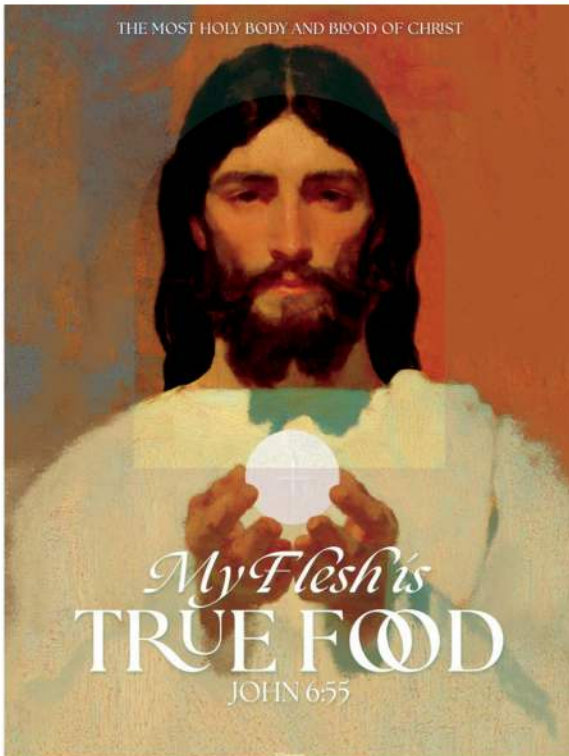




*Corpus Christi*  
SAINT MARK

# WELCOME TO ST. MARK!



Today is the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, also known as Corpus Christi. The readings can be found in the music handouts or in the St. Augustine Hymnal on page 885. The Order of the Mass can be found on page 7.

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

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

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

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



to our parish.

Please join us in the Prayer to St. Michael after the Final Blessing. **Please do not leave the church until after the priests, deacons, and servers have exited the church. Thank you.**

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

## Guidelines for Communion For Catholics

1. To be in a state of grace, that is to say, to be free from any unconfessed mortal sin.
2. To abstain for at least one hour before Holy Communion from any food and drink, with the exception of water and medicine.
3. To know what you are receiving and to approach the altar with devotion.
4. *You may receive Holy Communion standing or kneeling.*
5. **Please consume the Holy Eucharist in front of the minister of Holy Communion, before walking away.**

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

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## We are called...

as one by Christ to embrace a spirit of stewardship and engagement to Grow in Christ, Serve One Another,

*Share Our Gifts*

and Connect in Faith.



## FROM THE PASTOR



Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. Our readings focus on the incredible gift of the Eucharist.

As stewards, we recognize that all we are and all we have are gifts from God. Among the greatest of these gifts is the Eucharist — Christ's very Body and Blood, given to us for our spiritual nourishment.

Jesus makes this clear in the Gospel through the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves. He takes what is offered, blesses it, and transforms it into more than enough to feed the crowd.

The same is true in our lives. When we offer our gifts to the Lord, He multiplies them beyond what we could ever imagine.

Through the Eucharist, we are strengthened to live the stewardship way of life. Let us receive this gift with gratitude and allow it to transform how we live, give, and serve. © *Catholic Stewardship Consultants*, 2026



ENCYCLICAL LETTER OF THE HOLY FATHER LEO XIV

### **MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS**

*On safeguarding of the human person  
in the time of Artificial Intelligence*

**Pastoral Pondering** – Encyclicals are used by the successors of St. Peter to address serious concerns to humanity and to speak to those concerns in the light of the Gospel. *Magnifica Humanitas* ("Magnificent Humanity") is the first encyclical letter of Pope Leo XIV, signed on May 15, 2026, and published on May 25, 2026. Its full title is *On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence*. A brief overview follows:

#### **Core Theme**

The document presents a contemporary application of Catholic Social Teaching to the challenges of the digital age, particularly artificial intelligence. It draws explicit parallels with Pope Leo XIII's *Rerum Novarum* (1891), which addressed the Industrial Revolution, positioning this encyclical as a response to what some describe as the fourth industrial revolution driven by AI.

The encyclical opens with a stark choice facing humanity: build a new "Tower of Babel" (symbolizing technological hubris,

dehumanization, exclusion of the vulnerable, and reduction of persons to data) or construct a city where God and humanity dwell together in dignity and fraternity.

#### **Key Messages**

**Human Dignity as Central Criterion:** Technology, including AI, is not inherently evil or antagonistic to humanity, but it must serve the person rather than dominate or replace them. Progress should be oriented toward the common good, solidarity, subsidiarity, and the defense of human dignity.

**Custody of the Human Person:** The Pope calls for "disarming" technologies so they do not become instruments of domination, exclusion, or death. AI influences daily life, decision-making, work, education, politics, and even warfare, requiring ethical safeguards.

**Social and Ethical Concerns:** It addresses risks such as job displacement, new forms of poverty, surveillance, misinformation, manipulation, transhumanist and post-humanist ideologies, and the potential erosion of authentic human relationships and creativity. Special attention is given to the dignity of women, the vulnerable, and workers.

