

*“God has made
Mary Queen of
heaven and earth.”*

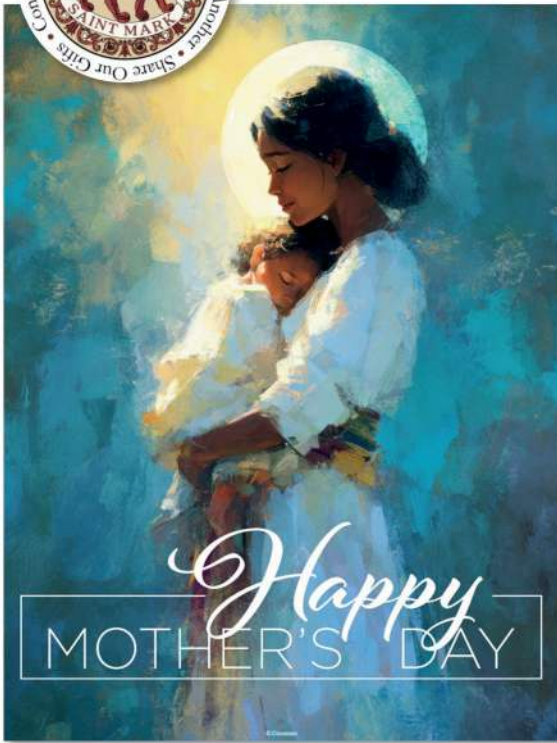
ST. LOUIS DE MONTFORT

Happy Mother's Day
SAINT MARK

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WELCOME TO ST. MARK!



Today is the Sixth Sunday of Easter! The readings can be found in the music handouts or on page 873 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 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.**

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

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 information.

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You may make an online donation at stmarknc.org/online-giving or scan the code.

Saturday Morning Mass Schedule Update

Please note that there will be no regular 9 am daily Mass on Saturdays from May 9 through May 30.

During these weeks, we will be celebrating our sacramental Masses for First Holy Communion and Confirmation, as well as the upcoming Diaconate and Priesthood Ordinations.

We invite you to all of these Masses and to keep those who are receiving the sacraments in your prayers.

FROM THE PASTOR



On this sixth Sunday of Easter, our readings remind us that God must come first in our lives, and that love of God is shown through concrete actions – this is precisely why the stewardship way of life is so necessary.

Our second reading, from St. Peter, challenges us to “Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts.” In other words, we are to put Christ above all else. His role

is not only as Savior – as essential as that is – but as Lord of our lives. As His disciples, we are called to place Him at the center of everything – our time, our talent, and our treasure.

The beauty of the stewardship way of life is that it gives us a concrete way to live this out. It allows us to demonstrate that Christ truly is Lord of our lives, because love is not merely a feeling. “Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me,” Jesus tells us in our Gospel from John.

True love is an act of the will. It requires obedience, humility, and deep trust in God. But the reward is extraordinary. Christ tells us, “Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.”

Could there be anything more fulfilling than living in such a way that the God of the universe reveals Himself more fully to us? © Catholic Stewardship Consultants, 2026

Pastoral Pondering

Lately, with various discussions in the news, particularly with regard to a recent perceived back and forth between the Holy Father and President Trump, the issue of Catholic teaching and the authority of that teaching has come up. Hence, I thought it might be helpful to outline the levels of magisterial teaching in an effort to help folks navigate the different types of teaching along with the required response to each level.

Summary: Levels of Magisterial Teaching

The Catholic Church teaches with Christ’s authority through the **Magisterium**, but not all teachings carry the same weight or demand the same level of assent. Understanding these distinctions helps Catholics know how to respond faithfully to Church teaching.

1. Solemn Definitions (Extraordinary Magisterium)

These are **infallible** dogmas formally defined by an ecumenical council or by the pope speaking *ex cathedra*. They concern truths revealed by God (e.g., the Immaculate Conception, the Assumption).

Required response: The assent of faith. Denial is heresy.

2. Ordinary Universal Magisterium

Teachings consistently and universally held by the bishops in communion with the pope, even without a formal definition. When universal agreement is clear, these teachings are also infallible (e.g., the intrinsic evil of abortion, male-only priesthood).

Required response: The assent of faith. Denial is heresy.

3. Definitive Teachings (Non-Revealed but Certain)

Teachings proposed definitively because they are necessary to safeguard or explain divine revelation, even if not themselves formally revealed (e.g., canonizations, invalidity of Anglican orders).

Required response: Definitive assent. Denial is grave error, though not heresy.

4. Authoritative but Non-Definitive Teaching

Non-infallible teachings of the pope or bishops, such as many encyclicals or pastoral directives.

Required response: Religious submission of intellect and will – a sincere openness and respect, not casual dismissal.

5. Prudential Judgments and Pastoral Applications

Concrete applications of moral principles to specific situations (e.g., policy approaches in economics or immigration).

Required response: Respectful consideration. Legitimate disagreement is possible.

Why this matters:

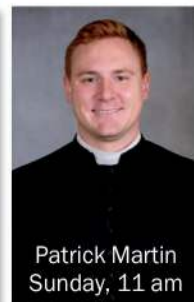
Recognizing these levels avoids two extremes—treating all Church teaching as optional opinion (*laxism*) or treating every Church statement as infallible dogma (*rigorism*). The Church teaches as a structured, living authority guided by the Holy Spirit, calling for responses proportionate to the level of teaching involved.



