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Now It's Your Turn!

Say yes to being a catechist. Say yes to teaching the Faith.

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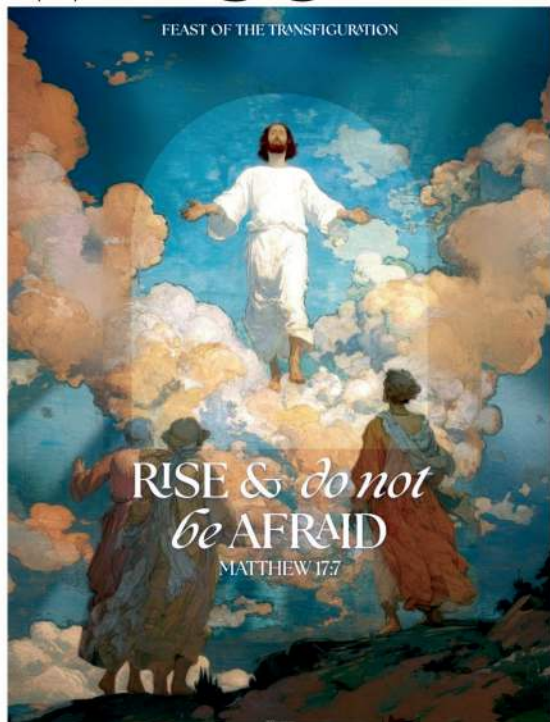


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WELCOME TO ST. MARK!



Today is the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The readings can be found in the music handouts or in the St. Augustine Hymnal on page 920. 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



Today's readings should inspire the Christian steward with deepened gratitude for our God, who loves us with both fierce and tender love. We must make an

intentional response each day, returning love for Love.

In our Second Reading from Romans, St. Paul reminds us that nothing and no one can separate us from the love of Christ. No anguish, distress, persecution, famine — and we might add illness, financial hardship, family struggles, or uncertainty about the future — nothing can keep our God from loving us. God holds us securely in the palm of His hand.

And yet, this reassurance is only the beginning of God's gifts to us. Our Gospel from Matthew recounts the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish. This miracle foreshadows the gift of the Eucharist, where Christ feeds us not simply with bread, but with His own Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.

Notice how the Gospel begins. "His heart was moved with pity for them, and he cured their sick." What generous and compassionate love our Lord shows.

But even that is not enough for Him. He remains with the people, teaching and ministering to them until evening. When the disciples suggest sending the crowds away to find food, Jesus instead invites them to become part of His plan. He tells them to feed the people, then miraculously multiplies the few loaves and fish they offer.

What a privilege it was for the disciples to participate in Christ's work. That same privilege is ours as Christian stewards. Let us respond with grateful hearts to such amazing love. © Catholic Stewardship Consultants,



Small Groups

Welcome One Another

ROMANS 15:7

Small Group Hosts Needed This Fall

Welcome One Another. Grow Together.

Every Sunday, thousands of people worship together at St. Mark. But the Christian life was never meant to be lived anonymously. From the earliest days of the Church, believers gathered in smaller communities to pray together, encourage one another, and grow as disciples of Jesus Christ.

This fall, St. Mark will launch a parish-wide Small Groups experience centered on St. Paul's Letter to the Romans—one of the most powerful books of the Bible.

Together, we'll discover God's plan of salvation, grow in our understanding of the Catholic faith, and build friendships rooted in Christ.

Before we invite parishioners to join a group this September, we first need welcoming people willing to become Small Group Hosts.

Hosting isn't about teaching the faith or having all the answers. It's simply about creating a place where people feel welcomed. We'll provide the study materials, host resources, and a brief facilitator workshop.

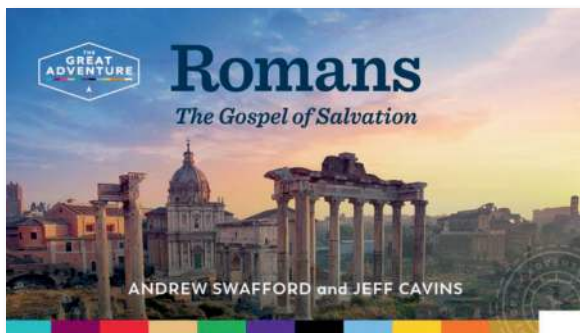
You choose the day, time, and location—whether in your home, a coffee shop, restaurant, workplace, or here at the parish.

Someone sitting beside you at Mass may be praying for deeper friendships, encouragement, and a place to belong. Perhaps God is inviting you to be the one who says, "You're welcome here."

If you would like to learn more about becoming a Small Group Host, contact Karen Donahue at karen.donahue@stmarknc.org or visit stmarknc.org/small-group-leaders.

Fall 2026 Study:

Romans, The Gospel of Salvation by Andrew Swafford and Jeff Cavins



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please Pray For...

