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Mission Statement

Rooted in the Word...Nourished by the Sacraments... Guided by the Holy Spirit...We, the people of St. Mark, are united in our desire to serve those who are in need, to give our gifts and talents... to build the Kingdom of God by imaging Jesus Christ.

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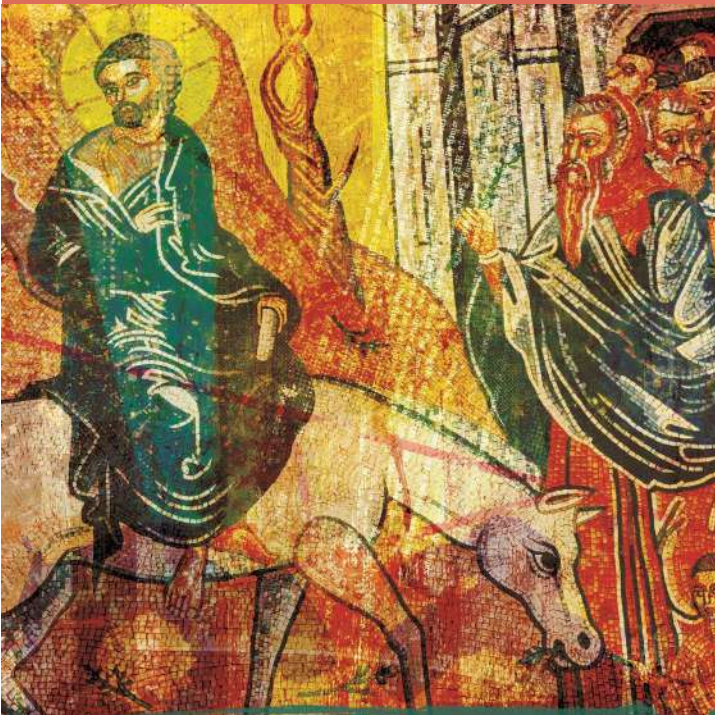
Sunday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.



LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:30 p.m. • Sunday at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Nursery available for 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Masses.



PALM SUNDAY

As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road; the whole multitude of his disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen. - Lk 19:36, 37b

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Sunday 9:00a.m.-2:00p.m.

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Email: sharon@stmark-parish.org

BAPTISM: Celebrated the 1st weekend of the month except during Lent. Contact Religious Formation Office for Baptism classes prior to the Sacrament.

MATRIMONY: Couples required to give 6 months notice before planning a wedding in the Parish. Please do not set date before contacting the Priest.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND: If you know someone who cannot attend Mass or desires a visit or the Sacrament of Anointing, call the Office.

RECONCILIATION: Celebrated 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month at 4:00 p.m.

COLUMBARIUM: Parishioners interested in procuring a Columbarium niche, call the Parish Office.



MASST INTENTIONS

and Daily Readings

Reflections by Father Anthony

Palm Sunday!

What do we ever imagine our final days to be like? We hope they can be the best that they can be. Today we celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. This is an entry that was never before. Jesus received such a thunderous reception with acclamation: Hosanna, Son of David! He was welcomed in such a great way because they knew that he had come to save them. They saw him as a great man who did so many miracles! So Jesus had become a celebrity of the time and these people became his fans but not his disciples. No wonder things changed soon when they turned against him as they shouted: "Away with him! Crucify him!" Because he disappointed them. Jesus' kingdom was not the kind that they expected. Today we begin the Holy Week, where we hope to align ourselves more with the life of Jesus. Jesus knows his time has come for him to offer himself up for everyone to have life in its fullness. May Jesus' passion lead us, also, to accept not only the painful moments of life, but also have the courage to overcome them because of our faith. May we fully participate in the events of this week so to fully enter the Paschal mystery. Amen

MON	4/15		IS 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11
TUES	4/16	8:30am	GARY F. ROSEMBERG + LORRAINE KRAFCHIK + Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
WED	4/17	7:00pm	FLORENCIA AFRICA + CORAZON CRUZ + JOHN COOKE +I Is 50: 4-9a; Mt 26: 14-25
THU	4/18	7:00pm	Holy Thursday BEN ONG + Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Rv 1:5-8; Lk4:16-21
FRI	4/19		Good Friday Is 52:13-53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42
SAT	4/20		Holy Saturday Easter Sunday Vigil
		8:00pm	MARY DRISCOLL + GERALD LAVANDOSKY +
SUN	4/21		Easter Sunday
		8:30am	JASPER and AJ DARWIN + NICHOLAS BLANCO +
		10:30am	FELICIDAD F. RAMOS-MARTINEZ + RICHARD BURTON + Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; LK 24:1-12

Directories for FIRST COME FIRST SERVE at the Info Desk and the Office.

