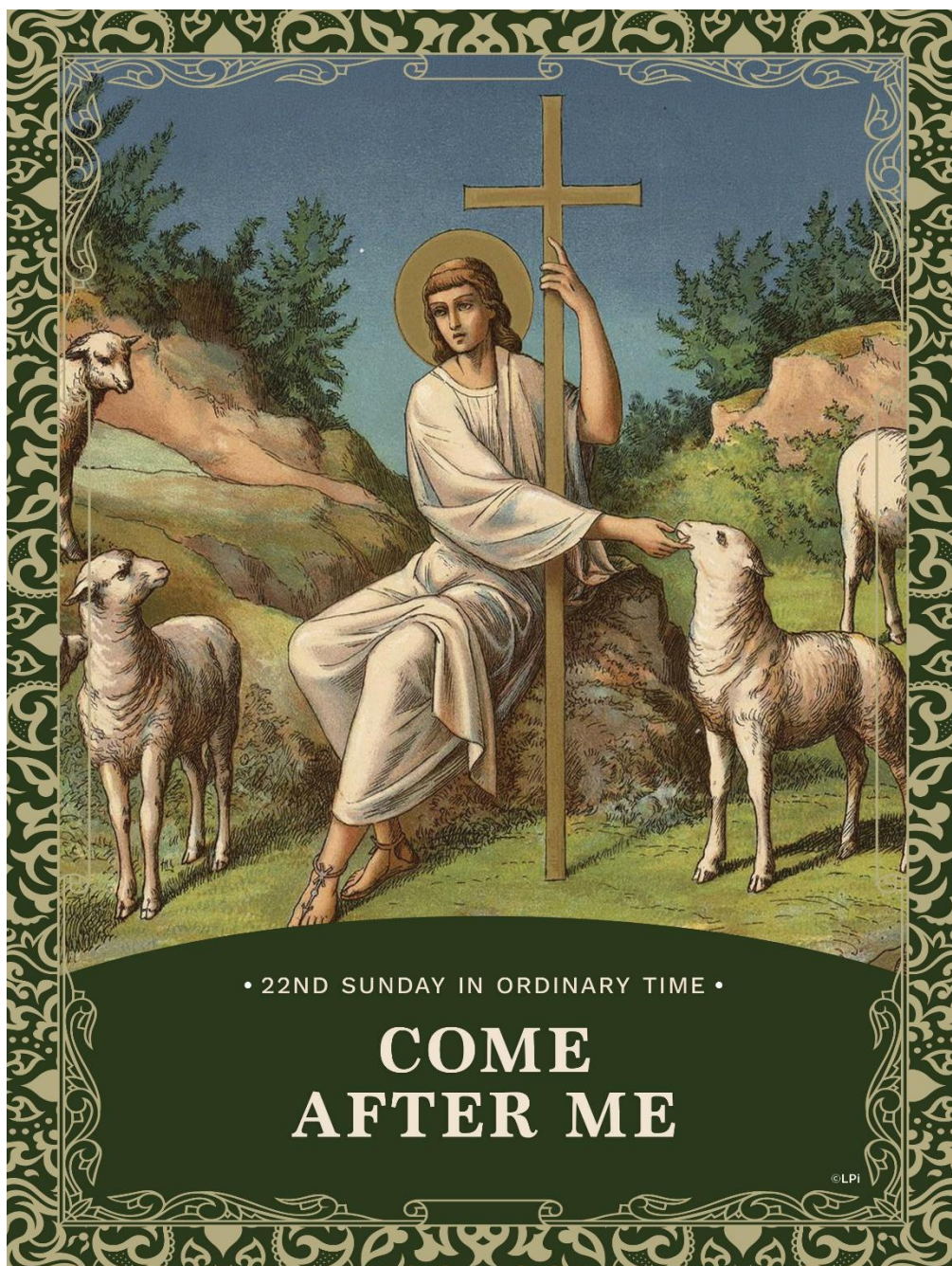




THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF *Saint Mark*

Aug 30, 2026 • Twenty-second 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.** Sign up in the Commons!
2. **St. Mark Pilgrimage: Rome and Assisi Nov. 9th-18th, 2026!** Pray for those attending 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 21st – September 6th, 2026

MONDAY

7:15pm OCIA Christian Formation/CR

TUESDAY

8:30am **No Liturgy of the Word**

2:00pm Daughters of Fatima Prayer Group/DC

6:30pm Seasons of Hope Grief Group/ Lib

WEDNESDAY

10-1:00pm Food Pantry/ Great Hall

10:00am Seasons of Hope/ Library

6:00pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena/S

6:30pm Rosary/ Sanctuary

7:00pm **Liturgy of the Word**

THURSDAY

6:00am Men of St. Joseph/ Great Hall

8:30am **Liturgy of the Word**

9-11:00am **PLARN**/ Great Hall

9-6:00pm Adoration/ Sanctuary

6:15pm Evening Prayer and Benediction/S.

