

EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

Following Christ together through the streets of Charlotte.

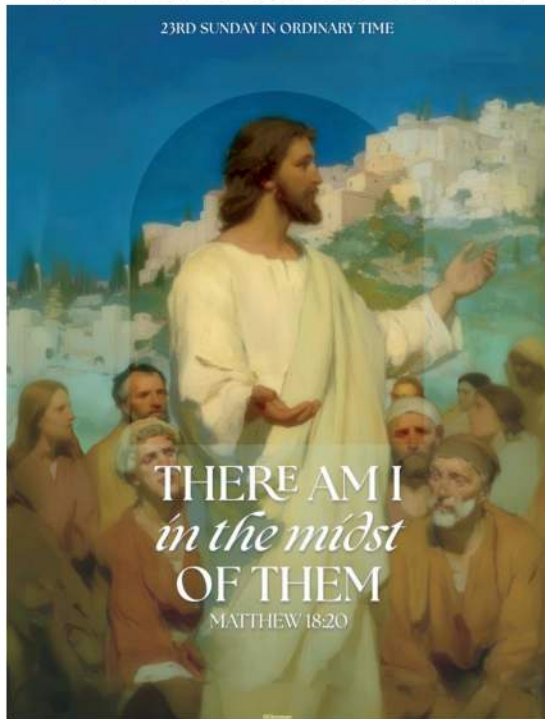
SEPTEMBER 11 & 12



SAINT✠MARK

WELCOME TO ST. MARK!

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



THERE AM I
in the midst
OF THEM

MATTHEW 18:20



Today is the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. The readings can be found in the music handouts or in the St. Augustine Hymnal on page 928. The Order of the Mass can be found on page 7; Mass prayers are on the last page of the hymnal.

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 of any unconfessed mortal sin—this includes, if married, being married in a way recognized by the Catholic Church.
2. To abstain for at least one hour before Holy Communion from any food and drink, with the exception of water and medicine.
3. To know what you are receiving and to approach the altar with devotion.
4. You may receive Holy Communion standing or kneeling.
5. **Please consume the Eucharist in front of the minister of Holy Communion, before walking away.**



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

Thank you for generously sharing your gifts with the parish.





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FROM THE PASTOR



Today's readings remind us of the importance of our relationships. God created us to live in communion with Him and with one another. Our families, neighbors, friends, and parish community need us,

and we need them as we grow together in holiness.

In today's Second Reading, St. Paul gives us a simple but profound guide for living in relationship with others. Echoing the words of Christ, he writes, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love is the guiding principle that helps us become good stewards of every relationship God has entrusted to us.

In today's Gospel, Jesus shows us what that love looks like, even when relationships become strained. He tells His disciples, "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother."

Rather than ignoring conflict or allowing resentment to grow, Jesus teaches us to approach one another with humility, charity, and a sincere desire for reconciliation. This is faithful stewardship of our relationships.

He also reminds us of the strength found in Christian community: "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

God never intended us to journey to heaven alone. May we care for the relationships He has entrusted to us and help one another grow as faithful disciples.



Pastoral Pondering

Next Saturday the Diocese of Charlotte celebrates the annual **Eucharistic Congress** at the Convention Center in Charlotte. Events begin on Friday evening, with the majority of activities happening on Saturday and culminating with the Congress Mass in the afternoon. I encourage everyone to take advantage of this opportunity to come together as a Diocesan family and celebrate the *source and summit* of our faith. Our own Father Kevin Martinez will be the homilist for the Holy Hour on Saturday morning at the conclusion of the Eucharistic procession.

Public processions of the Eucharist and the saints (especially their relics and images) are ancient and enduring expressions of Catholic faith. They combine liturgical prayer, public witness, communal pilgrimage and public piety. They visibly proclaim core doctrines—the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist and the communion of saints—while symbolizing the Church as a pilgrim people journeying toward the heavenly Jerusalem.

These types of processions are found in the Old Testament when the Ark of the Covenant was processed on different occasions, e.g. the conquest of Jericho or the joyful entrance of the ark into Jerusalem. In the early Church processions developed by the 4th century in both the East and the West. They marked festivals, thanksgivings, penance, the translation (solemn transfer) of relics, the consecration of churches, funerals and times of calamity. Eucharistic processions arose later, in the high Middle Ages, amid intensified theological reflection on the Real Presence (Fourth Lateran Council 1215; development of the language of transubstantiation) and growing devotion to the Eucharist outside Mass. The elevation of the Host during Mass became common around 1200.

The Solemnity of Corpus Christi originated in the visions of St. Juliana of Liège (early 13th century), who saw the Church's liturgical year as a full moon with a dark spot—the lack of a dedicated feast for the Eucharist. The feast was first celebrated in Liège in 1246. Pope Urban IV (formerly archdeacon of Liège) extended it to the universal Church in the bull *Transiturus de hoc mundo* (1264), commissioning St. Thomas Aquinas to compose the liturgical texts (including *Pange lingua*, *Lauda Sion*, and *Adoro te devote*). A Eucharistic miracle at Bolsena (bleeding Host) around the same time, brought to Urban at Orvieto, reinforced the impetus.

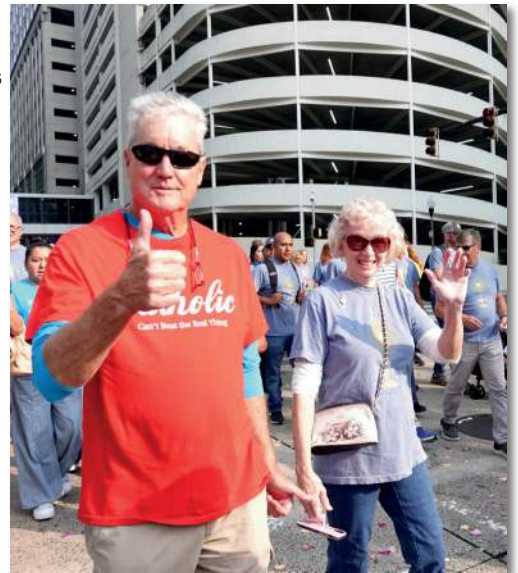
Formal public processions with the Blessed Sacrament in a monstrance appeared soon after—early records from places such as Benediktbeuern (1273) and Cologne (1270s)—and spread rapidly across Europe by the 14th century. Pope Clement V and the Council of Vienne (1311) helped regulate the feast and its observance; later papal encouragement and indulgences supported the processions. They typically followed Mass, moved through streets or fields (sometimes stopping at outdoor altars for Gospel readings and petitions), and concluded with Benediction.

