SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS

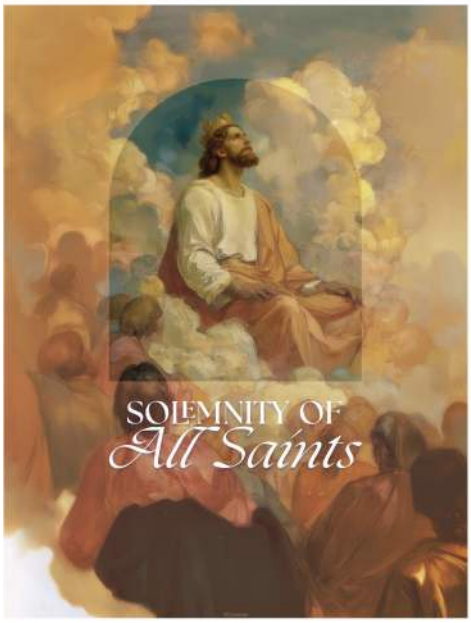
The saints pray for us. We pray for the faithful departed.
Together, we are one Church in Christ.



SAINT MARK

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WELCOME TO ST. MARK!



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.

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints. The readings can be found on page 1279 in the St. Augustine Hymnal or in the music handouts. The Order of the Mass can be found on page 7; Mass prayers are on the last page of the hymnal.

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 becomes a steward 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.

COMMUNION GUIDELINES 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 either 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.*

A Reminder About Active Parish Membership

Being an active, registered parishioner is an important part of parish life, especially when preparing for sacraments, enrolling in Catholic school, becoming a godparent or Confirmation sponsor, or requesting a letter of good standing.

Your weekly offertory envelopes help us keep a record of your participation at Mass, even when you aren't making a contribution.

Whether you're new to St. Mark, have attended for years, or are an adult still registered under your parents' membership, we encourage you to make sure your parish registration is up to date. We're glad you're part of our parish family!

To request envelopes, contact Sue.Bruce@stmarknc.org. To register, visit stmarknc.org/registration.

Thank you for generously sharing your gifts with the parish.

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FROM THE PASTOR



On this Solemnity of All Saints, we have the profound joy of celebrating our brothers and sisters in Christ, the saints. This is an especially meaningful feast for us as Christian stewards.

At Baptism, each of us receives the call to holiness and discipleship. In other words, we are all called to become saints. Holiness is not reserved for a select few. It is God's desire for every one of His children. The stewardship way of life helps us answer that call each day.

In today's Gospel from Matthew, Jesus gives us the Beatitudes. They reveal the qualities that mark the lives of His disciples and point us toward authentic holiness. As we continue striving to live as faithful stewards, the Beatitudes provide a faithful measure of our growth in Christ.

The "blessed" that Jesus describes are not different categories of people who make it to heaven. Rather, they reveal the character of those who belong to Him — the poor in spirit, the merciful, the pure of heart, the peacemakers, and all who remain faithful in the midst of trials. None of us can live this way on our own. But as beloved children of God, we receive the grace we need through prayer, the sacraments, and a life centered on Christ.

May the example of the saints inspire us to persevere in our own call to holiness, trusting that one day we will join them in the everlasting joy of heaven. © Catholic Stewardship Conference, 2026

Pastoral Pondering – October brought us the Church's renewed attention to mental health. Pope Leo XIV has asked us this month to pray that our communities become places where those who carry unseen burdens find welcome, dignity, and hope—not judgment or silence.

Many of those burdens are carried by women and girls. Some have lived through abuse, assault, or trauma that few around them even know about. Recent headlines, including those from Cornell University, have reminded the whole country how widespread these wounds are and how alone many survivors feel. Regardless of the outcome and veracity of the Cornell case, these types of cases exist closer to home. Women in our own parish and community often suffer quietly, unsure where to turn or whether anyone will truly understand.

There is help, and there is hope. Healed and Restored, the local Catholic ministry founded by our own parishioner Elza Spaedy, exists precisely for this purpose. Through counseling, workshops, spiritual mentoring, retreats, and a supportive community, it walks with women and girls who have experienced abuse, assault, domestic violence, trafficking, or other trauma. Rooted in faith, it helps them encounter the Divine Physician who alone can restore what has been broken and discover that their wounds do not define them. Many of the women who have walked this path have found real freedom and a renewed sense of their dignity as daughters of God.



If you are carrying a wound like this, or if you know someone who is, I encourage you to reach out. Information is available at healedandrestored.org. And if you simply want to stand with those who are hurting, please keep them in your prayers. Sometimes the greatest gift we can offer is to notice, to listen without fear, and to point someone toward the healing Christ offers.

May the Lord who binds up the brokenhearted make our parish a place of true restoration.



Election Day Novena

When: *Mon. & Tues., Nov. 2-3*
5:30–5:45 pm

Where: *Church*

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 3. All are invited to join in praying a short Election Novena for our country, our elected leaders and the protection of human life. We will gather in the church each weekday through Election Day to pray together for wisdom and guidance as voters prepare to cast their ballots.

Dear Parish,

The Knights of St. Joseph has been established as an auxiliary ministry of St. Mark Parish. It works alongside the pastor and parish staff.

The Knights of St. Joseph is a ministry of men dedicated to quietly assisting our clergy and parish family whenever the need arises.

Our members are present at weekend Masses and major parish events—including Christmas, Easter, SeptemberFest, and Ordinations—to provide support and assistance in a variety of situations, such as medical emergencies, helping reunite lost children with their families, responding during power outages or severe weather, and addressing other unexpected needs at the direction of our Pastor. We proudly join other auxiliary ministries in our parish such as The Saint Vincent DePaul Society, Fraternus and Fidelis and the Respect Life Ministry.