Ordination to the Diaconate: Saturday, May 23, 9 am

Join us as we witness the ordination of parishioners Bradley Loftin, Connor White, and Patrick Martin to the transitional diaconate. James Johnson will also be ordained.

All are invited to a reception in their honor on Sunday, May 24 after the 11 am Mass. They will preach their first homilies at the times listed to the right.



Ordination to the Priesthood: Saturday, May 30, 9 am

Join us to witness the ordination of Deacons Michael Camilleri, Robert Bauman II, Daniel Peña, John Cuppett, Maximilian Frei, Juan Hernández, Bryan Ilagor, Michael Lugo, Peter Townsend and James C. Tweed. Fr. Tweed will celebrate his Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Mark on Sunday, May 31, at 9 am. A reception will follow.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please Pray For

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 10

- 7:30 am All Mothers living and deceased
- 9 am † Sue McCarron
- 11 am † Kayla Wilson
- 1 pm † Pedro P. Campozano
- 5 pm † Celmira Rojas

Monday, May 11

- 7 am † Mario Franco
- 9 am All Mothers living and deceased

Tuesday, May 12

- 7 am All Mothers living and deceased
- 9 am St. Mark Parishioners

Wednesday, May 13

- 7 am Mary's Women of Joy
- † John Romanowski
- 6:30 pm Marilyn Williams
- All Mothers living and deceased

Thursday, May 14

- 7 am All Mothers living and deceased
- 9 am † Eric Theriot

Friday, May 15

- 7 am † Eric Theriot
- 9 am Eleanor Bixler
- 7 pm All Mothers living and deceased

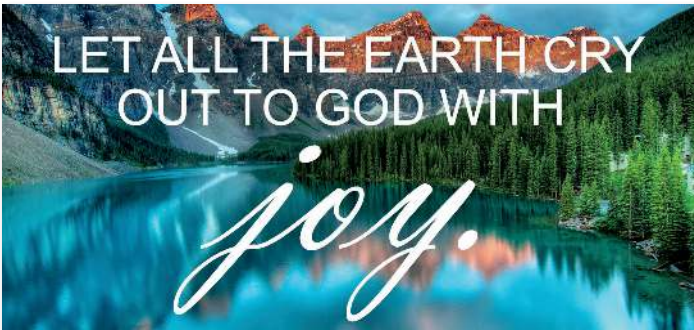
Saturday, May 16

- 10 am All Confirmandi & Families
- 5 pm All Mothers living and deceased

Sunday, May 17

- 7:30 am † Armondo Riccobono
- 9 am † Ed Field
- 11 am † Catherine Blain
- 1 pm St Mark Parishioners
- 5 pm Evan Pereira

† Deceased



READINGS | WEEK OF MAY 10

Sunday	Fifth Sunday of Easter Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12
Monday	Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday	Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday	Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday	Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
Friday	Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday	Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday	Sixth Sunday of Easter Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Air Force: C4C Andrew Bauders; Airman Gregory Burke; Amn Antonio 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; Capt. Patrick Camatcho; Capt. 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; 2nd Lt. Drew Brenner; Maj. Matthew Santoli; Cpl. Ben Holden; 1st Lt. Nathanael Rusciollelli

Navy: MIDN 3C USNA Kellan Azzopardi; DCFN Matthew J Bixler Jr ; LCDR. Matthew Giannone; SR Chase T. Golden; MIDN 3C USNA Malerie Lague; Lt. Albert Remmey, Jr.; LCDR. Jordan Mayo; ENS. Rory Moran; OSSN. Daniel Pressley; LCDR. Jenna Hehn Quist; ENS. Tyler Spear; LCDR. William Vey; MIDN 3C USNA Patrick Walsh; CTT2. Zachary Wortham

..and all service members not listed.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

Happy Mother's Day from the Marriage and Family Life Ministry

On this Mother's Day, we give thanks for the gift of mothers and for the love they bring to our families and our parish.

Motherhood is rooted in relationship. In the quiet, daily work of loving, sacrificing, forgiving, and beginning again. It is often within the life of a marriage that this love is formed and strengthened over time.

Strong marriages create a foundation where mothers and families can flourish. Not perfectly, but faithfully. Through patience, commitment, and grace.

We are grateful for mothers in every stage of life, and we remember those for whom this day is difficult. The Lord sees you and remains close.

As a parish, we want to support not only mothers, but the marriages that sustain family life. This is why we continue to invest in opportunities like the Navigating Us marriage retreat this summer. **We entrust all mothers to Our Blessed Mother. Happy Mother's Day.**

Navigating Us — A Marriage Retreat at St. Mark, by St. Mark

When: June 26-28

Where: St. Mark

Marriage is not something most people are ever really taught how to do. And yet, it shapes nearly every part of life.

This June, St. Mark is hosting Navigating Us, a weekend marriage retreat designed for couples in every stage of marriage.

This is not a retreat just for couples in crisis. It is for any couple who wants to grow, strengthen their relationship, and be more intentional about the life they are building together.

While all couples are welcome, this retreat is especially valuable in the early years of marriage.

The first several years are often the most formative and, at times, the most challenging. Building strong habits early can make a lasting difference.