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

Tom Addison	Henry Diener
Julie Andrews	Charlie Donovan
Donald Arrup	Jane & William
Maryann Bahret	Dragoon
Lizzy Balzer	James P. Durcan
Daisy Bayona	Joanne Errick
Deidre Beck	Jack Evans
Richard Biddy	Charles Fillipo
Brian Blatchford & Family	Al Fischlein
Virginia "Gini" Bond	Alan Friedl & Family
Kathy Brandt	Tom Fox
Dave Breen	April Gallo
Lynne Bridges	Valeria Gerbasi
Helen Sally Buff	Daniel Gilbridge
Carmen Cabranes	Denny & Monica
Anne Caestecker	Golden
Anthony Cain	Corbin Golightly
Michelle Chicoine	Tom Goodwin
Rod Clair	Lucas Graf
Jim Clark	Paige Grieshop
Beth Collins	Rachel Grieshop
William Conklin	Helen Haddad
Vic Crognale	Fran Hehn
Janice D'Angelo	Laura Hehn
Sheila DeArmon	Allan Helmbrecht
Judy and Rich Deboer	Madeline Louise
John Deluca	Henwood
Joan Demarco	Hannah Hopkins
	Frank Hunnicutt III

Suzu Iskander	Murphy
Cathi Kalberier	Carl Muti
The Kibbee and	Paul Nealon Jr.
Farnejad Family	Paul Sr. and Sally
Mary Kate Knight	Nealon
Dennis Koenig	The Ober Family
Jackie Kopicki	Louise Painter
Aubrey Lamb	Fernando Paverpai
Craig Leiker	Jack Parley
Carolina Liendo	Doug Peterson
Marie Ligon	Nicole & Bruce Preiss
Peter R. Loew	Angela & Gianni
Kitty Long	Piraino
Wilfredo Lostaunau	Johnathan Rametta
David Luongo	Joette Reid
Margaret Lynch	Lindsay Remington
Utelia Malwitz	Butch Remesch
Tom & Colette	Thomas Rynne
Manente	Jack Schneider
Sharon Marshall	Phyllis Searles
Melissa McDonald	Mark Shields
Cathy Milligan	Todd Singh
Terry Milstead	Bill Sirnack
Lucille Modica	Robert Somerville
Linda Morella	Betsy Spartz
Mary Morgan	Mike Tolbert
Haleigh Moss	Alston Torres
Niall Mulkeen	Mario Valinhas
Elizabeth Mulligan	Haley Velez
Angeles Murphy	Julio Velez
Maria Magdalena	Patricia Zeggert

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 2

7:30 am † Jim Fall
9 am † Cathy Rinaldi
11 am † Joseph Pradas
1 pm St. Mark Parishioners
5 pm † Jose Mendoza

Monday, August 3

7 am † Geraldine Thompson
9 am † Nicholas Frangipane

Tuesday, August 4

7 am † Adelo Sese
9 am † Margaret Hillman

Wednesday, August 5

7 am † George Digregorio
† Mark Palmer
6:30 pm † The Manturi Family
Respect Life Ministry

Thursday, August 6

7 am † Nguyen, Het
9 am Mary's Women of Joy

Friday, August 7

7 am † Pham, Pho
9 am † Carium M. Joseph
7 pm Cynthia Maribel Angulo Porta

Saturday, August 8

9 am † Raul Echevarria
5 pm † Agustin Cerda

Sunday, August 9

7:30 am † Herve Bleuzen
9 am Breandan Bixler
11 am † Simon & Maria Royko
1 pm † Jose Edgar Flores
5 pm St. Mark Parishioners

† Deceased

READINGS

For the Week of August 2, 2026

Sun. Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 55:1-3; Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21

Mon. Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Mt 14:22-36

Tue. Memorial of Saint John Vianney, Priest
Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wed. Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28

Thu. Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

Fri. Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28

Sat. Memorial of Saint Dominic, Priest
Hb 1:12-2:4; Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 17:14-20

Sun. Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Rm 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33



PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Air Force: C3C Andrew Bauders; Airman Gregory Burke; Airman Antoinio Diaz; Lt. Col. Michael Dragoon; Capt. Stephen Hack; Capt. Ryan Loyd; Alejandro Martinez; Sgt. James McCormick; SCANG Sgt. John Andrew McCormick; 2nd Lt Connor Milligan; Airman Chloe Scott; Airman Michael F. Yellico

Army: 1st Lt. Amelia Andretti; Capt. Patrick Camatcho; Capt. Sarah Camatcho; Maj. Robert Caraccilo; Sgt. Maj. 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; Cpl. Baylin Prescott; Capt. Nathanael Rusciolli

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; 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.

RESPECT LIFE



MiraVia: A Source of Hope for Student Moms

MiraVia's College Residence Program supports single pregnant and parenting student moms as they continue their education and build a hopeful future.

Located on the campus of Belmont Abbey College near Charlotte, MiraVia welcomes students from colleges, universities, community colleges, online programs, and vocational schools in the U.S.

Moms in our free College Residence Program receive a private suite, meals, childcare, diapers, baby supplies, life-skills classes, guidance, and education and career support.

MiraVia surrounds women with a caring community that reminds them they do not have to choose between their baby and their future. Learn more at www.miravia.org.

Next City-Wide Vigil of the Two Hearts

When: Fri., Aug. 7; 8 pm

Where: Cathedral of St. Patrick, 1621. E. Dilworth Road, Charlotte

Join us for the Vigil of the Two Hearts devotion at the Cathedral of St. Patrick for an overnight vigil honoring the Hearts of Jesus and Mary. Together, we will pray for our families, offer penance for our sins, pray for an end to abortion, and ask for our country's conversion and return to God.



The devotion begins with 8 pm First Friday Mass, followed by nocturnal Adoration until 8 am Saturday, August 8.

Organized by Carolina Pro-Life Action Network (C-PLAN). To adopt an hour in prayer visit:

www.defendthefamily.org/two-hearts

QR code to sign up for Adoration.



Annual Respect Life Ministry Mass and HOLY HOUR OF REPARATION

Wednesday, August 5
6:30 pm Mass; Holy Hour at 7:15 pm



Each summer, our Respect Life Ministry organizes this special time to spend in prayer. A Holy Hour helps us make reparation for the sins of the world and for our own sins. It is a short time — just one hour — when we can turn our undivided attention toward the Lord and plead for mercy on behalf of the whole Church.

"We must allow Christ to renew our hearts, our families, our parish, our Church, and our nation. We can make no more excuse to choose anything other than the will of God and those things in creation that bring us to Him."