If you are interested in supporting the Knights of St. Joseph, please follow this link or scan code: https://www.osvhub.com/stmarknc/giving/funds/knights-of-st-joseph-st-mark-chapter.

Thank you,

John Ferrannini Knights of St. Joseph

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

Tom Addison
Maryann Bahret
Lizzy Balzer
Daisy Bayona
Barbara Benner
Brian Blatchford & Family
Marlene Bombay
Virginia "Gini" Bond
Lynne Bridges
Carman Butler
Anne Caestecker
Anthony Cain
Michelle Chicoine
Ridge Curwood
Joan Demarco
James P. Durcan
Joanne Errick
Jack Evans
Frances & Kai Ferell & Family
Al Fischlein
Padraic Foley
Tom Fox
April Gallo
Daniel Gilbridge
Denny & Monica Golden
Corbin Golightly
Lucas Graf
Ron Haley
Victoria Hart
Fran Hehn
Allan Helmbrecht
Bill Hille
Mary Kate Knight
The Kibbee and Farnejad Family
Aubrey Lamb
Joan Lesch
Carolina Liendo
Wilfredo Lostaunau
David Luongo
Phil Lyons
Utelia Malwitz
Sharon Marshall
Rose Mauceri
Melissa McDonald
Terry Milstead
Linda Morella
Angeles Murphy
Emily Nash
Sarah Obermiller
Louise Painter
Donna Paniagua
Jack Parley
Angela & Gianni Piraino
Tom Quist
Johnathan Rametta
Joette Reid
Natalie Roberts
Jack Schneider
Phyllis Searles
Fernando Suclupe
William and Sharon Tumidanski
Mario Valinhas
Haley Velez
Julio Velez
Jean Vogel
Elise Weiss
Al Wiltz
Patricia Zeggert



READINGS

Scripture Readings: For the Week of November 1

Sunday	**Solemnity of All Saints**
	Rev 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
Monday	**The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls)**
	Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40
Tuesday	Phil 2:5-11; Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30e, 31-32; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday	**Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop**
	Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday	Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 15:1-10
Friday	Phil 3:17-4:1; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday	Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9; Lk 16:9-15
Sunday	**Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
	Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 1 Thes 4:13-14; Mt 25:1-13

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 1
7:30 am † Thuc-Cuong-To-Van-Hang-Dau
9 am Andrea and Tom DiGiovanni
11 am Robert Gerbasi
1 pm St. Mark Parishioners
4:30 pm Maria Lively
5 pm † Jose Mendoza

Monday, November 2
7 am † Albert R. Nigro
9 am † Olga Martinez Perez

Tuesday, November 3
7 am † Gonzalo Modesto Guillen Canino
9 am † Guillermo Solanilla

Wednesday, November 4
7 am † John Sampogna
† Nancy Plummer
6:30 pm † Alvaro Torres
† Carolyn Cascarano

Thursday, November 5
7 am † Evelyn Cox
9 am Mary's Women of Joy

Friday, November 6
7 am † Carolyn Cascarano
9 am † Marilyn Hayes
7 pm † Jackie Zamora

Saturday, November 7
9 am All Souls in Purgatory & Conversion of Sinners
5 pm † Jon Ross

Sunday, November 8
7:30 am † Alice & Daniel J. Cleary Sr.
9 am † Alexandra Schaney
11 am Celmira & Roberto Rojas
1 pm † The Hlenski Family
4:30 pm Veronica Gonzales
5 pm St. Mark Parishioners

† Deceased

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

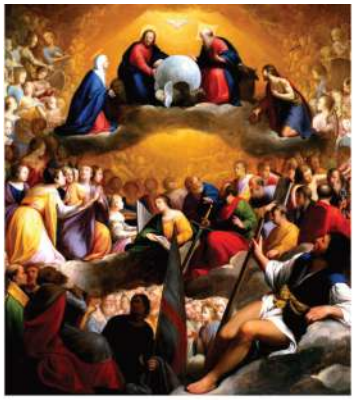
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Army: 1st Lt. **Amelia Andretti**; Capt. **Patrick Camatcho;** Capt. **Sarah Camatcho**; Maj. **Robert Caraccilo**; Sgt.Maj. **Darcy Fisher; Kyle Hawk;** PFC. **J. Parker Hogan;** Capt. **John Hughes;** Pvt. **Chaz Margo**; Maj. **Daniel McCormick;** 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. **Bobby Holden;** Cpl. **Baylin Prescott,** Capt. **Nathanael Rusciolelli**

Navy: MIDN 3C USNA **Kellan Azzopardi;** DCFN ***Matthew J Bixler Jr ;*** LCDR. **Matthew Giannone;** SR **Chase T. Golden;** MIDN 3C USNA **Malerie Lague;** Lt. **Albert 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.*



Allhallowtide

With All the Angels and Saints



Allhallowtide, the three days of All Hallows Eve, All Saints Day and All Souls Day, reminds us of one of the most beautiful teachings of our Catholic faith: death does not separate us from the Church or from the love of Christ.

We believe in the Communion of Saints, the spiritual union of the faithful here on earth, the saints in Heaven and the souls in Purgatory.

We are one Church, united in Christ, helping one another through prayer.

On All Saints Day, we celebrate those who have reached Heaven, both the canonized saints we know by name and countless others known only to God. Their lives remind us that holiness is not reserved for a chosen few. We are all called to become saints.

On All Souls Day, we turn our prayers toward those who have died, especially the souls in Purgatory. Our prayers, sacrifices and, above all, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass can assist them as they are purified and prepared for the fullness of Heaven.

These two days remind us of both our hope of eternal life and our responsibility to pray for one another, even beyond death.

The Solemnity of All Saints

All Saints Day Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, Veneration of Relics and Vespers

Surrounded by Saints: Veneration of Relics

At every Mass, our worship joins that of the angels and saints in Heaven. This weekend, that connection becomes especially visible as we surround the altar with relics of the saints.