Mass Intentions for 2019 can be requested by visiting the Parish Office.

Please pray for the following: Nancy Tennin, Steven Barkow, Holden and Hadley Hewlett, Emma and Jeff Madrigal, Alice Volz, Don and Susan DeGroot, Ruby Steele, Bryan Mendoza, Deacon Robert Esposito, Delores Valley, Dawn Boroden, Sherry Savage, Barbara Amella Leonardo V. Corpez, Jan Kilb, Trinika Skiptunas, Rose Kmetz, Emy Balmaceda, Jim Thomas, Jean Morgan, Grace Hopkins, Chandler Jacob, Christian and Dana Brewer, Diane Esposito, Luz Cardenas, Connie Collins, Suzie Neely, Chantal Rose Denman, Yolanda Santiaguél, Beth Park, Susan Parr, Abelino Santiaguél, Marilyn Miller, Paula Turgeon, Sarah Harrington, Zenaida Palompo and Bill Poelnitz.

Please return Pyxes to the office . Thank you and God Bless.

Please note: approval from the office needs to occur before anything is hung throughout the church, specifically on bulletin boards. Thank you.

Would you like to make a pilgrimage to The Holy Land and Jordan with Father Anthony?

TRIP 3-12 OCTOBER 2019.

If interested, please contact Bellie Guerrero at 757-403-2376 or belleegue@cox.net.

Financial Box Score

Fiscal Year July-June	March 31	Offertory Year to Date	Needed Year to Date	Excess/ Short
Offertory	\$16,652	\$695,923	\$649,700	\$46,223

Family Count: 1120
 Families using envelopes: 379
 Families using online donation: 80

Bishops Annual Appeal Update:

Thank you all so much for your generosity with the Annual Appeal! St Mark parishioners have contributed **\$31,871** towards our goal of **\$40,710**. We have reached over **78%** of our goal so far. Your generosity is amazing!

Living Our Mission Update:

So far, we have received and spent funds on the sanctuary sound system and the parking lot resealing/restriping, and we now have \$110,000 in reserve for our next big project: the classroom build in the great hall! Stay tuned for upcoming drawings and timeline information! Thank you!

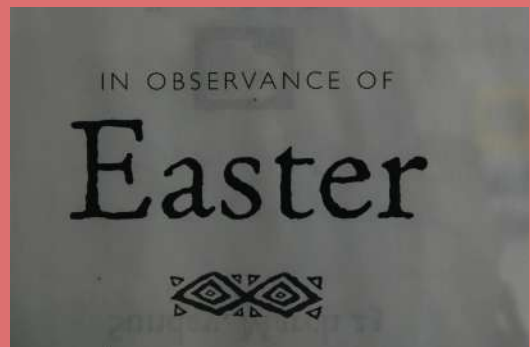


Holy Week Masses

- April 18 Mass of the Last Supper,
Holy Thursday - 7pm
- April 19 Celebration of the Lord's Passion,
Good Friday- 7pm
- April 20 The Easter Vigil in the Holy
Night - 8pm
- April 21 Easter Sunday of the Lord's
Resurrection - 8:30am and 10:30am

This Week "Holy Week" at St. Mark April 15th - April 21st

- MON** 10:00am Food Pantry in the Great Hall
 2:45pm Chrism bus departs from Saint Mark
 6:00pm Chrism Mass with the Bishop at the
 Cathedral of the Sacred Heart
 6:30pm Justice and Peace in the Conference
 Room
 7:15pm RCIA /IC Meeting in the Great Hall
- TUES** 8:30am **MASS**
- WED** 10:00am Food Pantry in the Great Hall
 6:00pm The Mass (small group)
 7:00pm **MASS**
 7:30pm Full Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- THURS** **Holy Thursday**
 9:30am Plarn Ministry in the Great Hall
 7:00pm **MASS**
 8pm-Midnight **ADORATION** in Reservation Chapel
- FRI** **OFFICE CLOSED**
 Good Friday
 9:30am Moms Group in the Conference Room
 10:00am The Mass (small group)
 12:00pm Stations of the Cross
 7:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
- SAT** **Holy Saturday**
 10:00am RCIA Prayer Service/Rehearsal
 8:00pm **EASTER VIGIL MASS**
- SUN** **Easter Sunday**
 Knights of Columbus 4th Degree
 Honor Guard at masses
 8:30am **EASTER SUNDAY MASS**
 10:30am **EASTER SUNDAY MASS**



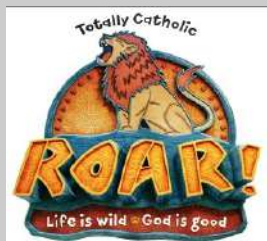
Religious Formation News

We need Catechists/Teachers and Salt Lamps Children's volunteers

Next year, we are hoping to expand the 1st-5th grade program to have classes on Sunday 12:30-2 and Wednesday 5pm-6:30pm. **Catechists** will have their child's Religious formation fee reimbursed at the end of the school year.

