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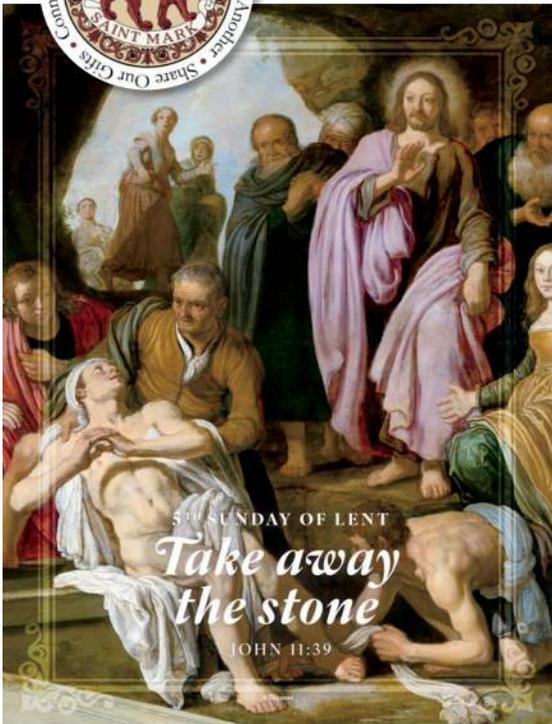
I am the resurrection and the life;  
whoever believes in me,  
even if he dies, will live,  
and everyone who lives  
and believes in me, will never die.  
*Do you believe this?*

*Passion Sunday*  
**SAINT MARK**

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# WELCOME TO ST. MARK!



Today is the Fifth Sunday of Lent, also known as Passion Sunday! Readings can be found in the music handouts or on page 846 of the St. Augustine Hymnal. The Order of the Mass can be found on page 7.

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

Thank you for being a part of our parish, either as a visitor or a long-time parishioner. We are thankful that you are here and welcome you back anytime for Mass, prayer in our Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel or any of our programs.

At St. Mark, we believe we are all called as one by Christ to embrace the spirit of stewardship and engagement to Grow in Christ, Serve One Another, Share Our Gifts and Connect in Faith. This mission is our quest for holiness. It is by our intentional discipleship that each of us become stewards of the gifts God has given us and to share them with others. Our time, our talent and our treasure are given to us by God to share with others by spreading the Gospel and building His kingdom.

If you are interested in registering as a member of St. Mark, please go to [stmarknc.org/registration](http://stmarknc.org/registration) or use the QR code. You may submit the form online or bring a paper copy to the Welcome Desk during business hours, including Sunday 8:30 am-12:15 pm. Forms can be found in the narthex. Please know, you do not need to be Catholic to join and come to our parish.



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.**

**S**aint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the Power of God, cast into hell, Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

## Guidelines for Communion For Catholics

1. To be in a state of grace, that is to say, to be free from any unconfessed mortal sin.
2. To abstain for at least one hour before Holy Communion from any food and drink, with the exception of water and medicine.
3. To know what you are receiving and to approach the altar with devotion.
4. *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.

Thank you for generously sharing your gifts with the parish.

You may make an online donation at [stmarknc.org/online-giving](http://stmarknc.org/online-giving) or scan the code.



## Share Our Gifts

Lord, teach me to share joyfully all that I have received.

May I never cease to thank you through my own self-giving.

I will place before you at the altar all that I have, given in faith and love. Open my heart, Lord, to your will.

Amen

## FROM THE PASTOR



At this point in our Lenten journey, it is tempting to grow weary of the spiritual disciplines we have taken on. Today's readings inspire us to remain faithful, in grateful response to a God who loves us so much.

In our first reading, the prophet Ezekiel speaks God's own words to us. "I will put my spirit in you that you may live... I have promised and I will do it, says the Lord." Our God wants to be so closely united to us that we are one with Him. And He has promised He will do it. But only if we

make room for Him by making Him THE priority of our lives. Putting God first is a grateful response that is very pleasing to Him.

How can we do this? Our second reading, from Romans, tells us. "Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh... you are in the spirit if only the Spirit of God dwells in you."

The disciplines of Lent and a stewardship way of life are wonderful gifts that free us from too great an attachment to "the flesh." The sacrifices we make as Christian stewards are not meant to restrict our freedom and joy. Quite the contrary. They are tools to help us find the real freedom and joy that only come when we make room in our lives for God.

As we journey closer to the Passion of our Lord, let us intensify our Lenten resolutions and our stewardship way of life, inviting the Holy Spirit to take over more and more of our lives. By Easter, we will be freer to rejoice in Him and truly pleasing to God. © Catholic Stewardship Consultants, 2026.

**Pastoral Pondering** – On September 29, 1916, the Angel of Peace appeared to the three shepherd children in Fatima. During this encounter, the Angel shared with the children the following prayer: "Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, I adore thee profoundly, and I offer thee the Most Precious Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of the same son Jesus Christ, present in the Tabernacles of the world, in reparation for all the sacrileges, outrages, and indifferences by which He Himself is offended. And by the infinite merits of His Most Sacred Heart and through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of thee the conversion of poor sinners." In keeping with the theme that I began last week, about reviewing the basics, I thought it might be useful to address the importance of Eucharistic reverence and devotion. In the prayer given by the Angel, sacrileges, outrages and indifferences are specifically mentioned. Perhaps looking at each of these is a helpful way to address this.

Term	Core Meaning	How Expressed	Moral/Spiritual Gravity	Concrete Examples
Sacrilege	Profaning or treating unworthily what is consecrated to God.	Deliberate misuse, desecration, or unworthy handling of sacred persons, places or things.	<b>Grave sin</b> , especially when directed against the Eucharist.	Receiving Holy Communion unworthily; deliberate mistreatment of the Blessed Sacrament; vandalizing a church or sacred object.
Outrage	Active contempt or violence toward the sacred.	Hostile actions or speech that mock, attack, or violate what is holy.	Gravely sinful when deliberate; often overlaps with sacrilege.	Shouting insults during Mass; intentional disruption of the liturgy; public acts of desecration meant to provoke.
Indifference	Neglect or lack of due reverence toward the sacred.	Passive disregard, carelessness, or habitual inattentiveness.	Spiritually corrosive; may lead gradually to deeper sin.	Casual behavior in church; lack of preparation for Mass; treating the Eucharist as ordinary rather than holy.