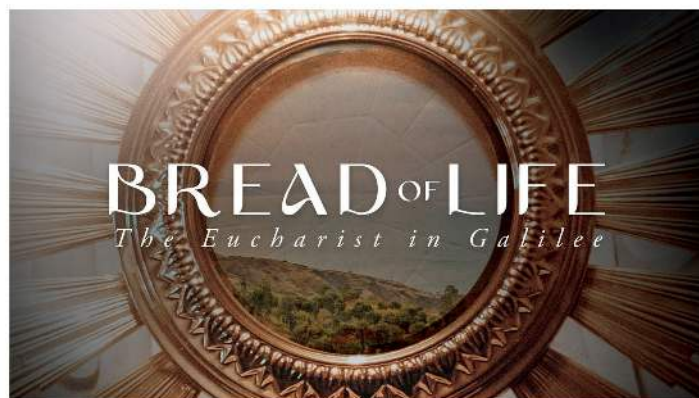
**Hopeful Orientation:** The encyclical emphasizes that authentic human flourishing is found in Christ. It urges building a more just, fraternal society through shared responsibility, dialogue between faith and science, and concrete applications of social principles like the common good and solidarity.

#### **Structure**

The document is divided into five chapters, systematically applying principles of Catholic Social Doctrine to contemporary issues while maintaining a prophetic and pastoral tone.

*Magnifica Humanitas* is addressed to Catholics, Christians, and all people of goodwill. It positions the Church as offering moral guidance in a time of rapid technological change, advocating that AI and other technologies become allies of human dignity when properly oriented.

The full text is available on the Vatican website in multiple languages. This encyclical represents a significant magisterial contribution to ongoing global debates on ethics in artificial intelligence.



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### **Bread of Life: The Eucharist in Galilee | Trailer**

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# REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

Tom Addison	Charlie Donovan	Farnejad Family	Paul Nealon Jr.
Julie Andrews	Jane & William	Mary Kate Knight	Paul Sr. and Sally
Donald Arrup	Dragoon	Dennis Koenig	Nealon
Maryann Bahret	Joanne Errick	Jackie Kopicki	The Ober Family
Lizzy Balzer	Jack Evans	Aubrey Lamb	Louise Painter
Daisy Bayona	Charles Fillipo	Craig Leiker	Fernando Paverpai
Deidre Beck	Al Fischlein	Carolina Liendo	Jack Parley
Richard Biddy	Alan Friedl & Family	Marie Ligon	Doug Peterson
Brian Blatchford & Family	Tom Fox	Peter R. Loew	Nicole & Bruce Preiss
Virginia "Gini" Bond	Valeria Gerbasi	Kitty Long	Angela & Gianni
Kathy Brandt	Daniel Gilbridge	Wilfredo Lostaunau	Piraino
Dave Breen	Denny & Monica Golden	David Luongo	Johnathan Rametta
Lynne Bridges	Corbin Golightly	Margaret Lynch	Joette Reid
Helen Sally Buff	Tom Goodwin	Utelia Malwitz	Lindsay Remington
Carmen Cabranes	Lucas Graf	Tom & Colette Manente	Butch Remesch
Anne Caestecker	Paige Grieshop	Sharon Marshall	Thomas Rynne
Anthony Cain	Rachel Grieshop	Melissa McDonald	Phyllis Searles
Michelle Chicoine	Helen Haddad	Cathy Milligan	Mark Shields
Rod Clair	Fran Hehn	Terry Milstead	Todd Singh
Jim Clark	Laura Hehn	Lucille Modica	Bill Sirnack
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Sheila DeArmon	Hannah Hopkins	Elizabeth Mulligan	Haley Velez
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John Deluca	Suzy Iskander	Maria Magdalena	Kristine Yeager
Joan Demarco	Cathi Kalberier	Murphy	Margaret Yeager
Henry Diener	The Kibbee and	Carl Muti	Caroline Vogel
			Patricia Zeggert

# MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, June 7**  
 7:30 am St Mark Parishioners  
 9 am Esser Family  
 11 am † Kayla Wilson  
 1 pm † Lueia Sigueneia  
 5 pm † Sebastian Remedios

**Monday, June 8**  
 7 am † Hannah Imhoff  
 9 am Nick Riggio Family

**Tuesday, June 9**  
 7 am † Patricia Golino  
 9 am † Ray DeMoliner

**Wednesday, June 10**  
 7 am † Stephen J. Senvisky  
 Susan DeGrace  
 6:30 pm Bill Reardon  
 Family Zamudio & Ponce

**Thursday, June 11**  
 7 am † Taggy Wartcastle  
 9 am † Thomas Lavinio

**Friday, June 12**  
 7 am † Sharon Antoszyk  
 9 am Karen Brindley  
 7 pm † Domingo Antonio Rodriguez

**Saturday, June 13**  
 9 am † Sue McCarron  
 5 pm † Andy Billesdon

**Sunday, June 14**  
 7:30 am † Frank Sternisha  
 9 am † Frank Gilardi  
 11 am † Tony Mignogna  
 1 pm Zaide Torres  
 5 pm † William L Menke † Deceased

# PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

**Air Force:** C4C **Andrew Bauders**; Airman **Gregory Burke**; Amn **Antoinio Diaz**; Lt. Col. **Michael Dragoon**; Capt. **Stephen Hack**; Lt. Col. **Douglas Lincoln**; Capt. **Ryan Loyd**; **Alejandro Martinez**; Sgt. **James McCormick**; SCANG Sgt. **John Andrew McCormick**; 2nd Lt **Connor Milligan**; Airman **Chloe Scott**; Amn **Michael F. Yellico**

**Army:** 1st 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 Remy, 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.*

# READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday** Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ  
 Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

**Monday** 1 Kgs 17:1-6; Ps 121:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Mt 5:1-12

**Tuesday** 1 Kgs 17:7-16; Ps 4:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8; Mt 5:13-16

**Wednesday** 1 Kgs 18:20-39; Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11; Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday** Memorial of Saint Barnabas, Apostle  
 Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Mt 5:20-26

**Friday** Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus  
 Dt 7:6-11; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 10; 1 Jn 4:7-16; Mt 11:25-30

**Saturday** 1 Kgs 19:19-21; Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10; Mt 5:33-37

**Sunday** Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Ex 19:2-6a; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5; Rm 5:6-11; Mt 9:36-10:8

## Download the myParish App

Stay connected with St. Mark parish life wherever you go by downloading the **myParish** app today. Our parish app offers a convenient way to deepen your faith and stay up-to-date with our community. By downloading the app, you will gain instant mobile access to real-time parish updates, Mass and Confession schedules, and helpful confession reminders. You can also follow the daily Scripture readings, access a robust library of traditional prayers, and easily support our ministries through secure online giving. To get started, search for "myParish" in your phone's app store.