Our display includes the Apostles, early martyrs and saints whose lives teach us about the Eucharist, everyday holiness, mercy and hope. These saints were real people who faced many of the same struggles we do. We honor their relics, ask for their intercession and remember that we, too, are called to holiness.

Please visit the relics; we have a guide to help you learn their stories and what their lives can teach us today.

Saturday, October 31

Relic Veneration begins at 2 pm

Vigil Mass, 5 pm

Relics on display until 7 pm

Sunday, November 1

Regular Sunday Mass schedule

Relic Veneration throughout the day

Sung Vespers, 6:30 pm

Relics remain on display until after Vespers

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

All Souls Day Cemetery Mass and Mass of Remembrance

Remember and Pray for the Faithful Departed

On All Souls Day, we remember our deceased loved ones and all the faithful departed, entrusting them to God's mercy and the promise of eternal life.

The Church teaches that those who die in God's friendship but still need purification are assured of Heaven. Purgatory is not a second chance or a lesser form of Hell, but the final preparation to enter God's presence.

Praying for the dead is one of the oldest traditions of our faith and a true act of charity. Although we can no longer see our loved ones, we can continue to help them through our prayers, Mass offerings and sacrifices.

Monday, November 2

Daily Mass: 7 am and 9 am

Cemetery Mass: 12:10 pm

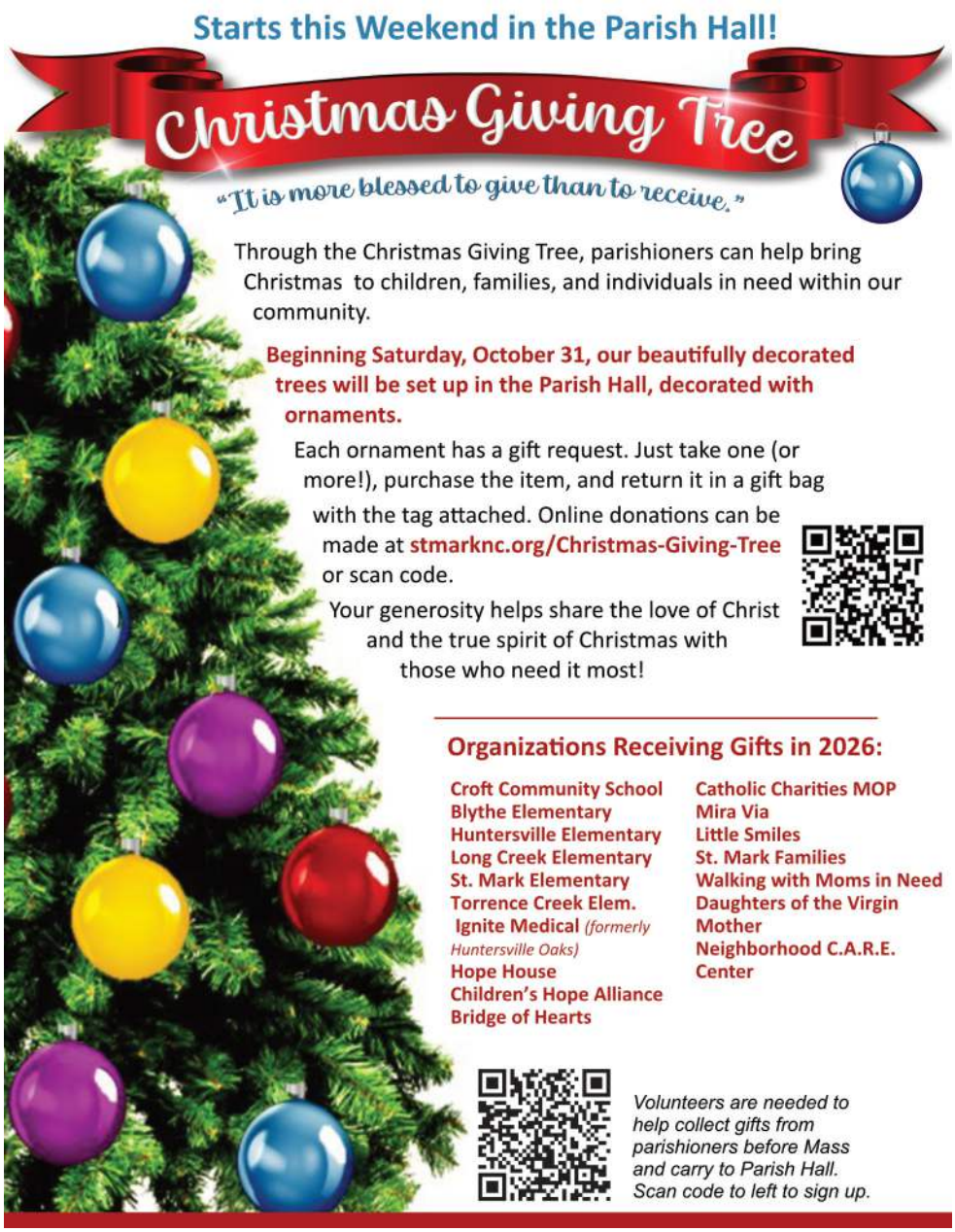
Northlake Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 11001 Alexandriana Road, Huntersville.

Following Mass, there will be a procession through the cemetery and blessing of graves. Please bring a chair or blanket. Thank you to James Funeral Home for hosting us and providing a tent. See page 10 for more.

Mass of Remembrance: 7 pm

Join us in the church as we remember and pray for parishioners and loved ones who have died during the past year.

A SEASON OF GIVING AT ST. MARK





So Much Happening at St. Mark!

As we head into November and December, there's a lot to look forward to at St. Mark!

