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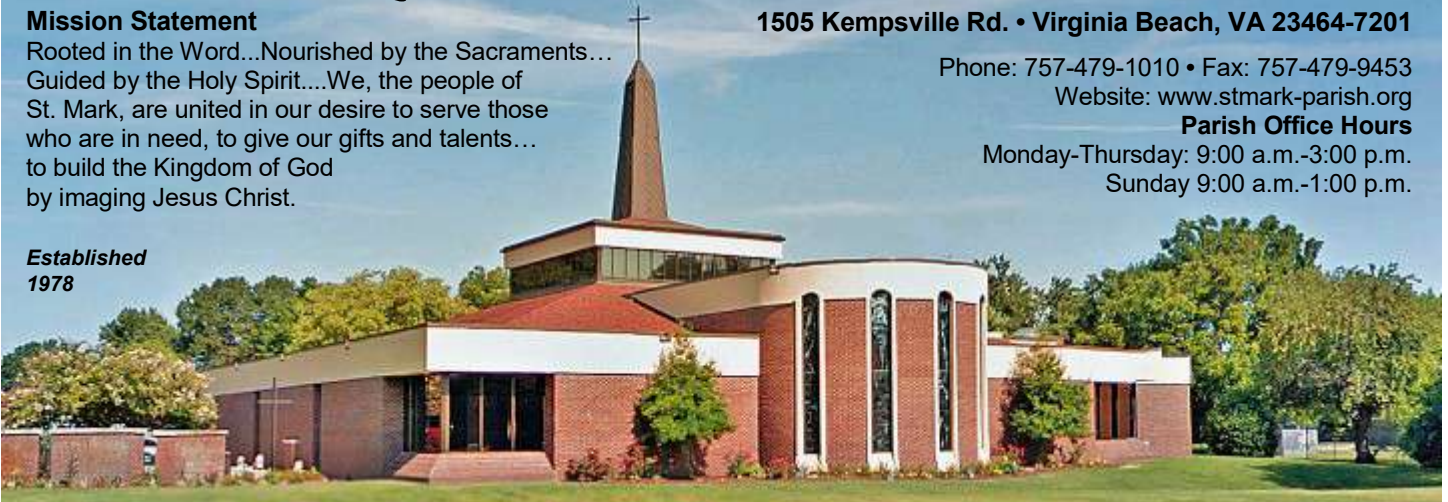
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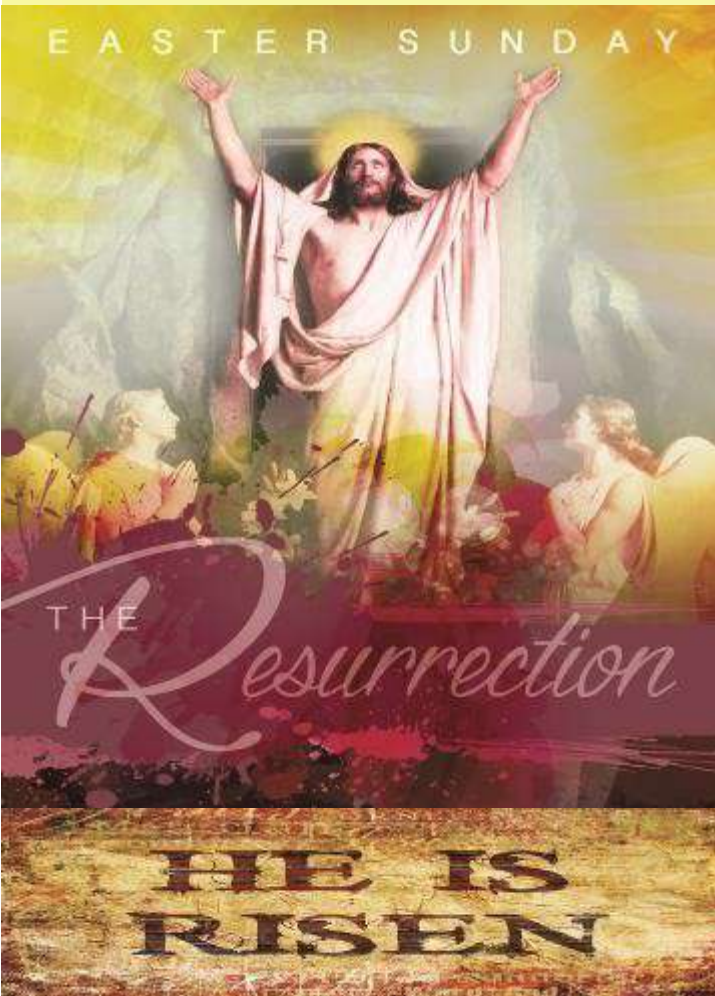
Sunday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.



