



THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF *Saint Mark*

Aug 9, 2026 • Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. - Mt 14:28-29

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Welcome!

Save these 2026

St. Mark

Pilgrimage Dates!

1. **Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine, Washington, DC on October 24, 2026.** Sign up in the Commons!
2. **St. Mark Pilgrimage: Rome and Assisi Nov. 9th-18th, 2026!** Pray for those attending the this pilgrimage to commemorate the Franciscan Jubilee Year Proclaimed by Pope Leo XIV.



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“Rooted in the Word...”

This Week at Saint Mark August 10 – August 15, 2026

MONDAY

7:00pm OCIA Team Meeting/CR

TUESDAY

8:30am **Daily Mass/** Daily Chapel
10:00am Seasons of Hope Grief Group/ Library
2:00pm Daughters of Fatima Prayer Group/DC
6:00pm Parish Life Committee Meeting/CR
6:00pm In-person Virtus Training/ Classroom
6:30pm Women's Book Club/ Library

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

8:00am Building and Grounds Mtg/ GH
9:00am Rosary and Procession of Blessed Virgin Mary/ Sanctuary
10:00am Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary Mass/ Sanctuary
4:00pm Reconciliation/ Daily Chapel
5:30pm **Mass/** Sanctuary
6:00pm Youth Group Lock-in/ Great Hall
6:45pm Adoration Hour and Rosary - **Open to All/** Sanctuary

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.

Daily Readings

Aug. 10: Feast of St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
2 Corinthians 9:6-10; John 12:24-26

Aug. 11: Mem. of St. Clare, Virgin
Ezekiel 2:8-3:4; Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Aug. 12: Wed. of the 19th Week in Ord. Time
Ezekiel 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Matthew 18:15-20
Carmelita Morales †

Aug. 13: Thurs. of the 19th Week in Ord. Time
Ezekiel 12:1-12; Matthew 18:21-19:1

Aug. 14: Mem. of Maximillian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60, 63; Matthew 19:3-12

Aug. 15: Sol. of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (during the day)
Revelation 11:19A; 12:1-6A, 10AB;
1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56
Frank, Lucille, Tommy, Birt Mayr †
Kristen Mayr †, Judy Fitzpatrick †

Aug. 16: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 ; Romans 11:13-15, 29-32;
Matthew 15:21-28
Rose and Michael Kmetz †, Carl Cosby †



Elsie Watkins, Gloria Fernando, Antonio Fernando, Rebecca Probst, Debra Gordon, Hu Jung Dalton, Chandler Brewer, Charles Sweeney, 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, Val Kandis

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

• **The Wisdom Seekers** group monthly luncheons are back (2nd Friday of the month September thru June) for parishioner seniors. **First potluck luncheon is September 11th, 12 pm, in Great Hall,** Please bring a dish to share (Last name begins A-M protein or salad dish, N-Z fruit or dessert dish). Please contact Mary Shaw (757) 348-4460 for general group questions.

“Nourished by the Sacraments”

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

The prophet Elijah stands on Mount Horeb, weary, isolated, and seeking the Lord. God passes by, accompanied by three dramatic, high-energy phenomena: a crushing wind that rends mountains, a violent earthquake, and a raging fire.

God reveals Himself in a tiny “whispering sound”, a gentle breeze, a sheer silence. Elijah hears God not in the strong wind, the earthquake, or the fire, but in a quiet whisper. That whisper (voice) was the voice of the Lord. It was more powerful than wind, earthquake or fire. That voice was the voice of faith. Sometimes we look for the Lord with pre-conceived notions of how He should appear.

In the Gospel Jesus goes to pray alone. The evangelist Matthew only mentions Jesus praying at really critical moments like on a stormy night and in the Garden of Gethsemane just before his death. It is at such moments that Jesus draws strength from God and sheltering in the divine intimacy of the Father’s love. To be alone with the ALONE.

Then we have another situation where nature seems to have unleashed its full power in the wind and the waves. And similar to the encounter Elijah has, the coming of Jesus across

the waters, which is of course, an encounter with God, we see his power at work in the stilling of the waves. Jesus manifests his divinity in his mastery over nature in his ability to calm the wind and the seas, not to mention this power to calm the troubled hearts of Peter and the disciples. Their response is not to cover their faces, but to bow down before Jesus, a gesture of awe and reverence which is matched by the proclamation of the Son of God.

In our present times, we are all too aware of the great and destructive power of natural events. And yet, as we experience our often-turbulent world, we should remember that the God who encountered Elijah in the gentle breeze, the God who walked towards the disciples across the waters and stilled their waves, is always at work, always present in the midst of even the worst difficulties, to bring us through with him.

We can take comfort, knowing that Jesus is praying for us during the storm. Hence our calling is to keep rowing, not because the storm will stop, but because Jesus is with you, and His presence brings peace and purpose. Blessings.



St. Mark represented God’s global community as over 200 St. Mark families participated in the “Multicultural Night Send-off” for Sem. William Yearout following a Kitchen Blessing (seen below). Nineteen countries were represented with favorite national dishes, flags, national dress, and so much more. Much thanks to all the volunteers and donors who made this kitchen renovation a reality. What a joyful blessing!