Sacrilege profanes what is holy, outrage openly attacks it, and indifference quietly neglects it—but all three wound our relationship with God and diminish our reverence for His real presence among us. As we continue our Lenten journey, may we ask for the grace not only to avoid irreverence, but to grow in conscious, loving devotion to the Eucharist, responding with faith, gratitude, and awe to the God who gives Himself so completely to us.

## Fatima Celebrates | 109th Anniversary

Pilgrimage to Fatima, Portugal & Avila Spain  
July 15 - July 29, 2026



Join Father John Putnam & Father Christopher Roux on a special pilgrimage celebrating the 109th anniversary of the Appearance of Our Lady of Fatima to Three Shepherd Children.

For more information contact The Te Deum Foundation, Inc.  
980-355-8762 or visit our website: [www.tedeumfoundation.org](http://www.tedeumfoundation.org)  
Reservation Deadline: April 1, 2026



# REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

## Please Pray For

To submit a prayer request, visit: [stmarknc.org/prayerchain](http://stmarknc.org/prayerchain)

Tom Addison	Charlie Donovan	Mary Kate Knight	Nealon
Julie Andrews	Jane & William	Dennis Koenig	Joann Nigro
Donald Arrup	Dragoon	Jackie Kopicki	The Ober Family
Maryann Bahret	Joanne Errick	Aubrey Lamb	Louise Painter
Lizzy Balzer	Jack Evans	Craig Leiker	Fernando Paverpai
Deidre Beck	Charles Fillipo	Carolina Liendo	Doug Peterson
Richard Bidy	Al Fischlein	Marie Ligon	Nicole & Bruce
Brian Blatchford & Family	Alan Friedl & Family	Peter R. Loew	Preiss
Virginia "Gini" Bond	Valeria Gerbasi	Kitty Long	Joette Reid
Kathy Brandt	Daniel Gilbridge	Wilfredo Lostaunau	Lindsay Remington
Dave Breen	Denny & Monica Golden	Margaret Lynch	Butch Remesch
Helen Sally Buff	Tom Goodwin	Utelia Malwitz	Thomas Rynne
Carmen Cabranes	Lucas Graf	Tom & Colette Manente	Phyllis Searles
Anne Caestecker	Paige Grieshop	Melissa McDonald	Mark Shields
Michelle Chicoine	Rachel Grieshop	Cathy Milligan	Pennie Singh
Rod Clair	Helen Haddad	Lucille Modica	Todd Singh
Jim Clark	Fran Hehn	Linda Morella	Bill Sirnack
Beth Collins	Laura Hehn	Mary Morgan	Robert Somerville
William Conklin	Allan Helmbrecht	Haleigh Moss	Betsy Spartz
Vic Crognale	Madeline Louise Henwood	Niall Mulkeen	Mike Tolbert
Janice D'Angelo	Kevin Herman Sr.	Elizabeth Mulligan	Alston Torres
Sheila DeArmon	Hannah Hopkins	Angeles Murphy	Haley Velez
Judy and Rich Deboer	Frank Hunnicutt III	Maria Magdalena Murphy	Julio Velez
John Deluca	Suzy Iskander	Carl Muti	Kristine Yeager
Joan Demarco	Cathi Kalberier	Paul Nealon Jr.	Margaret Yeager
Henry Diener	Karen Kastl	Paul Sr. and Sally	Caroline Vogel
			Patricia Zeggert

# MASS INTENTIONS

## Sunday, March 22

7:30 am	† Pompei "Paul" Cedrone
9 am	St. Mark Parishioners
11 am	† Thomas Lavinio
1 pm	† Mario Franco
4:30 pm	† Antionette Rinaldi
5 pm	† Ernesto Marrero

## Monday, March 23

7 am	† Pompeii Cedrone
9 am	† Larry Hauser

## Tuesday, March 24

7 am	Mary Kelley
9 am	† John & Edythe Ascherl

## Wednesday, March 25

7 am	Andrew McCall
	† William L Menke
6:30 pm	Purgatorial Society Mass

## Thursday, March 26

7 am	† Sharon F Sheridan
9 am	† Patricia Anderson

## Friday, March 27

7 am	† Deacon Ron Sherwood
9 am	Deacon Rich McCarron

## Saturday, March 28

9 am	Lorenzo Silva & Rosana Rojas de Silva
5 pm	† Audrey Michal

## Sunday, March 29

7:30 am	St. Mark Parishioners
9 am	† Henry Desmond Arrup Jr.
11 am	† Judy Taborga Palmieri
1 pm	† Josefa Ruperto
4:30 pm	† Molly Hall
5 pm	† Denise Harper

† Deceased

## Saint Mark Purgatorial Society

Saint Mark offers the opportunity for you to have your loved ones remembered at a monthly Wednesday 6:30 pm Mass for a calendar year. Names enrolled for the year will also be placed on the altar during our Masses in November. To enroll a family member, please contact the Office at 704-948-0231 or complete the form on our website at [www.stmarknc.org/purgatorial-society](http://www.stmarknc.org/purgatorial-society).

The following members will be remembered on March 25, 2026.

*Ralph Bourke*  
*Anthony and Claudia Przekop*  
*Carol Miles*  
*Mrs. Celestine Nsuadi Nzisi*  
*Zoila Benavides*

## Stewarding Your Legacy

As **DISCIPLES** of Christ, we are called to be faithful stewards, caring for the gifts God has entrusted to us and using them to build up His Church. This includes supporting the mission of our parish today while also helping to ensure its strength and vitality for the future.

Planned giving offers a simple, meaningful way to extend your discipleship. By remembering St. Mark in your will or estate plans, you create a legacy of faith that helps our parish continue forming disciples, serving families, and sharing Christ's love for generations to come.

To learn more, contact  
**Karen Donahue**  
**704-948-0231 ext. 136**  
[karen.donahue@stmarknc.org](mailto:karen.donahue@stmarknc.org)

# READINGS | WEEK OF MARCH 22

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b> Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Rm 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 or Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
<b>Monday</b>	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:1-11
<b>Tuesday</b>	Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; Jn 8:21-30
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord</b> Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
<b>Thursday</b>	Gen 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59
<b>Friday</b>	Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42
<b>Saturday</b>	Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion</b> Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66 or Mt 27:11-54

# MARRIAGE MINISTRY

## The Love We Long For

Marriage is meant to be a communion—a deep, shared life together.