Throughout the weekend, couples will gain simple, practical tools to communicate better, handle conflict in a healthy way, and better understand one another.

The focus is not on theory, but on real skills that can be put into practice right away.

Most importantly, this is a retreat for St. Mark couples.

It is an opportunity to step away from the pace of daily life, invest in your marriage, and grow alongside other couples in our parish community.

Childcare available.

Registration required.

Details at stmarknc.org/marriage-ministry or scan the code in the graphic.

Come invest in the marriage you already have.



Navigating US

DISCOVER THE PATH
TO A STRONGER MARRIAGE

Retreat Registration NOW OPEN!



Marriage Retreat at St. Mark, by St. Mark

Fri., June 26: 7 pm-9 pm

Sat., June 27: 10 am-3 pm (Lunch provided)

Sun., June 28: 12 pm-3 pm (Lunch Provided)



Scan code or register at
stmarknc.org/marriage-ministry

**Learn how to create the marriage you have
always wanted with the spouse you already have.**

STEWARDSHIP

Walking with Moms in Need: Diaper and Wipe Final Day May 10!

This Mother's Day, we have a simple way to support mothers in our community.

Sunday, May 10 is the final day of our Diaper and Wipe Drive. Diapers and wipes are among the most needed items for young families, and your donation directly helps a mother care for her child.

Through our Walking with Moms in Need ministry, parishioners accompany mothers with both practical support and personal care. Because of your generosity, thousands of diapers, wipes, and essentials have already been shared with families across our community, including Ada Jenkins, Angels & Sparrows, Caterpillar Ministries, Catholic Charities, Hope House, and the Community Pregnancy Center of Lake Norman.

This weekend, as we honor our mothers with gratitude, we also have the opportunity to care for mothers who need support.

As one mother shared, "I feel so touched and blessed."

Thank you for walking with them.

Walking with
Moms in Need



Stewardship Spotlight: Stephen Ministry

The Works of Mercy are part of Catholic tradition and teachings, offering concrete examples of how we should treat others and love as Jesus taught. Comforting the sorrowful is a Work of Mercy regularly accomplished by our Stephen Ministry, the focus of our spotlight this week. Stephen Ministry is a group of lay caregivers who provide emotional and spiritual care to those experiencing life crises.

While pastors will always be the frontline caregivers in a congregation, Stephen Ministry expands the amount of care available through a team of well-trained, well-supervised, reliable caregivers. With the additional layer of care available, the pastor and Stephen Ministers together can provide the depth of spiritual and emotional care each person needs. This ministry also allows laypeople with gifts of mercy the opportunity to use their gifts within the congregation.

A few testimonies from our care receivers:

- "After the death of my mom, I needed someone to listen – even to the same stories over and over and who wouldn't be afraid to say her name or bring up her memory. That's who my Stephen Minister was, and I don't know how I would have gotten through it without her."
- "When things seemed like too much to handle, my Stephen Minister brought normalcy and calm. With him by my side, I knew I could make it from one week to the next. I could feel God's presence when my Stephen Minister was there."
- "My Stephen Minister's weekly visits became an anchor in my life – something I could rely on when everything else was so uncertain. She was a steady reminder of God's presence, helping me know I was never alone."

If you or someone you know could benefit from compassionate care during a challenging time, please reach out. Stephen Ministry is here to stand beside you—no one should face hardship alone.

Contact Leanne Vaccaro at leanne.vaccaro@stmarknc.org or Rich Kull at rkull1216@gmail.com, or visit stmarknc.org/Stephen-ministry to learn more or request support today.

YOUR LIFE'S JOURNEY...

How will you be remembered?

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

Creating a Lasting Legacy of Faith

Did you know that you can make a gift that reflects the blessings you've received and shared throughout your lifetime? By including St. Mark in your will or making another planned gift, you help ensure ongoing support for our parish and its mission. You can also honor the memory of a loved one by contributing to an endowment that strengthens our Catholic faith for generations to come.

For more information, please contact Karen Donahue, Development Coordinator: karen.donahue@stmarknc.org



Pro-Life Meeting

When: Tue., May 12; 6:30 pm
Where: Kerin Center Room 204

Saint Mark Respect Life Committee will hold its Spring meeting to discuss upcoming Pro-Life events and activities.



All who are interested in becoming more involved in pro-life work and learning about upcoming pro-life activities are invited to attend.

Contact: Mike FitzGerald,
respect.life@stmarknc.org

Respect Life Mass & Rosary Vigil

When: Tue., May 19; 9 am
Where: St. Mark, then Planned Parenthood, 700 S. Torrence St., Charlotte

The Respect Life Committee invites you to come pray for the end of abortion and for abortion-minded women to choose life.

Please join us for St. Mark's quarterly Respect Life Mass in the church followed by peaceful prayer outside of Planned Parenthood.

Contact: Mike FitzGerald,
respect.life@stmarknc.org

**BEFORE I FORMED YOU
IN THE WOMB**
I knew you,
BEFORE YOU WERE BORN
I set you apart
JEREMIAH 1:5

ADORATION

The Adoration Chapel. A great place to discern.