The Council of Trent strongly endorsed them as a public profession of faith in the Real Presence, especially against Protestant denials. In the Counter-Reformation and Baroque periods they grew elaborate, involving civic authorities, guilds, military escorts, music, and decorations (flower carpets, banners). They continued as major public events in Catholic countries and were revived or defended in later centuries (e.g., against 19th-century secularizing pressures or under Communist regimes). Popes such as St. John Paul II and Benedict XVI emphasized their value; John Paul II restored the Roman Corpus Christi procession and wrote of the need to proclaim the incarnate God "especially in our streets and homes."

The Church continues to encourage them. Liturgical books describe the annual Corpus Christi procession as particularly desirable for the pastoral life of a parish or city when circumstances permit, as a public witness of faith and devotion. Processions of saints remain part of popular piety and local traditions (feast-day celebrations, Rogation observances where retained, translations of relics, etc.).

In short, these processions are not mere pageantry. They are embodied proclamations that the risen Christ walks with His people in the Eucharist and that the saints, as members of the one Body, continue to intercede for and accompany the Church on earth.

St. John



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please Pray For...

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

Tom Addison	Jane & William	Dennis Koenig	Louise Painter
Julie Andrews	Dragoon	Jackie Kopicki	Donna Paniagua
Donald Arrup	James P. Durcan	Aubrey Lamb	Fernando Paverpai
Maryann Bahret	Joanne Errick	Craig Leiker	Jack Parley
Lizzy Balzer	Jack Evans	Carolina Liendo	Doug Peterson
Daisy Bayona	Charles Fillipo	Marie Ligon	Nicole & Bruce Preiss
Deidre Beck	Al Fischlein	Peter R. Loew	Angela & Gianni
Barbara Benner	Padraic Foley	Kitty Long	Piraino
Richard Biddy	Alan Friedl & Family	Wilfredo Lostaunau	Johnathan Rametta
Brian Blatchford & Family	Tom Fox	David Luongo	Joette Reid
Virginia "Gini" Bond	April Gallo	Margaret Lynch	Lindsay Remington
Kathy Brandt	Valeria Gerbasi	Utelia Malwitz	Butch Remesch
Dave Breen	Daniel Gilbridge	Tom & Colette	Natalie Roberts
Lynne Bridges	Denny & Monica	Manente	Thomas Rynne
Carman Butler	Golden	Sharon Marshall	Jack Schneider
Helen Sally Buff	Corbin Golightly	Melissa McDonald	Phyllis Searles
Carmen Cabranes	Tom Goodwin	Cathy Milligan	Mark Shields
Anne Caestecker	Lucas Graf	Terry Milstead	Todd Singh
Anthony Cain	Paige Grieshop	Lucille Modica	Bill Sirnack
Michelle Chicoine	Rachel Grieshop	Linda Morella	Robert Somerville
Rod Clair	Helen Haddad	Mary Morgan	Betsy Spartz
Jim Clark	Victoria Hart	Haleigh Moss	Mike Tolbert
Beth Collins	Fran Hehn	Niall Mulkeen	Alston Torres
William Conklin	Laura Hehn	Elizabeth Mulligan	William and Sharon
Vic Crognale	Allan Helmbrecht	Angeles Murphy	Tumidanski
Ridge Curwood	Madeline Louise	Maria Magdalena	Mario Valinhas
Janice D'Angelo	Henwood	Murphy	Haley Velez
Sheila DeArmon	Bill Hille	Carl Muti	Julio Velez
Judy and Rich Deboer	Hannah Hopkins	Emily Nash	Karen Vogel
John Deluca	Frank Hunnicutt III	Paul Nealon Jr.	Elise Weiss
Joan Demarco	Cathi Kalberier	Paul Sr. and Sally	Al Wiltz
Henry Diener	Mary Kate Knight	Nealon	Patricia Zeggert
Charlie Donovan	The Kibbee and	The Ober Family	
	Farnejad Family	Sarah Obermiller	

Mass Schedule Changes

Labor Day is Monday, September 7. The Parish Offices will be closed and only a 9 am daily Mass will be celebrated.

Sept. 11 & 12: There will be no Fri. 7 pm Mass or Sat. 9 am and 5 pm Mass so our clergy can attend the Eucharistic Congress.

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 Zaglar

Marines: LCPL. Richard Breier; 2nd Lt. Drew Brenner; Maj. Matthew Santoli; Cpl. Ben Holden; Cpl. Baylin Prescott, Capt. Nathanael Rusciollelli

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

Coast Guard: BM2 Hannah Schramke

...and all service members not listed.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 6

7:30 am † Melissa, Delphine, & Charles Lynch
9 am Charlene Joese
11 am † Phyllis Moore
1 pm St. Mark Parishioners
4:30 pm † Charles Newton
5 pm † Rose Seeling

Monday, September 7

9 am † Marilyn & Norman Hayes

Tuesday, September 8

7 am † Hannah Fodale
9 am † John and Donna Wingert

Wednesday, September 9

7 am Maria Benedikovicova
† Jo Ann Duddy
6:30 pm † Maximo Remedios
St Mark Homeschool Ministry

Thursday, September 10

7 am Marie Fadden
9 am † Jose Mendoza

Friday, September 11

7 am William Fadden
9 am Respect Life Ministry

Saturday, September 12

Eucharistic Congress – No Masses

Sunday, September 13

7:30 am † Richard B. Smith
9 am † Patricia Anderson
11 am † Patrick McDonald
1 pm † Esperanza Rodriguez
4:30 pm † Robert Tremblay
5 pm St. Mark Parishioners

† Deceased

READINGS

For the Week of September 6, 2026

Sun. Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9;
Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

Mon. 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12; Lk 6:6-11

Tue. Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6ab,
6c; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or Mt 1:18-23

Wed. Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest

1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-15,
16-17; Lk 6:20-26

Thu. 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3,

13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38

Fri. 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6,

12; Lk 6:39-42

Sat. 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18;

Lk 6:43-49

Sun. Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 27:30-28:7; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10,
11-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

Join us for the
2026
EUCCHARISTIC
CONGRESS
Sept. 11 & 12



IMPORTANT!
 Eucharistic Congress Mass
 Changes:

Friday, Sept. 11
 No Friday, 7 pm Mass

Saturday, Sept. 12
 No 9 am or 5 pm Mass so clergy
 can attend the 9 am Eucharistic
 Congress Procession and 4 pm
 Closing Mass.

Eucharistic Procession

Sat., Sept. 12, 9 am

Join together with parishioners of
 St. Mark as we walk through the
 streets of Charlotte, joined by
 thousands of fellow Catholics, in
 one of the largest Eucharistic
 Processions in the United States.

Line up anywhere along the route
 by 8:30 am, then join in with us as
 we walk by with the St. Mark
 banner.

This free, two-day event features
 nationally known Catholic
 speakers, inspiring music,
 extensive Catholic shopping,
 Eucharistic Adoration,
 Confession, Eucharistic
 Procession through Uptown
 Charlotte, and the closing Mass
 at 4 pm.