# HEAVEN'S TREASURY OF GRACE



CORPUS CHRISTI, HOLY  
ORDERS, AND A SEASON  
OF GRACE AT ST. MARK



*"You have been chosen  
by Christ, the spotless  
Lamb of God, to be  
ministers and  
guardians of heaven's  
treasury of grace, the  
sacraments."*

— Fr. Joseph Yellico, Mass  
of Thanksgiving Homily for  
Fr. James Tweed



## A SEASON OF GRACE



Over the past several weeks, St. Mark has been blessed to host the Ordination of Transitional Deacons, the Ordination of Ten Priests for the Diocese of Charlotte, First Masses, Holy Trinity, and today's celebration of Corpus Christi. We congratulate all who were ordained this spring, especially Deacon Bradley Loftin, Deacon Patrick Martin, Deacon Connor White, and Father James Tweed, whose vocational journeys have been closely connected to our parish family.

As we celebrate Corpus Christi, we give thanks for the gift of the Eucharist and for all those called to serve Christ and His Church through Holy Orders.

## ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES



As we celebrate Corpus Christi, we give thanks for the men who faithfully bring Christ to His people through the sacraments. Please join us in congratulating our clergy on their ordination anniversaries and praying for them in a special way.

### PRIESTS

- Fr. John Putnam  
Ordained May 30, 1992 • 34 Years
- Fr. Aaron Huber  
Ordained June 18, 2022 • 4 Years
- Fr. Kevin Martinez  
Ordained June 15, 2024 • 2 Years
- Fr. Christopher Angermeyer  
Ordained June 14, 2025 • 1 Year

### PERMANENT DEACONS

- Deacon Louis Pais  
Ordained May 14, 1978 • 48 Years
- Deacon Richard McCarron  
Ordained May 21, 1994 • 32 Years
- Deacon Ramon Tapia  
Ordained October 11, 1997 • 29 Years
- Deacon Thomas McMahan  
Ordained October 12, 2013 • 13 Years
- Deacon Thomas McGahey  
Ordained May 31, 2014 • 12 Years
- Deacon Thomas Martin  
Ordained September 25, 2021 • 5 Years

## WITH GRATITUDE



The Ordinations, First Masses, and Corpus Christi celebrations of recent weeks were made possible through the dedication of many people working behind the scenes.

Thank you to our clergy, deacons, parish staff, musicians, choir members, altar servers, sacristans, ushers, greeters, hospitality volunteers, maintenance and grounds crews, Knights of Columbus, security, decorators, photographers, and the many parishioners who generously shared their time, talents, and prayers.

Together, you helped create beautiful liturgies that reflected the reverence, joy, and hospitality of our parish family. We are especially grateful to everyone who helped welcome the Diocese of Charlotte and thousands of guests here during these historic celebrations.



Clergy and servers from Fr. James Tweed's Mass of Thanksgiving. Good news: he will stay with us through June!

# STEWARDSHIP

## Stewardship Spotlight on Greeters

This week, our Stewardship Spotlight focuses on our Greeters, often the first people visitors and new parishioners encounter at St. Mark. "Contribute to the needs of the holy ones, exercise hospitality." (Romans 12:13) Whether a person is visiting for the first time, new to our parish, or a regular Mass goer, a Greeter's goal is to meet them with a smile and a kind word or two.

Greeters arrive about 30 minutes before Mass and prop the church doors open. In addition to welcoming Mass goers, they may also hand out music sheets and answer questions about bathroom locations, finding an envelope, confessional locations, and confession times. Typically, Greeters serve once or twice a month. Each individual can determine how often they would like to greet. For Mass times with more Greeters, a volunteer may be scheduled less frequently due to fewer needs for that Mass time. Greeters can substitute for any open schedule position.

For those who enjoy gifts of hospitality or help, greeting is a way to share your gifts and connect in faith by ensuring everyone who enters our doors feels welcome. This is a great way to make our large parish feel more personal. Our Sunday 9 am, 11 am, and 5 pm Masses could use more adult and teen greeters. For more information about becoming a Greeter, contact Lisa Yelanich at [lyelanich@gmail.com](mailto:lyelanich@gmail.com).



## Volunteer Opportunity: Food Pantry Parking Attendant

*When:* Thursdays, 9 am–12 pm

*Where:* Nourish Up Food Pantry, Huntersville United Methodist Church, Stumptown Rd.

Join us in making a difference! Nourish Up is looking for a friendly, dependable volunteer to help manage their parking lot on Thursday mornings.

What you'll do:

- Welcome clients with a smile and assign arrival numbers
- Keep the flow of guests moving smoothly into the building
- Assist with loading groceries into cars

Your help ensures families receive food with dignity and care. If you enjoy meeting people and lending a hand, this is the perfect role for you!