### Marriage Ministry and Communion at St. Mark *Marriage Is a Shared Life*

When we think about marriage, we often think about the beginning. The wedding day. The vows. The excitement of starting a life together.

But marriage is not built in a moment. It is built over years.

It is built in ordinary days. In shared meals. In raising children. In caring for aging parents. In seasons of uncertainty and seasons of joy.

Marriage is meant to be a communion, a deep shared life together. Not just two individuals living side by side, but two people choosing one another daily.

Your spouse is not only your partner in life. Your spouse is your companion on the road to Heaven. That changes how we see our marriage.

It is not about finding the perfect person. It is about helping one another grow in holiness. It is about becoming the kind of love that reflects Christ's faithful love for His Church.

When we look ahead twenty, thirty, forty years, what do we hope to see?

A couple who endured. A couple who forgave. A couple who remained.

This week, take a moment to imagine the long view of your marriage. Ask one another:

***What kind of couple do we want to become?***

Small, faithful choices today shape that future.

### Spring Date Night Challenge

There's still time to join the Spring Date Night Challenge. At the beginning of each month, you'll receive creative date ideas and conversation starters to make it easy.

After each date, email a photo of the two of you to [christine.wisdom@stmarknc.org](mailto:christine.wisdom@stmarknc.org) and include your names, phone number, and the month of your date. Each submission counts as one entry to win.

Prizes include a \$50 restaurant gift card, a Date Night Gift Basket, and one complimentary couple's admission to our upcoming parish Marriage Retreat June 26-28.

Keep dating your spouse. Your marriage is worth it.

**For information and to sign up, scan code or go to [stmarknc.org/marriage-ministry](http://stmarknc.org/marriage-ministry).**



May 1-3, 2026

Friday 6-8p / Saturday 8a-7p / Sunday 8a-4p  
Belmont Abbey College - Belmont, NC

The Domestic Church Marriage Retreat is for Catholic married couples who desire to grow in holiness together. It provides a renewed experience of marital spirituality allowing us to encounter Christ and grow toward sainthood. Come, receive the Good News, and stir up the grace of your Sacrament!

**contact: [region14@domesticchurchfamilies.com](mailto:region14@domesticchurchfamilies.com).**

Nursing babies are welcome!  
The \$150.00 registration fee includes meals and materials.  
There are limited scholarships available.

Register



### New Moms Connect

When: Wed., March 25; 9:30 am

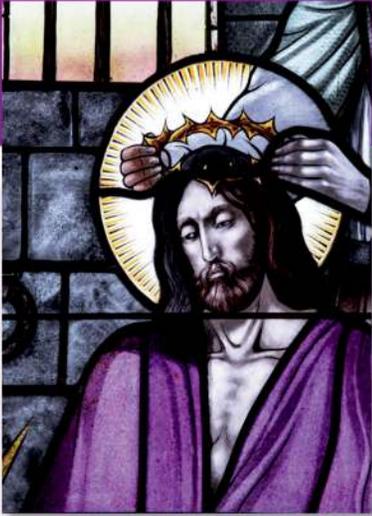
Where: North Mecklenburg Park

Are you a mom with a little one age two or under? We'd love for you to join us for a relaxed morning of connection, encouragement and community. This new meet-up group is a wonderful way to get to know other young moms, share the joys and challenges of this season, and let the little ones enjoy some fresh air at the park.

We hope you'll come to our first gathering and be part of this new community!

Contact: Hannah Gordon, [hannahigordon19@gmail.com](mailto:hannahigordon19@gmail.com)





# PASSIONTIDE

## Passiontide and Veiling of Images

We have now entered the Fifth Week of Lent. In the older liturgical calendar this Sunday was called Passion Sunday, and the final weeks of Lent were known as Passiontide.

Beginning this weekend you will notice a striking change in the church. Crucifixes and sacred images are veiled. This ancient practice draws our attention more deeply to the mystery at the center of our faith: the Passion of Jesus Christ.

For most of the year our churches are filled with reminders of the saints and the communion of believers. During Passiontide, however, the Church invites us to focus more intentionally on Christ and the saving work He accomplished through His suffering and death on the Cross. The veils will remain until the celebration of the Resurrection at the Easter Vigil.

Today's Gospel, however, reminds us where the Passion is leading. In the raising of Lazarus, Jesus proclaims, "I am the resurrection and the life." His suffering will lead to victory over death.

You may also notice a change during the consecration at Mass. Most of the year we hear the ringing of the bells, then in Lent we switched to a gong. During these final weeks the bells give way to the crotalus, the wooden clacker traditionally used during the most solemn days of the Church's year.

As we move closer to Holy Week, the Church gradually removes distractions so we can fix our attention on Christ and prepare our hearts for the mystery of His Passion, death, and Resurrection.

**Lenten Tip:**  
Consider covering a crucifix or sacred image in your home during these final weeks of Lent, then uncover it on Easter morning as a sign of the joy of the Resurrection.

*Because, by Your holy cross,  
You have redeemed the world!*



## HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE:

### Sunday, March 29

Palm Sunday Passion of the Lord

Saturday Vigil: 5 pm

Sunday: 7 am (not 7:30 am)

9 am\*, 11 am, 1 pm Spanish\*, 5 pm

\*Note: There will be an outdoor procession of palms before the 9 am and 1 pm Mass

### Monday, March 30

Daily Mass 7 am & 9 am

### Tuesday, March 31

Daily Mass 7 am Only

3 pm Chrism Mass in the Church

All other parish activities cancelled.

### Wednesday, April 1

Daily Mass 7 am & 6:30 pm

### Thursday, April 2

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Confession: 10 am-4 pm**

Adoration Chapel Closes at noon

Mass: 7 pm bilingual

Altar of Repose: After Mass until Midnight in Parish Hall

### Friday, April 3

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

Fasting and Abstinence

**Confession: 10 am-4 pm**

Stations of the Cross: 12 pm

Passion Mass & Veneration of

Cross: 3 pm, 7 pm (Spanish)

Divine Mercy Novena begins.

