

HONORING OUR VETERANS

With gratitude for all who have served and continue to serve.

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 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. The readings can be found on page 946 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, online giving, and/or registration for parish events***, help us to keep a record of your participation at Mass.

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 so thankful you are a part 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.



FROM THE PASTOR



Wisdom is at the heart of today's readings. It is one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and an essential gift for living the stewardship way of life. As Christian stewards, we should continually ask the Holy Spirit to deepen this gift within us.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the 10 virgins waiting for the bridegroom. Five are wise, and five are foolish. The wise virgins prepare ahead of time, bringing enough oil to keep their lamps burning. The foolish ones fail to prepare and are caught off guard when the bridegroom arrives. Jesus concludes with this reminder: "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Stewardship helps us live with that same spirit of readiness. When we seek the Lord each day through prayer, the sacraments, and the faithful use of the gifts He has entrusted to us, we keep our hearts prepared to meet Him whenever He calls.

That is the wisdom Christ desires for each of us. © Catholic Stewardship Conference, 2026

Pastoral Pondering – Rooting Out Anger

Few things disturb the peace of a home, a parish, or a soul as quickly as anger. A sharp word at the dinner table, a resentful silence after Mass, a flash of irritation in traffic—each seems small in the moment, yet the Fathers of the Church warn us that anger is a deadly poison. St. John Cassian, the great monastic teacher whose writings shaped Western spirituality, dedicated an entire book of his *Institutes* to this vice. His counsel is bracing and practical for us today.

Cassian insists that anger must be "utterly rooted out from the inmost corners of our soul." As long as it remains, it blinds the eye of the heart. We lose right judgment, the capacity for true counsel, and even the ability to pray. "The wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God" (James 1:20). Whether the provocation seems just or unjust makes little difference: anger covers the eyes of the soul like a plate of gold or lead—the value of the metal does not restore sight.

He rejects the common excuse that we may be angry with those who do wrong, or that Scripture's language of God's "anger" justifies our own passion. God is free from all disturbance; the biblical language of divine anger is metaphorical, pointing to His just judgment, not to a human emotion we may imitate. To use it as permission for our own resentment is, Cassian says, to draw from the Scriptures an occasion of sin rather than a remedy of holiness.

There is, however, one legitimate use of the energy of anger: we may and should be indignant against the evil thoughts and disordered desires that rise within our own hearts. When we are ashamed of what we would never say or do before others, yet find it stirring inside, we are to rage against that disorder, trembling before the all-seeing eye of God. In this sense the psalmist's "Be angry and sin not" (Psalm 4:4) and St. Paul's citation of it (Ephesians 4:26) are understood: be angry with your own faults, lest the Sun of Righteousness set upon a darkened mind and the devil be given place.

Cassian's remedies are simple and severe. First, make a firm resolution never to be angry at all—neither for good reasons nor bad. The moment the passion enters, discernment is lost and the soul can no longer be a temple of the Holy Spirit. Second, never attempt to pray while angry; such prayer is obstinate rebellion. Third, keep daily before your eyes the uncertainty of life and the certainty of judgment. All our other efforts—Mass, fasting, works of charity—profit nothing if anger and hatred alone bring us to eternal punishment.

Practically, this means catching the first interior movement of irritation and turning it at once into sorrow for our own impatience. It means refusing to nurse the grievance past sunset, seeking reconciliation before the next Holy Communion, and enlarging the heart with patience so that the "waves of anger" are received and dissipated rather than confined and intensified. Peace, Cassian reminds us, does not depend on the conduct of others; it lies in our own control.

In the confessional and in the daily struggle of parish life, I see how often this vice wounds families and friendships. Let us ask the Lord, who is meek and humble of heart, to give us the grace to root it out. May the peace of Christ, which surpasses all understanding, guard our hearts and our parish.

DIOCESE of CHARLOTTE

In other news, due to an unexpected leave, I have been appointed as Vicar General and Chancellor of the Diocese of Charlotte by Bishop Martin. While this appointment is expected to be temporary, during the interim, it will make my ability to take appointments rather limited. Please be patient with the office staff as they try to accommodate those needs along with my additional responsibilities.



Veterans Day: Wednesday, November 11

As we approach Veterans Day, we give thanks for the men and women who have served our country with courage, dedication and sacrifice.

We remember their service, the sacrifices made by their families, and the freedoms we enjoy because of those who have answered the call to serve.

We ask God to bless our veterans, especially those carrying wounds of body, mind or spirit, and to grant eternal rest to those who have died.

We also continue to pray for the men and women currently serving in our Armed Forces, including those listed in our weekly Pray for Our Military section on page 4.

May Our Lady, Queen of Peace, intercede for them and their families, and may Christ, the Prince of Peace, guide our nation and our world.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God." Matthew 5:9

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
Louie Flores
Padraic Foley
Tom Fox
April Gallo
Valeria Gerbasi
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
Alexander Tarquinio
Mario Valinhas
Haley Velez
Julio Velez
Jean Vogel
Elise Weiss
Al Wiltz
Patricia Zeggert

In observance of Veteran's Day on Wednesday, November 11, the parish offices will be closed.



MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, November 9
7 am † Bernard N. Santaniello
9 am † Gerald Hoekzema

Tuesday, November 10
7 am † Janet Westervelt
9 am Nohora Maria Arenas

Wednesday, November 11
7 am † Ronald Kersten
† Gloria Ann Fields
6:30 pm † Bob Vazquez
† Kathie Bunch

Thursday, November 12
7 am † Jim O'Brien & Jack Rider
9 am † Johnny Ocampo Hernandez

Friday, November 13
7 am † Roland Luze
9 am Suzanne FitzGerald
7 pm † Kevin Scott Loudder

Saturday, November 14
9 am Respect Life Ministry
5 pm Raymond Brindley

Sunday, November 15
7:30 am St. Mark Parishioners
9 am † Mary Louise Koehl
11 am Peter Loew
1 pm † Hugo Arturo Rangel
4:30 pm Megan Carpenter
5 pm Thomas Garberina

† Deceased

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

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

Army: 1st Lt. **Amelia Andretti**; Capt. **Patrick Camatcho;** Capt. **Sarah Camatcho**; Maj. **Robert Caraccilo**; Sgt.Maj. **Darcy Fisher; Kyle Hawk;** PFC. **J. Parker Hogan;** Capt. **John Hughes;** Pvt. **Chaz Margo**; Maj. **Daniel McCormick;** 2nd Lt .**Maria Morell;** PV2 **Matthew Pressley;** Maj. **Stephen J. Romeo;** SSG **Andrew Sales; Andrew Santos;** Capt. **Ramon Ricardo Tapia**; Spl. Forces **Nolan Tillotson; Josh Wagner;** 1st Lt. **Nick Worth;** 2nd Lt. **Matthew Zagar**

Marines: LCPL. **Richard Breier;** 2nd Lt. **Drew Brenner;** Maj. **Matthew Santoli;** Cpl**. 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.*

THE LITURGICAL YEAR

As the Liturgical Year Draws to a Close: Looking Toward Eternity and the Coming of Christ

As we enter the final weeks of the liturgical year, the Church's readings at Mass take on a particular urgency. They turn our attention toward the end of earthly life, the final judgment, and the promise of eternal life with God.

November is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. Having just celebrated All Saints Day and All Souls Day, we continue throughout the month to remember and pray for the faithful departed. It is especially fitting that these prayers accompany the final weeks of the Church's year, when the readings remind us of our own mortality and the hope of eternal life.

The Sunday Gospels call us to remain watchful, to make good use of the gifts God has entrusted to us, and to prepare for the day when we will stand before the Lord. These themes invite us to reflect on the Four Last Things: death, judgment, heaven and hell.

The liturgical year culminates on Sunday, November 22, with the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. On this great feast, we proclaim Christ as King of all creation and look forward to His return in glory.

Just four days later, we celebrate Thanksgiving, offering gratitude to God for His many blessings.

Then, on Sunday, November 29, the First Sunday of Advent, a new liturgical year begins. We move from Year A, centered primarily on the Gospel of St. Matthew, to Year B, when we will hear primarily from the Gospel of St. Mark, our parish patron.

Advent begins with a call to watchfulness as we prepare not only to celebrate the birth of Christ at Christmas, but also for His glorious return.

As one liturgical year ends and another begins, the Church reminds us that our lives are a pilgrimage toward eternity, and that Christ is both the beginning and the fulfillment of our hope.





November: Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory

"As we enter Heaven we will see them, so many of them walking towards us and thanking us. We will ask who they are, and they will say a poor soul you prayed for in Purgatory." -- St. Fulton J. Sheen

November is dedicated to remembering and praying for the faithful departed, especially the Holy Souls in Purgatory, who are undergoing purification before entering the fullness of Heaven. Our prayers for them are an act of charity and an expression of our faith in God's mercy and the Communion of Saints.

Indulgences for the Holy Souls

The Church grants a plenary indulgence, applicable only to the souls in Purgatory, to the faithful who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray for the departed on November 1 through 8. The usual conditions include sacramental Confession, Holy Communion, prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father, and freedom from all attachment to sin, even venial sin.

After November 8, a partial indulgence may still be gained by visiting a cemetery and praying for the departed. This opportunity remains available throughout the year. We are also encouraged to offer Masses, prayers and sacrifices for the Holy Souls throughout November and beyond.

Prayer for the Holy Souls, Traditionally Attributed to St. Gertrude the Great

St. Gertrude the Great was a 13th-century Benedictine nun and mystic known for her deep devotion to Christ. The following traditional prayer offers the Precious Blood of Jesus for the souls in Purgatory and for sinners throughout the world.

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.

THANKSGIVING

An Outpouring of Generosity! Thanksgiving Food Drive

What an extraordinary response to this year's Thanksgiving Food Drive!

Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, more than 500 bags of food and 275 gift cards valued at $25 each were collected to help families in need this Thanksgiving.

Families will receive bags filled with groceries along with gift cards to help provide a Thanksgiving meal. And the generosity didn't stop there! An entire storage pod filled with additional food, enough to fill several truckloads, will be donated to Hearts and Hands Food Pantry to help feed others throughout our community.

