

*This is the day  
the Lord has made.*

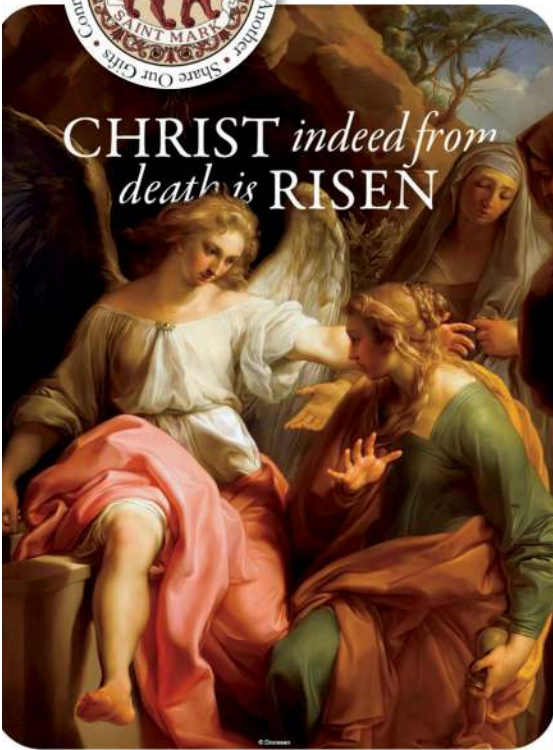
*Let us rejoice  
and be glad!*

# SAINT MARK

*Easter Sunday Resurrection of the Lord, April 5, 2026 ~ Español pagina 16*



# WELCOME TO ST. MARK!



CHRIST *indeed from death is* RISEN

Alleluia! It is Easter Sunday. Today the flowers, bells, Gloria and Alleluia return! The readings can be found in the music handouts or on page 862 in 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.

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.



We will collect for the Annual Seminarian Education Campaign on Easter Sunday!

This collection is a tangible way you can provide financial support to train and educate the men who will one day serve in our parishes. Give during the offertory or scan the code to the left. Thank you!

## FROM THE PASTOR



### HAPPY EASTER!

The great feast of Easter has begun, Christian stewards. Let us rejoice and be glad! Just as we embraced the discipline and fasting of Lent, let us fully embrace the joy and feasting that the next 50 days offer. We are called to be good stewards of the Easter season.

Our first reading, from Acts, gives instruction on how to do this. Here, St. Peter says that our Lord, “commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead... that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.”

How do we ordinary people preach and testify to all God has done? We do so through how we live our ordinary lives — through the intentional use of our time, talent, and treasure for the kingdom of God. Putting God and others ahead of ourselves in every aspect of our lives is the most eloquent preaching we can do. Boldly and joyfully embracing a stewardship way of life is our most powerful testimony.

As Christian stewards, we are the modern-day witnesses of an incredible miracle prompted by unfathomable love — the death and Resurrection of our Savior for us. Let us rejoice and be glad and let’s make sure our lives are a testimony to this amazing grace!

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### There’s a Place for You Here

Easter Sunday brings many people through our doors. Some come every week. Some haven’t been in a while. Some are just beginning to find their way back.

Wherever you are, we’re glad you’re here.

A parish is not just a place we attend. It is a place we belong. It is where we come to know the Lord, and where we learn to live our faith together in the ordinary circumstances of life.

At St. Mark, that life is lived in real and simple ways. We pray together. We support one another. We grow over time, often quietly, but in ways that matter.

Each person has a place here. Your presence, your life, and your faith are part of this parish.

Christ calls each of us to be part of His Church. Not simply to visit, but to belong, and to grow as His disciples. That call is not meant to be lived alone, but together.

If you have been coming for a while, this is your parish.

If you are new, feel new, or have not yet found your place, we invite you to our New Parishioner Meet and Greet on Saturday, April 18 at 6 pm (after the 5:00 pm Mass) in the Kerin Family Center.

Come for a simple meal, meet others in the parish, and begin to get to know the life of this community.

This is how we live as a parish: to grow in Christ, share our gifts, serve one another, and connect in faith.

Stay connected to what’s happening at St. Mark:

[stmarknc.org](http://stmarknc.org) | [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#)  
X | [App](#) | [Weekly E-Newsletter](#)

## Getting to know you... getting to know us.



You’re Invited to a  
**NEW MEMBER  
MEET & GREET**  
Saturday, April 18, 6 pm  
*after the 5 pm Mass, in the Kerin Family Center*

All newly registered parishioners — or those who don’t yet feel connected — are invited to a reception in the Parish Hall after the Saturday, 5 pm Mass. Join us for a light dinner and a chance to meet others in the St. Mark community. If you are new, or have been here for a while but still feel new, this is a great opportunity to learn more about parish life and find ways to get connected. Please RSVP at [stmarknc.org/meet-and-greet](http://stmarknc.org/meet-and-greet) so we can count you in.