Whether you attend for an hour or
 the entire weekend, come deepen
 your faith and celebrate the Real
 Presence of Jesus Christ in the
 Eucharist.



CHARLOTTE CONVENTION CENTER  **FRIDAY-SATURDAY – SEPT. 11-12, 2026 | FREE**

FEATURING :



Bishop Michael Martin,
 OFM Conv.
 Host, Principal
 Mass Celebrant



Katie Prejean
 McGrady
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 Show' on Sirius XM



Ana
 Munley
 'AfterMass'
 podcast



Jason
 Simon
 Evangelical
 Catholic



Erich
 Kerekes
 Hallow
 co-founder



Mariana
 Lacouture
 Hallow



Nathan
 Crankfield
 Hallow & 'Seeking
 Excellence' podcast

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The Scally Brothers



Marieth Quintero
 Schola Cantorum



The Vigil Project

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Special Screening

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STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Spotlight: Small Groups

This week our spotlight is on Small Groups, which allow participants to both Grow in Christ and Connect in Faith. The fall study is *Romans: The Gospel of Salvation*. This eight-session study by Dr. Andrew Swafford and Jeff Cavins explores the meaning of salvation and sharing in the divine life of Jesus Christ.

Registration for the fall session opens Tuesday, September 8, with different days and times available for individuals or couples of various ages at multiple locations.

To find a group that may work for you, check out:

stmarknc.org/small-groups

New groups are welcome. If you are interested in starting your own small group, fill out the Leader Interest form at stmarknc.org/small-group-leaders.

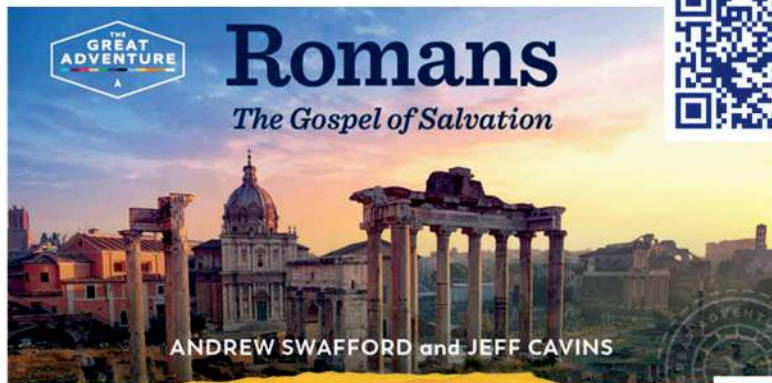
To learn more about becoming a small group host, contact Karen Donahue at karen.donahue@stmarknc.org.

God created us all for community. In a large parish like ours, it is especially important to be active in smaller groups that help and support each other on our faith journeys. The Small Groups program is a wonderful way to connect to a smaller faith community within the parish and encourage each other to Grow in Christ, Serve One Another, Share Our Gifts and Connect in Faith.



Small Groups

Welcome One Another



REGISTRATION OPENS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8



This fall, St. Mark Small Groups will come together for a study of St. Paul's Letter to the Romans for an opportunity to explore Scripture, grow closer to Christ, and build meaningful friendships within our parish. And with 10 new groups added this year, there are more ways than ever to participate! Just go to the website, find a group that fits you, and join in!

Various days, times and locations are available. Or, if you don't see one, you can start your own!

You don't need to be a Scripture expert, and you don't need to know anyone before you come. Each week includes a video presentation, small-group discussion, prayer and fellowship.

Registering is easy: one website, one registration. \$15/ person; \$10 optional workbook. Go to stmarknc.org/small-groups or scan the QR code.

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER, THEN, JUST AS CHRIST WELCOMED YOU.

WWMIN September Diaper and Wipe Drive!

When: Now through Sept. 20

Where: Leave donations in Narthex Bin

St. Mark's Walking with Moms in Need (WWMIN) ministry is **collecting diapers and wipes** to support mothers and families facing challenging circumstances in our parish and local community.

Most needed: Diaper sizes 3-5 although donations of all diaper sizes, formula and wipes are welcome.

Thank you for helping Walking with Moms in Need offer practical support and remind mothers in our community that they are not alone.

Please bring donations to the collection bin in the Narthex during the drive week.

Walking with
Moms in Need



Annual Lake Norman Pregnancy Center Walk for Life

When: Sat., Oct. 3

Where: LangTree Lake Norman.
150 Landings Drive, Mooresville

Join our Walking with Moms in Need ministry for the Community Pregnancy Center of Lake Norman 35th annual Walk for Life supporting free services that help local mothers and families facing unexpected pregnancies.

Check-in begins at 8:30 am, and the Walk begins at 9:30 am.

Participants may walk, form a team or support a fundraiser as the Center works toward this year's \$170,000 goal.

Learn more:

pregnancycenterfriends.org/walk/

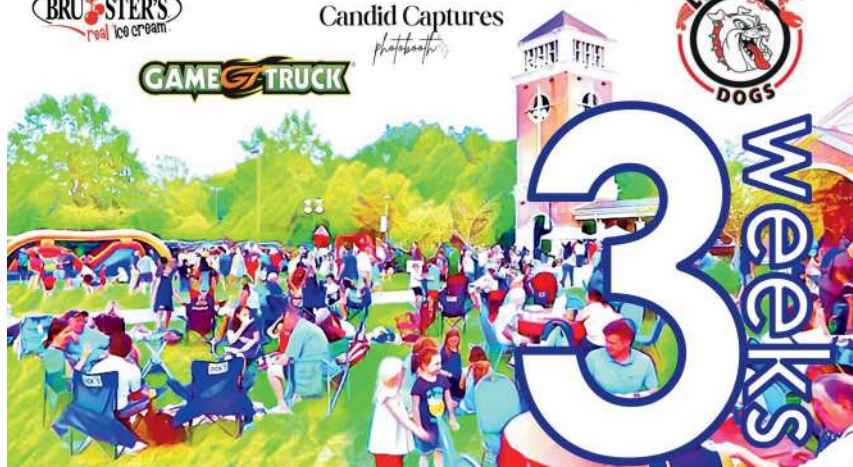
Countdown to SeptemberFest 2025 September 26, 6-9 pm

Parish-Wide Family Social!