A heartfelt thank you to KC Schinners, who coordinated this tremendous effort, and to the many volunteers who helped collect, sort, pack and distribute the donations. We are especially grateful to our parish youth, whose energy, hard work and willingness to serve made it possible to handle such an incredible amount of food. We simply could not have done it without them!

Behind every bag of groceries is a family who will know that someone cares. What a beautiful reminder of what happens when a parish comes together to care for its neighbors.

Thank you to everyone who donated, volunteered and helped make this Thanksgiving a little brighter for so many families. Your generosity is a wonderful expression of Christ's love in action.



Ongoing Grocery Gift Card Collection

We are always in need of grocery gift cards used to help parishioners in need. Donations of $25 Aldi and Food Lion gift cards are especially needed and may be left with the receptionist at the Welcome Desk in the Family Center.

The bin in the narthex is used to collect non-perishable foods year-round. We donate to area food banks as well as people in need who come to the parish.

Thank you for your continued generosity to serve people in need.



Next Weekend! Sign Up Today!

Thank you volunteers!















Young at Heart Ministry Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon: Register by Monday!

When: *Wed., Nov. 18, 11 am*

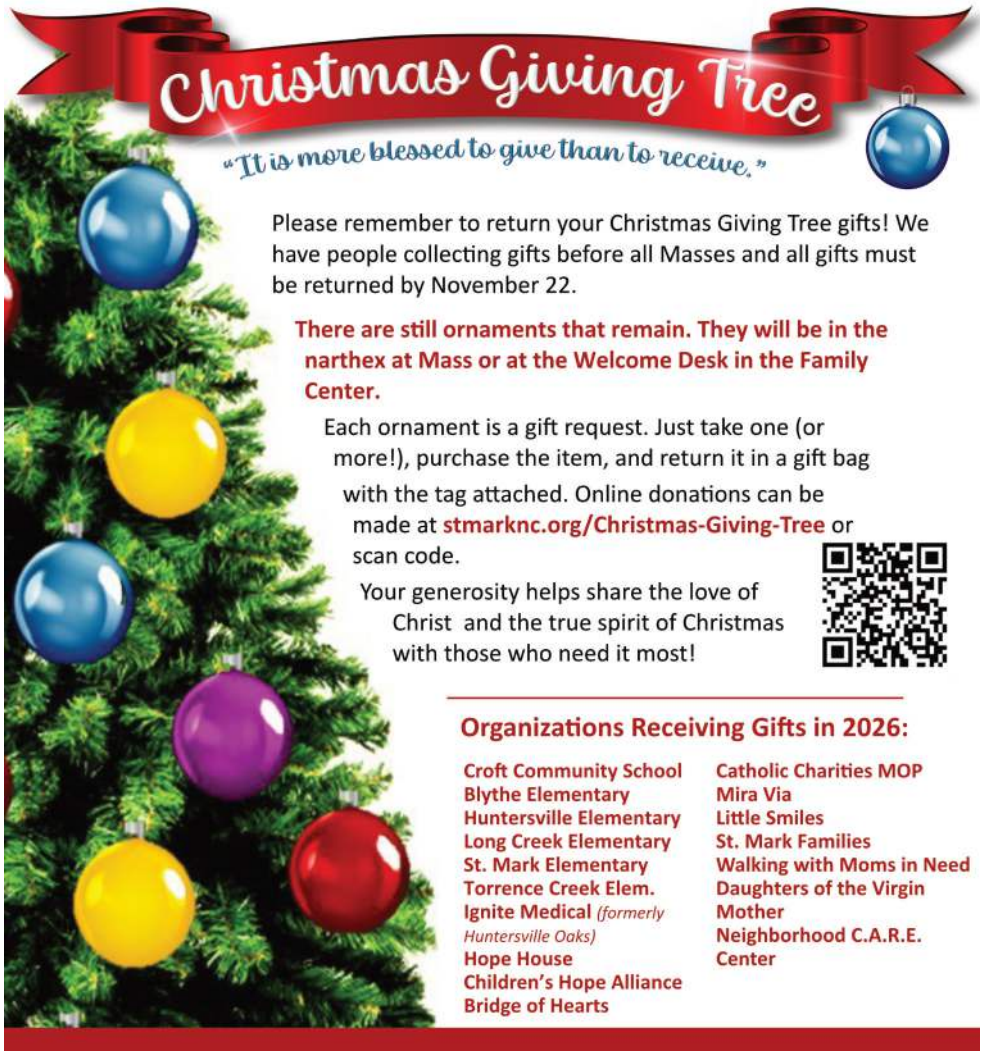
Where: *Family Center Parish Hall*

Good food, great friends and plenty to be thankful for! Our Young at Heart group invites parishioners ages 55 and older to one of their favorite gatherings of the year, the annual Thanksgiving Luncheon. Enjoy a festive afternoon of friendship, laughter and a delicious turkey dinner prepared by our very own Clint Schaney. Whether you're a longtime member or joining us for the first time, there's always room at the table!