### Coming Up at St. Mark

**Monday, April 6**

Parish Offices Closed

**Sunday, April 12**

Divine Mercy Sunday

**Saturday, April 18**

New Member Meet and Greet

**Sunday, April 25**

Feast Day of St. Mark

**Wednesday, April 29**

Young at Heart Ministry Luncheon

**Sat/Sun May 3 & 4**

Walking with Moms Diaper Drive

**Saturday, May 23**

Diaconate Ordination

**Sunday, May 24**

Pentecost

**Saturday, May 30**

Priest Ordination

**Saturday, June 6**

Men’s Evening of Reflection

**June 8-11 & July 20-23**

Preschool Camp

**June 22-26**

Vacation Bible School

**June 26-28**

Marriage Retreat

**August 15 & 16**

Ministry Fair

**September 11 & 12**

Eucharistic Congress

**Saturday, September 26**

SeptemberFest

**October 10 & 11**

Coat/Blanket/Toy & Baby Drive

**Saturday, October 17**

Mass of Consolation

**November 1**

Thanksgiving Food Drive and Giving Tree

**November 7 & 8**

Men’s Welcome Retreat

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

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

### Mary Kay Winiesdorffer

Sister-in-law of  
Sandy McKenzie

### Evelyn Cox

Mother of  
David Hoagland

### JoAnn Nigro

Mother of  
Lynn Bridges

# MASS INTENTIONS

## Sunday, April 5

7:30 am St Mark Parishioners  
9 am Uppal Family  
10 am Ray and Karen Brindley  
(CTK High School)  
11 am † Margaret Hillman  
1 pm Itsel Gomez  
5 pm † Jose Mendoza

## Monday, April 6

9 am † Anthony Ciotti

## Tuesday, April 7

7 am † Anna Veltri  
9 am † Kay DellaRocco

## Wednesday, April 8

7 am Matthew Schnur  
† Mary Grace Leone  
6:30 pm † Deacon Ron Sherwood  
† Avelino & Maria Marques

## Thursday, April 9

7 am † Mary McWilliams  
9 am † Ray DeMoliner

## Friday, April 10

7 am April Agosto  
9 am Respect Life Ministry  
7 pm † Mario Franco

## Saturday, April 11

9 am Margaret Byrnes  
5 pm Terry Milstead

## Sunday, April 12

7:30 am † Margaret Hillman  
9 am Anna Cannon  
11 am St Mark Parishioners  
1 pm † Esperanza Rodriguez  
4:30 pm Dave Stoughton  
5 pm † Steve Martens

† Deceased

# READINGS | WEEK OF APRIL 5

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The Resurrection of the Lord</b> Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or Lk 24:13-35 (Afternoon or Evening)
<b>Monday</b>	Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Mt 28:8-15
<b>Tuesday</b>	Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22; Jn 20:11-18
<b>Wednesday</b>	Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:13-35
<b>Thursday</b>	Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:35-48
<b>Friday</b>	Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a; Jn 21:1-14
<b>Saturday</b>	Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21; Mk 16:9-15
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sunday of Divine Mercy</b> Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

# 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; Airman Chloe Scott; Amn Michael F. Yellico

**Army:** 2nd Lt. Amelia Andretti; 1st Lt. Patrick Camatcho; 1st Lt. Sarah Camatcho; Major Robert Caraccilo; SSgt. Darcy Fisher; Kyle Hawk; PFC. J. Parker Hogan; Capt. John Hughes; Pvt. Chaz Margo; Maj. Daniel McCormick; 2nd Lt. Maria Morell; PV2 Matthew Pressley; Maj. Stephen J. Romeo; SSG Andrew Sales; Andrew Santos; Capt. Ramon Ricardo Tapia; Spl. Forces Nolan Tillotson; Josh Wagner; 1st Lt. Nick Worth; 2nd Lt. Matthew Zagar

**Marines:** LCPL. Richard Breier; Maj. Matthew Santoli; Cpl. Ben Holden; 1st Lt. Nathanael Rusciollelli

**Navy:** DCFN Matthew J Bixler Jr ; LCDR. Matthew Giannone; SR Chase T. Golden; Lt. Albert Remy, 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.

# GROWING HOME CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE



## Praise God and Alleluia! Our Catholic Faith is alive and growing in Huntersville!

As we celebrate in thanksgiving Jesus' resurrection, we give thanks with great joy for the new life visible in our parish through your generosity in support of our Growing Home Capital Campaign:

- Over **49%** of all pledges have been completed! **Thank you** for continuing to make payments from pledges toward our much-needed expansion.

Total Pledges \$10,563,988

Pledge Payments \$ 5,218,591

Pledge Balance \$ 5,345,397

- The **new rectory** is estimated to be completed in the **Fall 2026!** This will be the home for our 4 priests and for upper-level seminarians and transitional deacons when assigned to St. Mark for pastoral formation.
- Once the sale of the current rectory is complete, we look forward to launching the next phase of the project: **The Monsignor Bellow Life Center and Adoration Chapel.**

If you are new to St. Mark, welcome to our growing family!

To make a new pledge, make a payment toward a pledge or increase your current pledge, scan the QR code or go to

[www.stmarknc.org/growing-home-pledge-information](http://www.stmarknc.org/growing-home-pledge-information)



## STEWARDSHIP SPOTLIGHT

### Stewarding our Duty as Easter People

*"We are an Easter people, and Alleluia is our song!"*  
~ Pope St. John Paul II

This famous quote was likely referring to thoughts of St. Augustine when Pope St. John Paul II proclaimed it during his Sunday Angelus on November 30, 1986, during his papal trip to Australia. May we reflect on the meaning of these excerpted words, as true today as they were for St. Augustine and those in the papal audience in 1986.