"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 August:** 15-18oz. Creamy Peanut Butter/ Snack Pack Cookies/Crackers



Spiritual Adoption/ MONTH SEVEN:

We are in the home stretch with our spiritually adopted baby. At the beginning of this month, the baby uses all four senses. They can see, hear, taste, touch, cough, yawn, and hiccup. They now recognize their mother's voice. During this time, they will also receive antibodies from their mother protecting them from a wide variety of diseases.



School Supplies: We continue to collect school supplies. Please place donations in marked bin in Great Hall next to Justice & Peace Table by **August 17th**. If you are a parishioner or know of a parishioner who is in need contact justiceandpeace@stmark-parish.org know of a parishioner who is in need contact justiceandpeace@stmark-parish.org



Migrant Ministry: We will continue to collect clothing/hygiene items for the migrant workers through September. You can drop them off in the marked bin in Great Hall. Please no XL sizes.



Red Cross Blood Drive: Justice & Peace Ministry and the Knights of Columbus are hosting our semi-annual American Red Cross Blood Drive on **Tuesday, September 15th** from **11am-5pm**. We will be working together to give back to the community in a truly life changing way. Every donation we collect can save up to three lives. Please visit www.RedCrossBlood.org and enter: CCSM to schedule an appointment or at our sign-up table in the Great Hall.



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.

Parish Life

"I am the vine, you are the branches."

• **The Anniversary Booklet** on the Parish Life table has been updated. Couples may enter their anniversaries if they have not yet done so.

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

Modesto and Joelita Daroy - Aug. 9, 1978 (48 yrs)

Jimmy and Loveline Martino - Aug. 9, 2025 (1yr)

Joe and Sofie Sivak - Aug. 10, 2010 (16 yrs)

Ray and Catherine Kallman- Aug. 11, 1973 (53 yr)

Kevin and Kelly Schoettlin - Aug. 13, 2011(15 yrs)

Juston and Alice Talley - Aug 14, 1999 (27yrs)

Justin and Jamie Reyes - Aug. 14, 2020 (6yrs)



Share Your Faith. Shape the Future.

Do you love Jesus and the Catholic faith? Have you ever considered sharing that love with the next generation?

Our Faith Formation program is looking for joyful, faith-filled catechists to help guide the children and teens of our parish as they grow in their relationship with Christ. You don't need to be a teacher; you simply need a willing heart and a desire to share the beauty of our faith.

As a catechist, you'll plant seeds that can bear fruit for a lifetime. Lesson plans, resources, and support are provided, and you'll serve alongside a wonderful team dedicated to helping our young people know, love, and follow Jesus.

If God may be calling you to this important ministry, we'd love to talk with you. Contact the Parish Office or our Coordinator of Religious Formation (nicole@stmark-parish.org) to learn more. Your "yes" could make an eternal difference.

Announcements/ Giving/ Contact Information



2026 Annual Diocesan Appeal: *Sharing His Love with Others*

A Message from Fr. Eric Asamoah

Did you know that when you support the Annual Diocesan Appeal, it strengthens Catholic communities by...

- Developing lay catechetical leaders by building theological understanding, shaping pastoral skills, and strengthening Catholic identity.
- Providing intercultural opportunities for our ethnic communities such as Masses, retreats, and pilgrimages.
- Defraying the cost of providing ongoing professional, spiritual, and theological formation for our priests.

To learn more about the 21 different ways the Appeal supports our parishes and larger Catholic Church, please visit richmondcatholicfoundation.org/giving/annual-diocesan-appeal/.



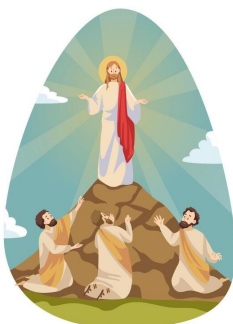
New St. Mark Budget and Annual Report

The St. Mark 2026-2027 Annual Budget and 2025-2026 Financial Report are now available for review through the month of August at the Information Kiosk in the Commons.

For questions, please contact bookkeeper Mary Rachelle Paguiligan at 757-479-1010 or email bookkeeper@stmark-parish.org.

Have You Ever...

Seen something so amazing it took your breath away? On the Feast of the **Transfiguration**, Jesus took Peter, James, and John up a mountain to pray. Suddenly, His face was shining like the sun, and His clothes became dazzling white! The disciples got to see Jesus' heavenly glory and heard God say, "**This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him!**" The Transfiguration reminds us that Jesus is truly the Son of God. The Feast of the Transfiguration is celebrated every year on **August 6**, reminding us that Jesus' light shines brighter than anything else in the world!



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, Rachelle Paguiligan, at bookkeeper@stmark-parish.org or call the parish office at 757-749-1010.

Fiscal Year July-June	July 19	Needed Year to Date New Fiscal Year	Offertory Year to Date	Excess/(Short)
Offertory	\$14,553	\$74,100	\$70,976	(\$3,124)

Family Count: 886

Families using envelopes: 165

Families using online donation: 191

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

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