None of it happens without the many parishioners who give their time, talents and resources to our parish. Thank you to everyone who volunteers, supports our ministries, helps those in need and makes St. Mark such an active parish.

Take a look at what's coming up and mark your calendars. We hope you'll find something to enjoy, a way to get involved or an opportunity to share your gifts with others.

Sunday, November 1
All Saints Day Donut Sunday
Christmas Giving Tree Kick Off
Monday, November 2
All Souls Day
Northlake Cemetery Mass, 12:10 pm
Mass of Remembrance, 7 pm
November 7-8
Men's Welcome Retreat
Wednesday, November 11
Veteran's Day Offices Closed
Saturday, November 14
Mass of Consolation
Turkey Race
Marriage Date Night
Wednesday, November 18
Young at Heart Luncheon
Friday, November 20
Middle School Craft & Football
Tuesday, November 24
Prayer and Praise
Thursday, November 26
Thanksgiving, Offices Closed
Sunday, November 29
Advent Begins
Saturday, December 5
Family Christmas Event
Sunday, December 6
St. Nicholas Breakfast
Monday, December 7
Room in the Inn begins
Tuesday, December 8
Immaculate Conception Holy Day
Thursday, December 10
The Vigil Project Concert
Saturday, December 12
6 am Rorate Mass, Our Lady of Guadalupe
December 15-23
Posadas
December 25
Christmas



Stewardship Spotlight: Prayer Shawl Ministry

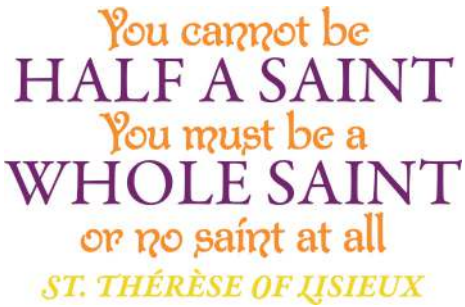
Our Prayer Shawl Ministry creates shawls and baby blankets to wrap people in tangible reminders of our community's prayers. Parishioners, the Levine & Dickson Hospice, and Rachael's Vineyard have received these prayer shawls.

The baby blankets go to Mira Via, NICU at Novant Hospital in Huntersville, and every baptized baby at St. Mark.

As they work, crafters pray that the person who receives it will also receive God's love and healing. Once the items are completed, a priest or deacon blesses them before they go to the recipient.

Knitters and crocheters who would like to serve in this ministry, please reach out to Erica Zinman at ericamariezinman@gmail.com, or join them on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 10 am in the Parish Hall. Yarn is provided. Those who cannot attend scheduled meeting times or prefer to work at home are welcome to join as well.

If you or someone you know is ill or needs healing in mind, body, or spirit, please take them a prayer shawl. Let them know the St. Mark Catholic Church community is praying for them. To request a shawl or baby blanket. email Erica at ericamariezinman@gmail.com.



Your Generosity Reaches Beyond Our Walls

When we think about our weekly offertory, it's easy to think about the everyday expenses of running a parish. And certainly, our contributions help maintain our church and facilities, support our staff and provide for the many programs that make St. Mark such an active parish.

But our offertory does much more than that.

St. Mark supports more than 82 ministries and apostolates, along with numerous outreach and charitable organizations serving people throughout our community.

Through our parish ministries, we help families in need, support faith formation for children and adults, care for those experiencing hardship and provide opportunities for people to grow in faith and serve one another.

Our commitment to stewardship also includes the goal of tithing a portion of our parish income to support charitable outreach and the needs of others. Just as we encourage families to share their blessings, we strive to do the same as a parish.

During this Season of Giving, we see that generosity in action through our Thanksgiving Food Drive and Christmas Giving Tree. These special efforts meet immediate needs, while our regular offertory provides the ongoing support that allows our parish to serve others throughout the year.

As St. Mark continues to grow, so do the opportunities and responsibilities that come with serving our parish family and the wider community.

When was the last time you reviewed your offertory giving?

Whether you contribute weekly or through automatic online giving, we invite you to prayerfully consider whether your giving reflects your current circumstances and the blessings you have received.

Even a small increase, shared by many families, can make a meaningful difference.

Thank you for helping St. Mark continue to grow in faith, serve one another, share our gifts and connect in faith.

Review or begin your offertory giving: stmarknc.org/online-giving





Discipleship Conference 2026

When: Sat., Nov., 14; 9 am–4 pm

Where: Hickory Metro Convention Center

The Diocese of Charlotte invites all who are passionate about sharing the Catholic faith to a day of inspiration, learning and fellowship at the Hickory Metro Convention Center.

Hear from Catholic speakers, discover practical resources for ministry and connect with others dedicated to forming missionary disciples.

Registration is $50 per person, including lunch and refreshments. Register by November 4 to avoid increased late registration fees. Scan the QR code to register or contact the diocesan Office of Faith Formation for more information: 704-370-3244.

LAST CHANCE: Men's Welcome Retreat

When: Sat. & Sun., Nov. 7–8
Where: Family Center Parish Hall

There's still time to be part of our upcoming Men's Welcome Retreat.

If your schedule allows, consider joining us next weekend for an opportunity to step away from your daily routine, strengthen your relationship with Christ and connect with other men of St. Mark.

Led by men of our parish, the retreat offers personal witness, prayer, fellowship and time to reflect on what matters most. Whether you're looking to renew your faith or simply take some time away from life's daily demands, this weekend is an opportunity to do just that.

There is no cost to attend, and a few spots are still available! Register today at stmarknc.org/welcome-retreat or scan the QR code.