*"We do not pretend that life is all beauty. We are aware of darkness and sin, of poverty and pain. But we know Jesus has conquered sin and passed through His own pain to the glory of the Resurrection. And we live in the light of His Paschal Mystery – the mystery of His Death and Resurrection. 'We are an Easter People, and Alleluia is our song!' We are not looking for a shallow joy but rather a joy that comes from faith, that grows through unselfish love, that respects the 'fundamental duty of love of neighbor, without which it would be unbecoming to speak of Joy.'"*

This truth that sets us free cannot be kept to ourselves. What we believe must be reflected in the way we live our lives, infused into our body and soul, apparent in our words and our deeds. He invites us to respond and recognize Him as the love of our lives. Love is a verb; hold His words and example in your heart and let them move you to action. He did not labor in vain, but rather, calls us to be transformed, to live in His love, and to take His love into the world. His Holy Spirit living within all the baptized was given to share. May gifts of unselfish love be our daily Alleluia!



## YOUNG AT HEART



**Food Fun and Fellowship  
Invites all 55 & Over to Our  
International Dance Day  
Luncheon  
Wednesday,  
April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Starting at  
11:00AM in the Parish Hall

Our entertainment will be  
Provided by  
**Freddy Tripp**

\$15.00 Donation for each person  
Envelopes are at the Reception Desk

Cutoff Date for reservations is  
**Monday, April 20th**

Place your envelope in the **Black Box**  
On the wall by the **Double Doors**  
In the Parish Hall

**We will be holding a Dance Contest for  
all our guests!  
So Come and Plan on Dancing!!**

# THE HOLY SEASON



## JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN!

### EASTER IS NOT OVER... THE SEASON HAS JUST BEGUN!

The Church does not celebrate Easter for just one day. We celebrate for fifty days. This entire season, known as Eastertide, is a time of joy that continues to unfold. The first eight days, the Octave of Easter, are celebrated as one continuous feast, extending the celebration of Easter Sunday through April 12.

### This is a season to remain with the Risen Lord.

Come to daily Mass when you can (or join us at [stmarknc.org/livestream](http://stmarknc.org/livestream)), or spend time with the daily Gospel readings. In these days, we walk with Christ as He meets Mary Magdalene, walks with the disciples on the Road to Emmaus, appears to Thomas, calms the storm, and continues to reveal His presence to His people.

## THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

### Walking with the Risen Christ

#### Easter Sunday — John 20:1-9

The empty tomb. Mary Magdalene discovers that the Lord is risen. Peter and John run to see for themselves and begin to understand.

#### Easter Monday — Matthew 28:8-15

The women encounter the Risen Lord on the way and fall at His feet. They are sent to proclaim the good news to the disciples.

#### Easter Tuesday — John 20:11-18

Mary Magdalene weeps at the tomb until Jesus calls her by name. In that moment, she recognizes Him and is sent to announce the Resurrection.

#### Easter Wednesday — Luke 24:13-35

On the Road to Emmaus, Jesus walks with the disciples, opens the Scriptures, and is made known in the breaking of the bread.

Hidden within this encounter is the Order of the Mass: greeting, scripture, prayer, homily, Eucharist, and then sending them forth.

#### Easter Thursday — Luke 24:35-48

Jesus appears to the disciples, shows His wounds, and brings them peace. He opens their minds to understand the Scriptures.

#### Easter Friday — John 21:1-14

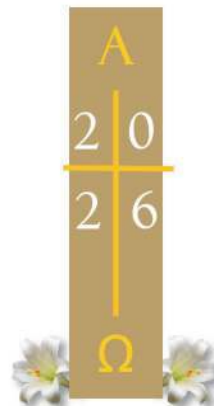
Jesus meets the disciples by the sea and calls them again to follow Him. He prepares a meal and feeds them.

#### Easter Saturday — Mark 16:9-15

Jesus appears to His disciples and sends them into the world. They are entrusted with proclaiming the Gospel to all creation.

#### Divine Mercy Sunday — John 20:19-31

Jesus appears to Thomas and invites him to believe. "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."



## THE PASCHAL CANDLE

Each year at the Easter Vigil, a new Paschal Candle is blessed and lit from the newly kindled fire.

The priest traces a cross into the candle, marking it with the Alpha and the Omega and the current year, proclaiming: *"Christ yesterday and today, the Beginning and the End, the Alpha and the Omega. All time belongs to Him, and all the ages. To Him be glory and power through every age and forever. Amen."*

From this fire, the candle is lit, and we hear:

*"May the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds."*

The Paschal Candle remains on the altar throughout the entire Easter season. It is lit again at baptisms and funerals, a constant reminder that the light of Christ has conquered darkness and death.



# OF EASTER *Alleluia*

REBORN IN BAPTISM.  
NOURISHED IN THE EUCHARIST.  
CONFIRMED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT.

*Welcome Home!*

Congratulations and welcome to our newest members of the Catholic Church. May God bless you as you grow in faith, hope, and love.

At the Easter Vigil, the Church rejoices as new members are brought into full communion through the Sacraments of Initiation.

After months of prayer and preparation through the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA), these catechumens have received Baptism, Confirmation, and the Holy Eucharist.

Please join us in congratulating those who entered the Church this Easter:

Britney Claros	Annie Jaimes
Antony Cruz	Carly Laguna
Tyler Friedman	Cesar Romero
Gavin Graham	Juan Benavides
Breanna Mosley	Olivia Lomax
Jason Moss	Liondy Mercedes Ruiz
Jayson Pastakia	Paula Perez Solano
Grant Turner	Abram Aragon
Dustin Warden	Flavia Benavides
Mattie Warden	Roberto Castro
Alexa Villasmil	Daisy Jaimes
Andres Aragon Jr.	Bruno Lopez-Garcia
Kimberly Asencio	Maite Lopez- Garcia
Amaya	Marcos Perez Solano
Landon Cordeiro	

We also look forward to celebrating with our candidates, who will complete their sacramental preparation and be confirmed at Pentecost.

