

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Be still, and know that I am God."

— Psalm 46:10

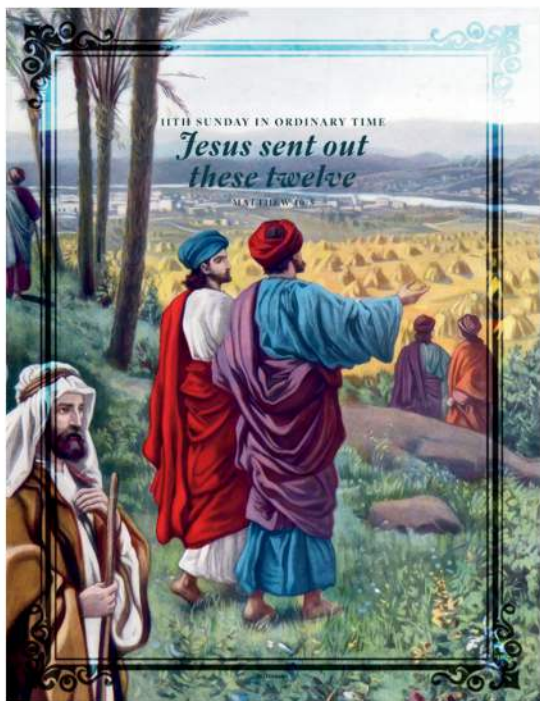


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WELCOME TO ST. MARK!



Today we return Ordinary Time. The readings can be found in the music handouts or in the St. Augustine Hymnal on page 906. 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, 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 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.

Thank you for generously sharing your gifts with the parish.



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FROM THE PASTOR



"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest." (Mt 9:37-38)
In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus looks upon the crowds with deep compassion. They are "troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd." Moved by love, He does not simply feel pity—He acts. He calls and empowers the Twelve, giving them authority to heal, cast out

demons, and proclaim the Kingdom of heaven. Then He sends them forth with a clear command: "Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give" (Mt 10:8).

This passage speaks directly to Christian stewardship. God has blessed each of us with time, talents, and treasure—not for ourselves alone, but for the sake of His abundant harvest. The needs around us remain great: families struggling, the sick and lonely, those who have drifted from the faith, and a world hungry for hope. The laborers are still too few.

As baptized disciples, we are all sent. Like the apostles, we have received grace without cost—through the sacraments, the Scriptures, the support of our parish family, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Good stewardship asks us to give the same way: generously, freely, and joyfully. This may mean volunteering our time in ministry, sharing our skills in service, or offering financial support to sustain the mission of the Church so that more "laborers" can be formed and sent.

At St. Mark's, we see this stewardship lived out every day—in those who teach religious education, visit the homebound, assist with the Diocesan Stewardship Appeal, welcome new families, and pray for vocations. Each act of generous service proclaims, in deed and word, that "the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Pastoral Pondering - Relaxation, understood not merely as leisure but as a spirit of interior rest in God, holds an important place in the Christian life. Scripture consistently presents rest as a divine gift. From the very beginning, God sanctifies rest in the Sabbath (Genesis 2:2-3), demonstrating that human beings are not meant

for endless labor but for a rhythm that includes renewal. This rhythm points beyond physical rest to a deeper spiritual reality: trusting in God's providence rather than relying solely on one's own effort. In a culture that often prizes constant activity and productivity, the Christian is called to remember that grace, not strain, is the foundation of a fruitful life.

Christ Himself invites His followers into this deeper relaxation of soul: "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). This rest is not inactivity, but a state of peace rooted in relationship with Him. It involves letting go of anxiety, fear, and excessive self-reliance. The Christian life, therefore, is not meant to be lived in a constant state of tension or agitation, but in a quiet confidence that God is at work. Relaxation in this sense becomes an act of faith—entrusting one's cares, responsibilities, and future to the Lord. Moreover, relaxation supports the spiritual virtues by allowing space for prayer, reflection, and attentiveness to God's presence. Without periods of stillness, the heart can become distracted and spiritually dull. Moments of rest—whether in silent prayer, contemplation, or even restorative recreation—help the believer to hear God more clearly and respond more generously. As Psalm 46:10 teaches, "Be still, and know that I am God." This stillness is not an escape from life but a way of engaging it more deeply, with a heart anchored in God's peace. Finally, healthy relaxation also reflects a balanced and incarnational understanding of the human person. Christians are both body and soul, and caring for one includes caring for the other. Appropriate rest, recreation, and even enjoyment of God's creation can renew energy for service and prevent burnout in ministry and daily duties. When embraced rightly, relaxation becomes not a distraction from the Christian calling but a support to it—restoring strength, fostering joy, and reminding the believer that all of life ultimately finds its meaning in God.