Next City-Wide Vigil of the Two Hearts: Fr. Martinez

When: Fri., Nov. 6-7; 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, on November 6 followed by nocturnal Adoration and concluding with 8 am First Saturday Mass on November 7. ***Fr. Kevin Martinez, parochial vicar at St. Mark parish will be the celebrant.***

Organized by Carolina Pro-Life Action Network (C-PLAN). To adopt an hour in prayer scan code or go to: www.defendthefamily.org/two-hearts



Stephen Ministry: Help, Hope, Healing

Are you going through a difficult time and wishing you had someone to talk to?

You don't have to face life's challenges alone. Sometimes having someone who will listen, pray with you, and walk alongside you can make all the difference.

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

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

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

Learn more at: stmarknc.org/stephen-ministry.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Wrap Someone in Prayer

When: 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month; 10 am
Next Meetings: Nov. 10 & 24

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.

Contact: Erica Zinman at *ericamariezinman@gmail.com*

Young Adult Group

If you are 21-39 and looking for ways to connect with other faithful, our Young Adult Group would love to have you join them. Activities include both group study and social events.

The best way to learn about upcoming events for this ministry is through their GroupMe.

Scan the code to sign up for the Group Me.



Cursillo 'FYI' Event

When: Thur., Nov. 19; 7-8 pm
Where: Please RSVP to john.moloney222@gmail.com for address on Lake Norman

Is Cursillo for me?

You may have heard people at St. Mark talk about Cursillo and wondered what it is.

This informal FYI evening is a chance to learn more, meet people who have experienced Cursillo and ask questions. There is no commitment. Just come and find out if it might be for you.

Cursillo, which means "short course in Christianity," is a lay movement within the Catholic Church that helps Catholics deepen their relationship with Christ and live their faith more fully in everyday life.

At the heart of Cursillo is a three-day weekend of prayer, fellowship and talks led by priests, deacons and laypeople from throughout the Diocese of Charlotte.

The weekend focuses not only on growing in faith, but on bringing Christ into our families, workplaces and communities.

Come learn what happens on a Cursillo weekend, hear from others who have attended and see why the experience has become an important part of their Catholic faith.

Information: www.CharlotteCursillo.com
Contact: John Moloney, 704-662-5920, john.moloney222@gmail.com

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Remembering the Faithful Departed: Visit a Cemetery November 1–8

During the first days of November, you may notice graves decorated with flowers, candles, photographs and other mementos.

In many Hispanic families, these beautiful displays, known as ofrendas, are part of the tradition of Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead), honoring and remembering loved ones who have died.

The Catholic Church also offers a special opportunity to pray for the faithful departed during this time.

From November 1–8, Catholics can obtain a plenary indulgence, applicable only to the souls in purgatory, by devoutly visiting a cemetery and praying for the deceased, even if only mentally.

To receive a plenary indulgence, the usual conditions apply: ***sacramental Confession, Holy Communion, prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father and complete detachment from sin, even venial sin.***

On All Souls Day, November 2, a ***plenary indulgence may also be obtained for the faithful departed*** by visiting a church or oratory and praying the Our Father and the Creed, along with fulfilling the usual conditions.

As we remember those who have gone before us, consider visiting a cemetery this week. Take a few moments to pray for family, friends and all the faithful departed, especially those who have no one to pray for them.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.



ADORATION

"We must empty Purgatory with our prayers." – St. Pio of Pietrelcina

By: Donna Fodale/Adoration Coordinator

As you may already know, November is set aside to honor the Holy Souls in Purgatory. They are the souls who have died in God's grace but still undergo purification before entering Heaven.

The Holy Souls do not need to earn salvation, but our prayers can help them enter heaven sooner — and in return, they intercede for us.

This month I would like to invite you to stop by our Adoration Chapel and offer prayers specifically for the Holy Souls.

St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori affirmed that assisting souls in Purgatory brings merit to the living and that a soul delivered from Purgatory will intercede for those who helped it.

Some saints reported mystical experiences of Purgatory. St. Gertrude recounted that Our Lord said, *"By the prayers of thy loving soul, I am induced to free a prisoner from purgatory as often as thou dost move thy tongue to utter a word of prayer."*

My friends, I can't imagine what these poor souls suffer but knowing that by our prayers and sacrifices we can help them enter heaven sooner…how can we not help them attain heaven!

This month I would like to encourage you to spend time in the Adoration chapel praying for the Holy Souls.

One of the things that I like to do, especially in November, is to take a notebook to the Adoration Chapel. I ask the Lord to put on my heart all the names of those who have passed away that need my prayers.

You will be surprised by the names that are placed on your heart. These names are often Family members, friends and often people that you have not thought of in ages or at all.

In Adoration you come before our most Merciful Savior. Your prayers matter and what He desires for each of us, is to be with him in heaven.

So, ask, seek and knock on behalf of these poor souls. This spiritual work of mercy is one that we can all practice. Helping free souls from Purgatory is a great mission for everyone!

Imagine if there is a soul that is just one Divine Mercy Chaplet, Rosary or Mass away from entering heaven! So please pray for them and have Masses said for them.



St. Gertrude the Great (1256–1302) was a 13th-century Benedictine nun and mystic who received numerous heavenly visions. According to tradition, Jesus revealed to her that this prayer, when recited devoutly, would greatly ease the suffering of souls in Purgatory and could release 1,000 souls each time it is prayed.

While the Church regards the "1,000 souls" promise as a pious tradition rather than a formal doctrine, it emphasizes the immense spiritual efficacy of praying for the dead.

Maybe you could offer this prayer given to St. Gertrude daily for the Holy Souls.

"Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen."

Over the next few weeks, I will be sharing different prayers that are specifically for the Holy Souls.

To become a regular adorer, register at: www.stmarknc.org/adoration

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

Relics of St. Bernadette

The relics of St. Bernadette Soubirous, the young visionary who witnessed the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Lourdes, France, will visit the Diocese of Charlotte this November as part of the 2026–2027 United States Relic Tour.