Prayer books will be provided to guide you.

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.

- **The Coat, Blanket and Toy Drive will collect:** Coats (infant through adult); Blankets and Comforters; Toys, Games, Puzzles, and Nooks (birth through teens); Bicycles
- **The Baby Drive will collect:** Infant and Toddler Clothing Newborn to 5T(washed, no stains, sorted by size and no shoes); Plastic Toddler Hangars; and Baby Equipment: Pack N Play, Stroller, High Chairs, Bassinets, Bouncy Seats, Swings (new or gently used/washed and clean only.)

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.

*Please hold on to your donations until the collection weekend.
We are unable to accept items before October 10 & 11.*

Contacts:

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

Baby Drive: Beth Zuhosky at beth.zuhosky.com

STEWARDSHIP: TEACH THE FAITH, BE A CATECHIST



Stewardship Spotlight: Faith Formation Teachers

As Christians, we are entrusted with keeping our faith and passing it on to our children. "Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more." (Luke 12:48)

Love for Jesus is the most precious gift with which we have been entrusted. Jesus also tells us, "Let the children come to me and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." (Luke 18:16)

Our spotlight this week focuses on Faith Formation teachers — called Catechists — who work to fulfill this call.

Whether you are a parent of a student currently enrolled in faith formation or just love Jesus enough to want to share what you have found, we have opportunities to mentor and guide students in Kindergarten through grade 8.

Our elementary Faith Formation Coordinator, Maddie Torres, would like you to know that, *"The influence a catechist has on a student may not be visible right away or bring instant gratification, but it is lasting. You don't need to be an expert in theology or teaching to be a catechist. All that's required is a love for Jesus and the Catholic faith. We provide all the materials and curriculum you'll need. Your role is simply to show up, share your faith, and care for the kids. Your presence and love can plant seeds that grow for a lifetime."*

Maddie also told us, *"Catechists often have gifts like teaching, encouragement, wisdom, and a love for sharing the faith. Patience, reliability, prayerfulness, and joy are also valuable. You don't need all these qualities, just a love for Jesus and a willingness to care for and guide others, and God will equip you along the way."*

If this describes you and you are available for one of the following class schedules, we would love for you to join us!

Elementary (K-5): Sunday 3:15-4:30 pm or 6:15-7:30 pm, Monday 4:30-5:45 or 6:15-7:30 pm

Middle School (EDGE): Sunday 3:15-4:30 pm or Monday 6:15-7:30 pm

Confirmation: Sunday or Monday 6:15-7:30 pm

To learn more about becoming a Faith Formation Catechist, please visit our website, www.stmarknc.org/ff. This site explains more about each program. Then fill out the Catechist Commitment form linked on that site to respond "yes" to this important ministry.

If you would like to speak one-on-one with our faith formation department their contacts are: Elementary, Maddie Torres, Maddie.torres@stmarknc.org; or Middle School, Olivia DiGiovanni olivia.digiovanni@stmarknc.org.

Someone Shared the Faith With You

Think for a moment about the people who helped you know Jesus.

Perhaps it was your parents or grandparents. Maybe it was a priest, a catechist, a youth minister, or a faithful parishioner who took the time to answer your questions, pray with you, or simply show you what it means to follow Christ.

None of us received the gift of faith alone. Someone handed it on to us.

Today, hundreds of children and teens are beginning that same journey, and God continues to call ordinary people to help form the next generation of disciples.

This weekend, our Faith Formation staff will be outside after every Mass. Whether you're simply curious, have questions about the different programs, or are wondering if God may be calling you to serve, we invite you to stop by and visit with them.

There is no obligation, just an opportunity to learn more, meet the team, and prayerfully discern where your gifts might be needed.

As you leave Mass today, ask the Lord one simple question: "Lord, are You calling me to help hand on the faith?"

If the answer is "maybe," we'd love to meet you after Mass.



*Lord, are You calling me
to help hand on the faith?*

STEWARDSHIP

2026 Ministry Fair: Love Is...

When: Sat., Aug. 15 and Sun., Aug. 16

Where: Parish Hall

One of St. Mark's favorite weekends of the year is almost here!

Whether you've attended for years or this will be your first visit, our annual Ministry Fair is a wonderful opportunity to experience the vibrant life of our parish.

After Mass on August 15–16, the Parish Hall will be filled with more than 50 parish ministries, friendly faces, great conversations, delicious food, door prizes, and a fun interactive activity for all ages.

It's the perfect chance to reconnect with friends, meet fellow parishioners, and discover the many ways our parish family lives out our 2026 stewardship theme, Love Is... Discipleship & Stewardship.

Whether you're looking for a place to grow in your faith, serve others, make new friends, or simply learn more about St. Mark, you'll find something for everyone.

Come explore the many opportunities to pray, serve, learn, and belong—and perhaps discover where God is inviting you to take your next step in discipleship.

Saturday, August 15

Hot dogs after the 5 pm Mass

Sunday, August 16

Donuts after the 7:30 & 9 am Masses

Hot dogs after the 11 am Mass

*As we receive God's love,
we are called to share it with others.*

John 1:16

Healed and Restored: Mission & Impact Night

When: Wed., Aug. 5; 7:15 pm

Where: Room 200 of Parish Hall

COME AND LEARN: Join us for an opportunity to learn about Healed and Restored, a Catholic nonprofit organization founded here at St. Mark in 2020. The Healed and Restored mission is to assist women and girls who have experienced abuse, trauma, or exploitation as they heal, rebuild stability, and move forward into thriving lives.