Enjoy the summer!



Welcoming Fathers Tweed and Lugo

The prayers of our parish for vocations continue to bear fruit.

Following their ordination to the priesthood on May 30, Father James Tweed and Father Michael Lugo will be serving at St. Mark during the month of June before beginning their permanent assignments in July.

Many parishioners have watched these men progress through years of formation, prayed for them as seminarians, and recently witnessed their ordination to the priesthood. Their presence among us is a visible reminder that God continues to call men to serve His Church and that those calls are answered with generous hearts.

Please join us in welcoming Fathers Tweed and Lugo and continue to pray for them as they begin their priestly ministry. May the Lord bless them and all those discerning a vocation to the priesthood and religious life.

Note: Fr. Aaron Huber, Chaplain of Christ the King, will continue celebrating Sunday Mass and living in residence at St. Mark until the end of June.

We will have a farewell reception in his honor on Sunday, June 28, after the 9 am Mass. Newly ordained Fr. John Cuppett has been assigned the new Chaplain for CTK.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please Pray For To submit a prayer request, visit: 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
Beth Collins	Allan Helmbrecht	Linda Morella	Robert Somerville
William Conklin	Madeline Louise Henwood	Mary Morgan	Betsy Spartz
Vic Crognale	Kevin Herman Sr.	Haleigh Moss	Mike Tolbert
Janice D'Angelo	Hannah Hopkins	Niall Mulkeen	Alston Torres
Sheila DeArmon	Hannah Hopkins	Elizabeth Mulligan	Haley Velez
Judy and Rich Deboer	Frank Hunnicutt III	Angeles Murphy	Julio Velez
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

Our Faithful Departed

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

Paul Nealon

Husband of Sally Nealon

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, June 15

7 am Dawne Bosse
 9 am St. Mark Parishioners

Tuesday, June 16

7 am † George Jasnau
 9 am † Samuel Pinto

Wednesday, June 17

7 am † Charles Kern
 † Victoria and Al Liszewski
 6:30 pm † Victoria & Al Liszewski
 † Donald and Annette Garvey

Thursday, June 18

7 am Eva Benedikovicova
 9 am † Samuel Pinto

Friday, June 19

7 am † Eva Benedikovicova
 9 am † Maria Pinto
 7 pm † Joel Nazavio Campoverde

Saturday, June 20

9 am † The Guzzo & Barna Families
 5 pm † Jon Ross

Sunday, June 21

7:30 am † Robert Keating
 9 am All Father's living and deceased
 11 am † Antoni Kalinowski
 1 pm St Mark Parishioners
 5 pm † Ed Akerman

† Deceased

READINGS

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

Monday 1 Kgs 21:1-16;
 Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7; Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday 1 Kgs 21:17-29; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab,
 11 and 16; Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Ps 31:20, 21, 24;
 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday Sir 48:1-14; Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7;
 Mt 6:7-15

Friday 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Ps 132:11,
 12, 13-14, 17-18; Mt 6:19-23

Saturday 2 Chron 24:17-25; Ps 89:4-5,
 29-30, 31-32, 33-34; Mt 6:24-34

Sunday Jer 20:10-13; Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17,
 33-35; Rm 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Air Force: C3C **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 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.



ADORATION

St. Joseph the Very First Adorer

By: Donna Fodale/Adoration Coordinator

When I think of Eucharistic Adoration, I can't help but think about St. Joseph. St. Peter Julian Eymard said in his book, *"The Month of St. Joseph"*, that St. Joseph was the very first Adorer of Our Lord. He tells us to have confidence, strong confidence in him. He invites us to take St. Joseph as the patron and model of Adoration.

I can just imagine St. Joseph gazing upon Jesus as he lay in the manger. St. Joseph's name is remembered at each Mass during the Eucharistic prayer, and he has been closely tied to the Eucharist.