By: Donna Fodale/ Adoration Coordinator

This week I spoke to a few people who shared with me that they are in the process of discerning important things that will have an impact on their lives. I asked each of them what their discernment process looks like. I found the responses that they gave me interesting. One person said that they seek the advice of friends and family. (I do that!) Another person said that they make a pro and con list. (I do that!) The last person said that when they are really stumped, they write the choices on little pieces of paper, fold them up, put them in a bag and reach in and pick one. Ok I can admit, I have done that a few times. Honestly, that never really worked out too well for me.

One of the things that stood out to me most was that not one of the responses were, I bring it to prayer. I was not shocked by this because the people that shared these things with me were not practicing their faith. I too, did not always bring important decisions that I needed to make to prayer. Thankfully over the years I realized that praying was the first thing that I should always do. Bringing discerned matters to prayer is important because it aligns our decisions with God's will. Discernment is not a final decision in itself; it's a process that leads to prayerful decision-making. Prayer helps us move from "what I think" to "what God wants."

One of the places that I go when discerning something is to the Chapel. Spending time before the Lord when discerning has helped me immensely. The Lord, truly present in the Eucharist, invites us to sit with Him asking what His will is and maybe even going over that pro and con list that you created. Another question that we may ask is, "which choice draws me closer to the Lord and love?"

Seeking the will of God is key in everyone's life. We want to always choose the thing that points us towards heaven. Often in the Chapel the Lord whispers quietly to our hearts things that we would never even consider. Praying in the Chapel, especially when important decisions are to be made, can often lead to a feeling of peace, knowing and understanding of God's will for us.

Come to the Chapel to visit our Lord. Spend time with Him and invite Him into all the decisions that you need to make in your life. It doesn't matter if they are big or small. He loves you and cares about every detail in your life.

And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God. (Philippians 1: 9-11)

Please prayerfully consider becoming a weekly adorer.

Register at: www.stmarknc.org/adoration

TO BE A SUB PLEASE CONTACT donna.fodale@stmarknc.org.





The Sixth Sunday

MARY'S GARDEN: ST. MARK'S FIRST STATUE

The grounds of St. Mark Church are blessed with beautiful statuary. Coming down the main driveway everyone is greeted by the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

On the piazza are The Immaculate Conception, her spouse St. Joseph, a rendition of the Pieta and St. Francis holding a bowl full of water for passing birds. Each gives parishioners and visitors a serene reminder of the steadfast beauty of the Catholic faith.

Tucked away outside the adoration chapel sits the dense, carefully maintained foliage of Mary's Garden. Presiding over the garden is a three foot tall statue of the Blessed Mother as the Immaculate Conception. The first statue ever donated to the parish, she stands quietly along the footpath that winds through the garden.

Flowers in vases are often placed at her feet, especially during her month of May. Around her neck are rosaries, the prayer dedicated to her by St. Dominic. Usually a delicate crown of flowers can be found on her head.

The statue has an interesting history that goes back to the late 1980's. It was originally purchased by a couple who were members of Our Lady of Assumption Church on Shamrock Drive in Charlotte. Except for the wife, Delores, the exact name of the rest of the family has been lost. The couple was acquainted with the late Deacon Robert Murphy and his wife Angeles, who now resides in the Ranson Ridge assisted living home.

Angeles and Robert were enchanted by the beauty of the statue the first time they saw it and expressed as much to Delores. She and her husband had purchased it recently and had it shipped to Charlotte.

A few years later Delores died. Eventually her husband remarried and when he was preparing to move away it became evident that he could not take the statue. He recalled Angeles and Robert's admiration and gave it to them.

By this time the Murphys had moved to Huntersville and wanted to donate the statue to the recently organized parish of St. Mark. But there was a problem. In the late 1990's, the parish had no home. Mass was celebrated in the bowling alley at Exit 25 or on the campus of Davidson College.

St. Mark's first pastor, Monsignor Joseph Kerin, asked the couple to take care of the statue until the first building on the campus, now named the Kerin Center, was built.



Angeles Murphy in Mary's Garden last month.

The original design of the building had a daily Mass chapel in what is now the adoration chapel. Outside the clear glass windows was an ugly piece of lumpy clay soil that was littered with construction debris.

Volunteer gardeners took over the plot and began tilling the soil to fashion it into a garden. Finally, the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary had a home. Along with song birds and a rabbit or two, she has presided there ever since.

Growth in the parish made the small chapel impractical for daily Mass less than a year after it was built. It was transformed into an perpetual adoration chapel under the guidance of Pastor, Monsignor Richard Bellow.

The story of the statue doesn't end there. The upcoming construction of the parish life center will lead to the eventual relocation of the adoration chapel. The Blessed Virgin has made it known that she wants her statue moved to the new garden!



Deacon Robert Murphy and Angeles.

Angeles described a recent night when she was awoken, not by a sudden sound or by an aching muscle but by the gentle urging of the Blessed Mother herself. And without hearing a word, Angeles knew what she was being called to do. To spread the story of the statue's origin and to make sure the three foot tall portrayal of the Mother of God will always remain close to her Son who resides in the perpetual adoration chapel.

Thank you to David Hains for sharing Angeles' story."

OF EASTER

Alleluia

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

In this month dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, we give thanks for the gift of motherhood.

As we continue in the joy of Easter, we are reminded that all life is first received and then given. We see this most clearly in Mary, who received the life of Christ and offered Him to the world.

