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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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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.

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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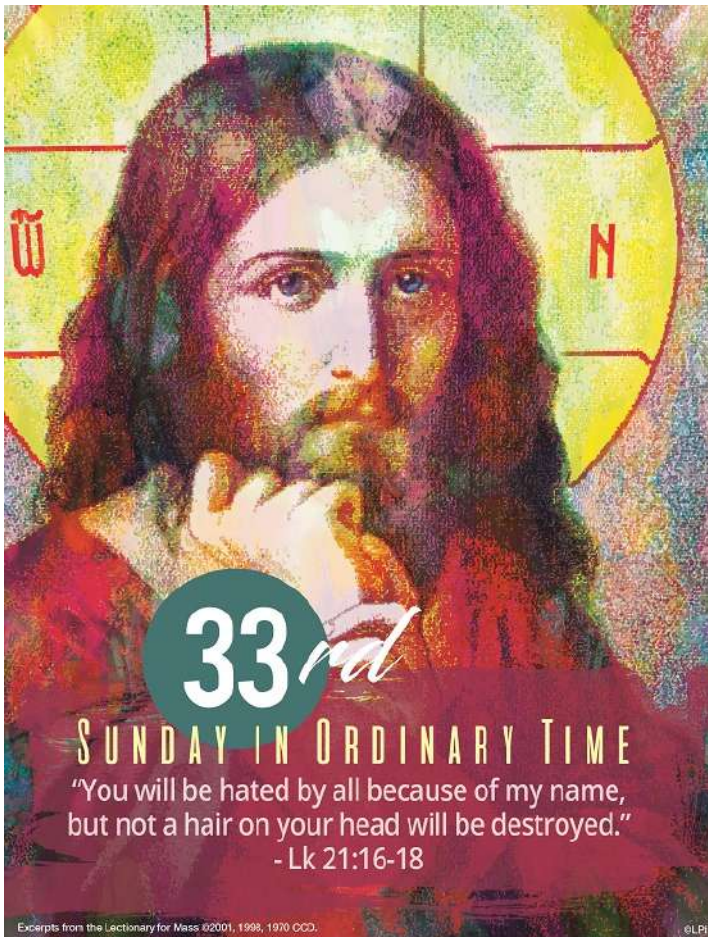
BAPTISM: Celebrated the 1st weekend of the month except during Lent. Contact Religious Formation Office for Baptism classes prior to the Sacrament.

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.



33rd

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed."

- Lk 21:16-18



With Mass Offerings & Intentions

I welcome you to this 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time! For quite some time we have been reflecting about the end times without knowing exactly what that end will be like! In the Gospel reading today, Jesus somehow reveals what that time of end will be like to the shock of his listeners when he says: "All that you see here—the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down." Their response was, "Teacher when will this happen?" This statement of Jesus caused panic because what they thought would be forever wasn't going to be the case. Human beings always think about the end of the world and no doubt this causes a lot of fear and anxiety because no one knows exactly when this end will come! Today's teaching from Jesus is asking us to look out on the signs, especially when people lose focus on God and focus onto each other and nation fighting against nation. The presence of evil in the world is a result of how humanity fails the purpose for which we were created and losing trust in God. Failing to love God and make God loved! Jesus' prophetic words towards the magnificent temple were a warning. But even when all this destruction will happen or even happening already, perseverance and faith will triumph at the end of the day. People of faith will always meet challenges and obstacles in life but their faith will always help them along the way! Do not give up!