Contact Lauren Steele at [laurenfloyd@verizon.net](mailto:laurenfloyd@verizon.net) to get started.

# HOUSEWARES AND FURNITURE COLLECTION

## NEXT Weekend: Benefitting Homemakers of Mercy!

**Saturday, June 13, 9 am-Noon**

*Donations urgently needed*

Catholic Charities and Homemakers of Mercy are collecting housewares and furniture to prepare apartments for families in great need (transitioning from homelessness, Roof Above, abusive situations).

### For Small Housewares:

Volunteers will be available to receive your donations in the St. Mark parking lot, June 13, 9 am–noon. We will collect new or gently used housewares: Microwaves | Pots and pans | Lamps | Kitchen utensils (silverware, mixing bowls, gadgets) | Bath towel sets | Household cleaning products | Laundry and dishwasher soaps | Queen or Twin sheets/blankets/comforters/pillows \*new only please\*

### For Furniture Donations:

*Please do not bring them to the church, email the address below and we will arrange a pickup time for that morning.*

Appointments must be made in advance for pick up of furniture: Sofas (no sleeper sofas or futons) | Upholstered chairs | Kitchen tables and chairs (tables 6ft or smaller) | Coffee, End, and Bedside tables | Dressers TVs | small Desks. We cannot accept: TV cabinets/large armoires/entertainment centers/tall bookcases | Mattresses | Headboards/footboards/bed frames | Office equipment | File cabinets

Information: [www.stmarknc.org/catholic-charities](http://www.stmarknc.org/catholic-charities); Contact: [CatholicCharitiesOALead@stmarknc.org](mailto:CatholicCharitiesOALead@stmarknc.org)



# MEAL PACKAGING EVENT



## AUGUST 1, 2026

Our goal is to package

### 150,000 MEALS

For children and families in need, both here at home and around the world.

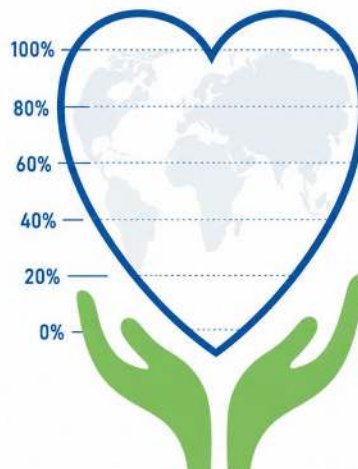
Join St. Mark and Servants with a Heart for a parish-wide day of service on August 1 as we package 150,000 meals for children and families in need, both locally and around the world.

Founded in 2011, Servants with a Heart provides nutritious meals through an all-volunteer model, ensuring that 100% of donations support food and distribution. Meals have been delivered throughout Central and South America and to families here in the Charlotte area.

At just 17 cents per meal, our goal is to raise \$25,500 and recruit 600 volunteers. Choose from three shifts and help turn compassion into action. If you cannot participate in person, please consider making a donation to support this life-changing effort.

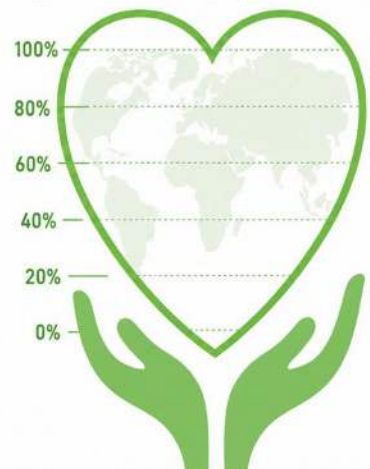
### PEOPLE

• GOAL: 600 •



### FUNDS

• GOAL: \$25,500 •



VOLUNTEER SHIFTS	
	8:00 – 10:15 AM
	10:30 AM – 12:45 PM
	1:00 – 3:00 PM

*(Set up and cleanup shifts also available.)*



Whether you volunteer at the event or support it through a donation, you can help make a difference. With three volunteer shifts available, participation is easy and flexible.



Together, we can package 150,000 meals, provide nourishment and hope to children and families in need, and put our faith into action through service.



If you cannot participate in person, please consider supporting the effort with a donation. **Thank you!**



TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE



VOLUNTEER DONATE: [STMARKNC.ORG/SWH](http://STMARKNC.ORG/SWH)



# FAITH FORMATION

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL **ECHO**  
 MIDDLE SCHOOL **EDGE/CONFIRMATION**  
 HIGH SCHOOL **YOUTH MINISTRY**

## REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

2026-2027 Faith Formation • Grades K-8

Faith Formation at St. Mark helps children and teens grow in their relationship with Christ and prepare for the sacraments.



### ECHO (K-5)

Sunday & Monday afternoon/evening options



### EDGE (6-7)

Sunday & Monday afternoon/evening options



### CONFIRMATION (8)

Sunday & Tuesday evening options

### NEW THIS FALL

Faith Formation classes will move outside Sunday morning hours to better support family schedules and Sunday Mass attendance.

**REGISTER AT [STMARKNC.ORG/FF](http://STMARKNC.ORG/FF)**

MORE DETAILS AND EXACT TIMES AVAILABLE ONLINE



**SUNDAYKIDZ**

### Body and Blood of Christ

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Crowds Bread Forever Life Eat  
 Flesh Drink Blood Raise True

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The Little Ones

Jim Burrows

THE PART WE SEE GROWS UP AS WHEAT; THE PART THAT COUNTS COMES DOWN FROM HEAVEN

the BREAD of LIFE

Jesus said to the Jewish crowds:  
 "I am the living bread that came down out of heaven;  
 if anyone eats of this bread, they will live forever." Jn 6:51

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# Navigating US

A MARRIAGE RETREAT  
— AT ST. MARK —

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



Every marriage  
deserves intentional  
time to grow.