DJ Dance Party•Game Truck•Food Trucks
Beer and Wine Tent•Cupcake Walk•Inflatables•Bingo
Photo Booth•Cornhole•Children Crafts•
Face Painting•Ice Cream•Kona Ice



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CALENDAR

September Now-20

Diaper Drive

Tuesday, September 15

Coffee and Conversation

Saturday, September 19

Couples Adoration, Wine and Cheese Night

Saturday, September 26

SeptemberFest

Tuesday, September 29

Prayer and Praise

Saturday, October 3

Men's Evening

Sunday, October 4

Prayer Chain for Life

October 10 & 11

Coat/Blanket/Toy & Baby Drive

Saturday, October 17

Blue Mass

Wings and Trivia

October 24-November 1

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Sunday, October 25

New Member Meet & Greet

Middle/High School Fall Fest

Sunday, November 1

All Saints Day

Monday, November 2

All Souls Day

Mass of Remembrance

November 7-8

Men's Welcome Retreat

Saturday, November 14

Marriage Date Night

Wed, November 18

Young at Heart Luncheon

Friday, November 20

Middle School Craft & Football

Tuesday, November 24

Prayer and Praise

Sunday, November 29

Advent Begins

St. Nicholas Breakfast

Saturday, December 5

Family Christmas Event

Tuesday, December 8

Immaculate Conception

Thursday, December 10

The Vigil Project

Saturday, December 12

Rorate Mass, Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 15-23

Posadas

December 25

Christmas

Wednesday, January 6

Young at Heart Luncheon

January 15-17

Marriage Retreat

Healed and Restored: 4th Annual Hope for Healing Gala

When: Oct. 2, 2026 7 pm

Where: St. Mark Catholic Church - Parish Hall

Our mission: We assist women and girls who have experienced abuse, trauma, and exploitation in healing, rebuilding stability, and moving forward into thriving lives.

Join us for the 4th Annual Hope for Healing Gala on Friday, October 2 at 7pm.

Come for a night of fellowship, cocktail hour, and hors d'oeuvres. Our keynote speaker is Christine Wisdom from Wisdom Integrated Counseling. Benefitting the women and girls served by Healed and Restored.

Cocktail attire is recommended. This is a free event to attend that's also a fundraising night, guests will be invited to make a financial gift to Healed and Restored

Scan the QR code below to register and reserve your seat. For more information visit our website at healedandrestored.org or email us at info@healedandrestored.org.



MiraVia 32nd Annual Fundraising Banquet

When: Sat., Oct. 24, 5:30-9 pm

Where: Charlotte Convention Center

Join MiraVia for its 32nd Annual Fundraising Banquet, "Where Love Gives Life," at the Charlotte Convention Center. This year's keynote address will be presented by the Sisters of Life, with Raymond Arroyo serving as guest emcee.

General registration is free and required and opens Monday, September 14 at noon. Individuals may reserve a seat or a table of 10. Registration closes September 30 at 5 pm or when seats are filled.

Learn more and register at

MiraVia.org/banquet





Help Fill St. Mark with Sacred Music

As our parish continues to grow,
so should the voices
that help lead us in worship.

Music is an important part of the life of
St. Mark, and there is a place
for parishioners of all ages
to share their gifts.

This fall, our Children's Choir, Psalm 150
and Adult Choir are all welcoming new
members, from young singers
discovering the joy of sacred music to
teens, young adults and adults ready to
lend their voices or musical talents.

Help us ensure that the beautiful sound
of a parish singing its faith
continues for generations to come.

Prayer to St. Cecilia

*St. Cecilia, patron saint of
music and musicians, pray for
our parish and all who serve
God through sacred music.*

*Inspire those who have been
given the gift of song to offer
their voices in praise of the
Lord.*

*Encourage the young,
strengthen those who already
serve, and call new voices to our
choirs.*

*May the music of St. Mark lift
hearts to God and resound in
our church for generations to
come.*

St. Cecilia, pray for us. Amen.

“In the liturgy, to sing and to play music means to pray.”

Pope Leo XIV • August 19, 2026

Children's Choir Grades 3–8

Begins September 9

Does your child love to
sing?

The St. Mark Children's
Choir welcomes children
in grades 3–8 to discover
the joy of sacred music
while growing in faith,
friendship and
confidence. Children
learn to use their voices
in service to God and our
parish as they help

provide music for Mass and other special celebrations throughout the year.

The new season begins September 9. To register or learn more, contact Children's
Choir Director Lorie Gabriel at lmgabriel@stmarkcatholic.net.



St. Mark Adult Choir: Your Voice Is Needed

Practice Begins September 17

You don't need to be a professional singer to have a place in the choir. You need a love
of sacred music, a willingness to
learn and a desire to serve. Our
Adult Choir sings at the Sunday
9 am Solemn Mass and helps
bring the Church's rich tradition
of sacred music to life at St.
Mark.

In a parish of more than 5,000
families, there is tremendous
room for our choir to grow.
Whether you have sung in a choir
for years or have wondered if this
might be the time to begin,
consider adding your voice. Every
new member strengthens the choir and helps ensure that sacred music remains a
vibrant part of worship at St. Mark for generations to come.

Rehearsals are Thursday evenings. To learn more or join, contact Director of Sacred
Music Manny Mora at manuel.mora@stmarknc.org.



Psalm 150 Relaunch: Calling Musicians, Vocalists & Mentors

Psalm 150 is being refreshed and rebuilt!

This ministry offers teens and young adults ages 13+ an opportunity to share their
musical gifts through spiritually grounded, contemporary Catholic music.

We are looking for vocalists and experienced instrumentalists, as well as adult
musicians who would enjoy helping lead and mentor our young people.

Those interested in learning soundboard and audio support are also needed. There is
no Mass commitment yet. The first step is gathering a core team, rehearsing together
and building the ministry.

Interested? Contact Katie Bolstad at katrina.bolstad@gmail.com or 760-585-5634.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY



Young Adult Ministry

Looking to grow in faith and build friendships with other Catholic young adults? Join the St. Mark Young Adult Ministry this August! This group is open to anyone in their 20s and 30s.

Whether you're new to the parish or have been here for years, there's a place for you.

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



Contact: Sean Meier:
seanmeier1@gmail.com.

St. Mark Young Adult September Events
September 11–12: Eucharistic Congress
Friday, 5:30 pm and Saturday, 9 am
September 18: Dinner with a Priest
7 pm, Parish House
September 20: Mass & Coffee
9 am Mass, Waterbean Coffee
September 24: Bible Study
7 pm, Parish House
September 26: Septemberfest
6 pm, St. Mark

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Wrap Someone in Prayer Next Meeting: September 8

*When: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 10 am |
Where: Parish Hall*

St. Mark's Prayer Shawl Ministry creates prayer shawls, baby blankets and prayer squares that are blessed and given to those facing illness, grief and other difficult times.

If you know the basics of knitting or crocheting, consider joining us. You can participate at our meetings or create items from home. Every finished piece is a tangible reminder that someone is loved, remembered and held in prayer.

Contact: Erica Zinman at
ericamariezinman@gmail.com

Catholic Sports Ultimate Frisbee League

Catholic Sports is bringing Ultimate Frisbee to Charlotte this fall! Young adults ages 18 and older are invited to join the 5v5 coed league. All skill levels are welcome.