Thank you to our OCIA team, clergy, sponsors, and all who have accompanied them along the way. Your witness and support matter more than you know.

Please continue to pray for our new brothers and sisters in Christ, that they may remain close to the Lord and grow in the life of grace they have received.



## COMING UP!

**APRIL 12, DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

**Holy Hour & Divine Mercy Chaplet**

2:45 pm: *Eucharistic Adoration*

3:00 pm: *Bilingual Sung Chaplet and Reflection*

The Sunday following Easter is the Sunday of Divine Mercy. In the 1930s, Jesus chose a humble Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, to receive private revelations concerning Divine Mercy which she recorded in her diary.

Join us in the church for Adoration, veneration of a relic of St. Faustina, reflection, and singing of the Divine Mercy Chaplet as a parish community.



## VIRTUE OF HOPE ON EASTER SUNDAY!

On Easter Sunday, the Church proclaims the joyful news: Christ is risen. After the solemn days of Holy Week, the empty tomb reveals that sin and death do not have the final word.

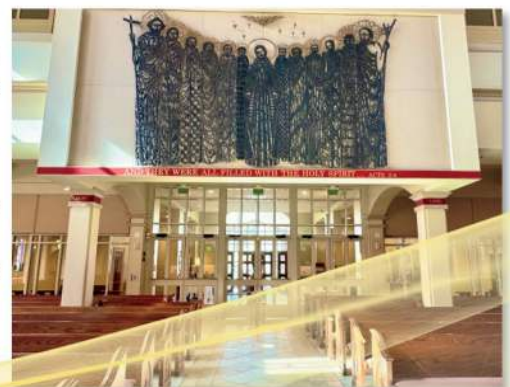
The virtue we consider this week is hope.

The vice opposed to hope is despair. When we lose hope, we begin to believe that our struggles or suffering are the end of the story. Hope reminds us that God is still at work, even when we cannot yet see the outcome.

In our church, the word *Hope* is found near the back of the nave beneath the image of Pentecost, beside the doors through which we are sent. It is the last word many of us see as we leave. After encountering the risen Christ, we are sent into the world carrying the hope of the Resurrection.

Because Christ has risen, we know that darkness will not overcome the light.

As we celebrate Easter, the virtue of hope invites us to live with confidence in God's promises and to carry that hope into the world.



# MARRIAGE MINISTRY



## Marriage Ministry: A Path to Holiness

Easter is a time of renewal. And for many couples, it is an opportunity to begin again in their marriage.

At St. Mark, our Marriage Ministry, in partnership with Communion, is focused on strengthening marriages not only in times of difficulty, but as a way of life.

Marriage is not simply about finding the right person. It is a vocation. A path to holiness. Through daily life, grace, and intentional love, we help one another grow and ultimately lead each other to heaven.

Your spouse is not just your partner in life.  
Your spouse is your companion on the road to heaven.

And yet, we also recognize a real challenge in our culture today. Loneliness is rising. Even within marriage, couples can begin to feel disconnected. Not because love is gone, but because attention is divided and time together becomes limited.

As Christine Wisdom shared during our recent Marriage Date Night, presence changes things. When we are truly present to one another, we feel seen. We feel known. We feel loved.

And marriage becomes what it is meant to be, a place of refuge.

That is why we are inviting couples into simple, intentional steps.

This spring, our parish launched the **Spring Date Night Challenge**. **One intentional date each month during April, and May.**



It is not too late to join... just scan the code.

The goal is not something elaborate. It is to be intentional. To set aside time, put away distractions, and grow in friendship and connection.

We are also continuing this journey as a parish. This summer, **St. Mark will host a Marriage Retreat**, offering couples time to step away from daily routines and focus on their relationship. The retreat will provide practical tools, meaningful conversation, and space to grow in both love and faith.

Our desire is to build a culture of intentional relationship growth, where marriages are strengthened, supported, and renewed at every stage. Strong marriages do not happen accidentally. They are built through presence, gratitude, sacrifice, and friendship.

This Easter season, consider taking one step forward.

- **Join the Date Night Challenge.**
- **Save the date for the summer retreat.**
- **Or begin again at home with a simple question and a few minutes of intentional conversation.**

Because when we grow in love at home, the whole Church grows stronger.

## SAVE THE DATE

### Navigating Us! A Summer Marriage Retreat at St. Mark

A promotional graphic for a marriage retreat. At the top left is a circular logo with a mountain range and a winding road. To its right, the text 'Navigating US' is written in a large, stylized font, with 'US' in a bold, blocky font. Below this, it says 'DISCOVER THE PATH TO A STRONGER MARRIAGE'. The background of the graphic shows the silhouettes of a man and a woman walking hand-in-hand on a path towards a sunset. At the bottom, there is a dark box containing the event details: 'ST. MARK CATHOLIC CHURCH', '14740 Stumptown Road, Huntersville, NC 28078', and the dates and times for June 26, 27, and 28. To the right of this box is a QR code and the text 'SAVE THE DATE!'. At the very bottom of the graphic, a quote reads: 'Learn how to create the marriage you have always wanted with the spouse you already have.'

