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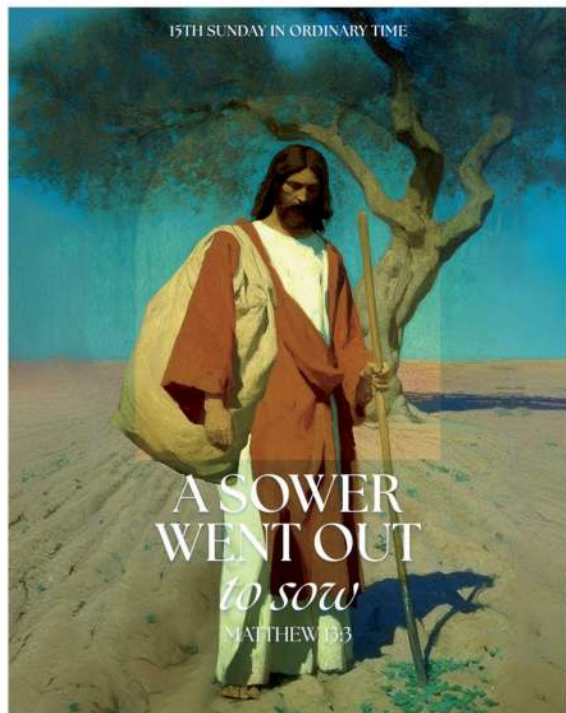
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WELCOME TO ST. MARK!



Today is the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The readings can be found in the music handouts or in the St. Augustine Hymnal on page 913. 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.

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FROM THE PASTOR



In today's Gospel from Matthew, Jesus shares the familiar Parable of the Sower. It is a powerful image for the stewardship way of life, demonstrating the gradual but

transformative effect that a life centered on God can have on us over time.

In the parable, some seed falls on a path where birds quickly carry it away. Other seed falls on rocky ground, where it begins to grow but cannot develop deep roots. Still more seed falls among thorns that eventually choke the young plants.

Finally, some seed falls on rich, fertile soil and produces an abundant harvest. Jesus explains that the seed is the Word of God, generously scattered for all to receive. The question is whether our hearts are prepared to receive it and allow it to take root. This is where the stewardship way of life comes in. When we offer our time, talent, and treasure to God and place Him first in our lives, we help create the "good soil" needed for the Kingdom to flourish within us.

Stewardship removes the "rocks" of mistrust as we grow in confidence that God will provide for our needs. It clears away the "thorns" of worldly concerns that can distract us from what matters most. Through prayer, the sacraments, and generous service, the soil of our lives is continually nourished and renewed.

Let us deepen our commitment to this way of life, allowing the Divine Sower to do His work within us. In time, He will produce an abundant harvest through our lives.

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Pastoral Pondering

A Pastoral Reflection on the Earthquakes in Venezuela

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In these days, our hearts are heavy as we learn of the devastating earthquakes that struck Venezuela on June 24. Two powerful tremors, measuring approximately 7.2 and 7.5 in magnitude, have caused great loss of life, injured thousands, and left many families homeless and grieving. As your pastor, I invite you to join me in prayer for all those affected—the deceased, the injured, the missing, and those working tirelessly in rescue and relief efforts. May the Lord grant them strength and comfort in this time of trial.

The Catholic Church offers us clear guidance on how to understand such natural disasters. They are not punishments from God directed at specific sins or peoples. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches, our world is "in a state of journeying" toward its ultimate perfection (CCC 310). In God's wise plan, creation includes both life-giving and destructive forces of nature—such as the shifting of tectonic plates that cause earthquakes. Physical evils like these remind us of the disorder introduced into the world by Original Sin, yet they are not direct divine judgments. Jesus Himself rejected such thinking when asked about tragedies in His time (see Luke 13:1-5 and John 9:1-3). Instead, these events humble us, turn our eyes from fleeting earthly goods toward heaven, and call forth the best in us: compassion, solidarity, and trust in God's providence.

Our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, has expressed his deep closeness to the Venezuelan people. He has offered prayers for the victims and their families, entrusted the rescuers to the

Lord, and sent an initial emergency donation of €100,000 to support relief efforts through the local Church. He urges the international community to respond with generous solidarity.

In moments like this, we remember that creation itself "groans" in labor pains as it awaits full redemption (Romans 8:22). Yet we are not without hope. God does not abandon His children. He is present in the suffering Christ who walks with us, and He brings good even from tragedy—through heroic acts of charity, stronger communities, and hearts turned more fully toward Him.

What can we do here at St. Mark?

- **Pray:** Offer Masses, Rosaries, or personal prayers for Venezuela. Consider a special intention at weekend Masses. Let us entrust our Venezuelan brothers and sisters to the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Mark, our patron.
- **Help:** Support reliable Catholic relief organizations such as Catholic Relief Services (CRS) or efforts coordinated by our Diocese of Charlotte. Even small donations can provide food, shelter, and medical aid.
- **Reflect:** Use this as an opportunity for personal conversion and gratitude for the blessings we enjoy.