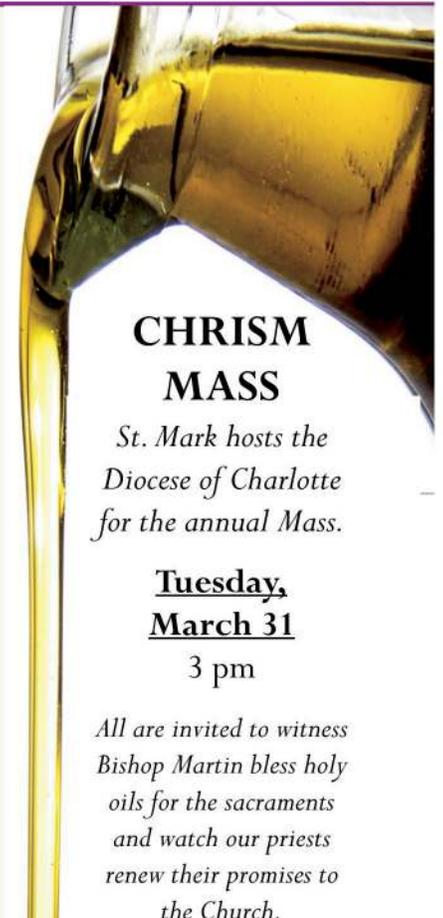
### Saturday, April 4

Holy Saturday Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord

**Confession: 10 am-4 pm**

Blessing of Easter Baskets: 3 pm

Easter Vigil in the Night: 8:30 pm



## CHRISM MASS

*St. Mark hosts the Diocese of Charlotte for the annual Mass.*

**Tuesday, March 31**

3 pm

*All are invited to witness Bishop Martin bless holy oils for the sacraments and watch our priests renew their promises to the Church.*



## Prepare for Holy Week: The journey to the Cross.



### Practicing the Virtues: Humility

Throughout this year we have been reflecting on the virtues named on the pillars that surround the nave of our church. These virtues remind us that the Christian life is not only about believing the right things, but about allowing Christ to shape how we live each day.

This week we reflect on humility, located in the right transept above the statue of St. John Neumann.

The vice opposed to humility is pride. Pride places ourselves at the center and resists our need for God or for others. Humility, by contrast, allows us to see ourselves truthfully. It recognizes that everything we have is a gift from God and that our lives are meant to be offered back to Him.

In the days ahead we will hear the story of Jesus entering Jerusalem, welcomed with praise and then rejected by the same crowds. Yet Christ does not turn away. In humility and obedience He accepts the path that leads to the Cross. Above this pillar are the words "Those Who Saw Him." To truly see Christ is to recognize who He is and who we are before Him. Humility allows us to see the Lord clearly and to follow Him, trusting that the path of surrender and self-giving is the path that leads to resurrection.

*Crying angel  
stained glass  
window detail,  
Scourging  
at the Pillar.*



### Donate to the Easter Flower Fund

Help us prepare our church to celebrate.

Flowers have long been a sign of new life in the Church and are used at Easter to express the joy of the risen Christ.

If you would like to make a donation for flowers for St. Mark and Christ the King High School, please use the envelopes in the narthex or visit [stmarknc.org/online-giving](http://stmarknc.org/online-giving).

Thank you.

## EASTER SUNDAY MASS TIMES

We will offer Mass at both  
St. Mark Church and Christ  
the King Catholic High  
School.

Sunday, April 5:

Resurrection of the Lord

*No confession before Mass*

Saint Mark

7 am\*, 9 am , 11 am

1 pm Spanish

\*not 7:30 am

Christ the King

10 am

2011 Crusader Way, Huntersville,  
(Hwy 73, East of Poplar Tent Road)



### Sorrowful Mysteries...

As you spend time in the church, take a moment to contemplate the beautiful stained glass windows depicting the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary.

These sacred images invite us to reflect deeply on the passion of Christ, offering a visual meditation on His journey of suffering and sacrifice for our salvation. Let the vibrant colors and detailed scenes call you into a deeper prayer experience, connecting with the profound sorrow and love of our Savior.

## STEWARDSHIP

### Stewardship Spotlight on the Gardening and Grounds Ministry

In addition to the church and adoration chapel the St. Mark campus is home to several outdoor spaces for prayerful contemplation and enjoyment including Mary's Garden, the Respect Life Memorial and other statue gardens. All of these spaces are available to support our journey to Grow in Christ. Our spotlight this week focuses on our Gardening and Grounds Ministry, a group who work to help maintain these spaces and invite you to, "Come play in the dirt with us!"

This ministry provides the opportunity to Serve one Another and encourage Growth in Christ with no set schedule for working on the grounds, no regular meetings, and the ability to work outside. Everyone can work according to their own schedules, any time or day. The work done by this group includes:

*Planting seasonal flowers in pots and certain beds and gardens.*

*Maintaining established flower beds by watering, weeding, fertilizing, insect control, trimming and deadheading.*

*Watering all flower pots and beds without irrigation. (There is great need during the hot summer months to keep everything watered.)*

*Picking up trash in the parking lots and around campus.*

*Removing spent flower bouquets from Mary's Garden, Respect Life Memorial and statue gardens.*

*Filling the fountain when the water level is low.*

*Assisting Sister Mary Agnes in removing flowers from the altar and either planting them in the landscape or distributing to parishioners at Easter and Christmas.*

Ministry communication occurs primarily via group text. When work is done by a group member, he or she lets the others know via text what was done. Group leader, Debbie Hains, meets with new members on the grounds to show them around and explain in detail what the group does. If a student (minor) would like to help, a parent will need to be included in all communication and will need to be present at the initial meeting on the grounds. Minors are not part of the group text but will be updated via email with the parent included on all emails.

If any of the above tasks align with your gifts and abilities this is a fun way to Serve one Another. On given days, when others in the group join to work together, you will also Connect in Faith. It is helpful if gardening volunteers have their own gardening tools, as tools are limited in the shed. Those interested in volunteering with the Gardening and Grounds Ministry should contact Debbie Hains at [debbiehains@gmail.com](mailto:debbiehains@gmail.com).



### Please Help Us Care for the Parish Grounds

Our parish grounds are a place where families gather, children play, and many people stop to pray or spend a few quiet moments near the fountain and gardens. We are grateful that so many people enjoy these spaces.

Over the past year we have made several repairs to the fountain, including installing new lights, and additional maintenance is planned this year.

Unfortunately, rocks, sticks, mulch, and other items have occasionally been thrown into the fountain, which can cause damage and costly repairs.