The cost is $15 per person. Reservation envelopes are available at the reception desk in the Family Center.

Please return your envelope with payment to the black box at the reception desk by Monday, November 9. We look forward to celebrating Thanksgiving together!

CHRISTMAS IS COMING





Knights of Columbus Christmas Tree & Wreath Sale: Order Now!

Order Deadline: Sat., Nov. 28

Pickup: Sat., Dec. 5, 8 am-2 pm, St. Mark Parking Lot

There's nothing quite like the fragrance of a fresh Christmas tree to welcome the season!

For more than a decade, our Knights of Columbus have helped parish families prepare for Christmas with their annual Christmas Tree and Wreath Sale. This favorite tradition is back, and orders are now being accepted!

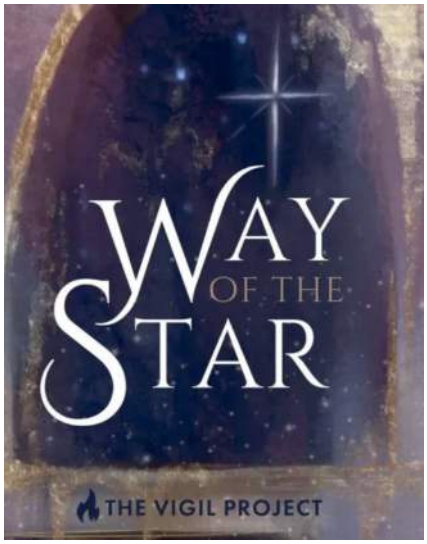
Beautiful Fraser fir Christmas trees are available in three sizes: 6-7 ft. ($80), 7-8 ft. ($95) and 8-9 ft. ($125). Fresh wreaths are also available in 22-inch, 26-inch and 30-inch sizes, with decorated and undecorated options ranging from $25 to $55.

Orders may be picked up on December 5 in the church parking lot. Home delivery is also available within 15 miles of the church for an additional $25.

Proceeds support the charitable programs and good works of Knights of Columbus Council #12654. Order your Christmas greenery, support the Knights and share this longtime parish tradition with family and friends!

Order: Use the online order form or scan the QR code to select your items, quantities and delivery preference. Payment may be made in advance by check or Zelle, or by check at pickup.

Questions? Contact Edmund Ippolito at edmund.ippolito@gmail.com or 631-682-0121 (text preferred).



Save the Date! The Vigil Project Returns to St. Mark

When: Thurs., Dec. 10, 7-9 pm

Where: In the Church

One of our most beloved parish events returns this Advent! The Vigil Project, a talented collective of Catholic musicians dedicated to drawing people closer to Christ through music and prayer, will return to St. Mark for a special evening on Thursday, December 10.

Their Way of the Star Advent experience invites us to journey toward Bethlehem through beautiful music, Scripture, prayer and reflection on the birth of our Savior. The evening will culminate in Eucharistic Adoration, offering an opportunity to encounter Christ and prepare our hearts for Christmas.

Whether you have joined us for The Vigil Project's previous visits or will be experiencing their music for the first time, mark your calendar for this special Advent evening.

Free admission. All are welcome!

Info: thevigilproject.com.

Calendar of Events

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
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



Practicing the Virtues

Moderation and Forbearance: Overcoming Anger

Throughout St. Mark, the virtues inscribed on the pillars of our church are more than decoration. They are visible reminders of the interior work God invites us to do each day. Our Practicing the Virtues series explores how recognizing our weaknesses and practicing the opposing virtues can help us grow in holiness.

In this week's Pastoral Pondering, Fr. John reflects on the vice of anger and the importance of rooting it out of our hearts. Two virtues found side by side on the pillars surrounding the Blessed Virgin Mary in the right transept offer practical ways to meet that challenge.

Moderation helps us govern our emotions, recognizing when frustration or irritation begins to take hold rather than allowing it to control our words and actions.

Forbearance teaches us to endure difficulties and the shortcomings of others with patience, without giving in to resentment or retaliation.

Together, these virtues remind us that while we cannot always control what happens around us, we can ask God for the grace to govern our own responses.

For Our Lives: The next time anger begins to rise, pause before reacting. Ask God for patience, examine what is stirring in your heart, and choose a response rooted in charity.

The virtues are already written on the pillars of our church. May we continue learning to write them into our lives.



Stewardship Spotlight on Called & Gifted Workshop

Our Gospel reading reminds us that we do not know the day or hour when our time in this life will end. We have been entrusted with unique contributions for His kingdom and specific gifts and charisms to accomplish this work. Gifts and charisms are not reserved for a few; they are for every baptized Christian.

"Whether extraordinary or simple and humble, charisms are graces of the Holy Spirit…ordered as they are to her building up, to the good of men, and to the needs of the world. Charisms are to be accepted with gratitude by the person who receives them and by all members of the Church. They are a wonderfully rich grace for the apostolic vitality and for the holiness of the entire Body of Christ, provided they really are genuine gifts of the Holy Spirit and are used in full conformity with authentic promptings of this same Spirit, that is, in keeping with charity, the true measure of all charisms." (CCC 799-800)

Called and Gifted™ is a three-part discernment process that begins with an introductory workshop series at St. Mark on Wednesday evenings, January 6–February 3, 2027, from 6:30–8 pm.