- MONDAY**
11/14 Rv 1:1-4,2:1-5 / Lk 18:35-43
- TUESDAY** **ST. ALBERT THE GREAT, BISHOP,
11/15 DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**
Rv 3:1-6,14-22 / Lk 19:1-10
Asterio (Romy) Caras (†)
- WEDNESDAY** **ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND;
11/16 SAINT GERTRUDE, VIRGIN**
Rv 4:1-11 / Lk 19:11-28
Fr. Charles Breindel (†)
Fr. John Abe (†)
- THURSDAY** **ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY,
11/17 RELIGIOUS**
Rv 5:1-10 / Lk 19:41-44
Bobbi Drewiske (†)
- FRIDAY** **THE DEDICATION OF THE
11/18 BASILICAS OF STS. PETER AND
PAUL, APOSTLES; ST. ROSE
PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE VIRGIN**
Rv 10:8-11 / Lk 19:45-48
- SATURDAY**
11/19 Rv 11:4-12 / Lk 20:27-40
Katie Wood (†)
- SUNDAY** **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING
11/20 OF THE UNIVERSE**
2 Sm 5:1-3 / Col 1:12-20 /
Lk 23:35-43
Roman Kotlarz (†)
Matt & Lacy Favila (Int)

† Deceased

OUR CATHOLIC FAMILY

Once, while at a Greek Festival in Richmond, I called out to my son who had wandered too far ahead of me, "Nick!". Well, a lot of heads turned but when the sound of my voice touched my son's ears he immediately responded by turning around and returning to me.

Nick knew my voice. In today's reading we are told that we will hear many voices calling our name – like all the Nick's who turned around. Yet, when we hear Jesus calling our name how will we know it is him? The answer? By knowing Jesus' "voice". We will only know Jesus' "voice" by intentionally creating/developing and sustaining a relationship with our Lord and Savior. How? By going to Mass, learning stories from the Bible and most importantly, through prayer.

ACTION: Take time to sit quietly with your children.
Remember: Listen and Silent have the same letters.



**Nikolas Pakkidis, John Allen, Jeremiah Macaraeg,
Sarada Kapuwatte, Mike Turner, John Chomas,
Connie Blanco, Rose Delds Santos, Mae Pearson,
Ida Payne, Maria Still, Kerry Allen, Rose Marie Branier,
Ryan Steele, Jan Johnston, Paul Caddies,
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JUSTICE AND PEACE

For more information on our ministries and current focus visit the Justice & Peace page at www.stmark-parish.org/ministries/justice-and-peace or email justiceandpeace@stmark-parish.org

November Foods of the Month:

12-15 oz. Cheerios (or store brand), Granola Bars
Any item from our Food Pantry List or shelf stable food item.



Thanksgiving Food Baskets: It is that time of year!! Gift Cards for our Thanksgiving Baskets need to be received no later than Sunday

11am November 20th. Our goal is to give gift cards to 100-110 families that include our St. Mark Parishioners In-Need, Catholic Charities, Samaritan House, Department of Human Services, Refugee Resettlement, and three displaced Afghan families that we sponsor. Please place gift cards in marked box in the Commons, to our Parish Office or you may also donate funds to buy gift cards on our website via our **Online Giving** by selecting the **"Thanksgiving Bags."** Fund. Thank you in advance for your support of this important outreach ministry.



Since 2011, **Shared Hope International Institute for Justice and Advocacy** has laid the foundation for transformational policy, practice, and cultural change by supporting state legislators and stakeholders to enact the minimum fabric of laws needed to address child sex trafficking. The Report Cards on Child & Youth Sex Trafficking build upon the last decade of progress, challenging states to take the next step in the fight against sex trafficking by focusing on the area where the largest gaps remain-victim protections. These materials provide an in-depth analysis of current laws and include recommendations to strengthen those laws. Watch next week's bulletin for Virginias report card from Shared Hope.

<https://reportcards.sharedhope.org/year2022/virginia/>



The St. Mark Giving Tree is an annual project that brings hope and support to those families in need. There are many families in need this year, more so than ever. To help us better serve them we will be offering opportunities to give in one or more ways. You may choose to purchase GIFT CARDS placing them in our Christmas mailbox located in Commons, donate funds ONLINE via our parish website, and/or choose ANGEL TAGS for gift cards or

children's toys from our trees in the Commons. Please check our web site and next week's bulletin for detailed information on how you can help.