This is an excellent opportunity to:

- Introduce parishioners who may not be aware of our existence and those who are eager to learn more about the mission and how they can contribute to the work of Healed and Restored.
- Explore the origins of Healed and Restored, our mission, and the various volunteer opportunities available.
 - Discuss how we need help to expand our reach so that we can assist even more women and girls on their journey toward healing, restoration, and freedom through Christ.



everyone welcome! MINISTRY FAIR

**In the Parish Hall
Food. Ministries. Raffle.**

Saturday, August 15

Hot Dogs after 5 pm Mass

Sunday, August 16

Donuts after 7:30 & 9 am Mass

Hot Dogs after 11 am Mass



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.

Hurry! Session is almost at capacity as registration will be limited to 15 participants for the September sessions.

Information: stmarknc.org/called-and-gifted

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Ladies, Come and See!

When: Fri., Aug. 7; 7 pm

Where: Parish House

Have you been looking for a way to deepen your faith while building meaningful friendships with other Catholic women?

Fidelis Sisterhood invites you to a special Come and See Night to learn more about this growing community of women seeking to live their faith together.

Join us on Friday, August 7, at 7 pm in the Parish House to discover what Fidelis is all about, meet current members, and learn how you can become part of the sisterhood.

All women who are high school graduates or older are warmly invited to attend. Whether you're simply curious or ready to get involved, we hope you'll join us for this evening of fellowship and faith.



Women's Newcomer Ministry

When: Wednesdays, Sep. 9- Nov. 11; 10-11:30 am

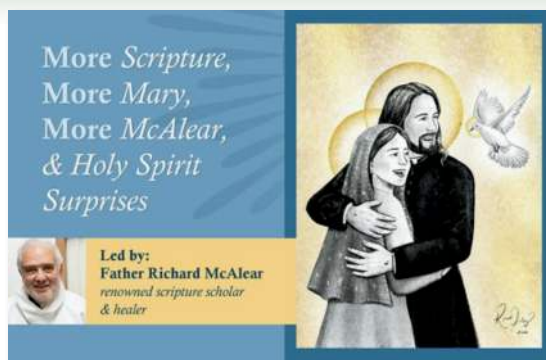
Where: Family Center Room 200

The Women's Newcomer Ministry (After the Boxes) is a group that helps women connect during times of transition. We welcome women new to the area or the parish, and women going through a transition such as retirement or the loss of a spouse. 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.

The fall session series is a 10 session, small-group-type class and a great way to meet other parishioners, make new friends, and learn about the many things our parish and community offer.

Spaces are limited, so please sign up early to ensure your spot!

For more information, contact Catherine at 704-340-6234 or after-the-boxes@stmarknc.org.



Mary's Women of Joy: Fall 2026

When: Thursdays, Sept. 10-Nov. 19; Morning and Evening sessions

Where: Kerin Family Center

Study Theme: More Scripture, More Mary, More McAlear, and More Holy Spirit Surprises

Discover what is concealed in the Word of God about our Mother Mary. Experience the freedom of listening to her with complete trust and vulnerability. This study is led by Father Richard McAlear, renowned Scripture Scholar and Healer.

Mary's Women of Joy is a sisterhood rooted in prayer and the Catholic study of Sacred Scripture and Church teaching. It encourages women to grow together in faith, understanding, and joyful discipleship.

Morning session 10-12:30 pm Evening session 6:30-9 pm

Space is limited. Registration closes Monday, August 3 or when sessions are full.

Cost: \$45/Info and registration: MWoj.org

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Wrap Someone in Prayer Next Meeting August 11

When: 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, 10 am

Where: Parish Hall

A simple skein of yarn can become a powerful reminder of God's love.

Each month, St. Mark's Prayer Shawl Ministry lovingly creates 50-75 prayer shawls, baby blankets, and prayer squares that are blessed and shared with those facing illness, grief, cancer treatments, difficult pregnancies, time in the NICU, retreats, senior communities, and others in need of comfort throughout our parish and the greater Charlotte area.

If you know even the basics of knitting or crocheting, your hands can become part of this beautiful ministry. You don't need to be an expert, and if you can't attend meetings, you can create items from home using ministry patterns and guidelines.

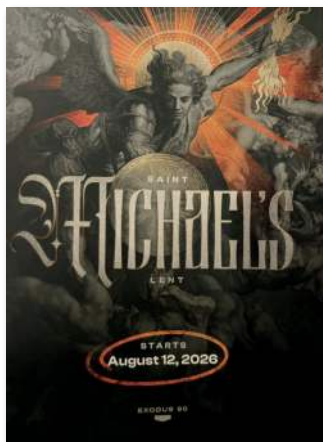
Every stitch becomes a prayer, and every finished piece becomes a tangible reminder that someone is loved and remembered.

Join us on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 10 am in the Parish Hall.

Questions? Contact Erica Zinman at ericamariezinman@gmail.com.



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP



EXODUS 90: St. Michael's Lent Begins August 12

As summer winds down, the Church offers a beautiful opportunity to renew our spiritual lives through St. Michael's Lent. Inspired by St. Francis of Assisi, who observed 40 days of prayer and fasting in honor of St. Michael the Archangel, this ancient tradition invites men to deepen their relationship with Christ through prayer, sacrifice, and fraternity.

St. Mark's Exodus 90 Fraternity will journey through St. Michael's

Lent together, meeting Saturdays at 7 am, typically in the Kerin Center (alternate locations include the picnic tables or the Narthex as needed).

Whether you are continuing your Exodus journey or looking for a meaningful way to grow in faith this fall, all men are welcome.

Scan the QR code to download the Exodus 90 app.



Questions? Visit exodus90.com or contact St. Mark parishioner Paul Foret at pbforet@gmail.com.