This wonderful opportunity to learn more about charisms and how we can each discern our unique gifts includes small-group learning sessions and discussions. We encourage you to discover your spiritual charisms by registering and joining us for this series.

The $20 registration fee includes the workshop, personal gifts inventory, small group sessions, and a resource book. "Pursue love, but strive eagerly for the spiritual gifts." (1 Corinthians 14:1)

Register here https://www.stmarknc.org/called-and-gifted

Hands for Haiti: Hope in Action

When: Wed., Nov. 18, 7-8:30 pm

Where: St. Matthew Catholic Church,

Fifteen years ago, a small Charlotte-based nonprofit established a school in rural northern Haiti. Today, St. Marc School provides education and daily meals to more than 400 children, bringing hope to families and sharing the Catholic faith under the guidance of a Haitian priest.

Join Hands for Haiti for an evening of faith, service and hope. Through a video presentation and personal testimonials, learn how this mission has touched thousands of lives and discover opportunities to volunteer or support its work.

Dessert and coffee will be provided, along with a cash bar. Admission is free, but reservations are required. Please arrive 10 minutes early for check-in.

Info: handsforhaiti.org. Register using the QR code.

Knights of Columbus®

LAMB Clay Shoot Results

The Knights of Columbus Monsignor Joseph A. Kerin Council #12654 is pleased to announce that its September 25 LAMB Clay Shoot fundraiser raised more than $26,000 to support people with intellectual disabilities in our local community.

Proceeds will benefit Holy Angels of Belmont, Special Olympics of NC, Shining Hope Farms, Hough High School's SAC/AU Program, Community School of Davidson's Exceptional Children Class, and Melmark Carolinas.

Twenty-eight four-person teams participated in the friendly competition at Four Branches Sporting Preserve in Polkton, NC, shooting at 14 stations along a scenic one-mile course. Following the competition, participants enjoyed a brisket and turkey barbecue lunch prepared by the Knights' Kitchen Krew and heard from representatives of Holy Angels and Shining Hope Farms about the impact of their support.

The Knights and LAMB extend their sincere thanks to the participants and generous sponsors who made this fundraiser possible: Twin Acres Charitable Trust, DePalo Foods, Dice Metal Works, the Eddie Ippolito Family, NCR Management, Birkdale Audiology and Dr. Kelly Knolhoff, Mountain Island Family and Cosmetic Dentistry and Dr. Kevin Monroe, Omnia Construction and Scott Liseno, LPL Financial and Aderito Morais, Robert Gordon, Knights of Columbus field agent, and Carolina Golf Cars.

Special thanks also go to Dice Metal Works, Knight Steve Keane, Megan Hobson and Gary Patterson for donating items for the fundraising auction.

Through the generosity of everyone involved, the Knights continue their mission of serving the "Least Among My Brethren" (LAMB) and making a difference in the lives of individuals with intellectual disabilities and their families.

LAMB FOUNDATION OF NC

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.



Together in Holiness Marriage Conference, Sat., Nov. 21

Married and engaged couples are invited to take a day away from their busy schedules to strengthen their relationships and grow together in faith at the eighth annual Together in Holiness Marriage Conference, sponsored in part by St. Mark.

This conference is from 8 am-3:15 pm at St. Ann in Charlotte and St. Pius X in Greensboro. Childcare will be available at both locations.

This year's theme, "United in Love," will explore communion with the Holy Spirit, finding common ground in Christ and the importance of forgiveness in marriage.

The day will feature national and local Catholic speakers, including Dr. Mario Sacasa and St. Mark's own Christine Wisdom, director of our marriage program. Couples will also have opportunities for confession, Eucharistic Adoration and Mass.

Cost: $64 per couple/ $40 single

Visit TogetherInHoliness.org or use the QR code to register.



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*

ADORATION

Prayer for the Holy Souls Week Two

By: Donna Fodale/Adoration Coordinator

Last week I shared with you the importance of praying for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. This November I would like to invite you to visit the Adoration Chapel with the intention of praying for the Holy Souls.

While it is true that we can pray for these souls anywhere, and I encourage you to do so. In Adoration we have a grace filled opportunity to come face to face with the Merciful Christ. For me, there is nothing better than spending time with someone you love, in person, face to face. It is in these encounters with Jesus, the King of Mercy that true emotion rises up from the praying soul. Our Lord is drawn to these pleas of Mercy that we make on behalf of the Souls in Purgatory.

