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SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled ... You are witnesses of these things." - Lk 24:44, 48

“Rooted in the Word...”



A Reflection from Fr. Eric Asamoah

Luke's follows John's resurrection appearance of last week, where Jesus shows his wounds, but this time a few different things happen. The Evangelist begins by talking about the two disciples who had earlier met Jesus on the road, did speak with him but couldn't recognize him until he broke the bread in front of them.

The effect of the experience was that Jesus empowered them to go back to Jerusalem to share the good news of his resurrection with the other disciples and eventually Jesus appears to them.

Jesus starts again as last week with, “Peace be with you.” The story continues with the apostles still in disbelief, so Jesus tells them to touch him and then asks for food. To touch him, and then to eat with them proves he is for real. Whenever Jesus appeared after resurrection there was the communal aspect and there was often some form of a meal involved.

And, of course, that reminded them of the Eucharistic sacrifice that had already become a custom at the time this story was told among all Christians.

The disciples learned from the Risen Lord what it means to be fully human as God intended from creation.

Jesus renews the table fellowship, and the disciples learn how to welcome others to table, share what they had, and be with the stranger.

We receive the body of Christ and become Jesus' hands and feet etc. and shares him with the stranger (the under privileged etc. in society). By so doing we make Christ present everywhere. For we are commissioned to send the Good News of the Resurrection to all parts of the world.

In his song “*Behold the Body of Christ, Jesus our Savior and Life (Ang Katawan Ni Cristo)*”, Ricky Manalo shares this message of Jesus with us: “*Rejoice O People of God, we are the body of Christ*”. This is something Rev Fr Manalo emphasized in his recent down-to-earth presentation at St Mark and concluded with the beautiful hymn, “*O Sacred convivium (O Sacred Banquet), may we become what we receive.*” May we share this Good News. Bless your hearts.

Mass Intentions and Daily Readings Third Week of Easter

MONDAY
4/15

Acts 6:8-15 ; Jn 6:22-29

TUESDAY
4/16

Acts 7:51-8:1a ; Jn 6:30-35

WEDNESDAY
4/17

Acts 8:1b-8 ; Jn 6:35-40

THURSDAY
4/18

Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

Natalie Garcia–Birthday Blessing (I)

FRIDAY
4/19

Acts 9:1-20 ; Jn 6:52-59

SATURDAY
4/20

Acts 9:31-42 ; Jn 6:60-69

Carmelita Morales †

SUNDAY
4/21

**Fourth Sunday of Easter
World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2 ; Jn 10:11-18

Florenia and Simplicio Mendoza †

Source: bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading



Deacon Mike Johnson, Julie Bellinger, Jenn Holloway, Chandler Brewer, Val Kandis, Jay Davis, Lori Thompson, Olivia Wiggins, Missy Harris, Corazon Denosta, Armida Valmeo, Nikolas Pakkidis, Jeremiah Macaraeg, Sarada Kapuwatte, Mike Turner, Connie Blanco, Ida Payne, Ryan Steele, Paul Caddies, Molly Kibble, Patricia MacCartney, LaDonya Bradley, Trish Simpson, Billie Dudley, Rose Sunderland, Antonio and Gloria Fernando, Kenneth Delorenzo, Mary Viau, Marilyn Briggs, Alice Haynes, Henry F. Wolkling Jr, Mary Patrice Wolkling, Dana Reid, Pat Byrne, Joe Bennett, Reynaldo and Virginia Corsino, Margaret Schmidt, Virginia Creencia, John and Patty Allen, Maniya Riddick, Montana Riddick, Mary Kramer, Michael Shofner, Dale Polfleit

Please pray for the repose of the soul of the following St. Mark parishioner.

Joseph McFarland

Let perpetual light shine upon him; may he rest in peace! Keep the McFarland family in your prayers.



Nourished by the Sacraments



St. Mark Confirmation

Congratulations to St. Mark's Confirmation candidates who were confirmed April 9th with Bishop Barry Knestout here at St. Mark. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their spiritual journey.