This weekend, we honor the mothers in our lives with gratitude for the many ways they have given of themselves, often quietly and without recognition.

We also remember those for whom this day is difficult: those who have lost their mothers, those who long to be mothers, and all who carry that desire in their hearts.

May Our Lady, our mother in faith, draw us closer to her Son and hold all of these intentions in her care.



CROWNING MARY AT HOME

As we crown Mary at the 9 am Mass this Sunday, you are invited to do the same in your own home.

Place a statue or image of Our Lady in a place of prayer. Gather your family, offer a simple prayer, and crown her with a flower as a sign of love and honor.

You may pray together:

Leader: *Our help is in the name of the Lord.*

All: *Who made heaven and earth.*

Leader: *Let us pray.*

Lord our God, in your loving plan of salvation you chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the Mother of your Son.

May those who honor her image be drawn closer to Christ

and grow in faith, hope, and love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: *Amen.*

Even a single flower placed with intention is enough.



PRACTICING THE VIRTUES: NOBILITY

On this Sixth Sunday of Easter, Jesus says, "Whoever loves me will keep my word."

In our church, the word Nobility appears along the left side of the nave, set among the other virtues that surround us as we move toward the altar. It is not set apart or emphasized, and it can be easily passed without notice. That placement reflects the nature of the virtue itself. Nobility is not usually found in dramatic moments, but in the steady, often unseen choices to do what is good and remain faithful over time.

As Fr. John often reminds us, growth in the spiritual life often happens when God transforms a vice into a virtue. The virtue we consider this week is nobility.

The vice opposed to nobility is smallness. When we live only for ourselves, we can begin to choose what is easy rather than what is good, stepping back when love asks something more of us.

Nobility is not about status or recognition. It is about the dignity of choosing what is good and remaining faithful to it. It is love that is lived, not just felt. It is the quiet decision to stay, to give, and to act for the good of another.

On this Mother's Day, we see this virtue lived in a particular way. In many of our lives, the first experience of steady and faithful love comes through a mother. Not usually in dramatic moments, but in daily acts of care, patience, sacrifice, and constancy. Often unnoticed, yet forming something lasting over time.

The commandment to honor our father and mother reminds us that this kind of love carries real dignity. It is meant to be recognized, received, and, in time, lived by us as well.

Jesus does not describe love as a feeling, but as something lived. "Whoever loves me will keep my word." Nobility reflects this kind of love, steady, faithful, and rooted in something greater than ourselves.

As we continue through the Easter season, the virtue of nobility invites us to choose what is good for others, to remain when it would be easier to step back, and to ask for the grace to live with the kind of faithful love that reflects Christ Himself.

PARISH LIFE

Men's Evening with Andy Lausier, Founder of Faith First Athletix

When: Jun. 6; 6 pm (after 5 pm Mass)
Where: Monsignor Kerin Hall

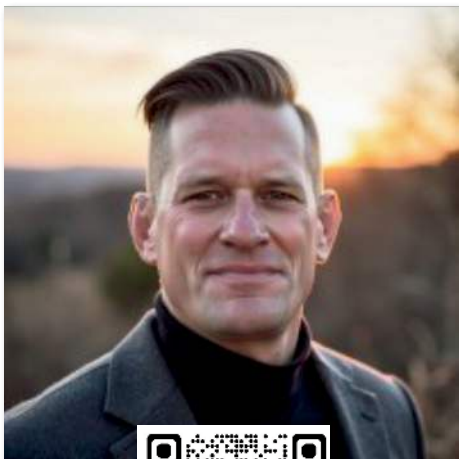
ALL MEN INVITED!

We are very excited to have performance coach Andy Lausier speak at our next Men's Evening of Reflection.

Come and join us for a night of brotherhood, spiritual growth, and FREE food and drinks!

RSVP: Scan QR code

Contact: Joe Aiello, 419-787-4677,
atlanticpgm@gmail.com



Stephen Ministry

The Stephen Ministry is made up of St. Mark parishioners who have received extensive training to give emotional and spiritual care/ support to fellow St. Mark parishioners as well as to those in our community. This ministry is a confidential, one to one opportunity to receive Christian care in a comfortable meeting place, whether in your home, parish hall, or even in a park setting.

Stephen Ministry is here to serve you, so you don't have to suffer alone.

For more information, please contact either Leanne Vaccaro at leanne.vaccaro@stmarknc.org or Rich Kull at rkkull1216@mail.com or visit our website at stmarknc.org/Stephen-ministry.

St. Mark Homeschool Ministry Registration

When: May 1 – May 31, 2026

Calling all homeschooling families! Registration for the St. Mark Homeschool Ministry 2026-2027 academic year is now open!

We are currently a community of 50+ families with over 180 children of all ages. Our ministry offers family support and friendship, prayer and encouragement, liturgical celebrations, cooperative classes through 8th grade (co-op), high school classes (a la carte), extracurricular activities, adult events, and community service opportunities. If you are interested in learning more about our vibrant community, please reach out!

Contact: Diana Smith, 704-578-7827,
dianacsmith@hotmail.com

New Moms Connect

When: Wed., May 27; 9:30 am
Where: North Mecklenburg Park

Are you a new 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,
hannahgordon19@gmail.com or use the QR code to join the GroupMe.