This retreat is for  
couples in every  
season of marriage  
— not just in crisis.

Healthy marriages  
strengthen families,  
friendships, and our  
parish.

## JUNE 26-28

Friday, June 26  
7 pm-9 pm

Saturday, June 27  
10 am-3 pm (Lunch Provided)

Sunday, June 28  
12 pm-3 pm (Lunch Provided)

CHILDCARE  
AVAILABLE

*Registration  
Required*



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Register!

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

*A special retreat at St. Mark by St. Mark for St. Mark!*

Navigating Us is a weekend retreat for couples who want to strengthen their marriage and be more intentional about the life they are building together.

JOIN OTHER COUPLES FROM ST. MARK FOR A WEEKEND OF ENCOURAGEMENT,  
CONVERSATION, AND RENEWAL.

# ADORATION

## Lifting up His eyes to heaven Jesus prayed saying...

By Donna Fodale/Adoration Coordinator

We often hear suggestions on which saint we should ask to intercede on our behalf depending on the intention that we have. This is just one of the many treasures that we have as part of our Catholic faith. Knowing that the Blessed Mother and all the Saints in heaven stand before the throne of God asking Him to help us, and those we love in a time of need.

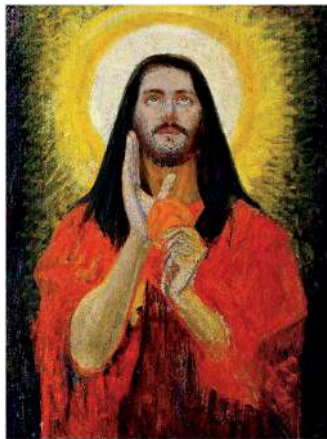
This week I was reflecting on one of the Gospels I read a few weeks ago. Listening to this Gospel reminded me of how much the Lord loves each of us. This beautiful prayer offered by Jesus to the Father on our behalf made me think of the many times that I sat before the Lord in Adoration wanting to better understand how to pray. Many times, asking Jesus to teach me how I can pray better for those who need my prayers.

After reading this Gospel I came to understand that Jesus was praying from deep within His heart. His love for us, the same love that gave him the strength to suffer for us on the cross, was being poured out from deep within himself. Jesus was interceding in a way that I believe truly moved the heart of the Father. Prayers that come from deep within our hearts are powerful.

I would like to invite you to take this passage with you to the Chapel and imagine that the Lord is offering this prayer for you, right there and then, as you sit before Him. How much he loves you! Thank you Jesus!

*Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying:*

*"I pray not only for these,  
but also, for those who will  
believe in me through their  
word,  
so that they may all be one,  
as you, Father, are in me  
and I in you,  
that they also may be in us,  
that the world may believe  
that you sent me.  
And I have given them the  
glory you gave me,  
so that they may be one, as  
we are one,  
I in them and you in me,  
that they may be brought to  
perfection as one,  
that the world may know that you sent me,  
and that you loved them even as you loved me.  
Father, they are your gift to me.  
I wish that where I am they also may be with me,  
that they may see my glory that you gave me,  
because you loved me before the foundation of the world.  
Righteous Father, the world also does not know you,  
but I know you, and they know that you sent me.  
I made known to them your name and I will make it known,  
that the love with which you loved me  
may be in them and I in them."*



## This Week: Corpus Christi Procession!

*When: Sun., June 7, after 9 am and 1 pm Mass*

*Where: Outside after Mass*

We invite you to celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, also known as Corpus Christi, with a solemn Eucharistic procession, which will take place following both the 9 am and the 1 pm Spanish Mass.

This sacred event is a beautiful opportunity for us to publicly honor the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. As we carry the Blessed Sacrament, we bear witness to our faith and express our gratitude for the gift of the Holy Eucharist, the source and summit of our Christian life.

All parishioners, families, and friends are encouraged to participate. Please bring your rosaries and join in prayer and song as we process together, uniting our hearts in adoration and reverence.



## Prayer Service for Immigrants

Standing in solidarity to promote human dignity and the common good

All are welcome to attend.

**Saturday, June 20 | 6:30 PM**

**Meditation Garden**

St. Peter Catholic Church  
507 S Tryon St, Charlotte NC 28202

Chaser tickets will be provided for free parking in The Green parking garage.

In the event of rain, the service will be held indoors.

*"To our immigrant brothers and sisters,  
we stand with you in your suffering,  
since, when one member suffers all suffer.  
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United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

For more information, email [stpetercatholicssocialjustice@gmail.com](mailto:stpetercatholicssocialjustice@gmail.com)

Part of the Catholic Season of Faithful Witness. Learn more at [www.CatholicInCommunion.org](http://www.CatholicInCommunion.org)

Please prayerfully consider becoming a weekly Adorer or a sub.