May the Risen Lord bring healing, peace, and hope to all who suffer. And may we, as one parish family, respond with the love of Christ.



The Diocese of Charlotte is recommending donations be made through Catholic Relief Services www.crs.org/donate/venezuela-earthquake or scan the code.

Our Lady of Coromoto

Our Lady of Coromoto, Patroness of Venezuela, appeared to the Indigenous chief Coromoto in the 17th century, inviting his people to embrace the Christian faith. In 1944, she was proclaimed the patroness of Venezuela by Pope Pius XII and remains a powerful sign of hope and unity for the Venezuelan people. As we pray for all those affected by the recent earthquakes, we ask for her intercession and maternal protection.



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please Pray For To submit a prayer request, visit: stmarknc.org/prayerchain

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

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**; LTJG. **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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 12

7:30 am	Mouniratou Traore
9 am	† Jim Boudon
11 am	† Patrick Mann
1 pm	† Esperanza Rodriguez
5 pm	St. Mark Parishioners

Monday, July 13

7 am	Joanna Steenburgh
9 am	Diana Grabill

Tuesday, July 14

7 am	Joanna Solorzano
9 am	† Valeria Gerbasi

Wednesday, July 15

7 am	† Henrietta Perez
	† Harry Robertson
6:30 pm	† William Broda
	Diane Mafera

Thursday, July 16

7 am	Carmelite Community
9 am	Mary's Women of Joy

Friday, July 17

7 am	Caroline Hashemi
9 am	† Johny Ocampo
7 pm	† Jose Edgar Flores Flores

Saturday, July 18

9 am	† Sue McCarron
5 pm	† Agustin Cerda

Sunday, July 19

7:30 am	St. Mark Parishioners
9 am	† William Casey
11 am	† Valeria Gerbasi
1 pm	† Ricardo Gomez
5 pm	† Carmen Wong Choy

† Deceased

READINGS

Sun. Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14;
Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 or Mt 13:1-9

Mon. Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 10:34-11:1

Tue. Memorial of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8; Mt 11:20-24

Wed. Memorial of Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27

Thu. Is 26:7-9; 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21; Mt 11:28-30

Fri. Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16; Mt 12:1-8

Sat. Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21

Sun. Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 or Mt 13:24-30





Welcome, Fr. John Cuppett!

St. Mark is pleased to welcome Fr. John Cuppett to our parish family. He was ordained to the priesthood in May and has been appointed chaplain at Christ the King Catholic High School. He will reside at St. Mark while assisting with Sunday Masses and other sacramental ministry.

A native of Cary who was raised in Four Oaks, North Carolina, Fr. Cuppett attended Belmont Abbey College, where he played baseball before discerning God's call to the priesthood. A member of St. Leo the Great Parish in Winston-Salem, he enjoys sports, hiking, and camping.

Please join us in welcoming Fr. Cuppett as he is scheduled to celebrate his first Mass here on Sunday, July 12, at 9 am.



Blood Drive Thank You!

Thank you to our Knights of Columbus, OneBlood, and everyone who participated in the blood drive on June 28.

Because of your generosity, 52 units of whole blood and 2 platelet donations were collected, enough to help 162 patients in need.

OneBlood shared this message following the drive: *"It is because of sponsors like St. Mark and the generosity of your community that we are able to fulfill our lifesaving mission."*

We are especially grateful to our Knights of Columbus for coordinating this important ministry and to every donor who gave the gift of life. Your willingness to serve others is a beautiful witness to our Catholic faith and a reminder that even a simple act of generosity can make an extraordinary difference.

Thank you for helping bring hope and healing to so many.

ADORATION



Third Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for Adorers

When: Mon., July 13; 6 pm

Where: Church. followed by light refreshments in Parish Hall

All who spend time before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament are warmly invited to join us for our Third Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for Adorers.

This special Mass is an opportunity to thank God for the many graces received through Eucharistic Adoration and to offer prayers of thanksgiving and reparation before the Lord. Whether you are a scheduled adorer, substitute adorer, member of the Chapel Cleaning Team, or simply someone who regularly visits the Adoration Chapel, we hope you will join us. Family members and friends are also welcome.

As a parish, we are deeply grateful for the faithful men and women who keep watch before Our Eucharistic Lord day and night. Through your prayers, sacrifices, and quiet presence, you help sustain this beautiful ministry and strengthen the spiritual life of our parish.

To help us prepare for the reception, please sign up by scanning the code or going to: tinyurl.com/ymwypkps.



Please Consider Becoming a Weekly Adorer

We have a few hours that need one additional Adorer. Summer is a great time to spend time in the Adoration Chapel. Hours that need an additional Adorer.

Day/Evening Hours:

Saturday: 5 pm to 6 pm

Sunday: 10 am to 11 am

Sunday: 6 pm to 7 pm

Register at: stmarknc.org/adoration.

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



feed the HUNGRY

Saturday, August 1

**We need 600 volunteers and \$25,500
to package 150,000 meals!**

Will you join this parish-wide day of service?