- **November 10–12: Belmont Abbey, Belmont, NC**
- **November 13–15: St. Bernadette Catholic Church, Linville, NC**
- **November 16–17: St. Pius X Catholic Church, Greensboro, NC**



Each location will offer opportunities for veneration of the relics, Mass, Marian devotions, presentations about the faith and prayers for the sick.

This is a special opportunity to honor St. Bernadette and deepen our devotion to Our Lady of Lourdes. *For individual parish schedules and additional information, catholicnewsherald.com.*

Special Talk: Blessed Karl of Austria: A Model for Marriage and Family

When: Wed., Nov. 18; 7 pm
Where: St. Ann Church/Allen Center
Join us for a talk on Blessed Karl of Austria (1887–1922), the last Emperor of Austria and Hungary, who, with his wife, Empress Zita, had a blissful marriage, balanced work and family time, and welcomed children under difficult circumstances of war, exile, and poverty. Learn how their virtues can serve as a model for marriage and family life today.

This event is open to all, especially spouses and young adults. Featuring Suzanne Pearson of the Emperor Karl League of Prayer. *Info: info@defendthefamily.org or defendthefamily.org/blessedkarl*



MARRIAGE MINISTRY

Good Food, Good Friends, and a Night Out Together!

When was the last time you and your spouse enjoyed an evening out with friends?

St. Mark's Marriage Ministry invites married couples to an evening of dinner, laughter and fellowship with other couples from our parish. It's a chance to step away from busy schedules, catch up with friends, make new ones and enjoy a night out together.

Along the way, discover a simple Daily Check-In you can take home to help strengthen your marriage, one conversation at a time.

Whether you're newly married or celebrating decades together, come enjoy an evening of friendship, fun and connection.



November: Finding God in Our Everyday Lives

Our Little Traditions series continues with simple ways to bring our Catholic faith into everyday family life. From St. Mark Rocks in September to praying the Rosary in October, each month offers a new opportunity to grow in faith together, one small tradition at a time.

This November, as we give thanks for our many blessings, we invite families to try a Daily Examen, a simple prayerful reflection on the day.

Before bedtime, take a few minutes to share your rose of the day, something that brought you joy, and your thorn of the day, something that was difficult or disappointing.

Where did you see God at work? What might you want to ask His help with tomorrow?

Then pray together, thanking God for the blessings of the day and asking Him to guide your family.

It's a small tradition that can lead to meaningful conversations, help children recognize God's presence in everyday moments and remind us that even difficult days hold opportunities for grace.

Try it throughout November, and see how a few minutes together can become a lasting family tradition!

DAILY EXAMEN *for families*

So you can reflect on your day together, touching on highs and lows, and remembering to pray to God in all those moments of your life! Invite your whole family to participate! Share your day, and then pray!

AT THE END OF YOUR DAY, SHARE TOGETHER:

Rose of the day:

What brought you joy today?

Did something good happen to you today?

Did you feel the presence of God during your day?

THORN OF THE DAY:

Did anything happen to you today that made you feel sad or hurt?

Did you get in trouble for making a poor choice?

Did you get frustrated today?

Once you have all shared: PRAY!

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for the gifts of this day. Forgive us where we fell short. Draw us closer to You and to each other.

Holy Spirit, guide us through the night and renew us for tomorrow.

Mary, our Mother, pray for us.

Amen!

ADD THIS TO YOUR ROUTINE!

Begin: Do this every evening with your family!

BUILD: Pray about what God is showing you through your roses and thorns!

Deepen: Take the thorns you share to confession once a month!

little traditions AT ST. MARK

"REJOICE ALWAYS. PRAY WITHOUT CEASING. IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES GIVE THANKS." 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18



LITTLE SAINTS, BIG LESSONS: St. Martin de Porres

Feast Day: November 3

St. Martin de Porres lived in Peru more than 400 years ago. He cared for the sick, fed the hungry and showed kindness to people and animals. Even when others treated him unfairly because of his background, he chose to love and serve others.

St. Martin reminds us that we don't have to do big things to become saints. We can show God's love through small acts of kindness every day.

CAN YOU BE LIKE ST. MARTIN THIS WEEK?

- ☐ ***Help someone without being asked.***
- ☐ ***Be kind to someone who feels left out.***
- ☐ ***Share something with someone in need.***
- ☐ ***Take care of one of God's creatures.***

Find St. Martin at St. Mark! Next time you're at church, look for his stained-glass window in the left transept. Can you spot his broom, the crucifix and the animals at his feet? Each tells us something about how he loved and served God.

A little prayer: St. Martin de Porres, help me see Jesus in others and serve them with love. Amen.



First Annual Turkey Race

When: Sat., Nov. 1; 9:15 am check-in

Where: Christ the King High School

Get ready for a morning of fun, friendly competition and parish fellowship!

St. Mark's first Turkey Race is a chance for families to come together, enjoy the outdoors and share a few laughs along the way.

Runners will compete in age divisions, with boys and girls running together. Prizes will be awarded separately to the top boy and girl finishers in each division. First-place winners will take home a frozen turkey, with additional prizes for second and third place!

Instead of a registration fee, we're collecting snacks for the Angels & Sparrows Pathway Program. Please bring granola or protein bars, pretzels, Goldfish crackers, fruit snacks or fruit leather, or Veggie Straws. It's a great opportunity to have some fun while helping families in our community.

Check-in begins at 9:15 am, when runners will receive their race bibs. We'll open with prayer at 9:45 am before lining up for the races. Awards will follow the final heat.

Come run, cheer on your family and friends, or simply enjoy being part of the St. Mark community. Because parish life is also about friendship, fellowship and having fun together!

Registration is required. Please sign up for the appropriate age division. *Questions? Contact Emilio Gomez at emilio.gomez@stmarknc.org.*

High School Life Teen

All high school students are invited to join us!