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.

The Young Adult Ministry meets at various times and locations depending on the schedule.

A new Bible study begins May 14 and runs through May 28 and a hike at Lake Norman State Park is planned for May 15.

To be a part of this great group and learn about upcoming events, scan the QR code to register for the GroupMe.



Contact: Sean Meier at
seanmeier1@gmail.com.

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,
Kathleen at kmr10nc@gmail.com



PARISH LIFE



Coming Up at St. Mark

Saturday, May 9

1st Holy Communion 10 am, 12:30 pm

Sunday, May 10

Mother's Day May Crowning, 9 am

Saturday, May 16

Confirmation, 10 am

Saturday, May 23

Diaconate Ordination, 9 am

Sunday, May 24

New Deacon Reception, 11 am

OCIA Candidate Mass, 2:15 pm

Saturday, May 30

Priest Ordination, 9 am

Sunday, May 31

Reception for Fr. James Tweed, 10 am

Saturday, June 6

Men's Evening of Reflection

June 8-11 & July 20-23

Preschool Camp

Saturday, June 13

Catholic Charities Houseware Collection

Sunday, June 21

Father's Day Donuts for Dad

June 22-26

Vacation Bible School

June 26-28

St. Mark Marriage Retreat



Altar Server Training

When: Sun. May 17; 6:30-8 pm

Where: Church

We would like to invite any rising 4th grader or older who would like to serve the Lord to come and learn how to be an Altar Server.

Contact: Matt Mixa, stmarkacolytes@gmail.com

International/National Combined Collection

The International Combined Collection will be taken at all Masses next weekend. Your contribution to the good work of these organizations will give you an opportunity to participate in the mission of the Church internationally. Please take the time to give prayerful thought to your level of participation and respond with a generous contribution. Envelopes for this collection are in your parish envelope packet, or you can go to osvhub.com/stmarknc/giving/funds/combined-mission-collect, or use the QR code.



Save the Date!

Meal Packaging Event!

Saturday, August 1



Annual Parish Family Social

SeptemberFest 2026

September 26, 6-9 pm



YOUTH MINISTRY

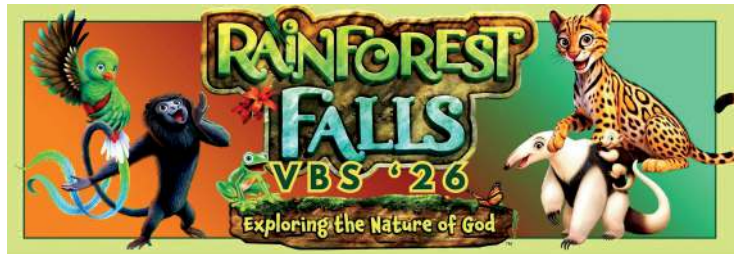
St. Mark High School Ministry

The **Road to Emmaus** Life Night Series

All high schoolers are invited to come learn how to celebrate Easter like the Apostles did!

April 19, 26 and May 3, 10, 17

Each Life Night will run from 6-8pm in the Parish Hall



Vacation Bible School Summer 2026!

Space is Limited: Register Today!

June 22-26, 9 am-12:30 pm

K-5th Grade Register to Attend

6-12th Grade Can Volunteer



Register and info: www.stmarknc.org/VBS
For volunteer information, contact:
Maddie Torres: maddie.torres@stmarknc.org
Sharon Torczynski: sharon.torczynski@stmarknc.org



High School Ministry Summer 2026 Registration

Registration is now open for the Steubenville Conference and Life Teen Camp Covecrest, two summer opportunities designed to help teens encounter Christ and grow in their faith. Open to rising freshmen through graduating seniors, space is limited and filled on a first come, first served basis.

For more information or to register, contact augustine.free@stmarknc.org.

A Season of Sacraments at St. Mark

We rejoice with our young people who have received their First Holy Communion on April 25. It has been a beautiful reminder of God at work in our parish. From April 18 through May 16, our parish is celebrating a full season of sacraments. This year, 184 of our youth are being confirmed and 217 are receiving their First Holy Communion. These are not simply milestones, but moments that shape a life of faith.

We give thanks for these children and their families, and for the clergy, staff, and catechists who have prepared and accompanied them with such care. Please continue to pray for them, that they may remain close to the Lord, strengthened by the Holy Spirit and nourished by the Eucharist.





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The Sanctuary Youth Series | Trailer

The Sanctuary Youth Series is centered on the pressing questions that young people are asking about faith and mental health. It provides space to engage these questions and start important conversations in youth ministries and church communities. Drawing on insights from mental health professionals, theologians, and evidence-based research, this educational and interactive course is designed to reduce stigma, increase awareness, and prepare students for a faith journey that includes seasons of flourishing and languishing.

Our parish has a free Formed subscription for you! Simply scan the QR code or visit 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

Diocesan Support Appeal: 72% of Goal Achieved!

Because of your response, we have now reached 72% of our DSA goal.

Status Update as of April 23:

Goal: \$425,648.00

Pledged: \$305,451.85

Balance: \$120,196.15

Numbers of Donors: 475

We are especially grateful for the 102 new donors since our last report. Each gift, no matter the size, supports seminarians, ministries, and outreach across our diocese.