## OTHER OPPORTUNITY

### Spring Marriage Retreat at Belmont Abbey

When: May 1-3, 2026

Fri. 6-8 pm, Sat. 8 am-7 pm, Sun. 8 am-4 pm

Where: Belmont Abbey College, Belmont, NC

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

Nursing babies are welcome.

The \$150 registration fee includes meals and materials. Limited scholarships are available.

Register at QR code or

[region14.domesticchurchfamilies.com](http://region14.domesticchurchfamilies.com).



## PARISH LIFE

### Matter of Balance Class

When: Apr. 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29,  
May 5, 6; 1-3 pm

Where: Room 200

Do you have concerns about falling? Many older adults experience concerns about falling and restrict their activities. Matter of Balance is an award-winning program designed to manage falls and increase activity levels. **Join us for a free Matter of Balance class!**

Space is limited, so please RSVP to Katherine Shinnars at [nccnms1@yahoo.com](mailto:nccnms1@yahoo.com), 704-458-8783 or on our website at [stmarknc.org/health-wellness](http://stmarknc.org/health-wellness).

### Millions of Monicas - One Hour, One Purpose, Our Children

When: Wed. after 6:30 pm Mass,  
Thur. 10 am

Where: St. Mark Church in left transept

This ministry invites mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, aunts and other women to pray for our children's return to the faith. Join us for prayer, intentions and the rosary – with petitions to St. Monica and the conversion of souls.

Contact: KC at [nccnms1@yahoo.com](mailto:nccnms1@yahoo.com),  
Kathleen at [kmr10nc@gmail.com](mailto:kmr10nc@gmail.com)



### New Moms Connect

When: Wed., April 22; 9:30 a.m.

Where: North Mecklenburg Park

Are you a mom with a little one age 2 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 and be part of this new community!

Contact: Hannah Gordon,  
[hannahigordon19@gmail.com](mailto:hannahigordon19@gmail.com) or use the QR code to join the GroupMe.



### 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.

### Rooted: A Women's Retreat

When: June 12; 5-8 pm;  
June 13; 8 am-4 pm

Where: Parish Hall

Rooted facilitates women finding freedom, restoration, and community while nourishing their souls with talks from our Catholic speakers who will inspire you to open your heart to receive spiritual nourishment.

We will begin Friday evening with heavy hors d'oeuvres and fellowship. On Saturday, breakfast and lunch will be provided, and the day will include Mass, Confession, Adoration, prayer, meaningful talks, and time for fellowship.

Our retreat is for every woman, any age, and in any season of life.

To Register: Visit [healedandrestored.regfox.com/rooted-womens-retreat](http://healedandrestored.regfox.com/rooted-womens-retreat)



### Stephen Ministry: Hope & Healing

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

This ministry is a confidential, one to one opportunity to receive Christian care in a comfortable meeting place, whether in your home, parish hall, or even in a park setting. Stephen Ministry is here to serve you, so you don't have to suffer alone.

For more information, please contact either Leanne Vaccaro at [leanne.vaccaro@stmarknc.org](mailto:leanne.vaccaro@stmarknc.org) or Rich Kull at [rkkull1216@gmail.com](mailto:rkkull1216@gmail.com) or visit our website at [stmarknc.org/Stephen-ministry](http://stmarknc.org/Stephen-ministry).

### Ongoing Food Bin and Gift Card Collection

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

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

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

Thank you!

# YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

## Attention 21-39 Year Olds!

"The world is your oyster! Adventures await!" But where do you start as a 21-39 year old?

Join other like-minded young adults aged 21-39 as they embark on faith-filled journeys of growth and community. No matter if you are new to the area, recently discovering Catholicism, or just want to form a deeper connection, this ministry is for you. We have faith-centered and other social events (Mass and coffee, movie nights, campfire, etc.) throughout the year.

### Upcoming April events:

The Young Adult Ministry meets on Thursdays 7-9 pm at the Parish House (14630 Stumptown Rd. Huntersville, NC 28078). You can find the path leading to the Parish House from the parking lot; it is surrounded by some trees to the left of the church near the entrance.

To learn about upcoming events for this ministry, scan the QR code to register for the GroupMe or contact Sean Meier at [seanmeier1@gmail.com](mailto:seanmeier1@gmail.com).

Thanks!



## APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

St Mark Young Adult Group

APR 11 GAME NIGHT  
PARISH HOUSE @ 5PM

APR 18 HIKE AT LAKE NORMAN  
STATE PARK @ 9 AM

APR 23 GUYS' NIGHT  
DETAILS TBA

# YOUTH MINISTRY

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT ST. MARK

**WHEN:** June 22-26 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

**WHO:** Rising Kindergarteners to Rising 5<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to register as participants!  
Rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders to graduated Seniors, as well as ADULTS\* are invited to volunteer!

**WHY:** VBS is a time to come together for a high energy - high spirit week focused on learning about our faith and the way it connects to our daily life. We play games, sing songs, and most importantly read scripture and learn bible stories.