Games will be played Sundays from 4–7 p.m., October 11 through November 22, at Providence Baptist Church in Charlotte. Register with a team, a small group of four or fewer, or individually as a free agent.

Register at catholicsports.net/charlotte-sports.

Questions? Contact Liz Kenney at elizabethmkenney@gmail.com



MEN'S WELCOME RETREAT

WHAT
MATTERS
MOST?

WHO IS
GOD
CALLING
YOU
TO BE?

THERE IS
MORE TO
LIFE.

MEN, THERE IS MORE TO LIFE.

MEN'S WELCOME RETREAT NOVEMBER 7-8

Maybe you've asked yourself: What am I here for? What matters most? Am I becoming the man God is calling me to be?

Sometimes we need to step away from the demands of everyday life long enough to ask the questions that matter.

The St. Mark Men's Welcome Retreat is a 1½-day experience created by Dynamic Catholic and led by men of our own parish.

Through personal witness, fellowship, prayer, Mass, Adoration and time for reflection, Welcome offers an opportunity to look more deeply at your life, your faith and your relationship with God. It is a time to build genuine friendships with other Catholic men along the way.

Since 2020, more than 400 men of St. Mark have attended a Welcome Retreat. This fall, we invite you to be part of our eighth Men's Welcome Retreat.

You don't need to be at a particular place in your faith.

Welcome is for the man who feels close to God, the man who feels far away, and everyone in between.

Come as you are.

There is no cost to attend, but space is limited.

REGISTER TODAY:

Please use the QR code or go to
stmarknc.org/welcome-retreat



Welcome.
There is **More to Life**

PARISH LIFE

Coffee & Conversation

Every Tuesday after
9am Mass in the
Kerin Family Center

Meet new people.
Enjoy old friends.
Connect to the community.

STARTS BACK SEPT 15!



Ancient Order of
HIBERNIANS
Irish • Catholic • American

2026 Ireland of Your Dreams Raffle Tickets

The Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) will again be selling raffle tickets after Masses next week. The Grand Prize winner this year will receive up to \$5,000 toward a trip to Ireland through Woodard Luxury Travel Vacations. There will be a 2nd Place Drawing for \$500, and a 3rd Place Drawing for \$250.

This is the 16th consecutive year we have conducted this raffle, the proceeds of which have been used, and will continue to be used, to support our parish, pro-life activities, seminarian education and various other religious and humanitarian organizations.

Raffle tickets will continue to be priced at \$25 each, or 5 tickets for \$100. Payments may be made by cash, check (payable to "AOH Meck #2") or credit card, or purchased online using the QR Code. You can also contact the members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians who are also fellow parishioners. Their names and information can be found below.

We sincerely thank you for your support and participation over the years, without which we could not have succeeded. The drawing will be held on Saturday, November 28, 2026. Good luck to all.

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HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

New Life Teen Year!

All high school students are invited to join us for another exciting year of Life Teen. 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 form friendships. And dinner is always included!

September 6: No Life Teen

September 13: Annual Color Games

Stay connected by signing up for
Flocknote! Scan to sign up or go to

<https://stmarknc.flocknote.com/lifeteen>



Info contact Gus Free at augustine.free@stmarknc.org.

Annual Color Games September 13!

Get ready to get colorful!

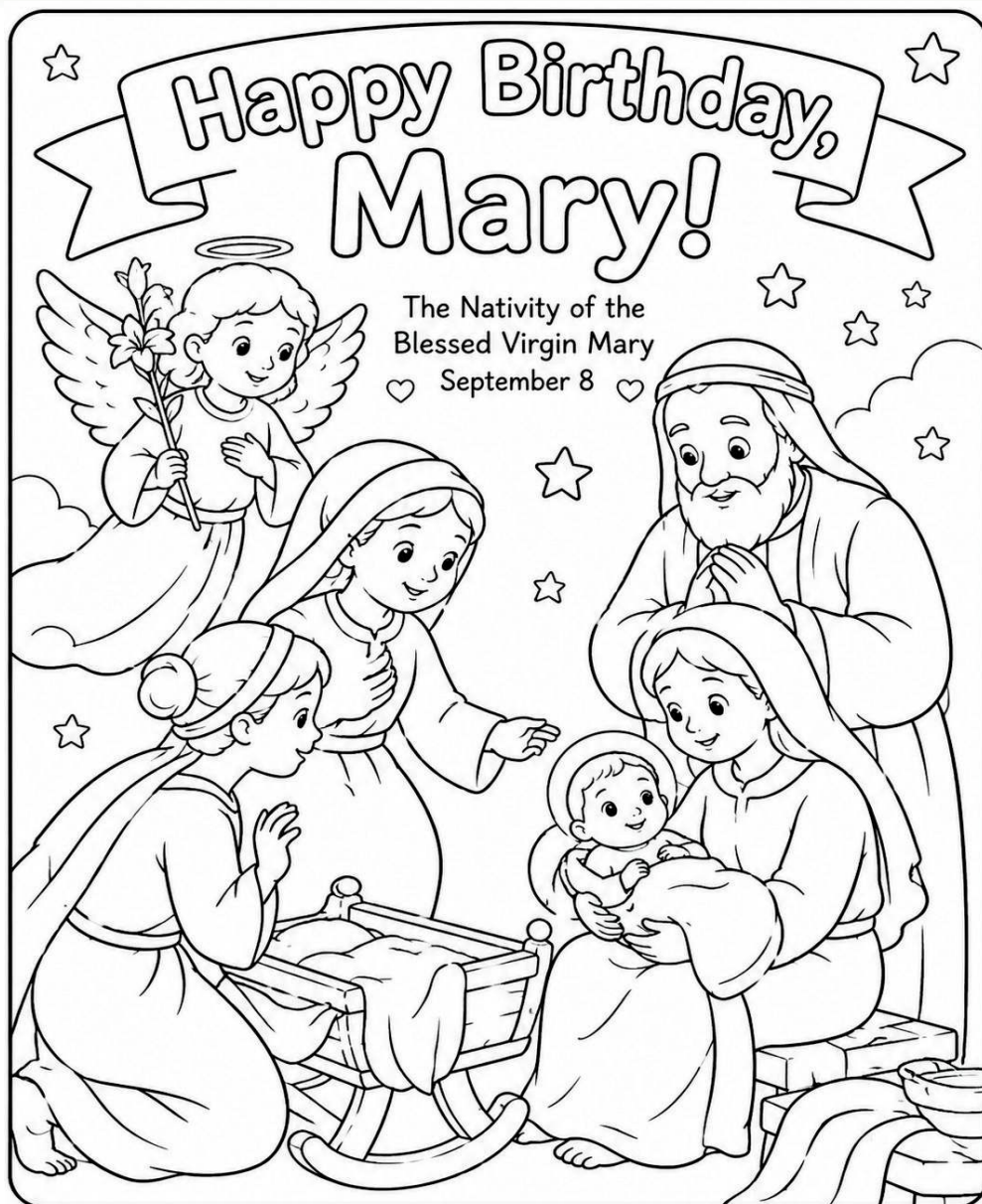
St. Mark Life Teen kicks off the year with the Annual Color Games on Sunday, September 13, from 6–8 pm.