If you have not yet participated, please prayerfully consider making a gift. Together, we can reach our goal.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Baptism, Ordination Gifts and Cards

The Carolina Catholic Corner Book and Gift Store has a large selection of gifts for First Holy Communion, Confirmation, and Baptism.

You can also find a large selection of cards for men being ordained deacons and priests.

The store is located in the Kerin Family Center hallway near the Adoration Chapel.

We have bibles, youth bibles, rosaries, books, medals, prayer cards, key chains, jewelry, mugs, figurines, plush saints, religious socks, First Holy Communion gift sets, home décor, and more.

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CONFESSION

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confession is offered every day at our parish as a way to prepare our hearts to receive God's mercy.

Confessions begin 45 minutes before Mass and end 15 minutes prior to the start of Mass, when the priests must begin preparing for the liturgy.

Confession lines will form down the side aisle. Please be attentive to the confessional lights:

- Green: Open
- Red: In Use
- No Light: Confessional Closed

Please note that if Confessions continue beyond the start of Mass, they will end after the Homily, so that all may prepare for Communion.



Cursillo Weekends for Men and Women will be held at the Catholic Conference Center in Hickory, NC

- ✓ **Men's Cursillo Weekend: July 23-26, 2026**
- ✓ **Women's Cursillo Weekend: August 6-9, 2026**

If you have been considering Cursillo as the next step in your spiritual journey, now is the time.

Contact Cursillo Ambassador: John Moloney

John.Moloney222@gmail.com

www.charlottecursillo.com

The Cursillo Movement is a recognized charism of the Catholic Church founded on small friendship groups.

PILGRIMAGES

El Camino de Santiago Pilgrimage 2026

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 pilgrimages in the world. For over 1,000 years, millions have journeyed these ancient paths – and countless more have dreamed of it...

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More Information: WoodardLuxuryTravel.com/events-trips

Contact: Donny Woodard, 980-483-3620,
dwoodard@WoodardLuxuryTravel.com

Danube River Cruise 2027 Information Session

When: May 17

*Where: Huntersville Professional Building,
11330 Vanstory Drive and Virtually on Zoom*

Join our meeting to get information on our amazing 2027 Danube River Cruise with Prague Pilgrimage! We will go through the itinerary, ship layout, answer your questions, and you can meet your fellow Pilgrims!

Doors and Zoom link will open at 1:30 pm and the meeting will begin at 2 pm.

There will be light refreshments as well for those in person!

Please RSVP at this link or scan the QR code: tinyurl.com/4f6d2kh4



More Information: WoodardLuxuryTravel.com/events-trips

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ANNUNCIO ESPAÑOL

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.

Seguiremos el Vía Crucis y la ruta del Domingo de Ramos, además de tener una hora santa vespertina en el Jardín de Getsemaní. Daremos un paseo en barco por el mar de Galilea y celebraremos misa en el monte Tabor y en el monte de las Bienaventuranzas. Celebraremos la misa en Nazaret y renovaremos nuestros votos bautismales junto al río Jordán. Visitaremos todos los lugares misteriosos del Santo Rosario. Si tiene preguntas, por favor llame a Christopher Cross al 704-274-2031 o visite la página web en www.Catholicolyland.com.

Será un viaje que recordarás el resto de tu vida. El padre Putnam acaba de regresar de Tierra Santa con los seminaristas, y puede dar fe de que nuestra peregrinación espiritual a Tierra Santa fue muy segura en cada lugar que visitamos por todo el país. No dudes o nunca irás. Esta peregrinación afectará tu vida espiritual durante el resto de tu vida.



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

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Mass Schedule

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

All Masses may be watched live: stmarknc.org/livestream
Please use Online Giving or mail in your offertory
stmarknc.org/Online-Giving

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

Confessions

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

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

Rosary in the Church

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

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

Available in the Monsignor Bellow Adoration Chapel in the Family Center. See stmarknc.org/adoration for complete details.

Hospitalization

If you or your loved one are in an area hospital, call the Parish Office to reach one of the Priests. The Priests offer Confession, bring the Holy Eucharist to you or administer the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

Baptisms & Weddings

The use of the Church for Baptisms, Weddings and other Sacramental events is available to active parishioners. Contact the Parish Office. (Please note that weddings and baptisms cannot be celebrated during Lent.)

Financial Counseling

Complimentary and confidential services are available to provide financial literacy training, personal financial coaching and/or advocacy support for you and your family. Contact the Parish Office.

Carolina Catholic Corner Gift & Book Store

Open daily in the Family Center

Coffee & Conversation Social Gathering

Tuesdays, 9:30 am, Parish Hall.

Cursillo

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

Parishioner Assistance

Financial:

St. Vincent De Paul Society:
Emily.Bixler@stmarknc.org

Life Crisis: Stephen Ministry

stmarknc.org/stephen-ministry

Food Insecurity:

Parish Office
stmarknc.org/assistance or
Emily.Bixler@stmarknc.org or
704-948-0231, Ext. 102

Al-Anon

Ellen | 704-907-8555

Alcoholics Anonymous

Tom | 704-604-7739

Alateen program

Paul G. | 704-641-0654

Divorce Support Group

For anyone going through separation and/or divorce. Meetings are held Monday evenings at 7 pm in Room 204. If parish offices are closed, meetings are held at Lowe's Foods, exit 23.

