



# THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF *Saint Mark*

June 21, 2026 • Twelfth 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.



For more details, contact the parish office 757-479-1010 or [fe@stmark-parish.org](mailto:fe@stmark-parish.org)



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## 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

"What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul."

Matthew 10:27-28

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## “Rooted in the Word...”

### This Week at Saint Mark June 22nd - June 28th, 2026

#### MONDAY

7:15pm OCIA Christian Formation/CR

#### TUESDAY

8:30am **Daily Mass/** Daily Chapel  
10:00am Seasons of Hope Grief Group/ Library  
2:00pm Daughters of Fatima Prayer Group/ DC

#### WEDNESDAY

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

#### THURSDAY

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

#### FRIDAY

6:45pm VBS Training/ Great Hall

#### SATURDAY

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  
6/22

Monday of the Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time  
2 Kings 17:5-8, 13-15a,18; Matthew 7:1-5

TUESDAY  
6/23

Tues. of the Twelfth Week in Ord. Time  
2 Kings 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Matthew 7:6, 12-14  
Noel Sagna (special intention of healing)

WEDNESDAY Sol. of St. John the Baptist  
6/24

Isaiah 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Luke 1:57-66, 80  
Mariana Diatta (special intention of healing)  
Lynn Filio †

THURSDAY Thurs. of the Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time  
6/25

2 Kings 24:8-17; Matthew 7:21-29

FRIDAY  
6/26

Friday of the Twelfth Week in Ord. Time  
2 Kings 25:1-12; Matthew 8:1-4  
Jean and Paul Diatta-(special intention of healing)

SATURDAY Sat. of the Twelfth Week in Ord. Time  
6/27

Lamentations 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Matthew 8:5-17  
Felipe and Elvira Rosario †

SUNDAY Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
6/28

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a; Romans 6:3-4, 8-11; Matthew 10:37-42  
Rowena Peterson †, Arthur Mowbray †



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.

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

**Erik Von Cope**

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

# “Nourished by the Sacraments”

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

The first reading and the Gospel remind us that as Christians, we will face difficulties and persecutions for the sake of our Faith. And in the face of these adversities we encounter daily, we shall also feel the temptation to let ourselves be carried away by fear and to hide our condition as Christians, deterring us from the testimony that we must give.

The prophet Jeremiah, in the first reading, experienced a lot of threats from his people because of speaking the truth. They made every effort to intimidate him and so he exclaimed, “Terror on every side” (Jeremiah 20:10). In their lack of wisdom, the people forgot that they can only kill the messenger of truth but cannot kill the truth.

The prophet watched how his friends turned into being his enemies. He cried out in pain: “All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall” (Jeremiah 20:10). Despite this grim situation, Jeremiah found consolation and courage in the fact that he is not alone. Jeremiah had God with him and so he said, “But the Lord is with me like a mighty champion: my persecutors will stumble, they will not prevail. In their failure they would be put to shame, to lasting unforgettable confusion” (Jeremiah 20:11).

Jesus’ message in today’s Gospel is part of the missionary discourse, with which the Teacher prepares the Apostles for their first experience of proclaiming the Kingdom of God. He teaches them and prepares them to face the trials and persecutions they will endure. Jesus cautions them: “*you will find persecutions*”. So, he exhorts them: “*have no fear of them; for nothing is covered that will not be revealed...*”. He repeats to his disciples three different times: “have no fear” (Mt 10:26, 28, 31).

St Paul, in his letter to the Romans, explains how sin entered through Adam but grace overflows through Christ. The gift of Jesus is far greater than the weight of sin. Our Lord brings life and hope to all who believe in Him.

God values each person deeply. He also promises that He will stand on our side before the Father in heaven, if we acknowledge Him before men, but not only in tough times, but daily. Do we remember God as our Father daily, and treat him as such?

May we always have the courage to call God our father, and may, we always trust Him. May the Lord shower His grace upon every father, filling their hearts with His love, wisdom, and strength as they share in the Fatherhood of God. Happy Father’s Day.



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



WORLD YOUTH DAY  
2027

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 250<sup>th</sup> 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.




Fr. Eric and Seminarian William Yearout recently blessed PLARN’s quarterly donation of 38 mats, 9 totes and \$185 to PiN Ministries. PiN volunteers were very excited to receive this donation for their most marginalized clients. PLARN’s lifetime totals are 801 mats, 142 totes and \$2,370. Thanks to all who participated!!


LITURGY SCHEDULE: Saturday: 5:30pm/ Sunday at 8:30 & 10:30am/ Tuesday and Thursday at 8:30am/ Wednesday at 7:00pm


# “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](http://www.stmark-parish.org/ministries/justice-and-peace), or email: [justiceandpeace@stmark-parish.org](mailto:justiceandpeace@stmark-parish.org)

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

 **Spiritual Adoption/ MONTH SIX:** Your spiritually adopted baby is developing quite beautifully now. Her weight is approaching 2 pounds. Babies born prematurely at this time have an incredibly good chance of surviving. The medical advances in caring for extremely small newborn infants are extraordinary indeed. Do not forget to pray for your baby.

 **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 27<sup>th</sup>.

 **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](http://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!**
  - Leo and Frances Bacaoan – June 21, 1969 (57 years)
  - Larry and Robbie Murtha - June 21, 1971 (55 years)
  - Alexander and Gladdys Marsh- June 21, 2001 (25 years)
  - Max and Cory Miranda- June 22, 1974 (52 years)
  - Randall and Sharon Wisinger - June 23, 1990 (36 years)



**Children's LITURGY TRAINING!**

**JULY 12<sup>TH</sup> ~ 12P**

We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help bring our Children's Liturgy to life! No experience? No problem! We'll provide all the training you need.

contact Nicole for more information  
[nicole@stmark-parish.org](mailto:nicole@stmark-parish.org)

## ANSWER THE CALL BE A CATECHIST

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



### Do you feel a tug on your heart to serve?

Do you love your faith and want to help the next generation grow closer to Christ? Then you may be called to serve as a **catechist!**

**No teaching experience needed – just a willing heart.**

We provide all training, support, and materials. You bring your YES. God does the rest.

### Interested? Questions?

Contact: Nicole Brimer  
[nicole@stmark-parish.org](mailto:nicole@stmark-parish.org) / 757.479.9897



# Announcements/ Giving/ Contact Information



## Kitchen Renovation Update:

The contractor continues making great progress. This week, counter tops will be installed followed by plumbing fixtures. Tile flooring will also be installed in the kitchen area soon. 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](mailto:bookkeeper@stmark-parish.org) or call the parish office at 757-479-1010. Much thanks for your continued generosity to this project!



## 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](mailto:fe@stmark-parish.org)

## Happy Father's Day!

Did you know?

St. Joseph was Jesus' earthly father. He loved and protected Jesus and Mary, worked hard as a carpenter, and always trusted God. Even though the Bible never records him speaking, his actions showed great faith and love. This Father's Day, thank God for the fathers, grandfathers, and father figures who care for us!

## Kid's Corner



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](http://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](mailto:bookkeeper@stmark-parish.org) or call the parish office



Fiscal Year July-June	May 24	Needed Year to Date New Fiscal Year	Offertory Year to Date	Excess/ (Short)
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>\$17,413</b>	<b>\$950,500</b>	<b>\$944,724</b>	<b>(\$5,776)</b>

Family Count: 865

Families using envelopes: 169

Families using online donation: 162

## Catholic Church of St. Mark Religious Formation Program



## REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR EARLY BIRD SPECIAL, JUNE 1-JUNE 30



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## RELIGIOUS FORMATION STAFF

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