***We simply ask parents to help remind children not to throw anything into the fountain.***

***Please also help care for the landscaping by not picking flowers, digging in the soil, climbing the trees, or moving the drainage rocks around the beds.***

Thank you for helping us take good care of these shared spaces.

We are so very grateful for the parish's support of our annual Lenten Fish Dinners.

This fundraiser brings in crucial funding to support parish programs as well as outreach for organizations in the community.

We have our final Lenten Fish Fry this Friday! We look forward to serving you and your family and sharing another evening together.

Thank you also for your support of the Ladies' Auxiliary Bake Sale.

Your support of the Knights and Ladies helps us to support the parish youth ministry as well as the many other outreach organizations in our community.

## FINAL Knights Lenten Fish Dinner Friday, March 27!



**4:30-7:30 pm**  
dine in/drive-thru

Flounder Plate: \$20

Pasta meal or Mac-n-Cheese: \$5

Baked Cod Fish Option: \$20

Includes drink, tax and fees.

Tickets at the Door — in the Parish Hall

Huge Ladies Auxiliary Bake Sale

\$1 for homemade desserts; cash or check only

Present this coupon for  
Special Offer: **Free Pasta Meal**  
(with coupon and purchase of 2 fish meals)

Support the good work of our Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary.  
**Baked Fish. Fried Fish. Pasta. Fries. Baked Goods.**

## PARISH LIFE

### Come Work for St. Mark! Director of Faith Formation

Saint Mark Catholic Church is seeking a full-time Director of Faith Formation to lead, oversee, and supervise the parish's comprehensive Faith Formation Department. The Director is responsible for the strategic vision, pastoral leadership, administration, and operational management of all parish faith formation programming for children, youth, and families. The Director ensures fidelity to the teachings of the Catholic Church and alignment with diocesan policies while fostering a vibrant culture of discipleship within the parish.

This role serves as a senior parish leader and reports directly to the Director of Operations and the Pastor.

Those interested should send their resume to Scott Bruno at [scott.bruno@stmarknc.org](mailto:scott.bruno@stmarknc.org).

### Preschool Substitute Teachers Needed

St. Mark Preschool is also looking for a few energetic people to join our team as substitutes. Please contact Amanda Rametta if you are interested [Amanda.Rametta@stmarknc.org](mailto:Amanda.Rametta@stmarknc.org).



### Summer Preschool Camp

Looking for a joyful way for your child to grow in faith and have some summer fun? St. Mark Preschool invites children to join us for two special weeks of summer camp filled with faith, friendship, and hands-on activities.

This year's themes will explore the Fruits of the Spirit and the lives of the Saints. Each week will include faith-filled lessons, crafts, games, and plenty of summer fun.

Cost: \$130 per week (includes a camp t-shirt). Full payment is due at the time of registration.

#### Camp Weeks

Week 1: *Fruits of the Spirit*, June 8–11

Week 2: *Saints*, July 20–23

To register, complete the form at [www.stmarknc.org/preschool](http://www.stmarknc.org/preschool) and bring it with payment to the Welcome Desk.

If your child does not currently attend St. Mark Preschool, please also complete the Authorization for Release Form and Emergency Contact Form and email them or bring them to the Welcome Desk.

### Vacation Bible School Volunteers Wanted!

We're also looking for a few adults to help plan and shape the experience before VBS even begins. That means joining a few planning meetings and helping us build something really meaningful together!

If you enjoy creating fun environments, telling stories in engaging ways, or simply jumping in to help where it's needed, we'd love to have you involved. Come be part of a team that's making the week unforgettable!

Let us know how you can help.

Please contact:

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Sharon Torczynski: [sharon.torczynski@stmarknc.org](mailto:sharon.torczynski@stmarknc.org)

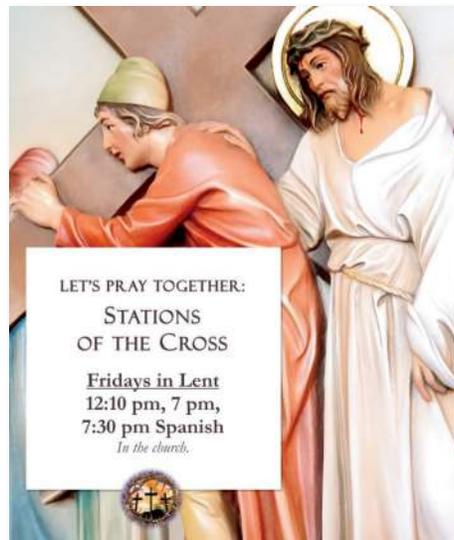
### Faith Community Nursing- Volunteers Needed

Do you have a heart for caring and a passion for supporting the education and well-being of others? St. Mark's Faith Community Nursing ministry is seeking additional volunteers to join our team!

We provide health related outreach to parishioners, offering education, wellness support and compassion to those in need. As our ministry grows, we hope to expand the services we can offer to our community at St. Mark.

If you have a healthcare background and feel called to share your gifts in a meaningful and faith-filled way, we would love to hear from you. Please contact KC Shinnors for more information.

Contact: KC Shinnors, 704-458-8783,  
[nccnms1@yahoo.com](mailto:nccnms1@yahoo.com)



### Alan Ames Returns to Area

Alan Ames, a Catholic evangelist who travels the world sharing his powerful conversion story and gift of healing, will visit three parishes March 24-26:

**March 24, 6 pm: Holy Family Catholic Church, Winston-Salem**

**March 25, 6 pm: Saint Philip the Apostle Catholic Church, Statesville**

**March 26, 6:30 pm: Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Gastonia**

For more information, visit [www.alanames.org](http://www.alanames.org).

### Young Adult Ministry Movie Night

When: Fri., March 28; 6-10 pm

Where: Parish House

The Young Adult Ministry will be watching *The Passion of Christ* in preparation for Easter. Adults ages 21–39 are invited. For more information, find their GroupMe address by scanning the QR code.

Contact: Sean Meier at [seanmeier1@gmail.com](mailto:seanmeier1@gmail.com)



### Annual Ladies Auxiliary Spring Flower Sale

When: Sat.-Sun., March 22-23

Where: Outside after all Masses, while supplies last

The Ladies' Auxiliary will be selling flowers after all Masses next weekend, while supplies last. Come choose from a variety of beautiful, potted spring flowers for yourself or to give as gifts. All plants \$20; cash or check accepted. Proceeds support parish and community programs.