THREE SHIFTS

8-10:15 am

10:30 am-12:45 pm

1-3pm

Heavy duty set up and clean up shifts also available!

VISIT OUR TABLE AFTER MASS

Learn more, ask
questions, sign up to
volunteer, and make a
donation.

*For I was hungry and you
gave me food.
— Matthew 25:35*

VOLUNTEER AND DONATE ONLINE stmarknc.org/swh

Every meal. Every dollar.
Every volunteer makes a
difference.



STEWARDSHIP

Feed the Hungry with Servants with a Heart: Sign Up By July 19!

*"For I was hungry and you gave me food."
Matthew 25:35*

What does a meal packaging event look like?

Imagine hundreds of parishioners of every age working side by side as music plays, conversations fill the Parish Hall, and meals quickly add up for families who desperately need them. It's energetic, joyful, and one of the most rewarding days of service at St. Mark. (And yes... everyone wears the famous hairnets!)

On **Saturday, August 1**, our parish hopes to package **150,000 nutritious meals** that will be distributed to children and families in need through Servants with a Heart. Every meal costs just 17 cents, and together we are working to **raise \$25,500** and recruit **600 volunteers** to make the day possible.

Who can help?

Everyone. Families are encouraged to serve together, and children, teens, adults, and grandparents can all participate in the meal packaging. No experience is necessary. There are three volunteer shifts, making it easy to fit into your schedule.

If lifting, setup, or logistics are more your style, we also need volunteers for **Friday setup** and **Saturday cleanup and loading** after the event. These behind-the-scenes roles are just as important to making the day a success.

Why does it matter?

Recently, one of Servants with a Heart's ministry partners from Cuba shared that families are living for weeks without reliable electricity. Food cannot be refrigerated, making these simple shelf-stable meals not just appreciated, but essential. Your few hours of service can become nourishment and hope for someone you will likely never meet.

How can I help?

After Mass this weekend, please stop by the Servants with a Heart tables to learn more, ask questions, sign up to volunteer, or make a donation. **We hope to have our volunteers and funding in place by July 19** so the food can be ordered and preparations finalized.

Together, we can put our faith into action, one meal, one family, and one act of love at a time.

Volunteer or donate: stmarknc.org/swh

Stewardship Spotlight: Women's Newcomer Ministry (After the Boxes)

Connecting in Faith is one of our four St. Mark stewardship pillars. This week's spotlight is on our Women's Newcomer Ministry (After the Boxes), a group that helps women connect during times of transition.

They welcome women new to the area or the parish, and women going through a transition such as retirement or the loss of a spouse.

The fall session is scheduled on Wednesdays from September 9 to November 11 from 10 am to 11:30 am, for a series of 10 sessions.

This small-group-type class series is a great way to meet other parishioners, make new friends, and learn about the many things our parish and community offer.

Navigating times of transition can be stressful; this ministry is here to help you adjust and discover God's will for this time in your life.

Spaces are limited, so please sign up early to ensure your spot! For more information, please contact Catherine at 704-340-6234 or email after-the-boxes@stmarknc.org.

Mission Appeal: Welcome Fr. Francis Musyoka

Next weekend, July 18-19, we are honored to welcome Fr. Francis Musyoka, pastor of St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Loarengak, Kenya, in the Diocese of Lodwar.

Fr. Francis serves in one of the most remote mission regions of Kenya, where the Church brings the Gospel and essential pastoral care to communities spread across a vast and challenging landscape. He will speak at all Masses about the life of his parish, the people he serves, and the opportunities and challenges of missionary ministry.

A second collection will be taken to support St. Joseph the Worker Parish and help further its mission. Your generosity will directly assist the Church's work in bringing hope and the love of Christ to the people of northern Kenya.

Thank you for your prayerful support of this important mission.



Are you new to Saint Mark?
(Or not "new" but still feel "new"?)

Women Newcomers

Please come join us to laugh, cry,
and make new friends!

Wednesdays
September 9-November 11
10-11:30 am

New to our parish or still feel "new"?
The class is based on Susan Miller's
book "**After the Boxes Are Unpacked**"
dealing with the spiritual, emotional
and practical needs when making a
move. It is a great way to meet
fellow parishioners and make new
friends.



Space is limited; reserve your spot today!
To register or for further information, please call
Catherine, 704-340-6234 or email after-the-boxes@stmarknc.org.

We look forward to meeting you!

Called & Gifted™ Charisms and Gifts Discernment Workshop Series

When: Wednesdays, Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; 6:30 - 8 pm

Where: Kerin Family Center, Room 204

St. Mark will share the Catherine of Siena Institute Called and Gifted™ workshop series this September. This five-session experience will help you discover the unique spiritual gifts, called charisms, that God has given you, not only for your personal journey but to serve others and reflect Christ's light in the world.