Men's Bible Study: The Bible Timeline, The Story of Salvation

When: Most Wednesday evenings 7:15–8:45 pm, beginning Sept. 9

Where: Room 200, Kerin Family Center

Join us as we continue this popular study, updated in 2025 and produced by Ascension Press, featuring the well-known Jeff Cavins and Fr. Mike Schmitz as presenters.

It is a powerful and immersive journey through Scripture beginning with the story of Creation and concluding with the establishment of the Church after Christ's Ascension. In the course, you'll explore the fourteen narrative books that tell the Bible's complete story.

You'll gain clear insights into how God's plan unfolds throughout history—and what it means for you today. Whether you're new to the Bible or looking to go deeper, *The Bible Timeline* will equip you to read and comprehend the entire biblical story—and discover your place within it.

Although this study began earlier this year, new participants can easily join. We will resume the course with a brief recap of prior lessons, then continue the story of salvation history from the Israelites' settlement in the Promised Land through our own journey to the eternal Promised Land.

For Registration & information: Ray FitzGerald RFitzg@aol.com or 704-992-1702.

There is a fee for the workbook or online access to the video and course materials.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

LAMB Clay Shoot Fundraiser

Join us for a morning of friendly competition in support of people with intellectual disabilities in our local community.

When: Fri., Sept. 25, 8 am

Location: Four Branches Sporting Preserve, 425 Poplar Hill Church Road, Polkton, NC 28135

About the Fundraiser

The LAMB Foundation of NC, Inc.—a public 501(c)(3) charity of the Knights of Columbus Monsignor Joseph A. Kerin Council #12654—will host a Clay Shoot fundraiser benefiting the "Least Among My Brethren": people with intellectual disabilities in our local community.

The LAMB Foundation and Knights of Columbus are staffed entirely by volunteers, and more than 93% of funds raised go directly to local charities, including Holy Angels of Belmont, Special Olympics of NC, Hough High School's SAC/AU Program for exceptional children, Community School of Davidson's Exceptional Children Class, Melmark, and Shining Hope Farms.

Event Schedule

The event begins at 8 am with check-in, registration, and breakfast. Teams will be assigned to starting stations along the one-mile course. After welcoming remarks from a Knights representative and a safety briefing from the Four Branches manager, shooting will begin at approximately 9 am.

Following the competition, the Knights will provide a barbecue lunch. Participants will also hear from representatives of charities supported by the fundraiser, and prizes will be awarded to the highest scoring teams.

Competition Details

Up to 30 teams of four will compete in a friendly, exciting event. Each team will rotate through 15 stations on the scenic one-mile course, shooting clay targets with 12- or 20-gauge shotguns and keeping score based on the number of clays hit.

Loaner shotguns are available at no additional cost, and golf carts will be provided for easy travel between stations.

Shooters of all experience levels are welcome, from beginners to advanced clay shooters. Beginners will be paired with experienced team members.

Register Today

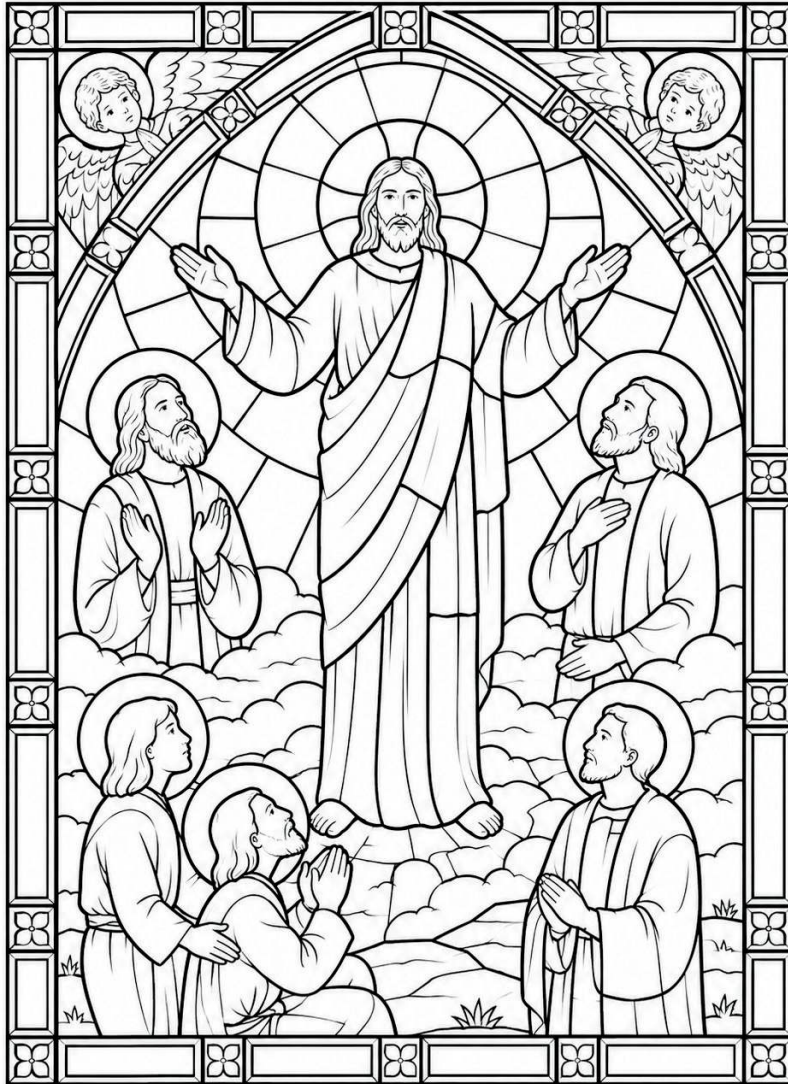
Reserve your spot by scanning the QR code above and paying the \$150 registration fee.