Our Justice & Peace ministry and Knights of Columbus are working hard to build our list of resources for Moms/Dads/babies in need. We are working to provide material needs as well. We could use more hands to help us as we compile, research, organize, together. We are utilizing "Aid and Support After Pregnancy" and "Walking with Moms in Need" ministries to walk and support families who Choose Life. **INTERESTED?** Contact: justiceandpeace@stmark-parish.org



14th - 20th

MONDAY

715pm RCIA in the Conference Room/Great Hall

TUESDAY

830am **Mass** in the Daily Chapel
930am & 7pm Adult Formation in the Great Hall

WEDNESDAY

10am-1pm Food Pantry in the Great Hall
12pm Mass / Staff Meeting in Conference Room
630pm Rosary in the Daily Chapel
7pm **Mass** in the Daily Chapel

THURSDAY

6am Men of St Joseph in the Great Hall
830am **Mass** in the Daily Chapel
930-11am PLARN in the Great Hall
7pm Choir Practice in the Sanctuary
7pm Finance Council meeting via Zoom

FRIDAY

7pm KofC Rosary in the Great Hall
730pm KofC Monthly Membership Meeting in the Great Hall

SATURDAY

8am Buildings & Grounds Maintenance
4pm Reconciliation in the Daily Chapel
5pm Rosary in the Sanctuary
530pm **Mass** in the Sanctuary
630pm Parish Life Anniversary Pot Luck in the Great Hall

SUNDAY

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
8 & 10am Child Care in the Nursery
8 & 10am Rosary in the Sanctuary
830am **Mass** in the Sanctuary
1030am **Mass** in the Sanctuary with Facebook Live Stream
12-1:30pm Thanksgiving Bag Distribution in Library
1230-2pm Children's Formation in the Classrooms
6-8pm Teen Formation in the Great Hall



The Liturgy Connection with the Angels and the Saints

We started this month of November remembering our connection with All the Saints. During this month of remembrance that us keep in mind that connection with our liturgy celebration.

"Each Sunday, just before singing the "Holy, Holy, Holy," the words in the Preface note that we pray with the angels and saints. These words prior to the Hosanna vary depending on the Preface of the Eucharistic Prayer, but each Preface notes that our prayers are said in union with heavenly voices.

That we pray with the angels and saints has been part of the Church's teachings for centuries. The Church on earth is connected to, or in union with, its members who are in heaven—the angels and saints. This means that every Sunday when we come together to worship and glorify God, we gather with the angels and saints around the Scriptures and the Eucharist.

The liturgy is our regular pilgrimage site or place where we recognize that we fall short, that we have not reached the sanctity of the angels and saints, though God repeatedly invites us to a holy life. Yet the liturgy also is a time when we glimpse and participate in our final home around the heavenly banquet table. Eucharistic Prayer I alludes to this when it states:

"In humble prayer we ask you, almighty God: / command that these gifts be borne / by the hands of your holy Angel / to your altar on high / in the sight of your divine majesty, / so that all of us, who through this participation at the altar / receive the most holy Body and Blood of your Son, / may be filled with every grace and heavenly blessing."

Thus, liturgy is a pilgrimage during which we pray with the angels and saints as we live in the hope that one day, we too might be as they are."



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Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

Do you know a child ages 5-14 who loves making art? Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Poster Contest with the theme of "Keep Christ in Christmas." Poster submissions must reflect this theme of Christ as the true meaning of Christmas. A prize of \$30 will be awarded to three winners in total, one from each age group.

Poster paper is provided in the Religious Formation office, and submissions can be brought to the parish office. Deadline for submissions is December 11.

Scan this QR code to learn more!



St. Matthew's Catholic School cordially invites you and your guests to the 32nd annual SMS Auction and Gala being held at the school on Saturday, November 19th.

The evening will commence at 5pm with Silent and Chance Auctions open for bidding. Live Auction will begin at 7:15pm. Dinner buffet with complimentary beer, wine, soda, and water are included with table or ticket purchase. Dinner will be served from 5-7pm.