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.



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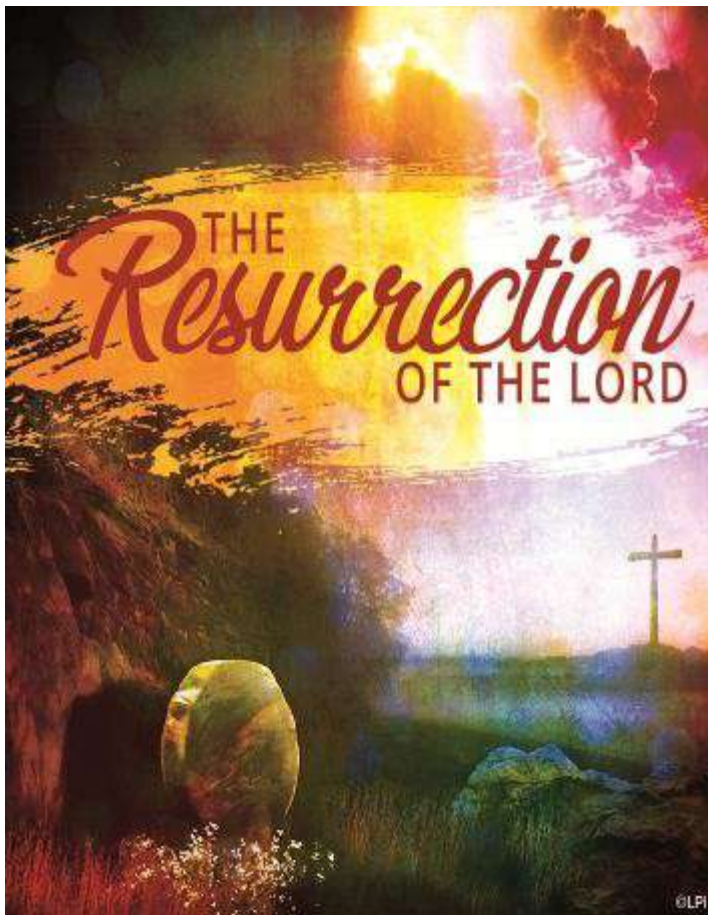
BAPTISM: Celebrated the 1st weekend of the month except during Lent. Contact Religious Formation Office for Baptism classes prior to the Sacrament.

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*

<b>MON</b>	<b>4/22</b>		Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15
<b>TUES</b>	<b>4/23</b>	8:30am	J.D. BROOKS + GARY ROSEMBERG + Acts 2: 36-41; Jn 20:11-18
<b>WED</b>	<b>4/24</b>	7:00pm	FATHER CHRISTOPHER GAFFREY, OFM (INT.) Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35
<b>THU</b>	<b>4/25</b>	8:30am	NANCY GRANE + Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48
<b>FRI</b>	<b>4/26</b>		Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14
<b>SAT</b>	<b>4/27</b>		<i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>
		5:30pm	VJEKO FRANCESCHI + DANTE ACEDO +
<b>SUN</b>	<b>4/28</b>		
		8:30am	CIPRIANO CACATIAN + DAN AGUSTIN +
		10:30am	JOHN SKIPTUNAS + TEODORO ZABALA CALIMLIM JR. + Acts 5:12-16; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-23,17-19; Jn 20:19-31

## Reflections by Father Anthony

Alleluia! Christ is risen! This is the good news this Sunday! When Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, all she found was an empty tomb! The shock and sadness of the absence of the Lord later turned into joy when the disciples realized that Jesus was risen and he was alive! Peter was given a chance of seeing the Risen Lord. This is the good news that gives us, as Christians, meaning, because we too become witnesses of the new life that Christ gives. The disciples saw and believed! The tomb could not hold Jesus for long, because it wasn't the final destination of His mission! This gives us hope and joy, because we are not just talking about the empty tomb, but the celebration of Easter is the very reason we are Christians and it is the very heart of true Christian living! We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song! Easter gives us a newness of life and a reason to start all over again with our eyes focused on Jesus. Like Mary of Magdala may we also go out to proclaim to everyone, "We have seen the Lord!" Happy Easter!

## Welcome new parishioners: The Zitt and Cabanayan families

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.