Prayer for week two: The Rosary with special meditation for the Holy Souls:

Sign of the Cross

Apostles' Creed

For the Intentions of our Holy Father, the Pope: Our Father, Hail Mary (x3), Glory Be…

Pray the Decades as Follows:

Our Father… Hail Mary…(x10) Glory be…

Fatima Prayer

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of Your mercy. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

The Sorrowful Mysteries

1. The Agony in the Garden Lord Jesus Christ, through Your bloody sweat of fear that You shed on the Mount of Olives, we ask You to have mercy on the Holy Souls in Purgatory. Bring to completion their purification and console them with the Cup of Heavenly Comfort.
2. The Scourging at the Pillar Lord Jesus Christ, through Your painful Scourging which You tolerated so patiently for us sinners, we ask You to have mercy on the Holy Souls in Purgatory! Bring them to live forever with Christ and give them eternal relief.
3. The Crowning with Thorns Lord Jesus Christ, through Your painful Crowning which You suffered so patiently for us sinners, we ask You to have mercy on the Holy Souls in Purgatory and give them the crown of eternal delight.
4. The Carrying of the Cross Lord Jesus Christ, through Your painful Carrying of the Cross. Which You suffered so patiently for us sinners, we ask You to have mercy on the Holy Souls in Purgatory! Bring them to the everlasting peace of perfect life with the Most Holy Trinity and lead them into eternal joy.
5. The Crucifixion of Jesus Lord Jesus Christ, through Your painful Crucifixion, which You suffered so patiently for us sinners, we ask You to have mercy on the Holy Souls in Purgatory! Turn Your Holy Face towards them and let them be in Paradise with You today.

After the fifth decade we pray:

Lord, Jesus Christ, through Your five Holy Wounds and through all of Your Sacred Blood that You shed, we ask You to have mercy on the Holy Souls in Purgatory, and in particular on our parents, spouses, relatives, spiritual guides and benefactors. Complete the healing of their purification and let them enjoy and participate fully in Your Salvation. Amen.

Hail Holy Queen…

Let's pray. O God, Whose only begotten Son, by His life…

To become a weekly Adorer, register at: www.stmarknc.org/adoration

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MASS OF CONSOLATION

For all who have suffered miscarriage or stillborn loss.



Saturday, November 14
8:30 am Rosary
9 am Mass

All who have suffered miscarriage or stillborn loss are invited to a special bilingual Mass of Consolation. Together we will mourn, heal, and pray.

All who attend will have the opportunity to write their child and family name in a Book of Remembrance to be placed at the altar during the offertory. Families will also receive a blessed white candle to take home with them.

"May God grant me peace in my sorrow, consolation in my grief, and strength to accept His Will in all things. Amen."

— St. Zelie Martin



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St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (1850–1917)

Known as Mother Cabrini, she was born in Italy and became the first United States citizen to be canonized a saint. She founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and spent her life caring for immigrants, especially children, the sick and the poor. She established schools, hospitals and orphanages, trusting in God even when faced with great difficulties.

Did You Know? St. Frances Cabrini's feast day is November 13. She is the patron saint of immigrants, and we have a relic of hers right here at St. Mark! Look for it in the reliquary display in the left transept of the church.

For Our Lives: Mother Cabrini showed God's love by helping people in need. What is one way you can help someone this week?

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 8-29, Life Night 6-8 pm

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.

Natural Family Planning

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Crisis Pregnancy Help

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

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DEL PÁRROCO



La sabiduría está en el corazón de las lecturas de hoy. Es uno de los siete dones del Espíritu Santo y un don esencial para vivir según la vida de mayordomía. Como mayordomos cristianos, deberíamos pedir continuamente al Espíritu Santo que profundice este don en nosotros.

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús cuenta la parábola de las 10 vírgenes esperando al novio. Cinco son sabios y cinco son necios. Las vírgenes sabias se preparan con antelación, trayendo suficiente aceite para mantener encendidas sus lámparas. Las necias no se preparan y se ven sorprendidas cuando llega el novio. Jesús concluye con este recordatorio: "Por tanto, manteneos despiertos, porque no conocéis ni el día ni la hora."

La mayordomía nos ayuda a vivir con ese mismo espíritu de preparación. Cuando buscamos al Señor cada día a través de la oración, los sacramentos y el uso fiel de los dones que Él nos ha confiado, mantenemos el corazón preparado para encontrarnos con Él siempre que Él llame.

Esa es la sabiduría que Cristo desea para cada uno de nosotros. © Conferencia de Mayordomía Católica, 2026

Reflexión pastoral – Erradicar la ira

Pocas cosas perturban la paz de un hogar, una parroquia o un alma tan rápido como la ira. Una palabra cortante en la mesa, un silencio resentido tras la misa, un destello de irritación en el tráfico—cada una parece pequeña en el momento, pero los Padres de la Iglesia nos advierten que la ira es un veneno mortal. San Juan Casio, el gran maestro monástico cuyos escritos moldearon la espiritualidad occidental, dedicó un libro entero de sus *Institutos* a este vicio. Sus consejos son estimulantes y prácticos para nosotros hoy.

Casiano insiste en que la ira debe ser "erradicada por completo de los rincones más remotos de nuestra alma." Mientras permanezca, ciega el ojo del corazón. Perdemos el juicio correcto, la capacidad de verdadero consejo e incluso la capacidad de orar. "La ira del hombre no obra la justicia de Dios" (Santiago 1:20). Si la provocación parece justa o injusta importa poco: la ira cubre los ojos del alma como una placa de oro o plomo; el valor del metal no restaura la vista.