For more information, contact Mike Garcia at Garciam25@gmail.com or Eddie Ippolito at Edmund.ippolito@gmail.com.



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Celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration!

Every year on August 6, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. This special day reminds us that Jesus is not only fully human—He is also the glorious Son of God!

This stained glass window in St. Mark Catholic Church shows the moment when Jesus took Peter, James, and John up a mountain to pray.

Suddenly, His face shone like the sun, His clothes became dazzling white, and Moses and Elijah appeared beside Him.

Then God the Father said, "This is my beloved Son... listen to Him." (Matthew 17:5)

Jesus allowed His friends to see His heavenly glory to strengthen their faith before He would suffer and die on the Cross. He wanted them to remember that no matter what happened, He truly was the Son of God.

As you color this window, remember that Jesus invites each of us to listen to Him, trust Him, and let His light shine in our lives.

Challenge: Can you find this beautiful stained glass window the next time you're at Mass at St. Mark?

Prayer:

Jesus, help me to listen to Your voice, follow You with joy, and let Your light shine through me. Amen.

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.

- **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.

FAMILY LIFE

Life Teen Luau and Senior Farewell

When: Sun., Aug. 2; 6:30 pm

Where: Parish Hall

All High school students (including rising 9th graders) are invited to join us for another exciting year of Life Teen at St. Mark!

Life Teen is a place where teens can grow in their Catholic faith, build lasting friendships, ask honest questions, and discover how Christ is at work in their lives.

Life Teen gathers on Sunday evenings after the 5 pm Mass throughout the year with engaging talks, small group discussions, games, prayer, fun, and opportunities to serve others. Dinner is always included.

Whether you're new to St. Mark or have been attending for years, there's a place for you.

Our fall schedule begins on **Sunday, August 2, with a Summer Luau and Senior Farewell**, followed by a **Parent Meeting and Family Adoration on August 16**.

Additional Life Nights continue throughout the fall, including our **annual Color Games on September 13**.

Come and bring a friend! We look forward to welcoming both returning and new teens for another great year of faith and fellowship. **Stay Connected! REMIND App:** Class code **smhsym2025**; **Instagram:** @stmarknc.youth

Join our Email List: augustine.free@stmarknc.org.



Preschool Music Teacher Wanted!

Do you have a love for music and a heart for sharing the Catholic faith with young children?

St. Mark Preschool is seeking a part-time Music Teacher (approximately 12 hours per week) for the upcoming school year.

The ideal candidate will have experience working with preschool-aged children and a passion for helping them discover the joy of music in a faith-filled environment.

If you are interested in joining our preschool family, please send your résumé to Preschool Director

Amanda Rametta at

amanda.rametta@stmarknc.org.

MIDDLE SCHOOL
FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

AUGUST 21ST, 2026 | 6:30PM - 9PM
PARISH LAWN

Pizza, snacks, and soda will be provided!

Feel free to bring a blanket or lawn chairs for your family to be able to sit and enjoy the outdoor movie!

Don't miss out – invite your friends and enjoy the show!

QUESTIONS? EMAIL
OLIVIA.DIGIOVANNI@STMARKNC.ORG

Middle School Family Movie Night

When: Fri., Aug. 21, ;6:30-9 pm

Where: Parish Front Lawn

Grab a blanket or lawn chair and join us for a fun evening under the stars!

Middle school families are invited to our Family Movie Night on Friday, August 21, from 6:30–9 pm. on the Parish Lawn.

Enjoy a family-friendly movie along with free pizza, snacks, and drinks while spending time with friends and making new ones before the school year gets into full swing. Bring the whole family, invite another family to join you, and enjoy a relaxing summer evening together.

There's nothing quite like watching a movie outdoors with your parish family on a summer evening. We hope you'll join us!

Questions? Contact Olivia DiGiovanni at olivia.digiovanni@stmarknc.org.

ADORATION

The Adoration Chapel, a great place to make an Examination of Conscience!

By Donna Fodale/Adoration Coordinator

Someone recently shared with me that she likes to do a weekly examination of conscience in Adoration.

My reply was, Tell me more! Throughout the week she would make time to reflect on each day, jotting down the things that happen. Reflecting on those moments of grace she experienced, as well as the moments where she may not have chosen to do God's will. Noticing those moments where she may have missed opportunities to be an instrument of God's love and mercy to those who were placed before her. Asking herself the question, did any of my choices lead me to sin?

At the end of the week, she sits before the Lord in Adoration and goes over everything with Him. I love this!

She said that I would be surprised how many times she would suddenly remember additional sins that were committed. She also gained more awareness of what pleased the Lord and what virtues that she needed to work on.

There are so many distractions around us. Taking time in Adoration to make an examination is priceless. The chapel is very much conducive to those exact moments when we seek out the Lord's help to grow in holiness. He wants to speak to our hearts.

We know though an examination of conscience for some can be difficult to do. Making time for prayerful reflection on your thoughts, words, and deeds helps identify sins and helps you prepare for the Sacrament of Penance.

An examination of conscience is so important in the spiritual life!

By engaging in a thorough examination of conscience, we approach the Sacrament of Penance with awareness, contrition, and readiness to receive God's mercy, strengthening our spiritual life and commitment to holiness.

One Examine that I have found helpful is the Ignatian Examen. This examine gives you five steps to consider and reflect on as you prepare for Confession. I would like to invite you to spend some time in front of the Lord in Adoration preparing for your next Confession. Whether you use this method or something else. It certainly will help you prepare.