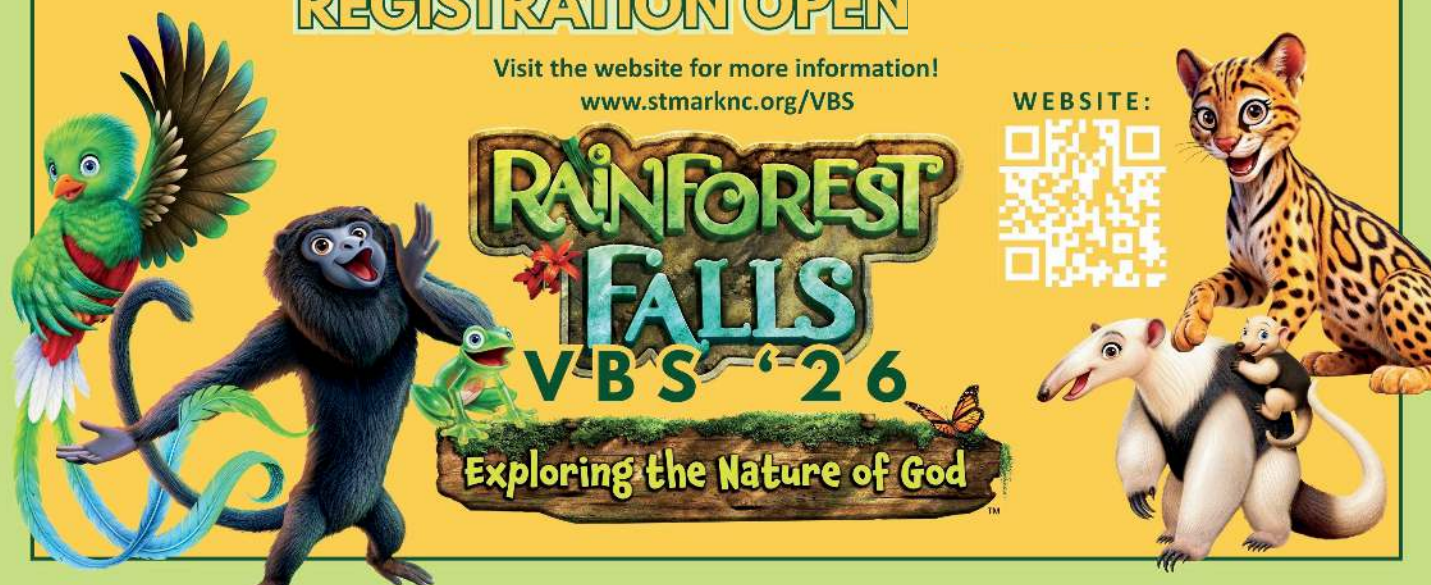
\*Adults (18+)! We're looking for people who want to make an impact and be part of an awesome week as group leaders during VBS. We can't do it without you! We're also looking for a few adults to help plan and shape the experience before VBS even begins. That means joining a few planning meetings and 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! Please contact Maddie Torres: [maddie.torres@stmarknc.org](mailto:maddie.torres@stmarknc.org) or Sharon Torczynski: [sharon.torczynski@stmarknc.org](mailto:sharon.torczynski@stmarknc.org) and let us know what you would like to help with!

## REGISTRATION OPEN

Visit the website for more information!

[www.stmarknc.org/VBS](http://www.stmarknc.org/VBS)

WEBSITE:



# HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

## Happy Easter from Life Teen!

We will take a break on Easter Sunday and return for Divine Mercy Sunday.

### Life Night: The Divine Mercy

When: Sun., April 12, 6–8 pm

Join us for an evening focused on the beauty of Divine Mercy with dinner, games, prayer, sundaes, and time to grow in faith and friendship.



### Easter Luau

When: Sun., April 19, 6–8 pm

All high school students are invited to a fun, South Seas-themed evening celebrating Easter and the beginning of spring with games, prizes, dessert, and more. Encouraged attire includes floral prints, skirts, dresses, or beach-style outfits.



Life Teen nights 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 evening includes dinner, games, a talk, small group discussion or prayer, and time to connect with other teens in our parish community.

All high school students are welcome.

# ADORATION

## Eucharistic Dawn

By: Donna Fodale/Adoration Coordinator

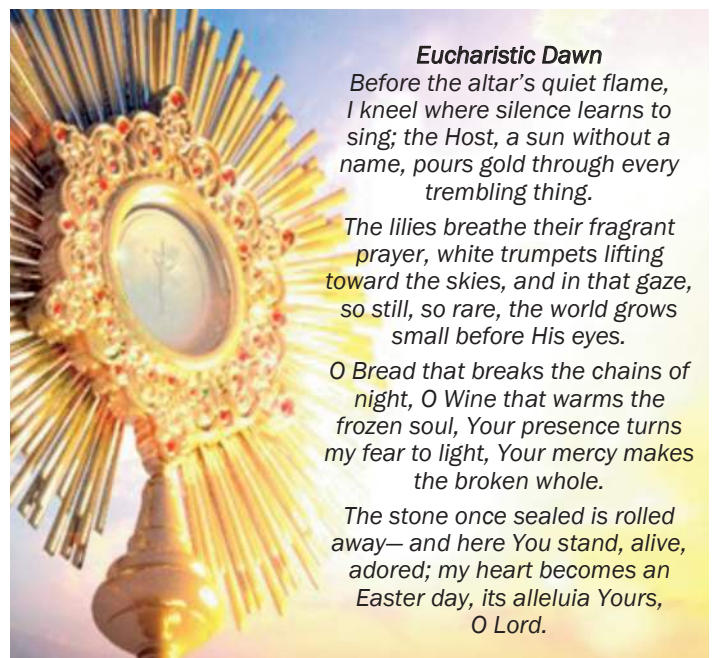
Wishing a very Happy Easter to all our scheduled Adorers, Subs, our Martha and Mary Chapel Cleaning Ministry and to all those who make time to visit the Our Lord in our Adoration Chapel. We are so grateful to each one of you for making Perpetual Adoration possible at St. Mark!