Axelle Grace Acekebo	Nicholas Montemurno
Zoey Cope	Jaivin Ogo
Eryka De Guzman	Ivelisse Ortiz
Wyatt Favila	Reina Jade Rivera
Alexis Goboy	Jon Ryan Robinson
Hunter Heckman	Nicholas Tabor
Isabella Hofmeister	Elizabeth Vigil
Omolola Korode	Isaiah Weaton
James Lembo	Sophya Webb
Rachael Marsh	

This Week at Saint Mark April 15th– April 21st, 2024

MONDAY
7:15pm

RCIA Mystagogy/CR

TUESDAY
9:30am
8:30am
6:00pm
7:00pm

Small Group Formation/CL
Daily Mass/ Sanctuary
PPC Meeting/CR
Small Group Formation/CL

WEDNESDAY
10am -1:00pm
11:00am
6:30pm
7:00pm

Food Pantry/GH
Divine Mercy Chaplet/Sanctuary
Rosary
Daily Mass/Sanctuary

THURSDAY
6:00am
8:30am
9-11:00am
7:00pm
7:00pm

Men of St. Joseph/CR
Daily Mass/ Sanctuary
PLARN/GH
Finance Council Meeting/Zoom
Choir Rehearsal/ Sanctuary

FRIDAY
9:30am
7:00pm

Small Group Formation/CL
Kof C Monthly Membership Meeting/GH

SATURDAY
8:00am
8:00am
4:00pm
5:30pm
6:30pm
6:45pm

Building and Grounds Committee Meeting/GH
KofC Kempsville Clean-up/GH
Reconciliation/ DC
Mass/Sanctuary
Justice & Peace Volunteer Reception /GH
Bethlehem Christian Crafts Sales/ GH

SUNDAY
8:30am
10:30am
10:45am
12:30-2pm
6:00-8pm

Mass/Sanctuary
Mass/Sanctuary with Facebook Live Stream
Waffle Breakfast YF Fundraiser/GH
Children's Formation/ CL
Teen Formation/ all areas

Scuba! Diving into Relationship with God



Are you ready to embark on an exciting underwater adventure?

Our VBS is coming soon and we're thrilled to announce this year's theme: "Scuba! Diving into Relationship with God".

But we need your help to make it an unforgettable experience for the children of St. Mark!

We're seeking enthusiastic volunteers to join our VBS team and bring the depths of God's love to life.

Whether you have a passion for storytelling, leading activities, or crafting, there's a place for you!

If you're eager to make a splash and be part of this incredible journey, we invite you to join our VBS team!

Sign up today with the Formation Office: nicole@stmark-parish.org


Thanks to all who attended and participated in Fr. Ricky Manalo's truly inspirational presentation, "A Eucharist of Encountering", hosted by St. Mark on Friday, April 5th as part of our Eucharistic Revival focus. It was a huge success!



“Building the Kingdom of God by Imaging Christ”

Justice Peace

For information on our Justice & Peace Ministries visit: www.stmark-parish.org/ministries/justice-and-peace, or email: justiceandpeace@stmark-parish.org

 **Foods of Month April:** 19-30 oz. Plastic Jar Grape Jelly/ \$5 McDonalds Gift card/Tuna Snack Kits/ Pop Top Individual Meals

Upcoming Justice & Peace Dates:

- Saturday April 20th 6:30pm Volunteer Reception in Great Hall



Please return your filled Rice Bowl to collection bin in Commons by April 14th at the latest.



April 14th- 20th is National Volunteer Week: JOIN US APRIL 20th at 6:45pm (after 5:30 Mass) in the Great Hall as we host a **Volunteer Reception**. As we recognize, celebrate, and thank every parishioner who volunteers both within St. Mark as well as parishioners who volunteer outside our walls in the community (EMTS, Teacher aides, hospitals, etc.). We will offer light hors d'oeuvres and token gifts to all. We will also have a table throughout the weekend (April 20th/21st) with small token items of our appreciation for all who give of your time, talent, and treasure. If you would like to help by baking and providing goodies for our area volunteer organization visits, contact 675-6486 justiceandpeace@stmark-parish.org.