Life Teen gathers on Sunday evenings after the 5 pm. Mass for engaging talks, small-group discussions, games, prayer, fun and opportunities to build friendships. And dinner is always included!

Coming Up:

November 1, 8, 15: Life Night 6-8 pm

November 22: Thanksgiving Party

Stay Connected! Sign up for Life Teen emails and texts through Flocknote. Visit stmarknc.flocknote.com/lifeteen.

For more information, contact Gus Free at augustine.free@stmarknc.org.

Open House at Chesterton Academy of St. Katharine Drexel

When: Tues., Nov. 10, 2026; 8:10 am, Mass at Belmont Abbey Basilica
Open House from 9:15-10:30 am

Where: Chesterton Academy, 304 McAdenville Rd, Belmont

Have you heard of Chesterton Academy of St. Katharine Drexel and wanted to find out more? Are you looking for an outstanding education for your student, rooted in the Catholic faith? You're invited to an Open House!

Tour the school, hear from the Headmaster and current students, mingle with parents, and learn what it means for a student to receive a classical education in the Catholic tradition, one that prepares them to fulfill their vocations and live a life of faithfulness to Christ.

Please RSVP and find more information by scanning the QR code below or visit chestertondrexel.org.

Info: Travis Copeland; 704-930-0994; tcopeland@chestertondrexel.org

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.

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Crisis Pregnancy Help

Community Pregnancy Center of Lake Norman: 704-727-0535
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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

Parishioner Assistance

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St. Vincent de Paul Society: *Emily.Bixler@stmarknc.org*
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DEL PÁRROCO



En esta solemnidad de Todos los Santos, tenemos la profunda alegría de celebrar a nuestros hermanos y hermanas en Cristo, los santos. Esta es una fiesta especialmente significativa para nosotros como mayordomos cristianos.

En el Bautismo, cada uno de nosotros recibe el llamado a la santidad y al discipulado. En otras palabras, todos estamos llamados a convertirnos en santos. La santidad no está reservada para unos pocos elegidos. Es el deseo de Dios para cada uno de sus hijos. La forma de vida de la administración nos ayuda a responder a esa llamada cada día.

En el Evangelio de hoy de San Mateo, Jesús nos da las Bienaventuranzas. Revelan las cualidades que marcan la vida de sus discípulos y nos señalan hacia la santidad auténtica. Mientras seguimos esforzándonos por vivir como fieles mayordomos, las Bienaventuranzas ofrecen una medida fiel de nuestro crecimiento en Cristo.

Los "bendecidos" que describe Jesús no son diferentes categorías de personas que llegan al cielo. Más bien, revelan el carácter de quienes le pertenecen — los pobres de espíritu, los misericordiosos, los puros de corazón, los pacificadores y todos los que permanecen fieles en medio de las pruebas. Ninguno de nosotros puede vivir así por sí mismo. Pero como amados hijos de Dios, recibimos la gracia que necesitamos a través de la oración, los sacramentos y una vida centrada en Cristo.

Que el ejemplo de los santos nos inspire a perseverar en nuestro propio llamado a la santidad, confiando en que algún día nos uniremos a ellos en la alegría eterna del cielo. © Conferencia de Mayordomía Católica, 2026

Reflexión pastoral – Octubre nos trajo la renovada atención de la Iglesia hacia la salud mental. El Papa León XIV nos ha pedido este mes que recemos para que nuestras comunidades se conviertan en lugares donde quienes cargan con cargas invisibles encuentren bienvenida, dignidad y esperanza, no juicio ni silencio.

Muchas de esas cargas las llevan mujeres y niñas. Algunas han vivido abusos, agresiones o traumas que pocos a su alrededor siquiera conocen. Los titulares recientes, incluidos los de la Universidad de Cornell, han recordado a todo el país lo extendidas que son estas heridas y lo solas que se sienten muchas supervivientes. Independientemente del resultado y la veracidad del caso de Cornell, este tipo de casos están más cerca de casa. Las mujeres en nuestra propia parroquia y comunidad a menudo sufren en silencio, sin saber a dónde acudir o si alguien realmente lo entenderá.



Hay ayuda y hay esperanza. Sanado y Restaurado, el ministerio católico local fundado por nuestra propia feligresa Elza Spaedy, existe precisamente para este propósito. A través de asesoramiento, talleres, mentoría espiritual, retiros y una comunidad de apoyo, camina con mujeres y niñas que han sufrido abuso, agresión, violencia doméstica, u otro trauma. Arraigado en la fe, les ayuda a encontrarse con el Médico Divino que solo puede restaurar lo que se ha roto y descubrir que sus heridas no las definen. Muchas de las mujeres que han recorrido este camino han encontrado una verdadera libertad y un renovado sentido de su dignidad como hijas de Dios.

Si llevas una herida así, o si conoces a alguien que la esté, te animo a que te pongas en contacto. La información está disponible en healedandrestored.org. Y si simplemente quieres estar con quienes están sufriendo, por favor mantenlos en tus oraciones. A veces, el mayor regalo que podemos ofrecer es notar, escuchar sin miedo y señalar a alguien hacia la sanación que Cristo ofrece.

Que el Señor que une a los desalmados haga de nuestra parroquia un lugar de verdadera restauración.





Día de Todos los Santos

Sábado, 31 de octubre

Veneración de reliquias a partir de las 2 pm

Misa de Vigilia, 5 pm

Las reliquias estarán expuestas hasta las 7 pm

Domingo, 1 de noviembre

Horario habitual de Misas dominicales

Veneración de reliquias durante todo el día

Vísperas cantadas, 6:30 pm

Las reliquias permanecerán expuestas hasta después de las Vísperas.

Conmemoración de Todos los Fieles Difuntos

Lunes, 2 de noviembre

Misas diarias: 7 am y 9 am

Misa en el cementerio: 12:10 pm

Cementerio Northlake Memorial Gardens, 11001 Alexandriana Road, Huntersville.