## Rosary Making Workshop

*When:* Sat. March 28, 10 am-noon

*Where:* Family Center, Room 204

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 the military, seminarians, missionaries, priest, parishes in need, and for sacramental celebrations right here at St. Mark. Every rosary made becomes a prayer placed into someone else's hands.

We meet on the 4th Saturday of each month. No experience is necessary; we will teach you everything you need to know. Supplies are provided so can continue making rosaries from home. 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

*For more information:* Sharon Torczynski, [Rosaryblessing@aol.com](mailto:Rosaryblessing@aol.com), 303-667-1971



## St. Mark Hosts Installation of New Serra Club Chapter

St. Mark Catholic Church was honored to host the March 9 installation Mass for the newest Serra Club chapter in the Diocese of Charlotte, welcoming 25 members to this international lay apostolate dedicated to praying for and encouraging vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Bishop Michael Martin celebrated the Mass along with Father Brian Becker, director of formation for St. Joseph Seminary and chaplain of the new chapter; Father John Eckert, diocesan vocations director; Deacon William Schreiber, director of deacon formation; and our pastor, Father John Putnam.

In his homily, Bishop Martin reflected on the call of Samuel, reminding the new Serrans that God often works through those who quietly support the mission of the Church by helping others hear and respond to His call.

Serra International was founded in 1935 and now includes more than 13,000 members in 44 countries. Serrans support vocations through prayer, encouragement, and friendship with seminarians, priests, and religious.

The new chapter was initiated by St. Mark parishioner David Spaedy. Seminarians Patrick Martin and John Yellico, who attended the event, shared their gratitude for the prayers and support that help sustain those discerning a vocation.

*Excerpted and adapted from the Catholic News Herald. Photography by Troy C. Hull. Read the full article at: [catholicnews herald.com](http://catholicnews herald.com)*

**Those interested in learning more about becoming a Serran and supporting vocations through prayer and fellowship are invited to send an email to [stserracharlotte@gmail.com](mailto:stserracharlotte@gmail.com) or call Al Jarvis at 315-383-1337 or Mary Jarvis at 315-383-1325.**





## Diocesan Support Appeal: Many Gifts, One Mission

Thank you to everyone who has already participated in this year's Diocesan Support Appeal. Your generosity helps support the mission of the Church across our diocese.

The DSA allows the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charlotte to do together what no single parish could do alone. Through the appeal, we help form future priests in the seminary, support Catholic education and faith formation, care for those in need through Catholic Charities, and provide ministries that serve people throughout our region.

One of the most visible fruits of the DSA is the formation of seminarians preparing for the priesthood. These men are studying, praying, and discerning their vocation today so that our parishes will be served by faithful priests in the future. The support of the whole diocese helps make that possible.

If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, we invite you to participate this week. Every gift, no matter the size, strengthens the mission we share as Catholics throughout the diocese. Participation from many households allows the responsibility to be shared across the parish.

You may return a pledge envelope in the offertory basket or make a secure gift online at [charlottediocese.org/dsa](http://charlottediocese.org/dsa).

Thank you for helping the Church continue its work of forming disciples, serving those in need, and preparing future priests for the generations to come.



*Saint Mark has been blessed to have many men discern the priesthood. Your donations to the DSA directly supports their formation.*

*Please pray for the men who have received Holy Orders, will receive them this year, and are still in formation:*

*Father Christian Goduti, Father Joseph Yellico, Patrick Martin\*, Conor White\*, Bradley Loftin\*, John Harrison, Elijah Buerkle, Matthew Stanley, Jeremy Smith, James Sides, Max Torres, John Yellico and Micah Burgess.*

*\* Will be ordained deacons in May.*



### Status Update as of March 10

Goal: \$425,648.00

Pledged: \$ 98,382.50

**Balance: \$ 327,265.50**

Numbers of Donors: 180

# ADORATION



## Lord, make me a Saint...

By: Donna Fodale/ Adoration Coordinator

Have you ever prayed that prayer? I must admit I get a little nervous saying those words. I suppose I would like the end result without having to go through the actual things that can bring about sainthood. Nevertheless, this is something that each of us should strive for, and yes even pray for.

There are so many different saints that can help us on our journey. By asking for their intercession and reading about their lives (in Adoration of course!) we should be encouraged and inspired.

However, I do think the best way we can become Saints is by spending time with the Saint maker. Though formally not one of the titles that we hear for Jesus, I think it is safe to say that he does not only call us to be saints, but when we offer that prayer, he will do all he can in cooperation with our free will to make it happen.

When you make time for Mass, Confession and Eucharistic Adoration you are making time for the very things that will help you with your quest to become a Saint. They are the very things that give you strength and courage when you begin to feel the difficulties that life can bring. They are the very things that give you hope, peace and joy.

Next time you are in Adoration, I would like to invite you to offer the prayer, "Lord make me a saint." If you feel unsure and a little afraid, tell our Lord what is on your heart and ask him for the graces that you need to say those words boldly and confidently.

Here are some Saint quotes I found that you may like to reflect on.

## Reserved Adoration Parking During Mass

Please do not park in the reserved Adoration Parking spaces if you are not a scheduled adorer for THAT hour. Those spaces are reserved for committed adorers only who are registered through the sign-up process. While we understand that finding a space can sometimes be a challenge, these spaces must be available for those who are committed to keeping watch with our Lord.

This is especially important during Mass times. **Each hour has at least two committed adorers but there must be four spaces available to them: two spaces for the incoming adorers and two spaces for the outgoing adorers.**

If you are a scheduled adorer and you stay beyond your hour, please kindly move your car before attending another event at the church. Thank you for your understanding and respect for those who commit to a Holy Hour every week.

"The more Eucharist we receive, the more we will become like Jesus, so that on earth we will have a foretaste of heaven." This highlights the transformative power of the Eucharist in the journey toward sainthood.

*St. Carlo Acutis*

We're on the field and the stands are packed with the saints who are constantly rooting us on.

*Father John Riccardo*

There is no saint without a past, and no sinner without a future.

*Saint Augustine*

"Eucharistic Adoration will make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in Heaven."

*St. Teresa of Calcutta*

"God does not call the qualified. He qualifies the called."

