



THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF *Saint Mark*

June 14, 2026 • Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



Welcome!

Save these 2026

St. Mark

Pilgrimage Dates!

1. Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine, Washington, DC on October 24, 2026
2. **St. Mark Pilgrimage: Rome and Assisi Nov. 9th-18th, 2026!**
Join us to commemorate the Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi.

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, make this proclamation: ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons. Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give.” - Mt 10:6-8

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“Rooted in the Word...”

This Week at Saint Mark June 15th - June 21st, 2026

MONDAY

7:15pm OCIA Christian Formation/CR

TUESDAY

8:30am **Daily Mass**/ Daily Chapel
2:00pm Daughters of Fatima Prayer Group/ DC

WEDNESDAY

10-1:00pm Food Pantry/ Great Hall
11:00am Divine Mercy Chaplet
6:00pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena/ Sanct.
6:30pm Rosary/ Sanctuary
7:00pm **Daily Mass**/ Sanctuary

THURSDAY

6:00am Men of St. Joseph/ Conference Room
8:30am **Daily Mass**/ Daily Chapel
9-11:00am PLARN/ Great Hall

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

8:00am Building and Grounds Meeting/ Great Hall
4:00pm Reconciliation/ Daily Chapel
5:30pm **Mass** / Sanctuary
6:45pm KofC Monte Carlo Night/ Great Hall

SUNDAY

8:30am **Mass**/ Sanctuary
10:30am **Mass**/ Sanctuary with Face Book Livestream

SACRAMENTS AT ST. MARK

Contact Parish Secretary in the Parish Office to begin the processes of baptism, marriage, or other sacraments.

BAPTISM: Celebrated the 1st weekend of the month except during Holy Week. Requirement: **Families must be registered.** Contact Religious Formation Office for Baptism classes prior to the Sacrament. Confirm Baptism date and time with Parish Secretary after all requirements have been turned in.

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

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

Samaritan Ministry

Volunteers visit the sick and those unable to get to mass. Training will be provided. If you would like to be a Samaritan Ministry volunteer, or to receive a visit from a Samaritan Ministry volunteer, call Ann Marie Cochran at 757-621-0699. for more details.

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...(Established 1978)

Daily Readings

MONDAY 6/15

Monday of the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time
1 Kings 21:1-16; Matthew 5:38-42

TUESDAY 6/16

Tues. of the Eleventh Week in Ord. Time
1 Kings 21:17-29; Matthew 5:43-48
Mary Fulling †,
Theresa Izuegbunam (Special Intention)

WEDNESDAY of the Eleventh Week in Ord. Time 6/17

2 Kings 2:1, 6-14;
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
Maria Socorro Peterson †

THURSDAY Thurs. of the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time 6/18

Sirach 48:1-14; Matthew 6:7-15
Henri Bessene †, Marie Louise Bessene †

FRIDAY Friday of the Eleventh Week in Ord. Time 6/19

2 Kings 11:1-4, 9-18, 20;
Matthew 6:19-23

SATURDAY Sat. of the Eleventh Week in Ord. Time 6/20

2 Chronicles 24:17-25;
Matthew 6:24-34
Moises O. Mina, III †,
Remy Compuesto †

SUNDAY Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time 6/21

Jeremiah 20:10-13; Romans 5:12-15;
Matthew 10:26-33
Theresa Izuegbunam (Special Intention – all fathers living and dead)
Crispina Rosales †, Remy Compuesto †,
Moises O. Mina, III †,
Dennis Heinlein †



Hu Jung Dalton, Chandler Brewer, Charles Sweeney, Helena Kuhnley, William Ruiz, Leonardo Remias, Ron Ferrero, Ruth Ferrero, Joseph Perine, Marie Amella, Fr. Dan Klem, Theresa Muller, Joseph Wargo, Kathy Seddon, Don Coons, Dana Reid, Merla Marcelo, Henrietta Mayr, Creed Clawson, Jayme Oliveira Filho, Louisa Morrison, Dare O'Ravitz, Angie Hudson, Caroline Padilla, Gigliola Kamp-Casto, Erlinda Mariado, Lorraine Stambaugh, Susan Colonna, Lexie Murray, Adriane Pennington, Rosendo Ibanez, Reynaldo Francisco, Jay Davis, Val Kandis

* Prayer Requests may remain in the bulletin for one year.