All current high school students are invited for an evening of outdoor games and friendly competition, with colored powder flying, tossing and plenty of opportunities to get completely covered in color. Wear a white shirt and clothes that can get messy. The white won't stay white for long!

LIFE TEEN ANNUAL COLOR GAMES

**September 13
6-8 pm**





Two Special Days for Mary

September brings two special celebrations of our Blessed Mother!

On September 8, the Church celebrates the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mary's birthday!

Mary was born to Sts. Joachim and Anne. God had a special plan for her from the very beginning. She would grow up to trust God, say "yes" to Him and become the mother of Jesus.

Just four days later, on September 12, we celebrate the Most Holy Name of Mary.

Mary's name is special because it reminds us of the woman God chose to be the mother of His Son.

For centuries, Catholics have lovingly called upon Mary by name and asked her to pray for them and lead them closer to Jesus.

A Gift for Mary

You don't need a birthday present! Honor Mary by praying a Hail Mary, helping someone without being asked or saying your own little "yes" to God today.

Most Holy Name of Mary, pray for us!

World Day for Grandparents and Elderly

When: Sat., Sept. 12/Sun., Sept. 13
Where: St. Ann Catholic Church, 3635 Park Road, Charlotte

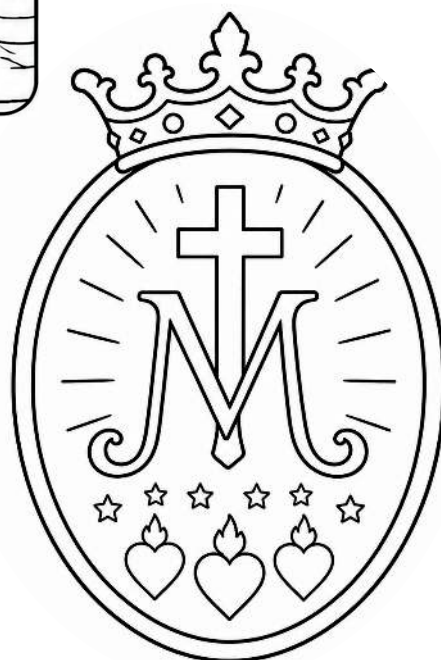
Join the Catholic Grandparents Association Charlotte Diocese Chapter in celebrating the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.

Saturday, Sept. 12: Grandparents and families are invited to walk together in the Eucharistic Congress Procession. Meet at the corner of S. Tryon and 3rd Streets and look for the Catholic Grandparents Association banner.

Sunday, Sept. 13; 10:30 am: Celebrate Mass at St. Ann Catholic Church, 3635 Park Road, Charlotte, followed by a reception at 11:30 am in the Allen Center. Come learn more about the Catholic Grandparents Association and its Charlotte Diocese Chapter.

This year's theme is "I will never forget you" (Isaiah 49:15), an invitation to celebrate, cherish and thank our grandparents and the elderly for their wisdom, love and faith.

Contact: Kathy Consler,
cgakac24@gmail.com





Couples ADORATION & OUTDOOR WINE & CHEESE NIGHT

Come rest in the presence of Christ, reconnect with your spouse, and enjoy an evening of faith and fellowship.

 **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**



7:00–8:00 PM
COUPLES EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
 (in the Church)
Confession available

- ♥ Eucharistic Adoration
- ♥ Confession available
- ♥ Peaceful music and prayer
- ♥ Time to place your marriage before the Lord



8:00–9:00 PM
OUTDOOR WINE & CHEESE RECEPTION

- ♥ Couples are invited to bring a favorite bottle of wine to share (optional)
- ♥ Cheese, appetizers, and light refreshments provided
- ♥ Relaxing outdoor atmosphere
- ♥ Quiet instrumental music
- ♥ Meaningful conversation
- ♥ Fellowship with other married couples



Come rest in the presence of Christ, reconnect with your spouse, and enjoy an evening of faith and fellowship.

Free Event



Register online at
www.stmarknc.org/marriage-ministry



ST. MARK MARRIAGE MINISTRY

Invitation to Learn About the Annulment Process

When: Mon., Sept. 14; 7 pm
 Where: Parish Hall

Are you or someone you know seeking clarity, healing, peace, or a fresh start after a divorce?

You are warmly invited to an informational meeting about the Catholic Annulment process on Mon., Sept. 14, at 7 pm in the Parish Hall.

Our presenters, Deacon Rich McCarron and Tribunal Advocate Rod Brostrom, will lead this gentle and supportive session.

They will demystify the process, explain the steps involved, and answer common questions about what an annulment is—and what it isn't. There is no cost to attend, no registration is required, and all conversation is strictly confidential. Whether you are divorced yourself or simply want to learn how to support a loved one, please join us.



Together in Holiness Marriage Conference

When: Sat., Nov. 21; 8 am–3:15 pm
 Where: Charlotte, NC and Greensboro, NC

Married and engaged couples are invited to the 8th Annual Together in Holiness Catholic Marriage Enrichment Conference, presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation and the Diocese of Charlotte. Spend a day strengthening your marriage through dynamic speakers, quality time together, and opportunities for Mass, Adoration, and Confession. Childcare will also be available.

Cost: \$64 per couple • \$40 per individual. **Register by October 5 for a discounted rate.** Visit TogetherInHoliness.org or use the QR code to register.



Marriage Troubles? There is Help.

If your marriage has become troubled and stressed, unloving or uncaring; if you might have grown cold and distant; or even if you are divorced or separated, or are thinking about it, Retrouvaille can help...as it has already helped tens of thousands of others. Our next program begins **Oct 2-4, 2026**.

For information, visit www.helpourmarriage.org, or call Bill & Lyn Folsom (727) 343-6701. Not counseling or group therapy. All contacts and names held in absolute confidence.



ADORATION

The One-Liners, By: Donna Fodale/Adoration Coordinator

I don't know about you, but I just love a good one-liner. I thought I would share one of my favorites with you...

"I can hear music coming out of my printer. I think the paper's jammin' again."

I know, very silly and you are probably thinking "What does that have to do with adoration?"

One-liners are often followed by a response from the person hearing them. Some will make you laugh and some, like the one I just shared with you, may trigger a shaking of the head response. What I really like, though, is that with just a few short words, something happens. This made me think of certain one liners that aren't jokes but are prayers. Prayers that draw us close to the Lord and can help us grow in holiness.