*Saint Teresa of Calcutta*

Lord, "**Sanctus me facere**" AMEN!

Please prayerfully consider becoming a weekly adorer or a sub.

Register at: [www.stmarknc.org/adoration](http://www.stmarknc.org/adoration)

To be a sub please contact [donna.fodale@stmarknc.org](mailto:donna.fodale@stmarknc.org)



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## The Annunciation | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they discuss the spiritual and theological significance of the Annunciation over a piece of Sacred Art by Elizabeth Zelasko that depicts this incredible scene.

Our parish has a free Formed subscription for you! Simply scan the QR code or visit [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup) to create your account and select our parish to get free access to this content and much more!



An offering from the  AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

St. Mark High School Ministry

# Summer 2026 Registrations Are Open!

Please consider signing your teen up for one or both of the available camps/retreats. They are both awesome opportunities for your teen to rekindle their faith this Summer! Reach out to [augustine.free@stmarknc.org](mailto:augustine.free@stmarknc.org) with any questions.



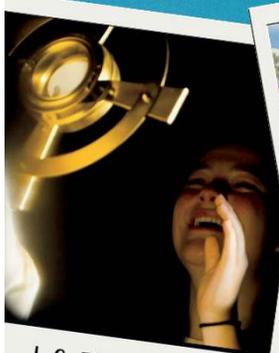
Steubenville Conference Registration

**SPACE IS LIMITED AND FIRST COME FIRST SERVED.**

**BOTH EVENTS ARE OPEN TO RISING FRESHMEN THROUGH GRADUATING SENIORS.**



Life Teen Camp Covecrest Registration



Life Teen Camp



Steubenville Conference



Life Teen Camp

## Life Teen: Theology of the Body Life Night Series

When: Sunday, March 22 & 29, 6-8 pm  
Where: Parish Hall



All high school students are invited to join us for the final two evenings of our Theology of the Body Life Night series with St. Mark Life Teen.

These evenings are a great opportunity for teens to grow in faith and friendship while exploring the Church's teaching on the dignity and purpose of the human person. Each Life Night includes dinner, games, a talk, small group discussion or prayer time, and time to connect with other teens in our parish community.

**Upcoming Topics**  
March 22: Part IV: Dating, Marriage, and the Consecrated Life  
March 29: Part V: Concluding Panel  
Hall.

All high school students are welcome. We hope to see you there!

## REGISTRATION OPENS 3/28!

Visit the website for more information!  
[www.stmarknc.org/VBS](http://www.stmarknc.org/VBS)



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WEBSITE:



# Saint Mark Parish Directory

stmarknc.org | 14740 Stumptown Rd, Huntersville NC 28078  
Parish Office | Mon-Thur 9 am-7:30 pm, Fri 9 am-4:30 pm  
Sun 8:15 am-12:15 pm | Phone: 704-948-0231

## Pastor

Very Rev. John T. Putnam, JV

## Parochial Vicars

Rev. Kevin Martinez  
Rev. Christopher Angermeyer  
Rev. Aaron Huber (in residence)

## Deacons

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Rev. Mr. Richard McCarron  
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## Bulletin Team

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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](http://stmarknc.org/livestream)  
Please use Online Giving or mail in your offertory  
[stmarknc.org/Online-Giving](http://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](http://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](http://www.CharlotteCursillo.com) for information on upcoming retreat weekends, ultreyas and group reunions.

## Parishioner Assistance

### Financial:

St. Vincent De Paul Society:  
[Emily.Bixler@stmarknc.org](mailto:Emily.Bixler@stmarknc.org)

### Life Crisis: Stephen Ministry

[stmarknc.org/stephen-ministry](http://stmarknc.org/stephen-ministry)

### Food Insecurity:

Parish Office  
[stmarknc.org/assistance](http://stmarknc.org/assistance) or  
[Emily.Bixler@stmarknc.org](mailto: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](mailto:divorce.support@stmarknc.org)

## Natural Family Planning

Joe and Kathy Hack; Sympto-Thermal Method;

704-548-1834; [hackhouse@bellsouth.net](mailto:hackhouse@bellsouth.net); [ccli.org](http://ccli.org)

Elisabeth Laskowski; Creighton Model;

[creightonmodel@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://benotafraid.net)

Taken Abortion Pill? It may not be too late: Abortion Pill

Reversal 877-558-0333 or [abortionpillreversal.com](http://abortionpillreversal.com)



# DEL PASTOR



En este punto de nuestro camino cuaresmal, es tentador cansarnos de las disciplinas espirituales que hemos asumido. Las lecturas de hoy nos inspiran a permanecer fieles, en respuesta agradecida a un Dios que nos ama tanto.

En nuestra primera lectura, el profeta Ezequiel nos pronuncia las propias palabras de Dios. "Pondré mi espíritu en ti para que puedas vivir... He prometido y lo haré, dice el Señor." Nuestro Dios quiere estar tan unido a nosotros que seamos uno con Él. Y Él ha prometido que lo hará. Pero solo si le hacemos sitio haciéndole LA prioridad de nuestras vidas. Poner a Dios primero es una respuesta de gratitud que le agrada mucho.

¿Cómo podemos hacer esto? Nuestra segunda lectura, de Romanos, nos lo dice. "Los que están en carne no pueden agradar a Dios. Pero no estás en persona... estás en el Espíritu si tan solo el Espíritu de Dios habita en ti."

Las disciplinas de Cuaresma y un modo de vida de administración son dones maravillosos que nos liberan de un apego demasiado grande a "la carne". Los sacrificios que hacemos como administradores cristianos no están destinados a restringir nuestra libertad y alegría. Todo lo contrario. Son herramientas que nos ayudan a encontrar la verdadera libertad y alegría que solo llegan cuando hacemos espacio en nuestra vida para Dios.

A medida que nos acercamos a la Pasión de nuestro Señor, intensifiquemos nuestros propósitos de Cuaresma y nuestro modo de vida de mayordomía, invitando al Espíritu Santo a apoderarse cada vez más de nuestras vidas. Para la Pascua, seremos más libres para alegrarnos en Él y verdaderamente complacientes a Dios. © Consultores de Gestión Católica, 2026.