"St. Joseph was, with Mary, the first to take up the practice of perpetual adoration. He was with Jesus, loving him, all the time — at home, in the workshop, in the synagogue, on the road. He teaches us to live in the presence of God at all times, and he shows us how to pray when we are in the Eucharistic presence of Our Lord."

St. Joseph models and teaches us Eucharistic Adoration in many ways. Father Jeffrey Kirby, the pastor of Our Lady of Grace parish in Indian Land, South Carolina, and the host of the daily devotional podcast *Morning Offering With Father Kirby* tells us, "Joseph was the first to see the Christ Child when he was born from his mother. As he held the Christ Child in his arms, he made the first Holy Hour. As he showed the Christ Child to Our Lady, he was the first to announce the Eucharistic Lord to the world. By placing him in the stable, which was a feeding trough, in Bethlehem, which means the 'City of Bread,' Joseph was giving us all the Bread of Life, the Bread come down from heaven."

That stable became more than just a stable. It became the very first adoration chapel. Visited by the shepherds and the Wise Men.

As we look ahead to Father's Day. I want to thank all the fathers who make time to visit the Adoration Chapel. The prayers that you offer for your families in front of the Blessed Sacrament, no doubt, not only bring great joy to our Lord but also to St. Joseph.

St. Joseph, much like the Blessed Mother, is always pointing us to Our Savior Jesus Christ. Inviting us to love Him, adore Him and make Him the center of our families.



Prayer to St. Joseph:

Glorious St. Joseph,

Guardian of the Redeemer and faithful protector of the Church,

I come before our Eucharistic Lord, seeking your quiet strength and steadfast faith.

You held the Child Jesus in your arms; now help me to hold Him in my heart.

Teach me to adore Him with the same reverence with which you gazed upon His holy face.

In your silence, you listened to God's voice—help me to listen in the stillness of this moment.

In your obedience, you followed His will—help me to surrender my life to His plan.

St. Joseph, humble servant of the Word made flesh, pray for me, that my love for Jesus in the Eucharist may grow deeper each day, until I see Him face to face in heaven.

Amen.

If you are interested in becoming a weekly Adorer, please [register at: www.stmarknc.org/adoration](http://www.stmarknc.org/adoration)

TO BE A SUB PLEASE CONTACT

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Father's Day Spiritual Bouquet

This Father's Day, honor the fathers and father figures who have made a difference in your life. Through our Father's Day Spiritual Bouquet, those enrolled, living or deceased, will be remembered in prayer at our Father's Day Masses.

As the foster father of Jesus and patron of fathers, St. Joseph remains a model of faithful fatherhood, quiet strength, sacrificial love, and trust in God's plan. We give thanks for the fathers, grandfathers, husbands, and father figures who strive to reflect those same virtues in their families.

Cards are available in the Narthex and may be returned with your offering, or you may submit your intentions online at stmarknc.org/fathers-day.



Donate Blood. Save Lives.

When: Sun., June 28, 8 am–1 pm

Where: St. Mark Parking Lot Big Red Bus

The Knights of Columbus will host a OneBlood Blood Drive at St. Mark on Sunday, June 28, from 8 am to 1 pm.

Just one donation can help patients in our community who are facing illness, injury, surgery, or other medical needs. Donors will receive a \$20 eGift Card, a sunshade, and a complimentary wellness checkup.

The blood drive will take place in the St. Mark parking lot aboard the OneBlood Big Red Bus. Just look for the big red bus when you arrive.

Only a small percentage of eligible donors give blood, yet the need remains constant. If you are able, please consider donating.

Appointments are encouraged at stmarknc.org/KoC.

Practicing the Virtues: Magnanimity

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus summons the Twelve and sends them out to continue His work. They are ordinary men, yet He entrusts them with an extraordinary mission. Freely they have received, and freely they are to give.

The virtue we consider this week is magnanimity.

The vice opposed to magnanimity is smallness of soul. When we focus only on our limitations, fears, or comfort, we can begin to believe that God is asking too much or that our lives are too ordinary to matter.

Magnanimity means greatness of soul. It is the willingness to accept that God may be calling us to more than we would choose for ourselves. It does not come from pride or self-importance. Rather, it comes from trusting that God's grace is greater than our weaknesses.