Spiritual Adoption Month Three: Your baby is quite active in the womb now - although her mother will not feel her for another couple of months. If her mother's womb had a window, you could watch your spiritually adopted baby squint, swallow and move her tongue. She can make a tight fist if you touch her palm. She is breathing amniotic fluid which continues until birth, although she obtains the oxygen her body needs through the umbilical cord. The baby you are praying for weighs one ounce.



Parish Life Ministry



If you would like to be part of this amazing ministry, please sign up at the Parish Life table in the Great Hall! The Body of Christ needs YOU!

Upcoming Parish Life Events:

- **April 25th** - Feast of St. Mark Reception in Great Hall will be a catered dinner. In order for Parish Life to have an accurate count of servings, it is important that you sign up by Sunday, April 22nd if you plan to attend the dinner. Thank you! Sign up at the Info Kiosk or the Parish Life table if you plan to attend!
- **April 27th and 28th** - Receptions in Great Hall after each mass. Wine & Cheese after 5:30 mass. Breakfast receptions and child activities after 8:30 and 10:30 masses. Couples who have previously signed up for their anniversaries are recorded. If you have NOT previously signed up, please do! Anniversaries are posted in the bulletin and on the Parish Life bulletin board each month.

Happy Anniversary to the following St. Mark parishioners celebrating an April wedding anniversary this week!

John and Chris Kren-April 15th, 1978 (46 years)
Jeff and Trisha Holdsworth-April 16th, 2005 (19 years)

Upcoming Events Hosted by Office of Religious Formation

- **April 21-May 5th**— Plant Sale and much more!
- **May 10-11** – Women's Retreat , “Woman, Know Thy Self”
- **June 7-8** – Men's Retreat TBD
- **July 22-26** - St. Mark VBS

Congratulations!

It is with great joy that St. Mark welcomes all those who completed their Catechumenate at Easter Vigil. May the Holy Spirit guide them on their journey as members of our Church.



Announcements/ Giving/ Contact Information

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. MARK WOMEN'S RETREAT

“Woman, Know Thyself”

May 10-11, 2024 * Founders Inn, Virginia Beach
EARLY BIRD SPECIAL: March 1st–April 1st: \$255 *
REGULAR REGISTRATION: April 1–April 30: \$275 *

*Check-in early to relax and enjoy
before retreat begins with 5:30 dinner on Friday
and continues through Saturday afternoon.*

*Double occupancy;
call the RF office for single occupancy.

Sign-up and/or for more details:
RF Office 757-479-9897



Easter Flowers

In honor or memory of
The Cauchi and Bowman Families



Annual Diocesan Appeal

We have raised \$65,963, some 115% of our goal of \$57,150. Thank you generous St. Mark parishioners!

Ask Fr. Eric



Fr. Eric, What is your favorite sport?

“I love a lot of sports in general.
But I think Track events in athletics
catches my attention, most
specifically, the 4x400 relays --I
watch it every day.”



Fiscal Year July-June	March 24	Needed Year to Date	Offertory Year to Date	Excess/ (Short)
Offertory	\$19,056	\$742,500	\$732,736	(\$9764)

Family Count: 877
Families using envelopes: 232
Families using online donation: 200



If you currently do not give online, but would like to be an online contributor, please sign up at: giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stmarkvb or donate on the Parish Giving QR code.



St Mark 2023 Tax Statements

Your 2023 Tax Statements are now electronically released in the “My Own Church” account. If you have a my own church account go to the St Mark website: www.stmark-parish.org and scroll down to the blue box marked “ParishSoft My Own Church” and click on it. Once inside you can scroll down and click “log in” if you recall your password from last year or click on “lost password” if you have forgotten it. If you are new to My Own Church, follow the instructions to create an account. Password problems? Call the office at 479-1010.



If unable or unwilling to access My Own Church, it is still possible to drop a Stamped Self - Addressed Business Size envelope at the church office or request via email to: bookkeeper@stmark-parish.org. Requests will be fulfilled within a few business days.

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