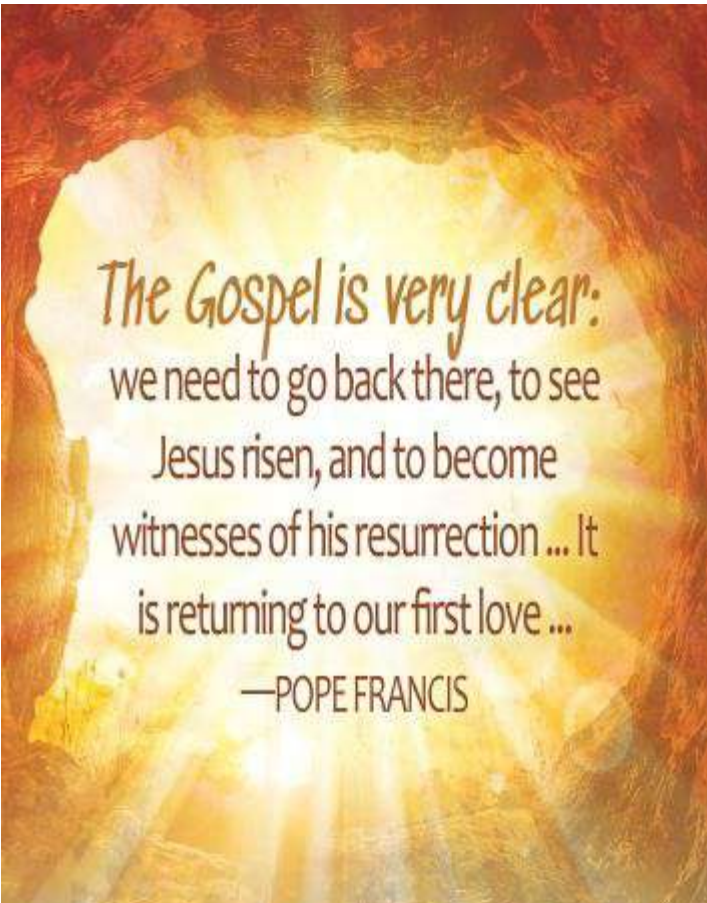
**Please pray for the following:** Nancy Tennin, Steven Barkow, Holden and Hadley Hewlett, Emma and Jeff Madrigal, Alice Volz, Don and Susan DeGroot, Ruby Steele, Bryan Mendoza, Deacon Robert Esposito, Delores Valley, Dawn Boroden, Sherry Savage, Barbara Amella, Leonardo V. Corpez, Jan Kilb, Trinika 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 Poellnitz.

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

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

Please return your **CRS** Rice Bowls the weekends of April 27/28 – May 4/5 by placing them in the large CRS labeled box in the Commons.

Thank you for your support of Catholic Relief Services!



## The Knights of Columbus

KOVAR collection after all masses 4/27-28

KOVAR provides financial assistance and training to citizens with intellectual disabilities.

KOVAR donates \$50,000 each year to support the Special Olympics summer and fall games and has locally provided grants to The Ability Center in VA Beach to purchase an activity bus, Holiday House in Portsmouth for playground equipment and new furniture, Hearts and Homes in VA Beach to redo flooring in a group home and Eggleston to purchase lawn maintenance equipment to be able to employ another work crew.

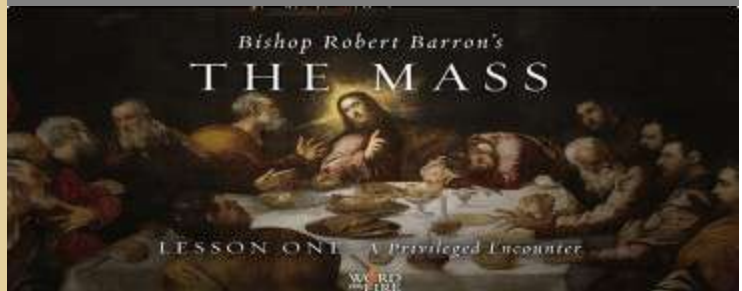
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## This Week at Saint Mark April 22nd-April 28th

### OFFICE CLOSED ALL WEEK NO WEEKDAY MASSES

<b>MON</b>	10:00am	Food Pantry in the Great Hall
<b>TUES</b>	6:00pm	Rebuilt Meeting in the Library
<b>WED</b>	10:00am 6-8pm 7:30pm	Food Pantry in the Great Hall Teen Formation (2) in the Conference Room Full Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
<b>THURS</b>	9:30am 6:00pm	PLARN Ministry in the Great Hall Parish Council Meeting in the Conference Room
<b>FRI</b>	9:30am 10:00am 7:30pm	Moms Group in the Conference Room Food Pantry in the Great Hall Knights of Columbus Business Meeting in the Great Hall
<b>SAT</b>	Knights of Columbus KOVAR after all masses 8:30am 9-12pm 5:30pm	Knights of Columbus Kempsville Road Cleanup First Communion Retreat (2) <b>WEEKEND MASS</b>
<b>Volunteer, New Members and Baptismal Families Reception in the Great Hall. All are welcome!</b>		
<b>SUN</b>	8:30am 10:30am 11:45am 12:30pm 6-8pm	<b>WEEKEND MASS</b> <b>WEEKEND MASS</b> Youth Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary Religious Formation TF1/RF in the Great Hall