St. Ignatius of Loyola (1491–1556), founder of the Jesuits, developed the Examen as a structured daily prayer that reviews the day in God's presence. It takes 10–15 minutes and is typically prayed at the end of the day, though some people pray it at midday as well. Here are the five steps:

Practicing the Virtues: LOVE

Christian love is more than affection or kind intentions. It is the gift of ourselves for the good of another because Christ first gave Himself for us.

The opposite of love is indifference—the temptation to believe that someone else will answer the call. In this Sunday's Gospel, the disciples see the hungry crowds and suggest sending them away. Instead, Jesus says, "Give them some food yourselves."

With only five loaves and two fish, the disciples place what they have into the Lord's hands. Jesus blesses their offering and feeds thousands.

The same invitation continues today. Every one of us received the gift of faith because someone loved us enough to share it—a parent, grandparent, catechist, youth minister, priest, or faithful

The Five Steps of the Ignatian Examen

1. Gratitude — Give thanks

Begin by recalling the gifts of the day. What are you grateful for? A conversation, a meal, a moment of beauty, a grace received? Gratitude opens the heart and sets the right tone for honest self-reflection.

2. Petition — Ask for light

Ask the Holy Spirit to illuminate your conscience. You cannot examine yourself accurately without God's help. Pray: "Lord, show me where I have been faithful and where I have fallen short."

3. Review — Walk through the day

Slowly review the day from morning to now. Notice the moments of consolation (when you felt close to God, at peace, loving) and desolation (when you felt distant from God, anxious, selfish). Where did you respond well to grace? Where did you resist it?

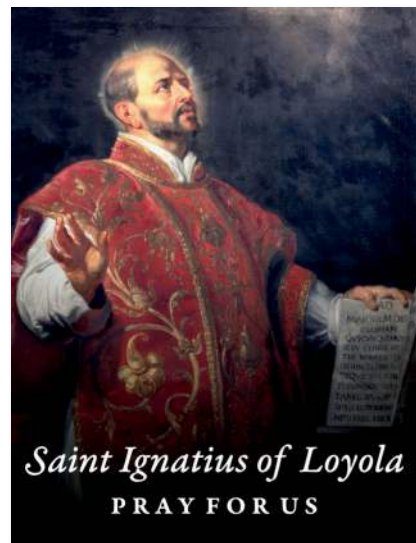
4. Contrition — Express sorrow

For the moments of failure, express genuine sorrow. Not self-flagellation, but honest acknowledgment: "Lord, I was impatient with my spouse. I was dishonest in that conversation. I neglected prayer this morning. I am sorry." Ask for forgiveness and the grace to do better.

5. Resolution — Look forward

End by looking to tomorrow. Is there a specific area where you want to grow? A relationship to repair? A virtue to practice? Make a concrete resolution and ask God for the grace to keep it.

Please prayerfully consider committing to a Holy Hour. Register at: stmarknc.org/adoration. **TO BE A SUB PLEASE CONTACT** donna.fodale@stmarknc.org



Love can be found on the pillar in the back of the church.

parishioner. They gave not only their knowledge, but also their time, encouragement, and witness.

Now Christ may be inviting us to do the same for someone else. Love always seeks to be shared, and when we place even our ordinary gifts into the Lord's hands, He multiplies them in extraordinary ways.





Thinking About BECOMING CATHOLIC?



ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

New Session Begins

Tuesday, August 4

6:30-8 pm, St. Mark School Library

Are you, or someone you know, feeling drawn to the Catholic Church?

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is the process through which individuals become Catholic and receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion.

What Is OCIA?

The OCIA is the official process established by the Universal Church for welcoming new members into the Catholic faith.

It is a journey of conversion, centered on building a deep relationship with Jesus Christ and the Church He founded.

This process unfolds over time and through distinct stages, offering thorough catechesis, participation in the life of the parish, and commitment to the moral and liturgical life of the Church.

Who Should Come to OCIA?

- 1. Persons in need of Baptism**
- 2. Baptized Christians who wish to become Catholic**
- 3. Baptized Catholics who never received First Holy Communion or Confirmation**

How Long Does OCIA Take?

Every journey is different. Some may take six months, others up to three years. The Church respects the time each person needs for discernment and conversion. ***The typical journey takes about one year.***

**Please let us know you are coming by emailing:
leanne.vaccaro@stmarknc.org**

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Mary Days: An Eight-Day Marian Reflection Series

Join St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Charlotte for Mary Days, an eight-day series of reflections and the Rosary honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Each evening from August 15–22 at 7 pm, a priest of the Diocese of Charlotte will offer a reflection on a different title or aspect of Our Lady, followed by the Rosary.

Schedule:

Sat., Aug. 15: Fr. Juan González, *The Immaculate Conception: Scriptural Foundations*

Sun., Aug. 16: Fr. Elliott Sutter, *Our Lady of Akita*

Mon., Aug. 17: Fr. Jacob Mlakar, *Regina Pacis (Queen of Peace)*

Tues., Aug. 18: Fr. Maximilian Frei, *The Great Sacrifice of Our Heavenly Mother*

Wed., Aug. 19: Fr. James Tweed, *Our Lady: Revelation of the Trinity & Divine Attributes*

Thurs., Aug. 20: Fr. Raymond Esuka, *Cause of Our Joy*

Fri., Aug. 21: Fr. Michael Lugo, *Maria Stabat Juxta Crucem (Mary Stood by the Cross)*

Sat., Aug. 22: Fr. Joseph Matlak, *The Virtue of the Immaculate*

All sessions begin at 7 pm at **St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church**, 1400 Suther Road, Charlotte.



Help Wanted: Catholic School Assistants Needed!

Looking for a rewarding part-time job that works around your schedule? Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools is now hiring **After School Assistants** to help provide a safe, welcoming environment for students after the school day ends.