“Nourished by the Sacraments”

A Reflection on Eleventh Sunday In Ordinary Time From Fr. Eric Asamoah

The Israelites in the first reading (Exodus 19:2-6a) became discouraged as they wandered through the wilderness of Sinai, following their miraculous escape from Egypt. They needed to be reminded that God, who had intervened to facilitate their escape, would never desert them, but would accompany them always and make them His people, ‘a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation’ (Ex 19:6).

We, too, need to hear those same words of encouragement, especially when we feel overwhelmed by the burdens of life. God’s tender love and compassion for his creatures is conveyed in a beautiful image: ‘I bore you up on eagle’s wings and brought you to myself’ (Ex 19:4). God always acts first. He saves, forgives, and heals. Our part is to respond with trust and love.

Jesus called the Twelve in today’s Gospel to help him carry out His salvific mission of liberating humanity from the slavery of sin and acquiring the true freedom. He takes one look at the people, takes pity on them, for he sees that they are dejected and

harassed, like sheep without a shepherd, and he immediately gives himself to them. We, like the apostles, are therefore chosen, loved, and sent out to serve.

In our second reading, St Paul underlines the unconditional quality of God’s loving care for us. Paul encourages us not to let ourselves become slaves to our fears and doubts, but to be filled with ‘joyful trust in God’ (Rom 5:11). Just imagine, he says, that if God loved us when we were estranged from him, how much more will He love us now that we have been made citizens of his Kingdom?

Our weaknesses and sins can never be stronger than God’s love. While we may be tempted to give up on him, God will never abandon us.

Let us then join the Psalmist of today (Psalm 100) and sing: *Shout joyfully to the LORD, all you Lands; serve the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful song. Amen.*





Congratulations to St. Mark’s First Holy Communicants pictured above who received Jesus on their First Holy Communion Day Saturday, May 31st by St. Mark pastor, Fr. Eric Asamoah. Much thanks to all of their wonderful catechists and sponsors who helped guide these First Holy Communion recipients through their faith formation. Pray special blessings for them as they continue their faith journeys. May it bring them joy to know how much God really loves them.


“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 June:** \$10 Gift Cards/ 9-15oz. Mashed Potatoes/ Individual Snack Crackers/Cookies

 **Spiritual Adoption/ Month 5:** “Mommy felt me kick today!” Your spiritually adopted baby weighs over one pound now, and Mom can feel movement. We are midway through pregnancy now. Your prayers have helped your baby’s mother continue with her pregnancy and seek the help she needs. If you would like more information, contact justiceandpeace@stmark-parish.org

 **Baby Layettes:** Due to rising demand, we are extending our baby layette items collection: onesies, sleepers, blankets, and other needed baby items to help us put together layettes for Moms in need. Please place items in wooden bins in the Great Hall next to the Justice & Peace table by June 27th.

 **Respecting Life: Did you Know?** Some incredibly influential people in our world were almost aborted! Tim Tebow’s mother was encouraged to abort him, due to complications that might affect her and him. She refused. **Tim Tebow** is a recognizable athlete and founder of the Tim Tebow Foundation that mission is to fight for the world's Most Vulnerable People through our four main areas of focus – Anti-Human Trafficking & Child Exploitation, Orphan Care & Prevention, Profound Medical Needs, and Special Needs Ministry. **Vote no November 3rd** stop the extreme abortion amendment, for additional information and resources visit vacatholic.org/Amendment or scan the QR code. 

Safe Restroom Use by Children

In compliance with Office of Safe Environment requirements, children under the age of 12 should be accompanied by an adult when using restroom facilities. Thank you for your cooperation!



St. MARK July 20-24 9a-12p

RAINFOREST FALLS

VBS is for rising Kindergarteners through rising 5th Grade.

\$40 / 1 Child
\$70 / 2 Children
\$100 / 3+ Children





Parish Life

“I am the vine, you are the branches.”

- **Happy Anniversary to the following St. Mark parishioners will celebrate a June wedding anniversary this week!**
 - Blake and Brianne Bonifas – June 16, 2018 (8 years)**
 - Mike and Lynn King - June 16, 1976 (50 years)**
 - Mike and Diane Perez - June 17, 1978 (48 years)**
 - Mike and Sue Kassel - June 18, 1988 (38 years)**
 - Terri and Joe Wargo - June 12, 1971 (55 years)**
 - Warren and Marisa Graves - June 19, 1999 (27 years)**



If you will be between the ages of 16 and 35 by August 2027, you are invited to be part of this once-every-few-years global gathering—an experience like no other. Join thousands of young Catholics from around the world in **Seoul, South Korea** for a week of prayer, catechesis, and liturgy that reveals the beauty and universality of our faith. Registration is open through August 30, 2026. Contact Fe Guzman in the RF office for details.