Whether you are navigating one of life's transitions, are a new or returning Catholic, are a young adult, or are simply wondering, "How can I follow Jesus' plan for my life?", this workshop is for you. This wonderful opportunity to learn more about charisms and how we can each discern our unique gifts includes small-group learning sessions and discussions. The \$20 registration fee includes the workshop, personal gifts inventory, and a resource book. This is the first step in a three-part discernment process which also includes a personal interview and small group discernment. Scan code or register at stmarknc.org/called-and-gifted.

Registration will be limited to 15 participants for the September sessions.

Information: stmarknc.org/called-and-gifted



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PARISH LIFE

Bulletin Advertisers Needed: Renew this Week!

Each week, the St. Mark bulletin helps keep our parish informed, connected, and engaged. Thanks to the generous support of our bulletin sponsors, this important resource is provided to our parish at no cost.

Our bulletin publishing partner, Diocesan, is currently renewing existing advertisements and welcoming new sponsors. If you own a business, would like to advertise on behalf of your family, promote a favorite nonprofit or ministry, or place a memorial in honor of a loved one, we invite you to consider becoming a bulletin sponsor.

Supporting the bulletin is a meaningful way to promote your organization while helping provide an important communication ministry for our parish.

We also encourage our parish family to support the businesses and organizations that support St. Mark. When you need a service, contractor, healthcare provider, restaurant, or other local business, please consider our bulletin advertisers first. Their continued support makes it possible for the bulletin to be published each week at no cost to the parish. You can find our advertisers on pages 17–20 of the bulletin.

Mark Fitzgerald from Diocesan will be at St. Mark Tuesday, July 14 through Friday, July 17, meeting with current and prospective advertisers.

If you would like more information about advertising, please contact him at 614-205-4841 or mfitzgerald@diocesan.com.

Thank you for supporting the ministries, communications, and sponsors of St. Mark.

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.

Ongoing Food Bin and Gift Card Collection

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

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

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

Thank you!

Mass Intentions

The Mass Intention Calendar for January through June 2027 is now available.

Please be aware that you can request a total of five intentions per person, family, or organization for the six-month period. Mass Intentions are offered at St. Mark Catholic Church, St. Mark Catholic School, and Davidson College at the Lingle Chapel.

Please note that we accept donations in cash or checks only, and the recommended donation is \$15 per intention.

For those who would like to honor their deceased loved ones, we also offer the Purgatorial Society. Your loved ones' name is added to our book for a year and is remembered on the last Wednesday of every month at the 6:30 pm Mass. Enrollment in this Society is \$25.

For more information on the Purgatorial Society, visit our website at stmarknc.org/purgatorial-society or speak to the receptionist at the Welcome Desk.

Catholic Gifts and Books!

The Carolina Catholic Gift and Book Store, located in the Kerin Family Center, offers a wonderful selection of Catholic books, Bibles, rosaries, medals, gifts, sacramental items, greeting cards, and more. Whether you are looking for a meaningful gift, a resource to deepen your faith, or a special item for a sacrament or celebration, we invite you to stop by and browse. The store is open whenever the Kerin Family Center is open. All are welcome!



**IN CELEBRATION OF
OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL**

Thursday, July 16

Evening Prayer, 6 pm † Mass, 6:30 pm

**Please join us to celebrate the Profession of members of our Lay
Carmelite Community here at St. Mark.**



Celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

When: Thurs, July 16; 6 pm prayer, 6:30 pm Mass

Where: Church

The Our Lady Star of the Sea Lay Carmelite Community warmly invites all parishioners to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel with Evening Prayer and Mass, during which members of the community will celebrate the Reception and Profession of New Members.

The title Our Lady of Mount Carmel dates back to the 12th century, when hermits settled on Mount Carmel in the Holy Land, dedicating their lives to prayer in imitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Prophet Elijah. Today, the Carmelite family—religious, priests, and lay faithful throughout the world—continues that tradition of seeking God through prayer, contemplation, and service.

The Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel is also closely associated with the Brown Scapular, a cherished Catholic devotion. According to Carmelite tradition, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to St. Simon Stock on July 16, 1251, presenting him with the Brown Scapular as a sign of her maternal protection and a call to follow Christ more faithfully. Today, many Catholics continue to wear the Brown Scapular as an outward expression of their devotion to Mary and their commitment to live the Gospel.

Lay Carmelites are ordinary Catholic men and women who embrace the Carmelite spirituality while living in the world. Inspired by Mary, they strive to grow in holiness through contemplative prayer, participation in the sacraments, ongoing spiritual formation, and service to the Church, all while fulfilling their responsibilities in family, work, and parish life.

The St. Mark Lay Carmelite Community is dedicated to Our Lady, Star of the Sea, one of the Church's oldest Marian titles. Like a guiding star for sailors, Mary leads us safely to her Son and encourages us to follow Him more closely.

Whether you are simply curious about Carmelite spirituality or feel called to deepen your prayer life, you are warmly invited to join us for this beautiful celebration.

The Our Lady Star of the Sea Lay Carmelite Community meets monthly at St. Mark for prayer, formation, and fellowship.

For more information, contact Community Director Charlotte Naegele at naegelec@gmail.com.