Now Hiring at:

- **St. Mark Catholic School**, St. Ann Catholic School, St. Patrick Catholic School, and Holy Trinity Catholic Middle School

Position Details:

- Mid-August through May, 2:30-6 pm, 3-5 days per week, no weekends or evenings, and summers off

If you enjoy working with children and would like to be part of a faith-filled school community, we'd love to hear from you!

For more information, contact: **Ellen Buening**, ehbuening@rcdoc.org, 704-370-3268



Catholic Singles Night: SacredSpark LIVE

When: Thurs., Aug. 13; 6–9:30 pm

Where: Brewers at 4001 Yancey, Charlotte

Ticketed Event! Catholic singles ages 21 and older are invited to an evening of fellowship, conversation, and community at Brewers at 4001 Yancey in Charlotte.

Hosted by SacredSpark, the evening features a creative live event where friends introduce several Catholic singles through fun, lighthearted presentations, followed by plenty of time to meet new people in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere. Whether you're attending to support a friend or simply hoping to connect with other Catholic singles, this is a unique opportunity to build genuine friendships—and perhaps something more.

Doors open at 6 pm with time for food and conversation before the presentations begin at 7 pm. Additional time for mingling follows.

Advance registration is required. Scan the QR code for tickets, event details, or to nominate yourself or a friend to be featured during the evening.



Retreat: Finding God in a New Season of Life

Life is filled with transitions - some joyful, some unexpected, all filled with God's grace.

Come to this two-night retreat and discover how God has been guiding you through every season of your life and how God may be inviting you into the next.

Enter the next season of your life with greater peace and confidence—**Sept. 4-6** at the beautiful **Catholic Conference Center in Hickory, NC**.

For more information or to register, visit catholicconference.org/new-season, email info@catholicconference.org, or call 828-327-7441.



Saint Mark Parish Directory

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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.

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

Parishioner Assistance

Financial:

St. Vincent De Paul Society:

Emily.Bixler@stmarknc.org

Life Crisis: Stephen Ministry

stmarknc.org/stephen-ministry

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Tom | 704-604-7739

Alateen program

Paul G. | 704-641-0654

Divorce Support Group

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

Contact: divorce.support@stmarknc.org

DEL PASTOR



Del pastor 18-OT

Las lecturas de hoy deberían inspirar al mayordomo cristiano con una profunda gratitud hacia nuestro Dios, que nos ama con amor feroz y tierno. Debemos responder de forma intencionada cada día, devolviendo el amor por el Amor.

En nuestra Segunda Lectura de Romanos, San Pablo nos recuerda que nada ni nadie puede separarnos del amor de Cristo. No hay angustia, angustia, persecución, hambruna — y podríamos añadir enfermedades, dificultades económicas, dificultades familiares o incertidumbre sobre el futuro — nada puede impedir que nuestro Dios nos ame. Dios nos sostiene firmemente en la palma de Su mano.

Y, sin embargo, esta tranquilidad es solo el comienzo de los dones de Dios para nosotros. Nuestro Evangelio de Mateo relata el milagro de la multiplicación de los panes y los peces. Este milagro presagia el don de la Eucaristía, donde Cristo nos alimenta no solo con pan, sino con Su propio Cuerpo, Sangre, Alma y Divinidad.

Fíjate en cómo comienza el Evangelio. "Su corazón se conmovió con compasión por ellos, y curó a sus enfermos." Qué amor tan generoso y compasivo muestra nuestro Señor.

Pero ni siquiera eso es suficiente para Él. Permanece con la gente, enseñando y ministrándoles hasta la tarde. Cuando los discípulos sugieren enviar a las multitudes a buscar comida, Jesús en cambio les invita a formar parte de Su plan. Les dice que alimenten a la gente y luego, milagrosamente, multiplica los pocos panes y peces que ofrecen.

Qué privilegio fue para los discípulos participar en la obra de Cristo. Ese mismo privilegio es nuestro como administradores cristianos. Respondamos con corazones agradecidos a un amor tan increíble.
© Consultores de Gestión Católica,

Lecturas de las Escrituras

Para la Semana del 2 de Agosto de 2026

Domingo	Décimosexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario Is 55, 1-3; Sal 144, 8-9. 15-16. 17-18; Rom 8, 35. 37-39; Mt 14, 13-21
Lunes	Jer 28, 1-17; Sal 118, 29. 43. 79. 80. 95. 102; Mt 14, 22-36
Martes	Memoria de San John María Vianney, Presbítero Jer 30, 1-2. 12-15. 18-22; Sal 101, 16-18. 19-21. 29 y 22-23; Mt 14, 22-36 o Mt 15, 1-2. 10-14
Miércoles	Jer 31, 1-7; Jer 31, 10. 11-12ab. 13; Mt 15, 21-28
Jueves	Fiesta de la Transfiguración del Señor Dn 7, 9-10. 13-14; Sal 96, 1-2. 5-6. 9; 2 Pd 1, 16-19; Mt 17, 1-9
Viernes	Na 2, 1. 3; 3, 1-3. 6-7; Dt 32, 35cd-36ab. 39abcd. 41; Mt 16, 24-28
Sábado	Memoria de Santo Domingo, Presbítero Hb 1, 12-2, 4; Sal 9, 8-9. 10-11. 12-13; Mt 17, 14-20
Domingo	Décimonoveno Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario 1 Rey 19, 9a. 11-13a; Sal 84, 9ab-10. 11-12. 13-14; Rm 9, 1-5; Mt 14, 22-33

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.



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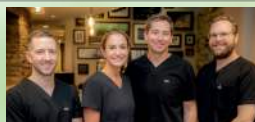
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