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

TO BE A SUB PLEASE CONTACT [donna.fodale@stmarknc.org](mailto:donna.fodale@stmarknc.org)



## Coming Up at St. Mark

### Sunday June 7

Solemnity of Corpus Christi  
Procession after the 9 am and 1 pm Mass

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

Preschool Camp

### Saturday, June 13

Catholic Charities Houseware Collection

### Thursday, June 18

Talk: Protecting Our Daughters

### Sunday, June 21

Father's Day Donuts for Dad

### June 22-26

Vacation Bible School

### June 26-28

St. Mark Marriage Retreat

### Monday, July 13

Adoration Mass of Thanksgiving

### Sunday, July 26

New Member Meet and Greet

### Saturday, August 1

Meal Packaging Event

### August 15 & 16

Ministry Fair

### September 5 & 6

Life Teen Retreat

### September 11 & 12

Eucharistic Congress

### Saturday, September 26

SeptemberFest

### Sunday, October 4

Prayer Chain for Life

### October 10 & 11

Coat/Blanket/Toy & Baby Drive

### Saturday, October 17

Wings and Trivia

### October 24-November 1

Thanksgiving Food Drive

### November 1

Thanksgiving Food Drive and Giving Tree

### November 7 & 8

Men's Welcome Retreat

### November 29

First Day of Advent/St. Nicholas Brunch

## Where did Easter go?

### Corpus Christi and the Return to Ordinary Time

Last Sunday, the Church celebrated the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. This Sunday, we celebrate Corpus Christi, the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, with special attention to the gift of the Holy Eucharist.

And then, beginning next week, the Church returns fully to Ordinary Time.

After months filled with Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, Easter, Pentecost and these great solemnities, the return of green vestments and numbered Sundays can feel like a shift back to normal life. But in many ways, this is where the Christian life is most fully lived.

The Eucharist we celebrate on Corpus Christi is not only meant for feast days and solemn occasions. It is food for the journey of everyday discipleship. Week by week, the Church gathers around the altar to hear the Word of God, receive Holy Communion and continue growing in holiness through ordinary life.

Ordinary Time does not mean a pause in the spiritual life. It is the season in which the seeds planted throughout Lent and Easter continue to grow.

The great celebrations of the Church year remind us who Christ is. Ordinary Time teaches us how to follow Him daily.



## Practicing the Virtues: Holiness



On the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, the Church celebrates the gift of the Eucharist, Christ truly present among us. The Eucharist is not simply a symbol or reminder. It is Christ Himself, given to remain with His people.

The virtue we consider this week is holiness.

As Fr. John often reminds us, growth in the spiritual life often happens when God transforms a vice into a virtue. The vice opposed to holiness is indifference. When we become indifferent, we can begin to treat sacred things casually, losing sight of the presence of God in the ordinary and the holy.

Holiness is not perfection or spiritual achievement. It is the work of God within us. Holiness means being set apart for Him and allowing our lives to be shaped by His presence.

In our church, the word Holiness appears near the right side of the sanctuary, beside the entrance used by priests and servers before Mass. Its placement is fitting. Before the liturgy begins, those who serve prepare to enter into something sacred. The Eucharist reminds all of us that holiness is not distant or abstract. Christ draws near to us and invites us to become more fully united to Him.

Throughout the Gospels, people are changed simply by being near Christ. Corpus Christi reminds us that His presence remains with the Church still. In the Eucharist, Christ continues to feed, strengthen, and sanctify His people.

As we celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, the virtue of holiness invites us to approach the Eucharist with renewed attention and gratitude, asking God to shape our lives more deeply through the gift of His presence.

## Congratulations and Welcome Home!

Our Congratulations and welcome home to the 39 candidates who entered into the full communion of the Catholic Church at St. Mark on Pentecost Sunday through Confirmation and Holy Communion.

One of the most moving moments of the Mass was the homily given by newly ordained Deacon Bradley Loftin, who had himself been ordained less than 24 hours earlier.

Reflecting on the journey of OCIA, Deacon Loftin reminded the parish that “the heart of OCIA can never be simply watching the video or completing the program.” Instead, he said, its true purpose is “introducing people to a living relationship with Jesus Christ and helping them encounter the life of His Church.”

He thanked the many sponsors, catechists, clergy and parishioners who helped walk alongside this year’s candidates, reminding the parish that “many people here would not be here without you. God has used your generosity to bring souls closer to Him.”

Deacon Loftin also reminded the newly received Catholics that their journey is only beginning: *“Your journey as a Catholic will be unique. Your story will remain completely your own... however, you will never be alone.”*

Please continue praying for our newest Catholics as they continue growing in faith and discipleship.



If you are interested in becoming Catholic, learning more about the faith, or returning to the Church, the path begins through our OCIA program at St. Mark. We meet Tuesday evenings throughout the year.

To learn more, contact Deacon Rich McCarron at [Deacon.Rich@stmarknc.org](mailto:Deacon.Rich@stmarknc.org).



## AROUND THE DIOCESE

### Encountered Couples Marriage Enrichment

When: Sept. 25-27, 2026

Where: Catholic Conference Center, 1551 Trinity Lane, Hickory, NC 28602 (828-327-7441)

Save the Date! Join the Appalachian Community Enrichment and re-energize your marriage at the Catholic Conference Center in beautiful Hickory, NC. The celebration Saturday evening will be a blast! There will be games, music, dancing and more. Register to hear more on the theme and fabulous prizes.

Reconnect with your spouse while you enjoy a weekend away together dialoging, sharing and laughing. This is a great boost for your relations to re-kindle the Sunday afternoon joy of your original weekend.

Registration Opens Soon!



### Lunch and Learn: Living Life with Laughter and Purpose

When: Monday, June 15; 11 am to 1 pm

Where: Parish Hall

Everyone is invited to this uplifting presentation by Amanda Buck, Director of Community Engagement at Carolina Caring. Amanda will share:



- The benefits of laughter and practical ways to bring joy into your life
- How to live the joyful life God intended for us

This inspiring event will leave you energized and ready to embrace joy and purpose every day!