**Reflexión pastoral** – El 29 de septiembre de 1916, el Ángel de la Paz se apareció a los tres pastores en Fátima. Durante este encuentro, el Ángel compartió con los niños la siguiente oración: "Santísima Trinidad, Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo, te adoro profundamente y Te ofrezco el Más Precioso Cuerpo, Sangre, Alma y Divinidad del mismo Hijo Jesucristo, presente en los Tabernáculos del mundo, en reparación por todos los sacrilegios y atropellos, e indiferencias que le ofenden a Él mismo. Y por los infinitos méritos de Su Sagrado Corazón y por el Inmaculado Corazón de María, te ruego la conversión de los pobres pecadores." En consonancia con el tema que empecé la semana pasada, sobre repasar los fundamentos, pensé que podría ser útil abordar la importancia de la reverencia y devoción eucarísticas.

En la oración del Ángel se mencionan específicamente sacrilegios, ultrajes e indiferencias. Quizá revisar cada uno de estos temas sea una forma útil de abordar esto.

Término	Significado central	Cómo se expresó	Gravedad moral/ espiritual	Ejemplos concretos
Sacrilegio	Profana o tratan indignamente lo que está consagrado a Dios.	Uso deliberado indebido, profanación o trato indigno de personas, lugares o cosas sagradas.	<b>Pecado grave</b> , especialmente cuando está dirigido contra la Eucaristía.	Recibir la Sagrada Comunión indignamente; maltrato deliberado al Santísimo Sacramento; vandalizando una iglesia u objeto sagrado.
Indignación	Desprecio activo o violencia hacia lo sagrado.	Acciones o discursos hostiles que se burlan, atacan o violan lo sagrado.	Gravemente pecaminoso cuando es deliberado; a menudo se solapa con el sacrilegio.	Gritar insultos durante la misa; la interrupción intencionada de la liturgia; actos públicos de profanación destinados a provocar.
Indiferencia	Negligencia por falta de correspondencia reverencia hacia lo sagrado.	Desprecio pasivo, descuido o falta de atención habitual.	Espiritualmente corrosivo; Mayo llevar gradualmente a pecados más profundos.	Comportamiento casual en la iglesia; falta de preparación para la misa; tratando la Eucaristía como algo ordinario y no como santo.

El sacrilegio profana lo sagrado, la indignación lo ataca abiertamente y la indiferencia lo descuida en silencio—pero los tres hieren nuestra relación con Dios y disminuyen nuestra reverencia por Su verdadera presencia entre nosotros. Mientras continuamos nuestro camino cuaresmal, que pidamos la gracia no solo para evitar la irreverencia, sino para crecer en una devoción consciente y amorosa a la Eucaristía, respondiendo con fe, gratitud y asombro al Dios que se entrega tan completamente a nosotros.



## AVISO IMPORTANTE: ¿Por qué es importante usar tus sobres de ofrenda?

Recordamos amablemente a todos la importancia de usar sus sobres de ofrenda cada domingo en la Misa.

El uso de sobres de ofertorio no solo es una forma de apoyar económicamente a la parroquia, sino que también permite documentar adecuadamente su participación en la vida de la Iglesia. Este historial de participación nos permite ayudar a los feligreses que viven fielmente según los requerimientos de la Iglesia.

Al usar tu sobre, permite que la parroquia:

- **Proporcione cartas de buena conducta cuando sea necesario (por ejemplo, para fines migratorios).**
- **Conceda permiso para servir como padrino/madrina para el sacramento de bautismo.**
- **Conceda permiso para servir como Padrinos para la Confirmación.**
- **Ofrezca ayuda financiera en momentos de necesidad, cuando sea posible.**

Ten en cuenta que al colocar tu sobre de ofrenda en la canasta durante la misa es la forma de registrar tu asistencia y participación. Aunque no puedas contribuir económicamente, poner tu sobre en la cesta con tan solo un dólar nos permite marcar tu asistencia ese domingo.

Su uso constante de los sobres de ofrenda nos ayuda a servirle mejor y fortalece nuestra comunidad parroquial. Gracias por su fidelidad y apoyo continuo. **\*Si no están recibiendo sus sobres y ya están registrados en la parroquia, favor de notificarnos de inmediato para así hacerles llegar sus sobres al hogar\*\***

## Campaña de Apoyo Diocesano: Muchos Dones, Una Misión

Gracias a todos los que ya han participado en la Campaña de Apoyo Diocesano de este año. Su generosidad ayuda a sostener la misión de la Iglesia en toda nuestra diócesis.

La DSA permite que la Diócesis Católica Romana de Charlotte haga en conjunto lo que ninguna parroquia podría hacer por sí sola. A través de esta campaña ayudamos a formar a futuros sacerdotes en el seminario, apoyamos la educación católica y la formación en la fe, cuidamos a quienes están en necesidad a través de Caridades Católicas y sostenemos ministerios que sirven a personas en toda nuestra región.

Uno de los frutos más visibles de la DSA es la formación de seminaristas que se preparan para el sacerdocio. Estos hombres están estudiando, orando y discerniendo su vocación hoy para que nuestras parroquias puedan ser servidas por sacerdotes fieles en el futuro. El apoyo de toda la diócesis hace posible esta misión.

Si aún no ha hecho una donación o promesa de contribución, lo invitamos a participar esta semana. Cada donativo, sin importar el tamaño, fortalece la misión que compartimos como católicos en toda la diócesis. La participación de muchos hogares permite que la responsabilidad se comparta en toda la parroquia.

Puede devolver su sobre de compromiso en la canasta del ofertorio o hacer una donación segura en línea en [charlottediocese.org/dsa](http://charlottediocese.org/dsa).

Gracias por ayudar a la Iglesia a continuar su labor de formar discípulos, servir a los necesitados y preparar a futuros sacerdotes para las generaciones venideras.

## Peregrinación a Tierra Santa

30 de agosto – 10 de septiembre de 2026

Disfruta de una peregrinación de 10 días a Tierra Santa con el padre **Christopher Angermeyer** y Christopher Cross. Celebraremos misa diaria en la mayoría de los lugares sagrados que visitemos. Vive 5 noches en Jerusalén y 3 noches en el Mar de Galilea. Mientras estamos en Jerusalén, celebraremos la misa matutina cada día en la Tumba de Cristo o en el Calvario. La mayoría de los peregrinos probablemente experimentarían esto, pero nosotros sí. Visitaremos la Iglesia de la Natividad en Belén y la Iglesia de la Visitación, donde María visitó a su prima Isabel.

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