Many of you went to our mission a few weeks back. It was so beautiful to see so many people coming before our Eucharistic Lord, especially the evening of the healing service. That same Jesus that was present to you those nights is present in our Adoration Chapel 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Still offering us grace, healing, mercy and love.

I would like to invite you this Easter Season to spend more time with Him in the chapel. Remembering to give thanks for the sacrifice that He made for us and to rejoice in knowing that because of that love He has overcome death and sin, offering us eternal life.

This week I would like to share with you a poem that I found online. It is so beautiful.

May God bless you and your families this Easter Season!



### Eucharistic Dawn

*Before the altar's quiet flame,  
I kneel where silence learns to sing;  
the Host, a sun without a name,  
pours gold through every trembling thing.*

*The lilies breathe their fragrant prayer,  
white trumpets lifting toward the skies,  
and in that gaze, so still, so rare,  
the world grows small before His eyes.*

*O Bread that breaks the chains of night,  
O Wine that warms the frozen soul,  
Your presence turns my fear to light,  
Your mercy makes the broken whole.*

*The stone once sealed is rolled away—  
and here You stand, alive, adored;  
my heart becomes an Easter day,  
its alleluia Yours, O Lord.*

Please prayerfully consider becoming a weekly Adorer. Our Lord gives us so much, can you offer an hour of your time each week to give to Him? Choose an hour that works best with your schedule or sign up for one of the hours listed below that need an additional Adorer.

Monday 3 am to 4 am  
Tuesday 1 am to 2 am  
Wednesday 1 am to 2 am  
Wednesday 7 pm to 8 pm

Saturday 5 pm to 6 pm  
Saturday 8 pm to 9 pm  
Sunday Midnight to 1 am

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)

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.

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

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

 **Steubenville Conference Registration**

 **Life Teen Camp Covecrest Registration**

 **Life Teen Camp**

 **Steubenville Conference**

 **Life Teen Camp**

## DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL



### 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.

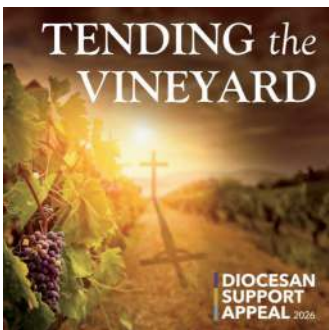
The DSA allows the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charlotte to do together what no single parish could do alone. Through the appeal, we help form future priests in the seminary, support Catholic education and faith formation, care for those in need through Catholic Charities, and provide ministries that serve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

\* Ordained deacons in May.

## RESPECT LIFE



### Walking with Moms in Need at St. Mark Thank You and How to Get Involved

This Easter season, we give thanks for the many ways our parish continues to live out the Gospel of life.

Through Walking with Moms in Need, St. Mark parishioners and school families have generously shared their time, talent, and treasure to support mothers and children in our community.

**Over the past months, your generosity has made a real impact:**

- **More than 12,000 diapers, hundreds of wipes, and dozens of containers of formula were collected**
- **Carloads of baby clothing were donated**
- **Over \$6,000 was raised to support the Community Pregnancy Center of Lake Norman**
- **Families in our parish and throughout the community received direct support and care**

These gifts have reached local partners including Ada Jenkins, Angels & Sparrows, Caterpillar Ministries, Catholic Charities, Hope House, and the Community Pregnancy Center of Lake Norman, among many others.

But more than numbers, it is the personal impact that matters most.

*"Thank you so much. The formula makes me want to cry. It is all so expensive and hard to keep up sometimes. I feel so touched and blessed."*

*"We are truly grateful for your support in serving moms and babies in need."*

Your generosity is making a difference in the lives of real women and families.

**And there is more to come.**

- **May 2-10: Diaper Drive**
- **Aug 15-16: Ministry Fair**
- **Sept 12-10: Diaper Drive**
- **Oct 3: Walk for Life**
- **Oct 10-12: Coat, Blanket, Toy and Baby Supply Drive**

As a parish, we are continuing this work by walking more closely with mothers in need through ongoing, personal support. This includes serving women and children at Hope House and the Community Pregnancy Center of Lake Norman through meals, childcare, and accompaniment.

If you feel called to be part of this life-giving ministry, we invite you to join us.

Whether you can serve, organize, support, or pray, there is a place for you.

To learn more or get involved, please contact: [walkingwithmomsinneed@stmarknc.org](mailto:walkingwithmomsinneed@stmarknc.org)

Together, we can ensure that every woman facing a difficult pregnancy or challenging circumstances knows she is not alone and can turn to her Church for help and hope.



# TAKE A PILGRIMAGE!

Take the next step. Make a pilgrimage. Let the Lord meet you there.

A pilgrimage is not simply a trip. It is a journey of faith, where we step away from the routines of daily life to seek the Lord with intention. The Church has always seen pilgrimage as a way of conversion... walking, praying, and encountering Christ in sacred places and in one another.

There is a quiet joy in pilgrimage. Along the way, hearts are renewed, burdens are lifted, and faith is strengthened. Whether across the world or along an ancient path, a pilgrimage invites us to draw closer to God and to remember that we are all, in this life, on a journey toward Him.