A complimentary lunch is included. Registration required. RSVP: Kevin & Janet Urban, [urbkeve@yahoo.com](mailto:urbkeve@yahoo.com), 704-689-3847

### 45+ Singles Fellowship Event

When: Sun., June 28, 5 – 8 pm

Where: [Ed's Tavern, 17044 Kenton Dr., Cornelius](#)

Join us for an evening of fellowship and fun for those aged 45+! Whether you are a regular or a newcomer, we invite you to grab a friend and meet us for a wonderful time of community. It's the perfect opportunity to connect and make new memories.

**RSVP Today:** Please let us know you're coming by signing up using this [Sign Up Genius link](#).

**Questions?** We are here to help! Feel free to reach out to us at [45plussingles@gmail.com](mailto:45plussingles@gmail.com).

We look forward to seeing you there!

### Catholic Pilgrimage

Join the St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation for our "Faith & Freedom America Pilgrimage" Oct. 6–15, 2026, in honor of the 250th anniversary of the United States! Travel to Washington, D.C., Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, and Boston while visiting historic Catholic and American sites. Grow in faith through prayer, fellowship, daily Mass, and unforgettable experiences. The pilgrimage includes: hotels, ground transportation, a Catholic tour guide, all admission fees, breakfast every day, some dinners, daily Masses, and more. Cost is \$3,985 per person. To learn more or register, visit: <https://trinitytourtravels.com/fr-matthew-dr-anne-desantis>.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### LAMB Clay Shoot Fundraiser

When: Fri., Sept. 25, 2026;

Arrival Time: 8 am /End Time: 4 pm

Where: Four Branches Sporting Preserve, 425 Poplar Hill Church Road, Polkton, NC

The LAMB Foundation of NC, Inc., a recognized 501(c)(3) charity operated by the Knights of Columbus This event supports individuals with intellectual disabilities in our local community – our "Least Among My Brethren."

#### Event Details:

- **Morning Session:** Begins at 8 am with check-in, registration, and breakfast. Teams are assigned to starting stations on the one-mile course. An opening speech and safety briefing will precede the 9 am start.
- **Afternoon Session:** Starts at 11:30 am with check-in, registration, and lunch. After the safety briefing, the shooting competition begins at 1:30 pm. During lunch, participants will hear from some of the charities benefiting from the fundraiser.
- Prizes are awarded to the top teams.

Teams rotate through 15 stations shooting clay targets and tracking their scores. Free shotgun loans are available with golf carts provided for transport between stations. All skill levels are welcome! Beginners will be teamed with experienced shooters.

**Registration:** Scan the QR code above to register and pay the \$150 entry fee. **To sign up for this event see the Knights after Mass.**

More information, contact Mike Garcia at [Garciam25@gmail.com](mailto:Garciam25@gmail.com) or Eddie Ippolito at [Edmund.ippolito@gmail.com](mailto:Edmund.ippolito@gmail.com)

# YOUNG ADULTS

## NEW Weekly Event in Charlotte!

When: Wednesdays, 6 pm

Where: 200 Foster Ave, Charlotte, NC

The Friars are kicking off a weekly Young Adult Gathering at "The Fran" (their new location) every Wednesday. Come join us weekly for fellowship, faith formation and FOOD.

Information can be found on Instagram on the Friars ministry account: @search\_charlotte



## Young Adult Ministry at St. Mark

Join other like-minded young adults 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 many social events throughout the year.



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: [seanmeier1@gmail.com](mailto:seanmeier1@gmail.com).

# RESPECT LIFE

## Protecting Our Daughters



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[www.defendthefamily.org/protect](http://www.defendthefamily.org/protect)

*What can parents do to protect their girls from gender ideology and the abortion pill?*

With Mary Summa, J.D.  
General Counsel,  
NC Values Coalition

Thursday, June 18  
at 7:00 p.m.

Saint Mark Church  
Kerin Center  
14740 Stumptown Road  
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Today girls and young women are having their privacy and safety threatened with:

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- Unfairly competing against biological men in sports
- The proliferation of the harmful abortion pill

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# TRIPS

## El Camino de Santiago Pilgrimage 2026

When: Oct 27–Nov 7, 2026

Where: Spain

## Danube River Cruise and Prague Pilgrimage

When: March 31–April 9, 2027

Where: Germany, Austria, Slovakia & Hungary

## Divine Mercy Pilgrimage

When: October 2027

Where: Poland

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## Mass Schedule

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

All Masses may be watched live: [stmarknc.org/livestream](http://stmarknc.org/livestream)  
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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

Tuesdays, 9:30 am, Parish Hall.

## Cursillo

Visit [www.CharlotteCursillo.com](http://www.CharlotteCursillo.com) for information on upcoming retreat weekends, ultreyas and group reunions.

## Parishioner Assistance

### Financial:

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

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### Alcoholics Anonymous

Tom | 704-604-7739

### Alateen program

Paul G. | 704-641-0654

### Divorce Support Group

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

Contact: [divorce.support@stmarknc.org](mailto:divorce.support@stmarknc.org)

### Natural Family Planning

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### Elisabeth Laskowski; Creighton Model;

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# DEL PASTOR



Hoy celebramos la Solemnidad del Santísimo Cuerpo y Sangre de Cristo. Nuestras lecturas se centran en el increíble don de la Eucaristía. Como mayordomos, reconocemos que todo lo que somos y todo lo que tenemos son dones de Dios. Entre los mayores de estos dones está la Eucaristía — el propio Cuerpo y Sangre de Cristo, que nos ha sido dado para nuestro alimento espiritual.