Practicing the Virtues: Innocence

For the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, we reflect on the virtue of Innocence.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the Parable of the Sower. The seed is the Word of God, generously scattered for all to receive. Some seed falls on rocky ground or among thorns, while other seed falls on rich soil and bears abundant fruit.

Like the good soil, innocence is a heart that remains open to God. It does not mean being naïve or unaware of the world's challenges. Rather, it is the purity of heart that welcomes God's Word with trust and allows His grace to take root.

The greatest threat to innocence is not experience, but a heart that becomes hardened by cynicism, pride, or the distractions of daily life. When we allow those things to take hold, God's Word struggles to grow. But when we approach the Lord with childlike trust, He cultivates within us a faith that bears lasting fruit.

The virtue of Innocence is found in the right transept between the shrines of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and St. Teresa of Calcutta. Both saints show us that a heart fully open to God can accomplish extraordinary things. As we leave the church each week, may this virtue remind us to receive God's Word with openness, guard our hearts from whatever would harden them, and bear fruit for His Kingdom.

PARISH LIFE

Save the Date: Coat, Blanket, Toy & Baby Drive Collection Weekend: October 10 & 11

As you clean closets, organize playrooms, or prepare for back-to-school, consider setting aside gently used or new items for St. Mark's annual Coat, Blanket, Toy & Baby Drive this October.

This year, in addition to collecting coats, blankets, toys, games, books, puzzles, and bicycles, we are partnering with Walking with Moms in Need to collect infant and toddler clothing for young families in our community.

Please hold on to your donations until the collection weekend.

*We are unable to accept items before October 10 & 11
because we do not have storage space.*

Donations left at the parish before the collection will need to be taken to Goodwill.

We will be collecting:

- Coats (infant through adult)
- Blankets and comforters
- Toys, games, puzzles, and books (birth through teens)
- Bicycles
- NEW THIS YEAR: Infant and toddler clothing.

Thanks to your generosity, we serve hundreds of people in need each year. By setting items aside now, you'll help make this year's collection even more successful.

Contacts::

Coat, Blanket and Toy Drive: Katherine Ducey at duceyfive@yahoo.com

Baby Drive: Beth Zuhosky at beth.zuhosky.com



Coming Up at St. Mark

Monday, July 13

Adoration Mass of Thanksgiving

Monday, July 20

Divino Nino Mass, 7 pm

July 20-23

Preschool Camp

Tuesday, July 21

Prayer and Praise

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

PRAYER & PRAISE NIGHT

Tuesday, July 21, 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.

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



Stephen Ministry: Help, Hope, Healing

Life brings seasons when we all need someone to listen, encourage, and pray with us. Whether you are grieving the loss of a loved one, facing illness, caring for a family member, experiencing divorce or separation, struggling with loneliness, unemployment, parenting challenges, or another difficult life circumstance, you don't have to walk through it alone.

Stephen Ministers are trained parishioners who provide one-on-one, confidential Christian care to those who are hurting. They offer a compassionate presence, a listening ear, and ongoing support rooted in Christ's love.

If you or someone you know could benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister, please contact Leanne Vaccaro at leanne.vaccaro@stmarknc.org or Rich Kull at rkull@optonline.net.

Learn more at stmarknc.org/stephen-ministry.

SERVE ONE ANOTHER: JULY 12 RECRUITMENT

Men Needed to Serve as Knights of St. Joseph

Are you looking for a meaningful way to serve your parish?

The Knights of St. Joseph are seeking faithful Catholic men who feel called to help protect and serve our parish family.

Inspired by St. Joseph, protector of the Holy Family, the Knights of St. Joseph are a trained protective ministry that serves quietly behind the scenes at weekend Masses and major parish events. Members assist our clergy and parishioners by helping maintain a safe and orderly environment, responding to medical emergencies, assisting during severe weather or power outages, helping reunite lost children with their families, and supporting the Pastor whenever unexpected situations arise.

The ministry is built on prayer, teamwork, preparation, and service. Members receive ongoing training and work together to ensure St. Mark remains a welcoming and secure place for worship. Much of what they do goes unnoticed—and that's exactly the point. Their presence allows others to focus on prayer and the celebration of the Mass.

The Knights of St. Joseph meet on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 pm.

Members of the Knights will be available after all Masses this weekend to answer questions and talk with men who may be interested in serving. There is no obligation, just an opportunity to learn more about this unique ministry and whether God may be calling you to serve.

Questions? Contact the Knights of St. Joseph at knightsofstjoseph@stmarknc.org.

**"Be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong.
Let all that you do be done in love."
— 1 Corinthians 16:13-14**



Ushers Needed at All Weekend Masses

Every weekend, our ushers are among the first people parishioners and visitors meet when they arrive at St. Mark. A smile, a warm welcome, and a willingness to help can make all the difference.

Our ushers assist with seating, the offertory collection, the Communion procession, and distributing bulletins after Mass. They also help visitors find their way, answer questions, and work alongside our priests, deacons, and staff to help each Mass run smoothly.