Rechaza la excusa común de que podemos enfadarnos con quienes hacen mal, o que el lenguaje de las Escrituras sobre la "ira" de Dios justifica nuestra propia pasión. Dios está libre de toda perturbación; el lenguaje bíblico de la ira divina es metafórico, apuntando a Su juicio justo, no a una emoción humana que podamos imitar. Usarlo como permiso para nuestro propio resentimiento es, dice Cassio, extraer de las Escrituras una ocasión de pecado en lugar de un remedio de santidad.

Sin embargo, hay un uso legítimo de la energía de la ira: podemos y debemos indignarnos contra los pensamientos malignos y los deseos desordenados que surgen en nuestro propio corazón. Cuando nos avergonzamos de lo que nunca diríamos ni haríamos ante los demás, pero que por dentro nos conmueve, debemos enfurecernos contra ese desorden, temblando ante el ojo omnisciente de Dios. En este sentido, se entienden los salmistas "Enfadaos y no peques" (Salmo 4:4) y la cita de San Pablo (Efesios 4:26): enfadaos con vuestras propias faltas, no sea que el Sol de la Justicia se ponga sobre una mente oscura y el diablo sea reemplazado.

Los remedios de Cassian son simples y severos. Primero, toma una firme resolución de no enfadarte nunca—ni por buenas ni malas. En el momento en que entra la pasión, se pierde el discernimiento y el alma ya no puede ser un templo del Espíritu Santo. Segundo, nunca intentes rezar estando enfadado; tal oración es una rebelión obstinada. Tercero, guarda cada día ante tus ojos la incertidumbre de la vida y la certeza del juicio. Todos nuestros demás esfuerzos—misa, ayuno, obras de caridad—no sirven de nada si solo la ira y el odio nos llevan al castigo eterno.

Prácticamente, esto significa captar el primer movimiento interior de irritación y convertirlo de inmediato en tristeza por nuestra propia impaciencia. Significa negarse a alimentar el agravio después del atardecer, buscar la reconciliación antes de la próxima Sagrada Comunión y engrandar el corazón con paciencia para que las "olas de ira" sean recibidas y disipadas en lugar de confinadas e intensificadas. La paz, nos recuerda Cassian, no depende de la conducta de los demás; reside en nuestro propio control.

En el confesionario y en la lucha diaria de la vida parroquial, veo cuán a menudo este vicio hiere a las familias y a las amistades. Pidamos al Señor, que es dócil y humilde de corazón, que nos dé la gracia para erradicarlo. Que la paz de Cristo, que supera todo entendimiento, proteja nuestros corazones y nuestra parroquia.

En otras noticias, debido a una licencia inesperada, he sido nombrado Vicario General y Canciller de la Diócesis de Charlotte por el obispo Martin. Aunque se espera que este nombramiento sea temporal, durante el periodo intermedio limitará bastante mi capacidad para aceptar nombramientos. Por favor, tenga paciencia con el personal de la oficina mientras intentan atender esas necesidades junto con mis responsabilidades adicionales.



Practicando las Virtudes

Moderación y Paciencia: Venciendo la Ira

En toda la iglesia de San Marcos, las virtudes inscritas en las columnas son mucho más que una decoración. Son recordatorios visibles del trabajo interior que Dios nos invita a realizar cada día. Nuestra serie Practicando las Virtudes nos ayuda a reconocer nuestras debilidades y a cultivar las virtudes que nos permiten crecer en santidad.

En su reflexión pastoral de esta semana, el Padre John habla sobre el vicio de la ira y la importancia de arrancarlo de nuestros corazones. Dos virtudes inscritas en las columnas junto a la Santísima Virgen María, en el transepto derecho, nos ofrecen una guía para afrontar este desafío.

La moderación nos ayuda a dominar nuestras emociones, reconociendo cuándo comienzan a surgir la frustración o la irritación, sin permitir que controlen nuestras palabras y acciones.

La paciencia ante las dificultades (forbearance) nos enseña a soportar con serenidad las dificultades y los defectos de los demás, sin dejarnos llevar por el resentimiento ni el deseo de represalia.

Juntas, estas virtudes nos recuerdan que, aunque no siempre podemos controlar lo que sucede a nuestro alrededor, podemos pedirle a Dios la gracia de dominar nuestras propias reacciones.

Para nuestra vida: La próxima vez que sientas que surge la ira, detente antes de reaccionar. Pide paciencia a Dios, examina lo que está sucediendo en tu corazón y elige responder con caridad.

Las virtudes ya están escritas en las columnas de nuestra iglesia. Que aprendamos cada día a hacerlas parte de nuestra vida.





Noviembre: Mes de las Benditas Almas del Purgatorio

"Cuando entremos en el Cielo, veremos a muchas almas acercarse para darnos las gracias. Les preguntaremos quiénes son y nos responderán: 'Soy un alma del Purgatorio por la que rezaste'". — San Fulton J. Sheen

Durante noviembre, la Iglesia nos invita a orar especialmente por los fieles difuntos, cuyas almas se purifican en el Purgatorio antes de entrar en la gloria del Cielo. Nuestras oraciones son una obra de caridad y una expresión de fe en la misericordia de Dios y la Comunión de los Santos.