Jesús lo deja claro en el Evangelio a través del milagro de la multiplicación de los panes. Toma lo que se le ofrece, lo bendice y lo transforma en más que suficiente para alimentar a la multitud.

Lo mismo ocurre en nuestras vidas. Cuando ofrecemos nuestros dones al Señor, Él los multiplica más allá de lo que jamás podríamos imaginar.

A través de la Eucaristía, nos fortalecemos para vivir el modo de vida de la mayordomía. Recibimos este regalo con gratitud y permitamos que transforme la forma en que vivimos, damos y servimos. © Consultores de Gestión Católica, 2026

**Las Encíclicas de Reflexión Pastoral** son utilizadas por los sucesores de San Pedro para abordar preocupaciones serias a la humanidad y para hablar de esas preocupaciones a la luz del Evangelio. *Magnífica Humanitas* ("Magnífica Humanidad") es la primera carta encíclica del Papa León XIV, firmada el 15 de mayo de 2026 y publicada el 25 de mayo de 2026. Su título completo es *Sobre la protección de la persona humana en la época de la inteligencia artificial*. A continuación, una breve visión general:

## Tema central

El documento presenta una aplicación contemporánea de la Doctrina Social Católica a los retos de la era digital, especialmente la inteligencia artificial. Establece paralelismos explícitos con la *Rerum Novarum* (1891) del Papa León XIII, que abordaba la Revolución Industrial, posicionando esta encíclica como una respuesta a lo que algunos describen como la cuarta revolución industrial impulsada por la IA.

La encíclica comienza con una elección contundente que enfrenta la humanidad: construir una nueva "Torre de Babel" (que simboliza la arrogancia tecnológica, la deshumanización, la exclusión de los vulnerables y la reducción de las personas a datos) o construir una ciudad donde Dios y la humanidad habiten juntos en dignidad y fraternidad.

## Mensajes clave

**-La dignidad humana como criterio central:** La tecnología, incluida la IA, no es inherentemente malvada ni antagónica para la humanidad, pero debe servir a la persona en lugar de dominarla o reemplazarla. El progreso debe orientarse hacia el bien común, la solidaridad, la subsidiariedad y la defensa de la dignidad humana.

**-Custodia de la Persona Humana:** El Papa pide tecnologías "desarmadoras", para que no se conviertan en instrumentos de dominación, exclusión o muerte. La IA influye en la vida diaria, la toma de decisiones, el trabajo, la educación, la política e incluso la guerra, requiriendo salvaguardas éticas.

**-Preocupaciones sociales y éticas:** aborda riesgos como la pérdida de empleos, nuevas formas de pobreza, vigilancia, desinformación, manipulación, ideologías transhumanistas y posthumanistas, y la posible erosión de relaciones humanas auténticas y creatividad. Se presta especial atención a la dignidad de las mujeres, los más vulnerables y los trabajadores.

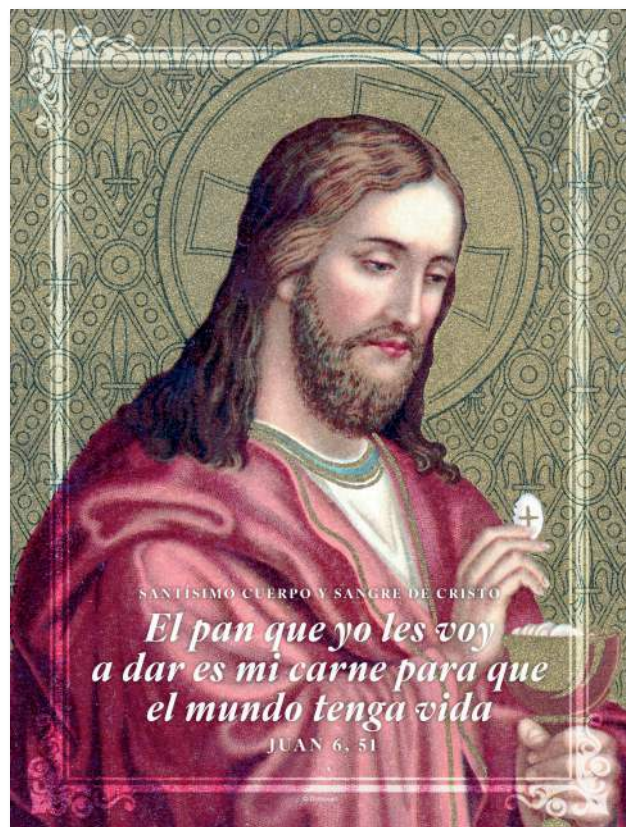
**-Orientación esperanzadora:** La encíclica enfatiza que el auténtico florecimiento humano se encuentra en Cristo. Insta a construir una sociedad más justa y fraternal mediante la responsabilidad compartida, el diálogo entre fe y ciencia, y la aplicación concreta de principios sociales como el bien común y la solidaridad.

## Estructura

El documento está dividido en cinco capítulos, aplicando sistemáticamente los principios de la Doctrina Social Católica a cuestiones contemporáneas, manteniendo un tono profético y pastoral.

*Magnífica Humanitas* está dirigida a católicos, cristianos y a todas las personas de buena voluntad. Posiciona a la Iglesia como una guía moral en tiempos de rápido cambio tecnológico, defendiendo que la IA y otras tecnologías se conviertan en aliadas de la dignidad humana cuando se orientan adecuadamente.

El texto completo está disponible en la página web del Vaticano en varios idiomas. Esta encíclica representa una contribución magistral significativa a los debates globales en curso sobre la ética en inteligencia artificial.






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