This ministry is about more than carrying baskets or handing out bulletins. It's about hospitality. It's about helping every person who walks through our doors feel welcomed into the St. Mark family.

Ushers must be at least 16 years old, and both men and women are encouraged to serve. Most usher teams serve every other weekend, making it an easy way to become more involved in parish life. If you're unable to commit to a regular schedule, additional help is always appreciated during Christmas, Easter, Holy Week, and other major liturgies.

One longtime usher shared:

"You really get the heart of the parish. You meet people, make friends, and become part of the St. Mark family. If you're new to the parish, there may not be a better way to get connected."

We currently need ushers at every weekend Mass.

After all Masses on July 12, members of the usher ministry will be available outside the church to answer questions and welcome anyone interested in serving.

Whether you've been a parishioner for years or are looking for a way to become more involved, we invite you to stop by and learn more.

Questions? Contact Chris Lemke at Lemkecj@gmail.com



"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace."

— 1 Peter 4:10

Wednesday, July 22!



Fidelis & Fraternus Youth Ministry Summer Bash

Wednesday, July 22
6:30-8:45 pm
Outside on the lawn



**Mass. Cookout. Outdoor
Field Games and Prizes.**

We will start with Holy Mass at 6:30 pm; Bash follows
outside until 8:45 pm.



**All
Middle &
High School
Youth
Invited!**



Register NOW: Faith Formation

Registration for the 2026–2027 Faith Formation year has been open for a while for students in **Kindergarten through Grade 8**.

If you have not registered your child, please do so today.

Whether your child is beginning the journey of faith or continuing to grow in their relationship with Christ, St. Mark offers engaging formation and sacramental preparation for every stage:

- **ECHO (K–5):** Sunday and Monday afternoon/evening options
- **EDGE (Grades 6–7):** Sunday and Monday afternoon/evening options
- **Confirmation (Grade 8):** Sunday and Tuesday evening options

New this year: To better support family schedules and Sunday Mass attendance, Faith Formation classes will be held outside of Sunday morning hours.

Visit stmarknc.org/ff to register, view schedules, and learn more.

Fidelis & Fraternus Summer Bash

When: Wed., July 22; 6:30-8:45 pm

Where: Mass then Outside on the Lawn

This fun, field-day, and cookout event begins with Mass at 6:30 pm, followed by dinner, outdoor games, and plenty of fun on the lawn. All Middle and High School Students Invited! Pickup is at 8:45 pm.

If your family has never experienced Fidelis or Fraternus, the Summer Bash is the perfect place to start.

For more than ten years, St. Mark has offered these nationally recognized Catholic mentoring programs for middle and high school students.

Fraternus helps young men grow in virtue through brotherhood, prayer, mentorship, and adventure, while **Fidelis** forms young women through authentic friendships, mentorship from faithful Catholic women, and a deeper understanding of their identity as daughters of God.

Both programs are rooted in the Sacraments, the lives of the saints, and the virtues that lead to a joyful Christian life.

Unlike many activities that focus only on entertainment, Fidelis and Fraternus help young people build lasting friendships with peers who share their faith while being guided by adult mentors who accompany and encourage them. Weekly meetings include prayer, games, small-group discussions, and practical lessons on living the Catholic faith in everyday life.

Whether your student is already involved or simply curious, the Summer Bash is a fun, relaxed way to meet other teens, enjoy great food and games, and discover what Fidelis and Fraternus are all about. Bring a friend—we'd love to welcome you!

High School Youth Ministry:

We will meet on July 12 and be off the remainder of July.





Color St. Kateri Tekakwitha

On July 14, the Church celebrates St. Kateri Tekakwitha, the first Native American saint.

St. Kateri was born in present-day New York in 1656. After losing much of her family to smallpox as a young girl, she was raised by relatives. When she learned about Jesus, she chose to become Catholic, even though many people did not understand or support her decision. She remained faithful through prayer, kindness, and courage.

St. Kateri loved the beauty of God's creation. She often went into the woods to pray and saw the world around her as a gift from God. Because of her deep faith and love for creation, she is the patron saint of Native Americans, the environment, and those who care for God's creation.

At St. Mark, you can find St. Kateri's stained glass window in the right transept of the church. It was the first "Glimpse into Heaven" saint window installed here. The cross she carries reminds us that she faithfully followed Jesus throughout her life, and the rainbow at her feet is a reminder of God's promises and His love for all people.

The next time you're at Mass, see if you can find St. Kateri's window and spend a moment asking her to pray for you.


SUNDAYKIDZ

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sea Gather Boat Seed Path
 Rocky Thorns Soil Hear Parable

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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:

704-727-0535

Catholic Charities: 704-370-3262; Birthright:

704-975-8572; Post Abortion: 1-800-5-WE CARE

Poor prenatal diagnosis? You're not alone. There is help.

benotafraid.net

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

Reversal 877-558-0333 or abortionpillreversal.com



DEL PASTOR



En el Evangelio de Mateo de hoy, Jesús comparte la familiar Parábola del Sembrador. Es una imagen poderosa para la forma de vida de la administración, demostrando el efecto gradual pero transformador que una vida centrada en Dios puede tener en nosotros con el tiempo.

