaventurados los pobres de espíritu, porque de ellos es el reino de los cielos." En cierto sentido, todos somos "pobres de espíritu". Sin la guía y la fortaleza que nos ha dado el Señor, no hay manera de escapar de esta pobreza de espíritu, de espiritualidad, por así decirlo.

Por eso a menudo decimos que vivir vidas centrada en Dios está en el núcleo mismo de la mayordomía. Ser discípulo de Cristo se traduce en ser un guardián de nuestros muchos dones y bendiciones. Algunos estudiosos creen que Jesús pudo haber dado este sermón a menudo durante su ministerio. Quienes siguieron a Jesús y se convirtieron en los primeros cristianos, los primeros miembros de la Iglesia, solían citar y referirse a lo que el Señor dijo en esta ocasión. Como se ha dicho, Jesús nos proporciona el secreto para vivir una buena vida. Si confiamos en Él y le seguimos, seremos bendecidos. © Consultores de Gestión Católica, 2025

Meditación pastoral – En el espíritu de la administración cristiana, estamos llamados a reconocer que todo lo que poseemos—nuestro tiempo, talentos y tesoros—son dones de Dios, confiados a nosotros para la edificación de Su Reino. **La donación por legado**, también conocida como **donación planificada**, ofrece una forma profunda de extender esta gestión más allá de nuestra vida incluyendo nuestra parroquia en tu testamento, planes patrimoniales u otros acuerdos benéficos.

La donación por legado es más que una decisión financiera; es un acto espiritual de gratitud y fe. A través de un legado u otra donación planificada, te aseguras de que los ministerios, sacramentos, educación y actividades de alcance que han nutrido tu vida espiritual sigan sirviendo a las futuras generaciones. Estos dones proporcionan un apoyo duradero a la misión de nuestra parroquia, ayudando a mantener nuestras instalaciones, financiar programas esenciales y sostener el cuidado pastoral incluso en tiempos de necesidad.

La Iglesia enseña que la generosidad es un reflejo del amor abundante de Dios. Como mayordomos, estamos invitados a compartir las bendiciones que hemos recibido, alineando nuestros recursos materiales con nuestros valores de fe. Un legado te permite expresar un profundo agradecimiento por el papel de la parroquia en tu vida—a través de bautizos, bodas, funerales y adoración diaria—mientras crea un impacto duradero que refleja el mensaje de esperanza y servicio del Evangelio.

Muchos feligreses han descubierto que incluir a la parroquia en sus planes patrimoniales les aporta tranquilidad, sabiendo que sus valores y fe perdurarán. Estos donativos, sean modestos o sustanciales, se combinan para fortalecer nuestra comunidad y asegurar su futuro.

Si aún no has considerado un legado, te animamos a reflexionar sobre cómo podrías continuar apoyándote de esta manera significativa. Los recursos y la orientación están disponibles a través de nuestra oficina parroquial o asesores de confianza. Por favor, contáctanos para más información o para hablar sobre cómo tu legado puede ayudar a preservar nuestro legado católico compartido.



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Miércoles, 11 de febrero

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Sábado, 14 de febrero

Noche de cita de boda

Domingo, 15 de febrero

Domingo de Donuts

Miércoles, 18 de febrero

Miércoles de Ceniza

Sábado, 21 de febrero

Rito de Elección

Viernes, 27 de febrero

Freída de Pescado de los Caballeros de Colón

28 de febrero

Fin de semana de renovación de la gestión

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

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