When we bring our prayers to the Adoration Chapel, we are reminded that Jesus is there, right before us, listening intently and paying attention to all that we share with Him. I do believe that Jesus is not only moved by the long prayers that we pray but very much moved by the one liners!

What are some of your one-liners that you pray in Adoration? Here are some that I love...

"Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like unto Thine"

"Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening" -1 Samuel 3:9

"Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"

"Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!"

"Jesus, save souls!"

"Jesus, I trust in you!"

"My Jesus, hide me in your wounds."

There is so much power in these prayers. There is so much grace when praying them before the Eucharist.

St. Peter Julian Eymard tells us, *"It is an old custom of the saints of God to have some little prayers ready and be frequently darting them up to heaven during the day...He who adopts this plan will obtain great fruits with little pain."*

Please prayerfully consider committing to a Holy Hour. [Register at: www.stmarknc.org/adoration](http://www.stmarknc.org/adoration)

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

Practicing the Virtues: Courtesy

Courtesy, found in the scriptural art at the back of the church on the right, is the virtue of treating others with respect, kindness and consideration, recognizing the dignity of every person.

As we observe Labor Day, we give thanks for the work of human hands and for the many people whose often unnoticed efforts serve our families, workplaces, parish and community. Our work is not simply what we accomplish. It is also one of the ways we serve one another and contribute to the common good.

As we also remember the lives lost and the courage and sacrifice shown on September 11, we are reminded how deeply we depend upon one another.

The opposite of courtesy is rudeness or disregard, failing to recognize the dignity and needs of those around us. In our daily encounters, even small acts of kindness, gratitude and consideration can reflect the love of Christ.

WE REMEMBER

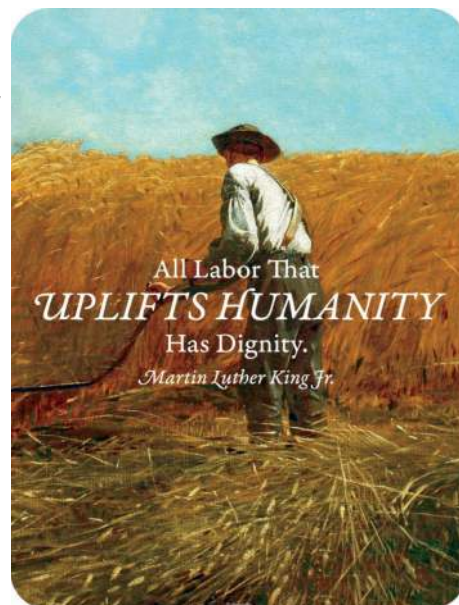
Labor Day

As we observe Labor Day, we give thanks for the gift of work and for all whose daily labor serves their families, our community and one another.

Our Catholic faith reminds us that work is more than simply earning a living. Through our work, whether in the workplace, at home, in school, in service or in retirement, we have opportunities to use the gifts God has given us and to contribute to the good of others.

This Labor Day, may we also remember those who are seeking work, those whose work is difficult or uncertain, and those who do not have the opportunity for needed rest.

May God bless the work of our hands and help us to offer it for His glory and the good of our neighbor.



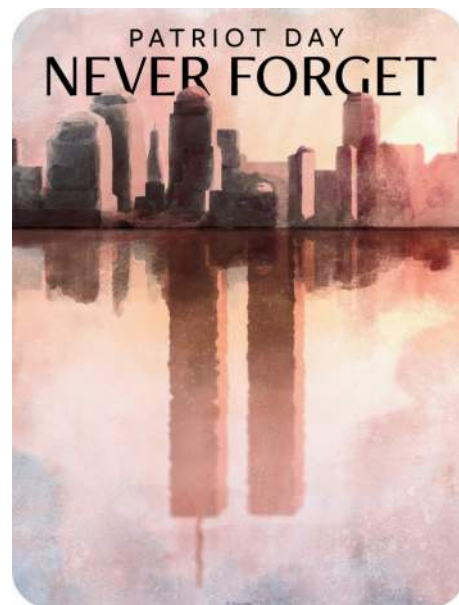
Remembering September 11

This week marks 25 years since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

We remember the nearly 3,000 lives lost that day, those who were injured, the families whose lives were forever changed, and the firefighters, police officers, first responders and ordinary citizens who responded with extraordinary courage and sacrifice.

Twenty-five years later, we continue to pray for all who carry the loss of that day and for those who have sacrificed in the years since. We pray especially for peace in our nation and throughout the world.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.



Saint Mark Parish Directory

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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

Food Insecurity:

Parish Office

stmarknc.org/assistance or

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704-948-0231, Ext. 102

Al-Anon

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Alcoholics Anonymous

Tom | 704-604-7739

Alateen program

Paul G. | 704-641-0654

Divorce Support Group

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

Contact: divorce.support@stmarknc.org



DEL PÁRROCO



Las lecturas de hoy nos recuerdan la importancia de nuestras relaciones. Dios nos creó para vivir en comunión con Él y entre nosotros. Nuestras

familias, vecinos, amigos y la comunidad parroquial nos necesitan, y nosotros los necesitamos mientras crecemos juntos en santidad.

En la Segunda Lectura de hoy, San Pablo nos ofrece una guía sencilla pero profunda para vivir en relación con los demás. Repitiendo las palabras de Cristo, escribe: «Amarás a tu prójimo como a ti mismo». El amor es el principio rector que nos ayuda a ser buenos administradores de cada relación que Dios nos ha confiado.

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús nos muestra cómo es ese amor, incluso cuando las relaciones se tensan. Él dice a sus discípulos: "Si nuestro hermano peca contra nosotros, ir y dile que su culpa es solo entre nosotros y él. Si te escucha, habrás ganado a tu hermano."

En lugar de ignorar el conflicto o permitir que crezca el resentimiento, Jesús nos enseña a acercarnos unos a otros con humildad, caridad y un sincero deseo de reconciliación. Esto es una custodia fiel de nuestras relaciones.

También nos recuerda la fortaleza que se encuentra en la comunidad cristiana: "Donde dos o tres están reunidos en mi nombre, yo estoy en medio de ellos."

Dios nunca quiso que viajáramos solos al cielo. Que nos preocupemos por las relaciones que Él nos ha confiado y nos ayudemos mutuamente a crecer como discípulos fieles. ©Consultores de Gestión Católica, 2026

Reflexión pastoral – El próximo sábado la Diócesis de Charlotte celebrará el Congreso Eucarístico anual en el Centro de Convenciones de Charlotte. Los eventos comienzan el viernes por la noche, con la mayoría de las actividades el sábado y culminando con la Misa del Congreso por la tarde. Animo a todos a aprovechar esta oportunidad para unirnos como familia diocesana y celebrar la *fuerza* y la *cima* de nuestra fe. Nuestro propio padre Kevin Martínez será el que dará la homilía de la Hora Santa el sábado por la mañana, al concluir la procesión eucarística.