In our church, the word Magnanimity appears in a quiet corner of the right transept beneath the words, "They will speak new languages." It can be easily overlooked among the images of the saints nearby. Yet its placement is fitting. Magnanimity does not begin with recognition or status. It begins when ordinary people trust that God can accomplish something greater through them than they could imagine on their own.


The apostles could not have imagined where Christ's call would lead them. Yet they responded. Throughout the history of the Church, saints, missionaries, priests, religious, and faithful lay men and women have done the same. God continues to work through ordinary people who are willing to say yes.

As we continue through Ordinary Time, the virtue of magnanimity invites us to look beyond our fears and limitations and ask where God may be calling us to greater faithfulness. It reminds us that with God's grace, ordinary lives can become part of something far greater than themselves.

Stewardship Spotlight

Our parish-wide day of service, coming up on Saturday, August 1, 2026, provides a hands-on opportunity to feed hungry children and families in our local community and around the world. "For I was hungry and you gave me food." (Matthew 25:35) St. Mark parishioners will work with Servants with a Heart again this year at this one-day event.

Servants with a Heart was founded in 2011 with the mission of feeding hungry children and their families while encouraging volunteers to make a visible and lasting impact. Through partnerships with other organizations, they operate with no overhead costs, ensuring that 100% of funds go directly to food and its distribution. "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40)

The beauty of this project is that the whole family can share your time, talent, and treasure as we work toward our goal of 600 volunteers and \$25,500 to provide 150,000 meals. To make participation accessible, three volunteer shifts will be offered to accommodate a variety of schedules. If you are unable to join us in person but would still like to make an impact, we welcome your financial support. Additional details and opportunities to sign up can be found on  page 7.

For questions or more information, contact Karen Donahue at karen.donahue@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.

VOLUNTEER SHIFTS



8:00 – 10:15 AM



10:30 AM – 12:45 PM

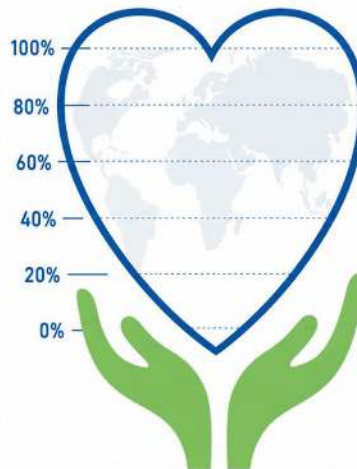


1:00 – 3:00 PM

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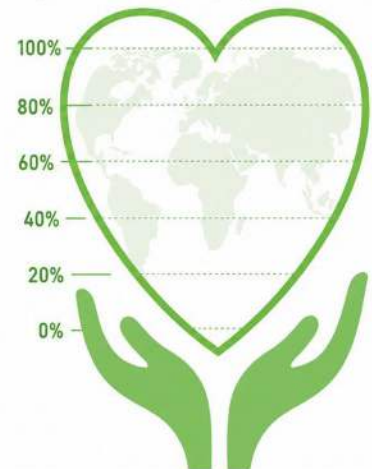
PEOPLE

• GOAL: 600 •



FUNDS

• GOAL: \$25,500 •



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



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Sunday & Monday
afternoon/evening
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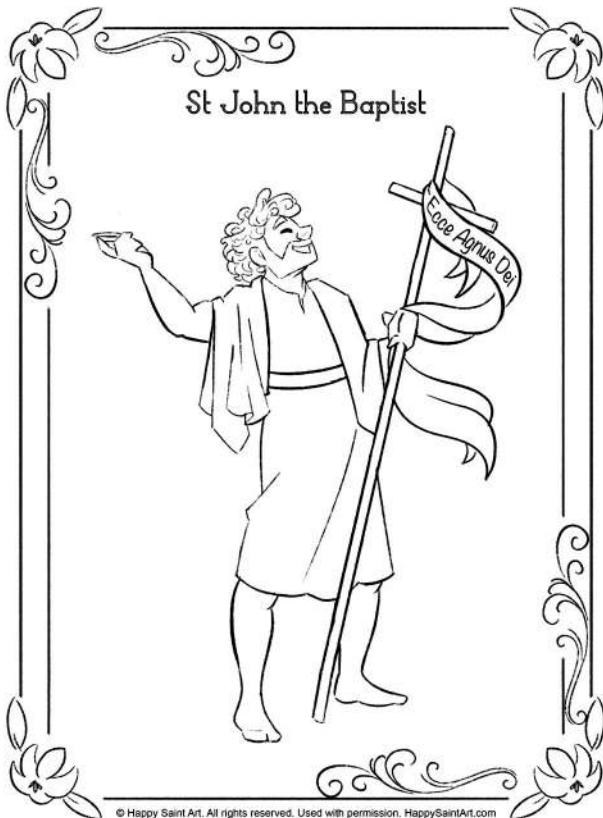
Sunday & Tuesday
evening
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NEW THIS FALL