Salt Lamps Children's Liturgy is available for children 4-7 years of age, at the 8:30am and 10:30am Masses. The Diocese requires **two** VIRTUS trained adults per Mass for children's liturgy. In order to continue this ministry for our children, **we need more volunteers.**

Please call the Religious Formation office @ 479-9897

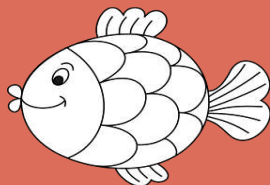


Vacation Bible School

Registration for Vacation Bible School volunteers and participants is now open on the St. Mark

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9:30-11:30 am
Nursery provided.
POC: Holly Krukowski @ 585-749-6941.

FISH FRY



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Parish Life News

POC: Linda Major at 757-615-0763

If you plan to attend the **Easter Vigil**, please sign up at the info desk AND choose a dish-to-bring from the magnetic board near the Easter table in front of the office. This format will help us have the quantity and variety needed to feed our parish family during this most celebratory time of year!



HAPPENINGS

- April 14 The Mass small faith group - 12:45pm
- April 15 St Mark Chrism Mass Bus departs at 2:45pm
Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart at 6pm
- April 17 The Mass small faith group - 6pm
- April 18 Mass of the Last Supper,
Holy Thursday - 7pm
- April 19 The Mass small faith group - 10am
Good Friday Stations of the Cross - 12pm
Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 7pm
- April 20 RCIA Morning Prayer and Vigil Rehearsal - 10am
The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night - 8pm
- April 21 Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection - 8:30am and 10:30am



Journey through Lent with Dr Tim Gray using FORMED (link on our website).

Justice and Peace

Food Pantry item this week: **Pork and Beans and Brown Paper Bags. Thank You!**

"When battered by life's storms, or immersed in a dense fog of suffering and uncertainty, we may feel alone and unequipped to handle the circumstances. Yet with words that echo through thousands of years into the corners of our hearts, the Lord says to us, 'Do not fear: I am with you' (Isaiah 41:10)." -USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities 2017-18 Respect Life Reflection

Thank you to all who took time each week to stand vigil with the "**40 Days for Life**". St Mark had a presence each week at Planned Parenthood. Also a HUGE thank you to all who attended the 1st **Virginia March for Life**; over 30 parishioners attended via bus or car the march to make our voices heard for the most innocent of life. Thank you!

Our **April** Diocesan focus is "**Care for God's Creation**". The environmental challenge we face has a moral dimension which involves respect and care for God's creatures and the environment we entrust to future generations.

April is Volunteer Month : Do you volunteer here at St. Mark (Liturgical, Formation, J&P Outreach, Parish Life....)? Do you volunteer in the community outside our parish walls (school, hospital, EMT, nonprofit,...)? You are invited to **JOIN US APRIL 27th** for our **3rd annual Volunteer Wine & Cheese Reception** after 5:30 Mass in the Great Hall. April is Volunteer Month and we want to recognize, celebrate and thank all who give their time and talent volunteering to help others. This year we will also welcome **our new parishioners** at our reception. For more information please contact Joyce Gridley 675-6486

justiceandpeace@stmark-parish.org



Saint Mark Night

What's that?

**A night to celebrate
volunteers, new members &
baptism families!**

**Join us for Mass on
Saturday, April 27 th
Light Fare for adults & children
Afterward
Nursery Provided**

Questions? Contact Sharon@stmark-parish.org or Joyce at justiceandpeace@stmark-parish.org.



Bible Study

Currently we are studying
"The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy"

Tuesday nights from 7:30 - 9:00pm

Small group **The Mass** will be during Lent on Tuesday mornings from 9:30-11am.

For more information contact
Florence Gaffrey at
fgaffrey@outlook.com or 467-5683.

Women's Book Club

Broken Mary: A Journey of Hope by Kevin Matthews.
optional addition to read,
The Tomb by Stephanie Landsem. This is one of three books in The Living Waters Series.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 14, 2019, from 6:30 -8:00 pm in the St. Mark Library.

For more information contact
Bernadette Michalak at thehobbygirl@aol.com.

New members are welcome!

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