BASILICA of the NATIONAL SHRINE
of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
OCTOBER 24, 2026

In honor of the 250th anniversary of our Nation, Bishop Knestout invites the faithful of the Catholic Diocese of Richmond to spend the day at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. On Saturday, October 24, 2026, we will entrust the care of our country to the maternal care of Our Lady, Patroness of the Americas. St. Mark will have a bus reserved for parishioners for a fee.



ROME & ASSISI St. Mark Church

Fr. Eric Baffour Asamoah

Catholic Church of St. Mark
FRANCISCAN JUBILEE YEAR
as proclaimed by Pope Leo XIV for the 800th anniversary of the passage of St. Francis of Assisi

PILGRIMAGE
NOVEMBER 9 – 18, 2026

Spiritual Director: Fr. Eric Baffour Asamoah

For more details, contact fe@stmark-parish.org

Parish Office Hours: Sunday-Thursday: 9:00am – 1:00pm

Announcements/ Giving/ Contact Information



Announcement:

Parish Office Summer Hours

Beginning Monday, June 15th through Tuesday, Sept. 8th, St. Mark parish office hours will be 9:00am-1:00pm Sunday through Thursday.

Kitchen Renovation Update:

The contractor is making great progress. This week, walls are painted, ceiling is in. Following flooring, cabinets will be installed, then counter tops. It is not too late to donate to this much needed kitchen renovation project. For more details or to donate, contact Parish Bookkeeper, Mary-Rachelle Paguiligan, at bookkeeper@stmark-parish.org or call the parish office at 757-479-1010.



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.



For more details or to donate, contact Parish Bookkeeper, MaryEllen Cussen, at bookkeeper@stmark-parish.org or call the parish office

Fiscal Year July-June	May 17	Needed Year to Date New Fiscal Year	Offertory Year to Date	Excess/ (Short)
Offertory	\$19,219	\$933,000	\$927,311	(\$5,689)

Family Count: 807
Families using envelopes: 188
Families using online donation: 201

Catholic Church of St. Mark Religious Formation Program



2026 - 2027
Lord,
Teach us
to pray...

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN >>>
TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR EARLY BIRD SPECIAL, JUNE 1-JUNE 30



WOMEN of Hope

Praying at all times
in the Spirit
- EPHESIANS 6:18

HOPE: Anchored in God's Promises
PRAYER: Our Strength, Our Connection
PURPOSE: Empowered by the Holy Spirit

St. Mark Catholic Church
Women's Retreat

SEPT 11-12, 2026
AT FOUNDERS INN
CONTACT FORMATION OFFICE FOR MORE
DETAILS 757.479.9897

Monte Carlo Night
Annual Charity Fundraiser
Saturday, June 20th

Doors Open @ 6:45PM - 10:30PM

Tickets: Single - \$20; 2 or more - \$17.50 ea.
Price Includes Food, Beverages and Games

All Proceeds Support KofC Charitable Activities

On sale at Church after all weekend Masses
and from Individual Knights Starting May 16th & 17th

Credit Card Payments Accepted

Jointly Sponsored by two KofC Councils -
Kempsville Council 10515
Fr. Habets Council 4632

Kid's Corner

Last week we celebrated two very special hearts, the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary!

The Sacred Heart reminds us how much Jesus loves every person. His heart burns with love, mercy, and kindness for the whole world. The Immaculate Heart of Mary reminds us of a mother's loving heart, full of trust in God and care for all of us.

Jesus and Mary both show us how to love others with patience, forgiveness, and compassion. When we are kind, helpful, and loving, we are sharing their love with the world! Do one loving thing for someone this week without being asked.



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- Hank Harzold.....Parish Council Chairman
- Tom Smith.....Custodian
- William McMican.....Finance Council Chairman

RELIGIOUS FORMATION STAFF

- Fe Guzman.....Director of Religious Formation/Youth Minister
- Nicole Brimer.....Coordinator of Religious Formation

RELIGIOUS FORMATION OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 9:00a.m. - 3:00p.m. Sunday 9:00a.m. - 2:00p.m.
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