Contact: divorce.support@stmarknc.org

Natural Family Planning

Joe and Kathy Hack; Sympto-Thermal Method;

704-548-1834; hackhouse@bellsouth.net; ccli.org

Elisabeth Laskowski; Creighton Model;

creightonmodel@gmail.com; 484-332-9084

Crisis Pregnancy Help

Community Pregnancy Center of Lake Norman:

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Catholic Charities: 704-370-3262; Birthright:

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DEL PASTOR



En este sexto domingo de Pascua, nuestras lecturas nos recuerdan que Dios debe venir primero en nuestras vidas, y que el amor a Dios se muestra a través de acciones concretas — precisamente por eso es tan necesario el modo de vida de la mayordomía.

Nuestra segunda lectura, de San Pedro, nos desafía a "Santificar a Cristo como Señor en vuestros corazones." En otras palabras, debemos poner a Cristo por encima de todo. Su papel no es solo como Salvador — por muy esencial que sea — sino como Señor de nuestras vidas. Como Sus discípulos, estamos llamados a ponerle en el centro de todo: nuestro tiempo, nuestro talento y nuestro tesoro.

La belleza de la forma de vida de la gestión es que nos da una forma concreta de vivir esto. Nos permite demostrar que Cristo es verdaderamente Señor de nuestras vidas, porque el amor no es solo un sentimiento. "Quien tiene mis mandamientos y los observa es el que me ama", nos dice Jesús en nuestro Evangelio de Juan.

El amor verdadero es un acto de voluntad. Requiere obediencia, humildad y una profunda confianza en Dios. Pero la recompensa es extraordinaria. Cristo nos dice: "Quien me ame será amado por mi Padre, y yo le amaré y me revelaré a él."

¿Podría haber algo más gratificante que vivir de tal manera que el Dios del universo se reveles más plenamente a nosotros? © Consultores de Gestión Católica, 2026

Reflexión pastoral

Últimamente, con varias discusiones en las noticias, especialmente en relación con un reciente intercambio entre el Santo Padre y el presidente Trump, ha surgido el tema de la enseñanza católica y la autoridad de dicha enseñanza. Por ello, pensé que podría ser útil describir los niveles de enseñanza magistral para ayudar a la gente a navegar los diferentes tipos de enseñanza junto con la respuesta requerida a cada nivel.

Resumen: Niveles de Enseñanza Magistral

La Iglesia Católica enseña con la autoridad de Cristo a través del **Magisterio**, pero no todas las enseñanzas tienen el mismo peso ni exigen el mismo nivel de asentimiento. Comprender estas distinciones ayuda a los católicos a saber cómo responder fielmente a la enseñanza de la Iglesia.



1. Definiciones solemnes (Magisterio Extraordinario)

Estos son dogmas **infallibles**, formalmente definidos por un concilio ecuménico o por el papa que habla *ex cathedra*. Se refieren a verdades reveladas por Dios (por ejemplo, la Inmaculada Concepción, la Asunción).

Respuesta requerida: El consentimiento de la fe. La negación es herejía.

2. Magisterio Universal Ordinario

Enseñanzas sostenidas de forma constante y universal por los obispos en comunión con el papa, incluso sin una definición formal. Cuando el acuerdo universal es claro, estas enseñanzas también son infalibles (por ejemplo, el mal intrínseco del aborto, el sacerdocio solo masculino).

Respuesta requerida: El consentimiento de la fe. La negación es herejía.

3. Enseñanzas definitivas (no reveladas pero seguras)

Enseñanzas propuestas de forma definitiva porque son necesarias para salvaguardar o explicar la revelación divina, incluso si no se revelan formalmente (por ejemplo, canonizaciones, invalidez de órdenes anglicanas).

Respuesta requerida: Consentimiento definitivo. La negación es un grave error, aunque no herejía.

4. Enseñanza autorizada pero no definitiva

Enseñanzas no infalibles del papa o obispos, como muchas encíclicas o directivas pastorales.

Respuesta requerida: Sumisión religiosa de intelecto y voluntad — una sinceridad y respeto, no un rechazo casual.

5. Juicios prudentiales y aplicaciones pastorales

Aplicaciones concretas de principios morales a situaciones específicas (por ejemplo, enfoques políticos en economía o inmigración).

Respuesta requerida: Consideración respetuosa. Es posible un desacuerdo legítimo.

Por qué es importante:

Reconocer estos niveles evita dos extremos: tratar toda enseñanza de la Iglesia como opinión opcional (*laxitud*) o tratar cada afirmación de la Iglesia como dogma infalible (*rigorismo*). La Iglesia enseña como una autoridad estructurada y viva guiada por el Espíritu Santo, llamando a respuestas proporcionales al nivel de enseñanza implicado.

Colecta Internacional/Nacional Combinada

La Colecta Internacional Combinada se tomará en todas las Misas el próximo fin de semana. Su contribución al buen trabajo de estas organizaciones le dará la oportunidad de participar en la misión de la Iglesia a nivel internacional. Tómese el tiempo para reflexione en oración sobre su nivel de participación y responda con una contribución generosa. Los sobres para esta colecta están en el paquete de sobres de su parroquia.






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