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

REGISTER AT [STMARKNC.ORG/FF](https://stmarknc.org/ff)

MORE DETAILS AND EXACT TIMES AVAILABLE ONLINE



St John the Baptist

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist (June 24) TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

It's midsummer day! We have the advantage of celebrating one of the great hidden treasures of our liturgical calendar this Thursday. There are only three "nativity" feasts on our calendar:

- *for the Lord,*
- *the Blessed Mother (September 8), and*
- *today's birth of the Baptist.*

The date is anchored by the Annunciation (March 25), when Mary learns not only of her own child's advent, but of Elizabeth's child. We are exactly half a year away from Christmas Eve. There are strong traditions around this feast. Just as the winter solstice provides a rich vocabulary for Christmas, so does the abundance of light at midsummer inform this celebration.

Just as at Christmas, a religious festival spills over into culture. As summer light reaches its peak, the sun-drenched zones of northern Europe see people staying up all night, kindling "St. John's Fires" in the long summer twilight. Bonfires seem to be the unifying force in all these celebrations, kindled along the shores of the St. Lawrence in Quebec and Montreal, with harbor illuminations in France.

You may be most interested in the custom in San Juan, Puerto Rico, the Baptist's own city. People there will leap into the sea between midnight and dawn to honor John. Why not find your way to a pool, a lake, or a sandy beach this week and plunge in to recall your baptism? It's a tradition! —Rev. James Field



St. Mark Life Teen



America the Beautiful

Summer Life Night Series

Summer Life Nights run from 6-8pm inside the Parish Hall, or outside on the lawn. Dinner is always served at Life Nights. All rising freshmen through graduating seniors are welcome to attend.

June 14: Life Night

Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness

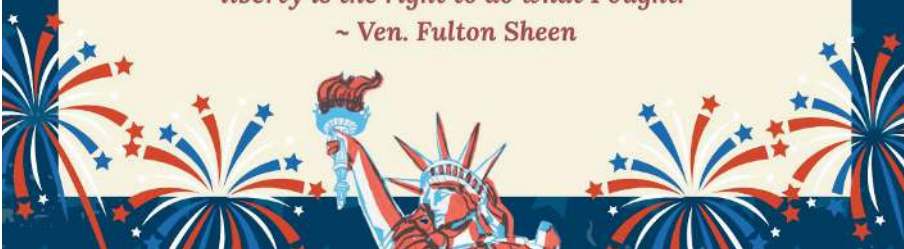
June 21: Life Night

One Nation Under God

June 28: NO LIFE NIGHT

Liberty is not the right to do whatever I please, nor is liberty the necessity of doing whatever the dictator dictates; rather liberty is the right to do what I ought.

~ Ven. Fulton Sheen



11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

N Q L D I P D R H H
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NORTH CAROLINA Right To Life HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS! PRO-LIFE LEADERSHIP CAMP

CAMP JOSHUA

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 June 26 & 27
 Victory Christian Center
 Charlotte, NC

\$30
 SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Camp Joshua 2026

When: June 26 and 27

Where: Victory Christian Center, Charlotte
 Calling All High School Students! North Carolina Right to Life invites you to Camp Joshua 2026—a dynamic two-day-camp focused on pro-life education, leadership, and fellowship with other teens. June 26 & 27 at Victory Christian Center Youth Building, Charlotte. Enjoy engaging speakers, interactive sessions, fun games, food, and meaningful conversations. Be part of the pro-life generation! Details & Registration (\$30): www.nctrl.org/campjoshuanc

Catholic Wrestling Camp

When: July 22-25

Where: Christ The King High School

Who: Rising 2nd through 8th graders

Cost: \$225 (includes camp t-shirt and healthy snacks)

Wrestlers of all skill levels are welcome. Participants will receive instruction from some of the area's top Catholic wrestlers and coaches, including All-American Jim Guzzio, Andy Lausier, a 22-year Division I collegiate coach, and 2026 North Carolina High School State Champion Michael Mauro, along with other former Division I wrestlers.