Después de la Misa, habrá una procesión por el cementerio y una bendición de las tumbas. Por favor, traiga una silla o manta.

Agradecemos a James Funeral Home por recibirnos y proporcionar una carpa.

Misa de Conmemoración de los Fieles Difuntos: 7 pm

Acompáñenos en la iglesia mientras recordamos y oramos por los feligreses y seres queridos que han fallecido durante el último año.





¡El Grupo de Abuelos Hispanos celebra su 8.º aniversario!

¡Felicitamos a nuestro Grupo de Abuelos Hispanos por ocho maravillosos años de amistad, convivencia y alegría!

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Cada encuentro incluye diferentes actividades y manualidades, como pintura y proyectos creativos, además de celebraciones de cumpleaños, almuerzo y momentos para compartir y disfrutar juntos.

No es necesario inscribirse. ¡Solo vengan y acompáñennos!

¡Feliz 8.º aniversario a nuestro Grupo de Abuelos Hispanos!

Examen diario en familia

Pequeñas Tradiciones en St. Mark

Dedique unos minutos cada noche para reflexionar y orar en familia. Cada persona puede compartir su rosa del día, algo que le trajo alegría, y su espina del día, algo que le causó tristeza, dificultad o frustración.

Conversen sobre cómo Dios estuvo presente en esos momentos. Después, oren juntos, dando gracias por las bendiciones recibidas, pidiendo perdón por sus errores y buscando la ayuda de Dios para el día siguiente.

Hagan de esta oración una tradición familiar que los ayude a crecer en la fe y acercarse más a Dios y entre ustedes.

«Estén siempre alegres. Oren sin cesar. Den gracias a Dios en toda ocasión». 1 Tesalonicenses 5,16-18



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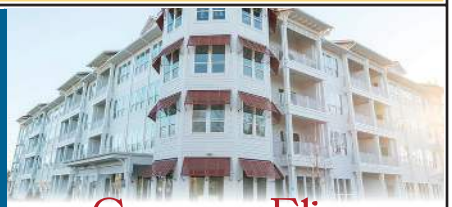


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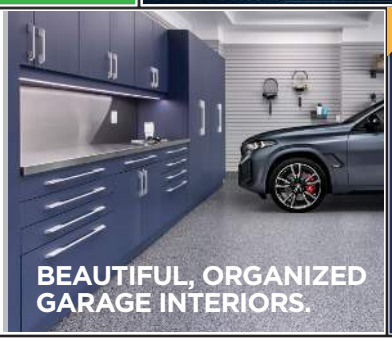
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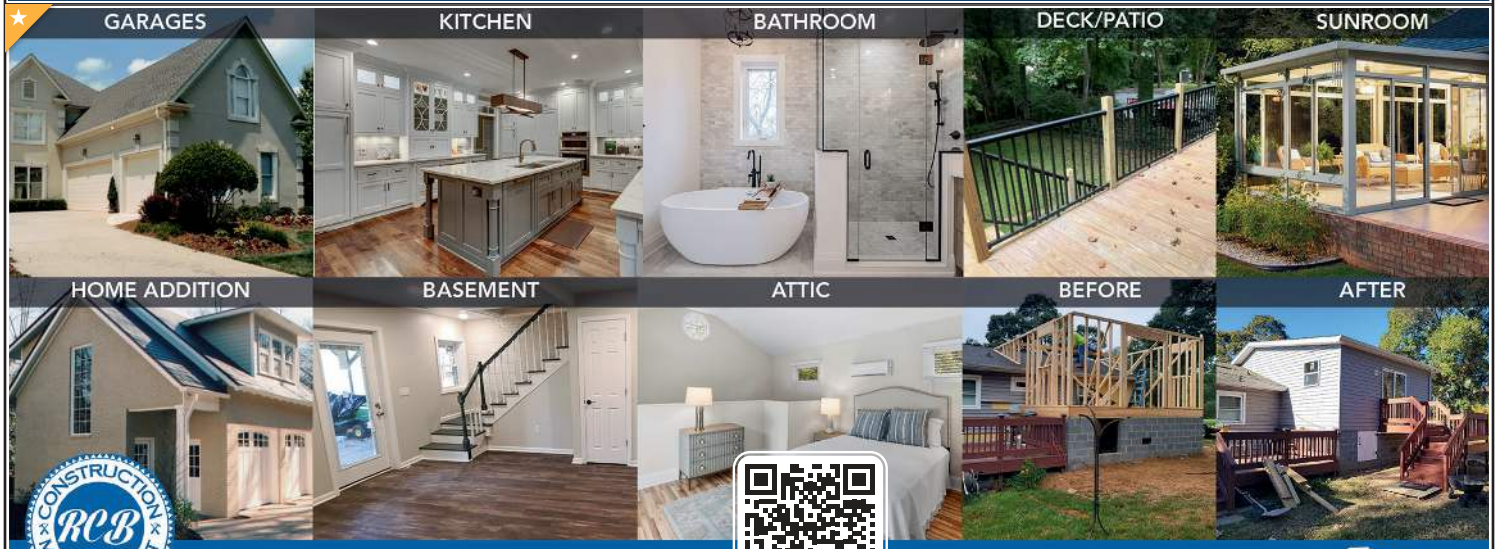
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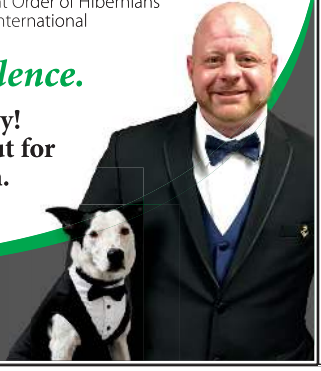
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