En la parábola, una semilla cae en un camino donde los pájaros se la llevan rápidamente. Otras semillas caen en suelos rocosos, donde comienzan a crecer, pero no pueden desarrollar raíces profundas. Aún caen más semillas entre las espinas que finalmente asfixian a las plantas jóvenes.

Finalmente, algunas semillas caen sobre suelos ricos y fértiles y producen una cosecha abundante. Jesús explica que la semilla es la Palabra de Dios, generosamente dispersa para que todos la reciban. La cuestión es si nuestros corazones están preparados para recibirla y permitir que arraigue. Aquí es donde entra la forma de vida de la mayordomía. Cuando ofrecemos nuestro tiempo, talento y tesoro a Dios y lo ponemos primero en nuestras vidas, ayudamos a crear la "buena tierra" necesaria para que el Reino florezca dentro de nosotros.

La mayordomía elimina las "rocas" de la desconfianza a medida que ganamos confianza en que Dios proveerá para nuestras necesidades. Elimina las "espinas" de las preocupaciones mundanas que pueden distraernos de lo que más importa. A través de la oración, los sacramentos y el servicio generoso, la tierra de nuestras vidas se nutre y renueva continuamente.

Profundicemos nuestro compromiso con este modo de vida, permitiendo que el Sembrador Divino haga Su obra dentro de nosotros. Con el tiempo, Él producirá una cosecha abundante a lo largo de nuestras vidas. ©Consultores de Gestión Católica, 2026.

Reflexión pastoral – Una reflexión pastoral sobre los terremotos en Venezuela

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

En estos días, nuestros corazones están pesados al enterarnos de los devastadores terremotos que sacudieron Venezuela el 24 de junio de 2026. Dos poderosos temblores, de magnitud aproximada de 7.2 y 7.5, han causado una gran pérdida de vidas, herido a miles de personas y dejado a muchas familias sin hogar y en duelo. Como vuestro pastor, os invito a uniros a mí en oración por todos los afectados—los fallecidos, los heridos, los desaparecidos y quienes trabajan incansablemente en los esfuerzos de rescate y ayuda. Que el Señor les conceda fuerza y consuelo en este tiempo de prueba.

La Iglesia Católica nos ofrece una guía clara sobre cómo comprender estos desastres naturales. No son castigos de Dios dirigidos a pecados o pueblos específicos. Como enseña el *Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica*, nuestro mundo está "en un estado de viaje" hacia su perfección última (CIC 310). En el sabio

plan de Dios, la creación incluye tanto fuerzas de la naturaleza que dan vida como las destructivas, como el desplazamiento de placas tectónicas que provocan terremotos. Males físicos como estos nos recuerdan el desorden introducido en el mundo por el Pecado Original, pero no son juicios divinos directos. El propio Jesús rechazó tal pensamiento cuando se le preguntó sobre tragedias en su tiempo (véase Lucas 13:1-5 y Juan 9:1-3). En cambio, estos acontecimientos nos humillan, apartan la mirada de los bienes terrenales efímeros hacia el cielo y llaman a lo mejor de nosotros: compasión, solidaridad y confianza en la providencia de Dios.

Nuestro Santo Padre, el Papa León XIV, ha expresado su profunda cercanía con el pueblo venezolano. Ha ofrecido oraciones por las víctimas y sus familias, ha confiado a los rescatadores al Señor y ha enviado una donación de emergencia inicial de 100.000 € para apoyar los esfuerzos de ayuda a través de la Iglesia local. Insta a la comunidad internacional a responder con generosa solidaridad.

En momentos como este, recordamos que la propia creación "gime" de dolores de parto mientras espera la redención completa (Romanos 8:22). Sin embargo, no carecemos de esperanza. Dios no abandona a sus hijos. Él está presente en el Cristo sufriente que camina con nosotros, y trae el bien incluso de la tragedia—a través de actos heroicos de caridad, comunidades más fuertes y corazones más plenamente dirigidos hacia Él.

¿Qué podemos hacer aquí en San Marcos?

- **Rezar:** Ofrecer misas, rosarios o oraciones personales por Venezuela. Considera una intención especial en las misas del fin de semana.
- **Ayuda:** Apoyar organizaciones católicas de ayuda fiables como Catholic Relief Services (CRS) o esfuerzos coordinados por nuestra Diócesis de Charlotte. Incluso pequeñas donaciones pueden proporcionar comida, alojamiento y ayuda médica.
- **Reflexionar:** Usar esto como una oportunidad para la conversión personal y la gratitud por las bendiciones que disfrutamos.

Confiemos a nuestros hermanos y hermanas venezolanos la intercesión de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe y San Marcos, nuestro patrón. Que el Señor Resucitado traiga sanación, paz y esperanza a todos los que sufren. Y que nosotros, como una sola familia parroquial, respondamos con el amor de Cristo.