More than just a wrestling camp, participants will learn about competing with integrity, developing strong character, and giving glory to God through athletics.



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PARISH LIFE

Young Adult Ministry at St. Mark

Join other young adults seeking to grow in faith, friendship, 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.



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.

We look forward to seeing you there!



ST MARK YA GROUP PRESENTS

June Events

7: MASS & COFFEE
9 AM, WATERBEAN COFFEE

18, 25: BIBLE STUDY
7 PM, PARISH HOUSE

20: PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT
9 AM, HOLBROOK PARK

27: MOVIE NIGHT
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PARISH LIFE

St. Mark Rosary Makers—Our Lady Undoer of Knots

When: Sat., June 27, 10- 12 noon

Where: Kerin Family Center

The St. Mark Rosary Makers – Our Lady Undoer of Knots have accepted the challenge of making 4,000 World Peace Rosaries this summer in preparation for Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen’s Beatification in September. Archbishop Sheen designed the World Peace Rosary in 1951.

The Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist in Illinois have requested 70,000 rosaries for this special event. Through prayer, dedication, and the generous efforts of volunteers, the St. Mark Rosary Makers are honored to contribute to this important cause and help support the celebration of Archbishop Sheen’s long-awaited beatification.



Green: For the forests and grasslands of Africa (green is also a sacred color for the Muslims).

Red: Calling to mind the fire of faith that brought missionaries to the Americas (US, Canada, Latin America, and Native Americans).

White: Symbolizing Europe, the home of the Holy Father.

Blue: For the ocean surrounding the islands of the Pacific (Australia/Oceania).

Yellow: Symbolizing the morning light of the East and ‘beginning of civilization’ for Asia/Middle East.

You are warmly invited to participate in this summer project in support of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen’s Beatification and to pray for World Peace through the making of World Peace Rosaries.

No experience is necessary—we will teach you! Whether you are a beginner or an experienced rosary maker, your help is welcome and appreciated. We meet the fourth Saturday of each month from 10 am-noon. Come enjoy fellowship, learn a new skill, and be part of this special effort to help provide rosaries for this historic celebration. Every rosary made is a prayer for peace and a gift of faith to others. We look forward to welcoming you! Info: Sharon Torczynski, Rosaryblessing@aol.com, or 303 667-1971

PRAYER & PRAISE NIGHT

Tuesday, June 23, in the church



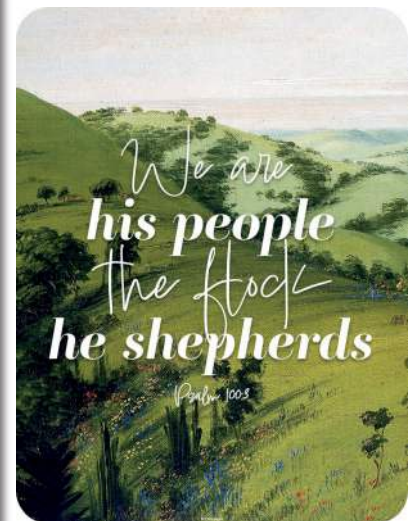
Rosary: 7 pm

Prayer & Praise: 7:30-8:30 pm

Even after the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, the disciples remained afraid, gathered together in the upper room. But when the Spirit of God came upon them at Pentecost, they were transformed. Filled with the Holy Spirit, they went out boldly to evangelize the world. Today, it is estimated that there are 2.6 billion Christians worldwide. However, many identify as Christians but still live according to the ways of the world. If the same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead lives in us, then we are called to live an authentic Christian life—just as the disciples did—and to share the Gospel with others. Join us at 7:00 PM to pray the Rosary, followed by a time of worship, where we will seek the Lord’s presence, be empowered by His Spirit, and pray for healing.

Future dates: July 21

Contact Information: Fernando at (252) 412-9978 (call or text)





Coming Up at St. Mark

After nearly four months of Lent, Easter, and the great solemnities of the Church, we return to Ordinary Time. The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time reminds us that holiness is found not only in extraordinary celebrations, but also in the faithful living of each ordinary day.