### BISHOP BARRON BINGE WATCH:

May 4

9 a.m. - noon

Whether you enjoyed Bishop Barron's "The Mass" and want to see it again or if you missed the opportunity during Lent, this is the BINGE for you!

Bring something to nosh on ...

we'll provide coffee, soda and water

Register on-line at

<https://registrations.planningcenteronline.com/>

Questions? [Sharon@stmark-parish.org](mailto:Sharon@stmark-parish.org)

## Religious Formation News

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

Next year, we are hoping to expand the 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade program to have classes on Sunday 12:30pm-2pm 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 website!

### Expectant to experienced MOMS Fellowship, Faith and Fun

Conference room every Friday morning

9:30-11:30 am

Nursery provided.

POC: Holly Krukowski @ 585-749-6941.



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.

### Day Trip to the National Shrine and Franciscan Monastery

June 18, 2019

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception  
Washington DC

Enjoy a private tour of the Shrine followed by free time for Mass, lunch and exploring the more than 70 chapels of the Upper and Crypt churches. Discover the richness of the Franciscan Monastery with its magnificent replicas of the Holy Land shrines and beautiful gardens. \$99 per person includes escorted transportation, tours at the Shrine and Monastery, and dinner.

[www.travelgotours.com/nationalshrine](http://www.travelgotours.com/nationalshrine)

Jeff Foster at 757-404-8687.

# HOSANNA

BLESSED IS HE WHO  
COMES IN THE NAME  
OF THE LORD



### Celebration For Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday, April 28th

3pm

Saint Gregory The Great Catholic Church

The Image of Divine Mercy will be displayed for veneration and the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be sung. Potluck refreshments will follow in the Tobias Room

Everyone is welcome.

POC: Bridget Lukeman @ 497-2841



## Justice and Peace

**Food Pantry item this week: Spaghetti Sauce in Cans and Brown Paper Bags. Thank You!**

*"We know what true, authentic love looks like. It looks like the man on the Cross. This deep, pure love that motivated Jesus to offer his life for ours, is the love that will answer the longing in our hearts, if we let it."* -2015-16 Respect Life Program, USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

He is Risen- Alleluia !!! Our St. Mark Justice & Peace Committee would like to wish all a blessed Easter. May the peace and joy of our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be with you always.

To learn more about our Justice & Peace ministry please stop by our bulletin board in the Great Hall and visit us on the St. Mark website.

Our **April** Diocesan focus is "**Care for God's Creation**". As many communities and groups celebrate Earth Day this week may we reflect deeply on our moral and religious responsibility to care for the environment. We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan, it is a requirement of our faith.

**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](mailto:justiceandpeace@stmark-parish.org)

**FEED OUR NEIGHBOR:** We will be serving dinner at the Judeo-Christian Outreach Center on Sunday, May 5th. We need your help with food donations and volunteers to help prepare and serve on Sunday May 5th (1:15-3:45pm). Please take a tag or two from the "Feed Our Neighbor" bulletin board in the Commons on April 27<sup>th</sup>/28th. Return the items and tags to the kitchen the following weekend (May 4<sup>th</sup> /5<sup>th</sup>). For more information or to volunteer contact DJ Bradley 390-7064 or Bobbi Drewiske 749-0107.



## Bible Study

Tuesday mornings from 9:30am-11:00am

Tuesday nights from 7:30pm- 9:00pm

For more information contact Florence Gaffrey at [fgaffrey@outlook.com](mailto: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](mailto:thehobbygirl@aol.com).

**New members are welcome!**



**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](mailto:Sharon@stmark-parish.org) or Joyce at [justiceandpeace@stmark-parish.org](mailto:justiceandpeace@stmark-parish.org).



## **Mayday, Mayday**

**Wisdom Seekers change to schedule**

May 10th at 12:30 pm

**potluck luncheon meeting in the Great Hall** guest speaker, Father Charles Breindel

*All are welcome!*

Questions, please call Sandy Barczak, 757-963-8598

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