Las procesiones públicas de la Eucaristía y de los santos (especialmente sus reliquias e imágenes) son expresiones

antiguas y duraderas de la fe católica. Combinan la oración litúrgica, el testimonio público, la peregrinación comunitaria y la piedad pública. Proclaman visiblemente doctrinas fundamentales —la Presencia Real de Cristo en la Eucaristía y la comunión de los santos— mientras simbolizan a la Iglesia como pueblo peregrino que viaja hacia la Jerusalén celestial.

Este tipo de procesiones se encuentran en el Antiguo Testamento, cuando el Arca de la Alianza se procesaba en diferentes ocasiones, por ejemplo, la conquista de Jericó o la alegre entrada del arca en Jerusalén. En la Iglesia primitiva, se desarrollaron procesiones en el siglo IV tanto en Oriente como en Occidente. Celebraban festivales, agradecimientos, penitencias, traslados (traslados solemnes) de reliquias, consagraciones de iglesias, funerales y tiempos de calamidad.

Las procesiones eucarísticas surgieron más tarde, en la Alta Edad Media, en medio de una intensificada reflexión teológica sobre la Presencia Real (IV Concilio de Letrán 1215; desarrollo del lenguaje de la transubstanciación) y una creciente devoción a la Eucaristía fuera de la Misa. La elevación de la Hueste durante la Misa se hizo común alrededor del año 1200.

La solemnidad del Corpus Christi se originó en las visiones de Santa Juliana de Lieja (principios del siglo XIII), quien veía el año litúrgico de la Iglesia como una luna llena con una mancha oscura—la ausencia de una fiesta dedicada a la Eucaristía. La fiesta se celebró por primera vez en Lieja en 1246. El papa Urbano IV (anteriormente arcediano de Lieja) lo extendió a la Iglesia universal en la bula *Transiturus de hoc mundo* (1264), encargando a Santo Tomás de Aquino la composición de los textos litúrgicos (incluyendo *Pange lingua*, *Lauda Sion* y *Adoro te devote*). Un milagro eucarístico en Bolsena (Hostia sangrante) por la misma época, llevado a Urbano en Orvieto, reforzó el impulso.

Pronto aparecieron procesiones públicas formales con el Santísimo Sacramento en una custodia—registros tempranos de lugares como Benediktbeuern (1273) y Colonia (década de 1270)—y se extendieron rápidamente por Europa en el siglo XIV. El papa Clemente V y el Concilio de Vienne (1311) ayudaron a regular



la fiesta y su observancia; posteriormente, el ánimo y las indulgencias papales apoyaron las procesiones. Normalmente seguían la misa, se movían por calles o campos (a veces deteniéndose en altares al aire libre para lecturas y peticiones del Evangelio) y concluían con la Bendición.

El Concilio de Trento los respaldó firmemente como una profesión pública de fe en la Presencia Real, especialmente frente a las negaciones protestantes. En los periodos de la Contrarreforma y el Barroco se volvieron elaborados, involucrando autoridades cívicas, gremios, escoltas militares, música y decoraciones (alfombras de flores, estandartes). Continuaron como grandes eventos públicos en países católicos y fueron revividos o defendidos en siglos posteriores (por ejemplo, contra presiones secularizadoras del siglo XIX o bajo regímenes comunistas). Papas como San Juan Pablo II y Benedicto XVI enfatizaron su valor; Juan Pablo II restauró la procesión romana del Corpus Christi y escribió sobre la necesidad de proclamar al Dios encarnado "especialmente en nuestras calles y hogares."

La Iglesia sigue animándolas. Los libros litúrgicos describen la procesión anual del Corpus Christi como especialmente deseable para la vida pastoral de una parroquia o ciudad cuando las circunstancias lo permiten, como un testimonio público de fe y devoción. Las procesiones de santos siguen siendo parte de la piedad popular y de las tradiciones locales (celebraciones de días de fiesta, observancias de Rogación donde se conservan, traslados de reliquias, etc.).

En resumen, estas procesiones no son mera pompa. Son proclamaciones encarnadas de que el Cristo resucitado camina con su pueblo en la Eucaristía y que los santos, como miembros del Cuerpo único, continúan intercediendo y acompañando a la Iglesia en la tierra.

Únase a nosotros en el
**CONGRESO
 EUCARÍSTICO**
2026
 11 y 12 de septiembre



Procesión Eucarística
Sábado 12 de septiembre
9 am

Únase a los feligreses de St. Mark mientras caminamos por las calles de Charlotte junto con miles de católicos en una de las procesiones eucarísticas más grandes de los Estados Unidos. Ubíquese en cualquier lugar a lo largo de la ruta antes de las 8:30 am y, cuando vea pasar el estandarte de St. Mark, únase a nosotros en la procesión. Este evento gratuito de dos días contará con reconocidos conferencistas católicos, música inspiradora, una amplia variedad de artículos católicos, Adoración Eucarística, Confesiones, la Procesión Eucarística por Uptown Charlotte y la Misa de clausura a las 4 pm. Ya sea que asista por una hora o durante todo el fin de semana, venga a profundizar su fe y a celebrar la Presencia Real de Jesucristo en la Eucaristía.

¡IMPORTANTE!
 Cambios en las Misas de St. Mark por el Congreso Eucarístico
 Viernes, 11 de septiembre: No habrá Misa a las 7 pm.
 Sábado, 12 de septiembre: No habrá Misa a las 9 am ni a las 5 pm para que todos puedan asistir a la Procesión Eucarística a las 9 am y a la Misa a las 4 pm.



CENTRO DE CONVENCIONES DE CHARLOTTE  **11-12 DE SEPTIEMBRE DE 2026 | GRATIS**

ORADORES:



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 Anfitrión y celebrante principal de la Santa Misa



Padre Marcos Galvis
 Predicador y evangelizador



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Nathan Crankfield
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The Vigil Project

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-  **Más de 100 expositores católicos**



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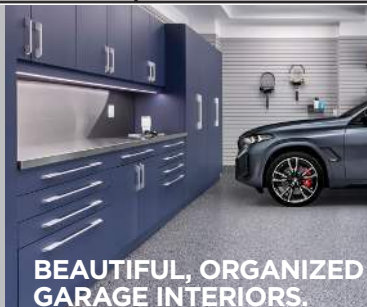
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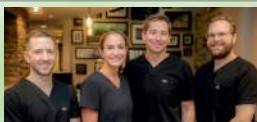
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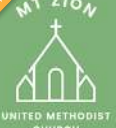


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