Note: Friday, June 19 is Juneteenth. Please note that the parish offices will be closed in celebration of the national holiday.

Saturday, June 13

Catholic Charities Houseware Collection

Thursday, June 18

Talk: Protecting Our Daughters

June 22-26

Vacation Bible School

June 23

Prayer & Praise 7 pm

June 26-28

St. Mark Marriage Retreat

Monday, July 13

Adoration Mass of Thanksgiving

July 20-23

Preschool Camp

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



Free June program-All invited!

“ Living Life with Laughter and Purpose ”

**Monday, June 15
11 am-1pm, Parish Hall**

Everyone is invited to this uplifting presentation on benefits of laughter and practical ways to bring joy into your life and how to live the joyful life God intended for us.

Presented by Amanda Buck, Director of Community Engagement at Carolina Caring.



A complimentary lunch is included. Registration required.

RSVP by June 14: Kevin & Janet Urban,
urbkev@yahoo.com, 704-689-3847

Stephen Ministry: Help, Hope, Healing,

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

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

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





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Sunday, June 28
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*What can parents do
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With Mary Summa, J.D.
General Counsel,
NC Values Coalition

**Thursday, June 18
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**Saint Mark Church
Kerin Center**
14740 Stumptown Road
Huntersville, NC

Today girls and young women are
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threatened with:

- Sharing public school bathrooms and locker rooms with males
- Unfairly competing against biological men in sports
- The proliferation of the harmful abortion pill

Learn how to **stand up and protect**
the dignity of girls and women.

Prayer Service for Immigrants

When: Sat., June 20, 6:30 pm

Where: St. Peter Church, Outside

All are invited to a Prayer Service for Immigrants at the Meditation Garden at St. Peter Catholic Church (507 S. Tryon St., Charlotte).

This prayer service is part of the Catholic Season of Faithful Witness and will bring together members of the community in solidarity with immigrants, promoting human dignity and the common good through prayer and reflection.

Chairs will be provided for those attending. In the event of rain, the service will be held indoors.

Free parking will be available in The Green parking garage. Validation ("chaser") tickets will be provided to attendees.

As the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops reminds us:

"To our immigrant brothers and sisters, we stand with you in your suffering since, when one member suffers, all suffer. You are not alone!"

For more information, email
stpetercatholicsocialjustice@gmail.com.

Summer Pop-up Art Walk

When: Sat., June 20, 11 am-4 pm

Where: St. Thomas Aquinas Parish (1400 Suther Rd. Charlotte)

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish (1400 Suther Rd. Charlotte) is hosting a Summer Pop up Art Walk on Saturday, June 20 from 11am-4 pm. Food, drinks, treats, art classes, and music will be available for purchase, with proceeds benefiting the parish. Please visit our website for more information at www.stacharlotte.com.



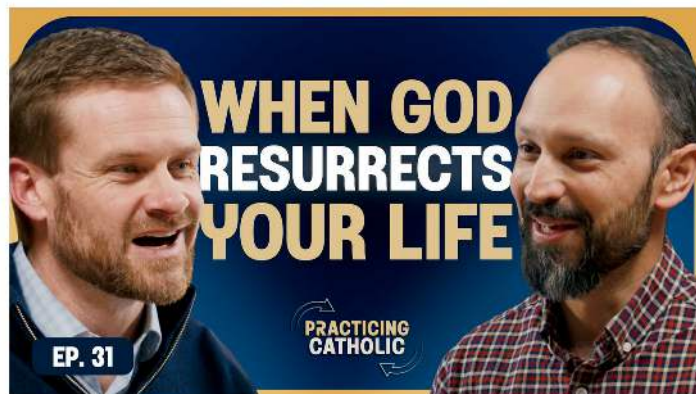
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Mass Schedule

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

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

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Coffee & Conversation Social Gathering

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Cursillo

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

Parishioner Assistance

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

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“Las La cosecha es abundante, pero los trabajadores son pocos; por eso, rueguen al dueño de la mies que envíe trabajadores a su cosecha.” (Mt 9, 37-38)

En el Evangelio de este domingo, Jesús contempla a la multitud con profunda compasión. Los ve “cansados y abatidos, como ovejas sin pastor”. Movidó por el amor, no se limita a sentir lástima; actúa. Llama a los Doce y les da autoridad para sanar

enfermos, expulsar demonios y anunciar el Reino de los cielos. Después los envía con una misión clara: “Gratis lo recibieron; denlo gratis.” (Mt 10, 8).