## 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*



### Danube River Cruise and Prague

When: Mar. 31 – Apr. 9 2027

Where: Prague, Czech Republic and the Danube River

Join Father John Putnam on a journey of a lifetime, combining spirituality of a pilgrimage with the beauty of a Danube River cruise! This remarkable experience begins with a two-night stay in Prague, allowing us to immerse ourselves in the historic and religious significance of this enchanting city.

Our itinerary is carefully curated to offer an immersive experience, including guided tours of significant historical sites and access to religious sites. After exploring Prague, we embark on the Danube River cruise, where you'll enjoy the comfort of a well-appointed cabin and gourmet dining.

The cruise features daily excursions that enhance your understanding of the region's rich cultural and religious heritage, all while providing ample leisure time to reflect and rejuvenate!

Find the full itinerary and booking information with the QR link or website below:



More Information:

[www.WoodardLuxuryTravel.com/events-trips](http://www.WoodardLuxuryTravel.com/events-trips)

Contact: Donny Woodard, 980-483-3620,  
[dwoodard@WoodardLuxuryTravel.com](mailto:dwoodard@WoodardLuxuryTravel.com)

### Camino De Santiago

When: Oct. 27 – Nov. 7, 2026

Where: Spain

Hello Friends! Have you ever thought of doing a Camino walk, but didn't know where to begin?

One of the most famous and sacred walking pilgrimage in the world. For over 1,000 years, millions have journeyed these ancient paths, and countless more have dreamed of it...

Well...you're warmly invited to join us on our 11 Day Camino De Santiago Pilgrimage beginning October 27, 2026!

Feel free to share this invitation with your family and friends as all are welcome for this beautiful experience! We can't wait for you to join us on this exciting journey!



Find the full itinerary with the QR link or website.

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**Thank you to all of our generous parishioners who donated to our Easter Flower Fund. As the Easter Season continues, we will keep all of these people in our prayers. We apologize for any errors or omissions in this list.**

**In Memory/Honor Of**

Acquisto family; Salome family	Ernesto Arginro; Raul Nunez; Kevin Conklin; Lorie Webster; Carol & Dave Fenton	Teta & Giou Mankaryos; Sue, Moe, Laura Gerdy, Nana & Pa Jennings; Sam's grandparents; Alberta Sanders	Warren & Margaret Kendig; Susan Freck; Jum & Eunice Scully	Mr John Dahl Rosabell Scarlett Del Moral Ms Nancy Dominguez
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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

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Please do not attend Mass if you are sick, have a fever or are in a high-risk group.

## Confessions

Confessions are held 45 minutes prior to the start of Mass for a 30 minute duration.

In addition, Wednesday: 6 pm – 7:15 pm and Saturday: 3 pm – 5 pm

## Rosary in the Church

Tue: 7–7:30 pm  
Wed: Immediately preceding 6:30 pm Mass  
Sat: Immediately preceding 5 pm Mass  
Sun: Immediately preceding 7:30 am Mass

## Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

Available in the Monsignor Bellow Adoration Chapel in the Family Center. See [stmarknc.org/adoration](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.

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## Coffee & Conversation Social Gathering

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### Alateen program

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### Divorce Support Group

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### Natural Family Planning

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### Crisis Pregnancy Help

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Nuestra primera lectura, de Hechos, da instrucciones sobre cómo hacerlo. Aquí, San Pedro dice que nuestro Señor "nos encargó predicar al pueblo y testificar que él es el designado por Dios como juez de los vivos y los muertos... que todo aquel que crea en él reciba el perdón de los pecados por su nombre."

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Oficinas parroquiales cerradas

**Domingo, 12 de abril**

Domingo de la Divina Misericordia

**Sábado, 18 de abril**

Encuentro de Bienvenida para Nuevos Miembros

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Fiesta de San Marcos

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El Domingo de Pascua trae a muchas personas a nuestras puertas. Algunos vienen cada semana. Otros no han venido en un tiempo. Algunos apenas están comenzando a encontrar el camino de regreso.

Dondequiera que estés, nos alegra que estés aquí.

Una parroquia no es solo un lugar al que asistimos. Es un lugar al que pertenecemos. Es donde llegamos a conocer al Señor y donde aprendemos a vivir nuestra fe juntos en las circunstancias ordinarias de la vida.

En San Marcos, esa vida se vive de manera real y sencilla. Oramos juntos. Nos apoyamos unos a otros. Crecemos con el tiempo, muchas veces en silencio, pero de formas que realmente importan.

Cada persona tiene un lugar aquí. Tu presencia, tu vida y tu fe son parte de esta parroquia.

Cristo llama a cada uno de nosotros a ser parte de su Iglesia. No simplemente a visitar, sino a pertenecer y a crecer como sus discípulos. Ese llamado no está hecho para vivirse en soledad, sino juntos.

Si has estado viniendo por un tiempo, esta es tu parroquia.

Si eres nuevo, te sientes nuevo o aún no has encontrado tu lugar, te invitamos a nuestro Encuentro de Bienvenida para Nuevos Feligreses el sábado 18 de abril a las 6 pm (después de la Misa de las 5:00 pm) en el Kerin Family Center.



Ven a compartir una comida sencilla, conocer a otros en la parroquia y comenzar a descubrir la vida de esta comunidad.

Confirma tu asistencia en [stmarknc.org/meet-and-greet](http://stmarknc.org/meet-and-greet) o escanea el código.

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