Indulgencias por las almas del Purgatorio

Del 1 al 8 de noviembre, se puede obtener una indulgencia plenaria, aplicable únicamente a las almas del Purgatorio, visitando devotamente un cementerio y rezando por los difuntos. Se requieren las condiciones habituales: Confesión sacramental, Comunión, oración por las intenciones del Papa y desapego de todo pecado, incluso venial.

Después del 8 de noviembre, se puede obtener una indulgencia parcial visitando un cementerio y rezando por los difuntos, durante todo el año. También podemos ofrecer Misas, oraciones y sacrificios por las benditas almas.

Oración por las Almas del Purgatorio, tradicionalmente atribuida a Santa Gertrudis la Grande

Padre eterno, te ofrezco la Preciosísima Sangre de tu Divino Hijo Jesús, en unión con las Misas celebradas hoy en todo el mundo, por todas las benditas almas del Purgatorio, por los pecadores de todo el mundo, por los pecadores de la Iglesia universal, por los de mi hogar y por los de mi familia. Amén.



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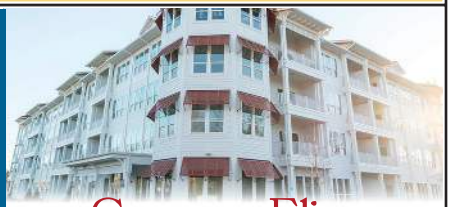
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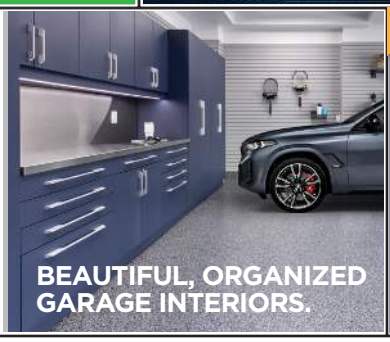
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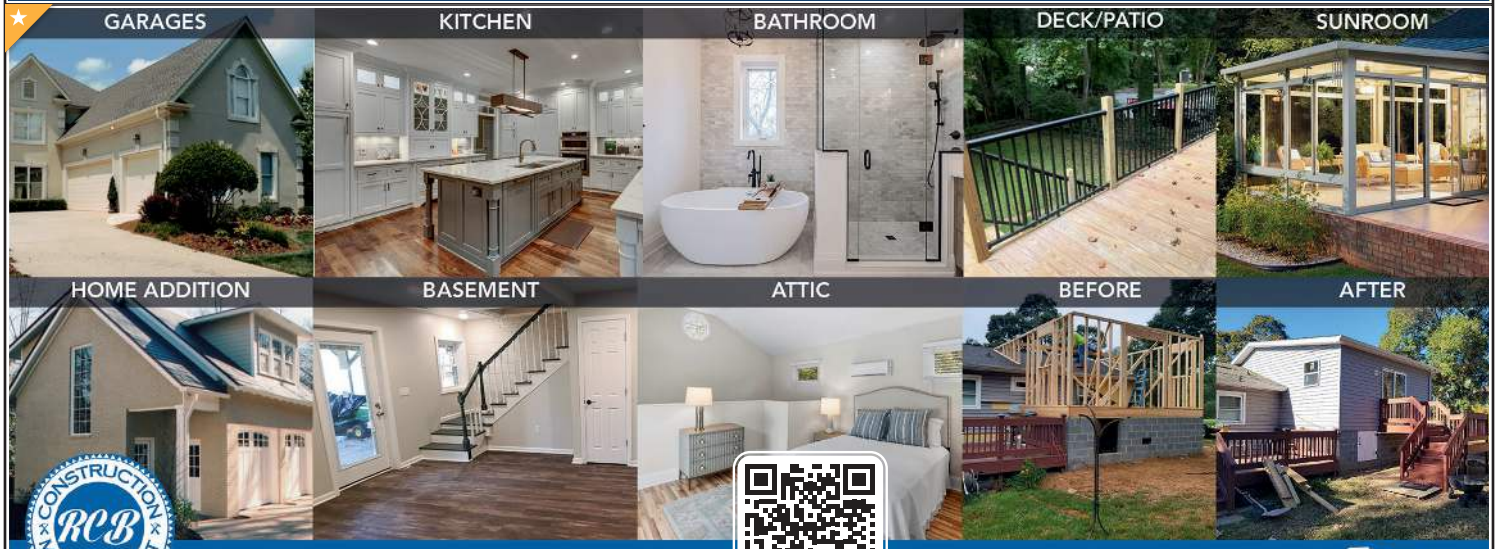
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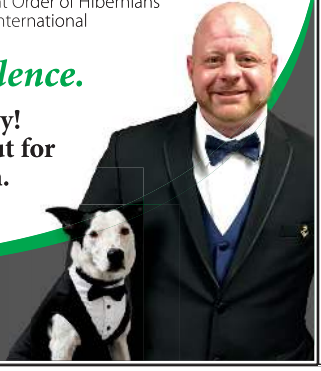
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