Este pasaje nos habla directamente sobre la corresponsabilidad cristiana. Dios ha bendecido a cada uno de nosotros con tiempo, talentos y recursos, no solamente para nuestro propio beneficio, sino para colaborar en su abundante cosecha. Las necesidades a nuestro alrededor siguen siendo grandes: familias que enfrentan dificultades, personas enfermas o solas, quienes se han alejado de la fe y un mundo que tiene hambre de esperanza. Los trabajadores siguen siendo pocos.

Como discípulos bautizados, todos somos enviados. Al igual que los apóstoles, hemos recibido gratuitamente la gracia de Dios por medio de los sacramentos, la Sagrada Escritura, el apoyo de nuestra familia parroquial y los dones del Espíritu Santo. La buena corresponsabilidad nos invita a responder de la misma manera: con generosidad, libertad y alegría. Esto puede significar ofrecer nuestro tiempo en algún ministerio, poner nuestros talentos al servicio de los demás o brindar apoyo económico para sostener la misión de la Iglesia y ayudar a formar y enviar más trabajadores para la mies del Señor.

En San Marcos vemos esta corresponsabilidad vivida cada día en quienes enseñan formación en la fe, visitan a los enfermos y confinados en casa, apoyan la Campaña Diocesana de Corresponsabilidad, reciben a las nuevas familias y oran por las vocaciones. Cada acto de servicio generoso proclama, con palabras y acciones, que «el Reino de los cielos está cerca responderemos.

Reflexión pastoral - La relajación, entendida no solo como ocio sino como un espíritu de descanso interior en Dios, ocupa un lugar importante en la vida cristiana. Las Escrituras presentan

consistentemente el descanso como un regalo divino. Desde el principio, Dios santifica el descanso en el sábado (Génesis 2:2-3), demostrando que los seres humanos no están destinados a un trabajo interminable, sino a un ritmo que incluye la renovación. Este ritmo apunta más allá del descanso físico hacia una realidad espiritual más profunda: confiar en la providencia de Dios en lugar de depender únicamente del propio esfuerzo. En una cultura que a menudo valora la actividad constante y la productividad, el cristiano está llamado a recordar que la gracia, no la tensión, es la base de una vida fructífera.

Cristo mismo invita a sus seguidores a esta relajación más profunda del alma: "Venid a mí, todos los que laboráis y estáis cargados, y os daré descanso" (Mateo 11:28). Este descanso no es inactividad, sino un estado de paz arraigado en la relación con Él. Implica dejar ir la ansiedad, el miedo y la autosuficiencia excesiva. Por tanto, la vida cristiana no está hecha para vivirse en un estado constante de tensión o agitación, sino en una confianza tranquila de que Dios está actuando. La relajación en este sentido se convierte en un acto de fe: confiar las propias preocupaciones, responsabilidades y futuro al Señor.

Además, la relajación apoya las virtudes espirituales al permitir espacio para la oración, la reflexión y la atención a la presencia de Dios. Sin periodos de quietud, el corazón puede distraerse y volverse espiritualmente apagado. Los momentos de descanso — ya sea en oración silenciosa, contemplación o incluso recreación reparativa— ayudan al creyente a escuchar a Dios con mayor claridad y responder con mayor generosidad. Como enseña el Salmo 46:10, "Quietos y sabed que yo soy Dios." Esta quietud no es una vía de escape de la vida, sino una forma de comprometerse más profundamente con ella, con un corazón anclado en la paz de Dios.

Por último, la relajación saludable también refleja una comprensión equilibrada e incarnacional de la persona humana. Los cristianos son cuerpo y alma, y cuidar de uno incluye cuidar al otro. El descanso adecuado, la recreación e incluso el disfrute de la creación de Dios pueden renovar la energía para el servicio y prevenir el agotamiento en el ministerio y las tareas diarias. Cuando se acepta correctamente, la relajación no se convierte en una distracción del llamado cristiano, sino en un apoyo para ella: restaurando fuerzas, fomentando la alegría y recordando al creyente que toda la vida encuentra finalmente su significado en Dios. ¡Disfruta del verano!






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