Las donaciones para apoyar la respuesta de emergencia de la Iglesia a través de Catholic Relief Services pueden realizarse de forma segura escaneando el código QR o visitando www.crs.org/donate/venezuela-earthquake



Nuestra Señora de Coromoto

Nuestra Señora de Coromoto, Patrona de Venezuela, se apareció al cacique indígena Coromoto en el siglo XVII, invitando a su pueblo a abrazar la fe cristiana. En 1944, el papa Pío XII la proclamó Patrona de Venezuela y, desde entonces, continúa siendo un poderoso signo de esperanza y unidad para el pueblo venezolano.

Mientras oramos por todos los afectados por los recientes terremotos, pedimos su intercesión y su maternal protección.



LECTURAS DE LAS ESCRITURAS



Para la Semana del 12 de Julio de 2026

Domingo	Décimoquinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario Is 55, 10-11; Sal 64, 10abcd. 10e-11. 12-13. 14; Rom 8, 18-23; Mt 13, 1-23 o Mt 13, 1-9
Lunes	Is 1, 10-17; Sal 49, 8-9. 16bc-17. 21 y 23; Mt 10, 34-11, 1
Martes	Memoria de Santa Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgen Is 7, 1-9; Sal 47, 2-3a. 3b-4. 5-6. 7-8; Mt 11, 20-24
Miércoles	Memoria de San Buenaventura, Obispo y Doctor de la Iglesia Is 10, 5-7. 13-16; Sal 93, 5-6. 7-8. 9-10. 14-15; Mt 11, 25-27
Jueves	Is 26, 7-9. 12. 16-19; Sal 101, 13-14ab y 15. 16-18. 19-21; Mt 11, 28-30
Viernes	Is 38, 1-6. 21-22. 7-8; Is 38, 10. 11. 12abcd. 16; Mt 12, 1-8
Sábado	Miq 2, 1-5; Sal 9, 22-23. 24-25. 29. 29. 35; Mt 12, 14-21
Domingo	Décimosexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario Sab 12, 13. 16-19; Sal 85, 5-6. 9-10. 15-16a; Rom 8, 26-27; Mt 13, 24-43 o Mt 13, 24-30

Para cualquier información en Español, por favor comunicarse con Emilio Gómez al 704-948-0231 ext. 117 o enviar un correo electrónico a: emilio.gomez@stmarknc.org.

El horario de oficina para servicio en español es: martes, miércoles y viernes de 10 am-5 pm

Horario De Misas

Misa Diaria:

Lunes, Martes, Jueves y

Viernes: 7 am y 9 am

Miércoles: 7 am y 6:30 pm;

Viernes: 12:30 Latin y 7 pm español;

Sábados: 9 am

Sábado 5 pm (Misa vigilia del Domingo)

Domingo: 7:30, 9, 11 am, 1 pm español, 5 pm

Sacramentos

Bautizos: Los padres deben ser miembros inscritos en San Marcos por al menos 6 meses. Los padrinos, si son una pareja, deben ser católicos practicantes y estar casados por la iglesia. Si no son pareja, cada uno debe ser católico practicante y tener todos los sacramentos hasta la confirmación.

Los padrinos no pueden estar viviendo en unión libre ni estar casados solo por el civil. Los padrinos deben llenar la certificación de fe y moral (la pueden encontrar en la página de internet de San Marcos o pueden recogerla en la recepción de la parroquia). Esta forma debe ser firmada por el párroco de la parroquia a la que pertenecen.

Padres y padrinos deben tomar las clases para bautizo. Bautizos se celebran el segundo domingo del mes. No se celebran bautizos durante la cuaresma. Si tienen alguna situación especial, para más información o para inscribirse para la clase, por favor comunicarse con Emilio Gómez.

Matrimonio: Por favor contactar a Emilio Gómez al menos 6 meses antes de la fecha fijada. Por favor no hacer invitaciones ni reservar salón hasta que la fecha sea confirmada en la oficina y con el sacerdote que va a celebrar la boda.

Visitas a los enfermos: Por favor contactar a Gladys Campoverde al 704-701-0362 para dar los datos del enfermo que está pidiendo la visita.

Quinceañeras: Estar inscritos en la parroquia mínimo 3 años como familia. La quinceañera debe estar confirmada para la fecha de la celebración. Podrán encontrar todos los requisitos en nuestra página de internet. Favor comunicarse con Emilio Gómez al menos 9 meses antes de la fecha del cumpleaños para coordinar con un Sacerdote sus reuniones.

Presentaciones: Se hacen el cuarto domingo de cada mes. Por favor comunicarse con Emilio Gómez al menos dos semanas antes de la presentación para dar el nombre del bebé, si es una presentación de 40 días.

Para presentaciones de 3 años, los niños ya deben estar bautizados.



Ayudando a las parejas casadas a profundizar en el amor conyugal.



Julio 18, 2026

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ENVIAR TEXTO



10:30 AM - 3:00 PM



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