Bidding for Silent Auction items will be open online starting Monday, November 14th and will close on Saturday, November 19th. Live Auction bidding will only be available in person at the event.

Tickets are \$55 per person in advance only. Limited Reserved tables with seating for 10 are available for \$600. No tickets will be sold at the door. The deadline to purchase tickets is Monday, November 14, 2022 at 10am.

To Register for the Silent Auction, purchase your Reserved table, or purchase individual tickets to attend in person, please go to

<https://one.bidpa.net/stmatssauction> or scan me

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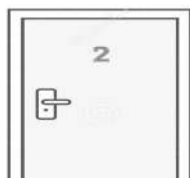
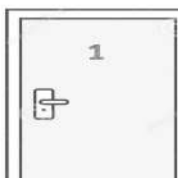
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Scan to Register or Buy Tickets.

RELY ON THE MIGHTY LORD, CONSTANTLY SEEK HIS FACE!

1 Chronicles 16:11



ATTENTION: 11th/12th Graders

Join us for **Choose Day Tuesdays** at 5PM!

Nov 8 * Nov 22 * Dec 13 * Dec 27
Jan 10 * Feb 7 * Feb 21 * Mar 14 * Mar 28
Apr 11 * Apr 25 * May 16 * May 30

For more info, contact Fe@stmark-parish.org



Collection for the week of 11/06/2022: \$21,999

Fiscal Year July-June	Needed Year to Date	Offertory Year to Date	Excess/ (Short)
Offertory	\$332,871	\$334,000	(\$1,129)

Family Count: 882 Envelopes: 203 Online: 242



If you currently do not give online, but would like to do so, please sign up at: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stmarkvb>



Considering a year-end gift to the Catholic Church of St. Mark? Here's what you need to know.

We appreciate you!

31% of all charitable donations are made in the month of December. We are so honored that you're considering a gift to St. Mark, that the Word of God may dwell in every heart in Virginia!

Christmas office hours

Our office will remain open to receive any gifts until December 23rd.

You can donate online, right up until 11:59 PM on December 31st!

You can make a gift from your couch! You can donate to St. Mark online at www.stmark-parish.org, or by text to: 757-300-0070. In addition, any gift postmarked by December 31st can be applied to the 2022 calendar year.

IRA charitable donations

You may be able to avoid paying tax by making a charitable distribution straight from your account to St. Mark Church. Contact Mary Ellen Cussen at 757-479-1010 to learn more.

If you itemize your deductions

The Adjusted Gross Income limitation for charitable contributions is 60%. You can deduct your cash contributions up to this percentage.

If you don't itemize your deductions

Making a year-end gift may make you eligible to itemize your deductions.



**The Coming Persecution
...good judgment and an understanding of that which is true or good.**



MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION NIGHT

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH

6:30-9:30 PM

Marriage Anniversary Celebration Night is fast approaching. We already have 35 couples attending!

The deadline for signing up is Monday, November 14th. Please go online or in the Great Hall at the Parish Life Table if you plan to attend so that we can make your night memorable!

Call Linda Major @757-615-0763 if you have Questions.



"By your perseverance you will secure your lives." Persevere in your marriage by using the tools learned on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on Jan 27-29, 2023 in NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, SC and Feb 3-5, 2023 in Warrenton, VA. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/> or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org or 757-690-1369.

DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE 2023



Are you ready for DYC?

The Diocesan Youth Conference (DYC) is an annual weekend event that gathers high school youth from Diocese of Richmond parishes in one central location. DYC is a highly energetic and engaging opportunity for our high school teenagers to gather as a larger Church community and celebrate the richness of our Catholic faith.

WHO:
9th-12th grade youth


WHEN:
February 10-12, 2023

WHERE:
Richmond Convention Center * Richmond Marriott Hotel


COST and REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
\$210 before November 27 * \$260 after November 27
(\$50 deposit with completed registration form;
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remaining balance on/before Feb 5)

QUESTIONS:
fe@stmark-parish.org

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