FRIDAY

7:00pm First Friday Rosary/ Daily Chapel

SATURDAY

4:00pm Reconciliation/ Daily Chapel

5:30pm **Mass** / Sanctuary

SUNDAY

8:30am **Mass**/ Sanctuary

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

11:00am Filipino Night Meeting/ Conf. room

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.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK OR HOMEBOUND:

If you know someone who cannot attend Mass or desires a visit or the Sacrament of Anointing, call the Office at 757-479-1010.

Daily Readings

Aug. 31: Mon. of the 22nd Week in Ord. Time
1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Luke 4:16-30

Sept. 1: Tues. of the 22nd Week in Ord. Time
1 Corinthians 2:10b-16; Luke 4:31-37

Sept. 2: Wed. of the 22nd Week in Ord. Time
1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Luke 4:38-44

Sept. 3: Mem. of St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
1 Corinthians 3:18-23; Luke 5:1-11

Sept. 4: Fri. of the 22nd Week in Ord. Time
1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Luke 5:33-39

Sept. 5: Sat. of the 22nd Week in Ord. Time
1 Corinthians 4:6b-15; Luke 6:1-5

Sept. 6: Twenty-second Sunday in Ord. Time
Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13:8-10;
Matthew 18:15-20
Antonia Edodoleon †



Christopher Samaniego, Ryan Steele, Jerry Major, 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.

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.

“Nourished by the Sacraments”

A Reflection on the Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Matthew 16:21-27 By Jerome Sabatowich

Today's Gospel reading begins with Jesus explain that he is about to suffer and die. Peter responds much as any of us would in that situation and tells Jesus not to even think that would happen. Peter was probably surprised when Jesus reacted angrily. Why did Jesus object so strongly to Peter's words? What was wrong with Peter's response? These are questions we must answer before we can begin to understand today's Gospel reading.

In last week's Gospel, Peter was the first to recognize that Jesus was the messiah. Jesus praised him for this insight and said Peter was the rock on which he would build his Church. Now, suddenly, Peter goes from hero to goat. The reason for Peter's quick fall probably lies in what he meant when he called Jesus the Messiah.

Being a typical Jew, Peter probably thought much like many of the other Jews of his day who were expecting a military and political messiah who would lead them in battle against their enemies and eventually conquer the world. Peter thought it was only a matter of time before Jesus began forming an army to achieve this objective.

Jesus' talk about suffering and dying did not fit in with the popular beliefs about a triumphant messiah. Therefore, Peter took Jesus aside and tried to straighten him out by saying something like, “Teacher, you’ve got it all wrong. You’re the messiah and the messiah is a winner. What you’re describing is a loser. So, stop talking about such nonsense.”

It's obvious that Peter and Jesus had different ideas of what the messiah was supposed to be. Jesus was the type of messiah who would not look for success on the battlefield but rather would be triumphant in another way. Instead of defeating human enemies, Jesus was going to conquer both death and the father of death (the devil). This spiritual victory would be more important than any earthly triumph Peter or any of the other Jews could imagine.

Even though the apostles were with Jesus every day and knew him better than anyone else, they still took time to grasp what he was saying. Their privileged position was not enough to guarantee immediate understanding of who Jesus was and what he was about.

For Reflection: How do you think Peter felt after the incident in today's Gospel reading? If you were Peter, would you have continued to follow Jesus?

Religious Formation



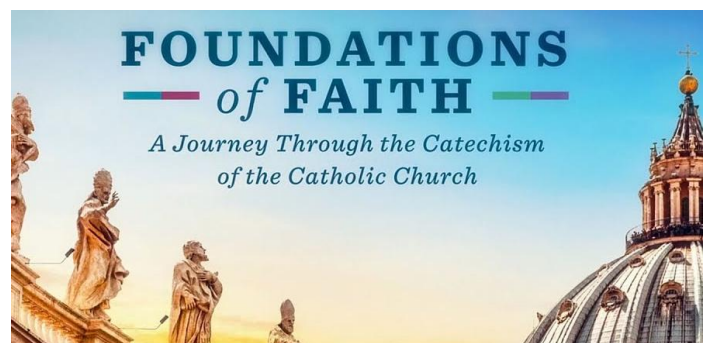
2027 YOUTH CONFIRMATION
PREPARATION, ORIENTATION
& DISCERNMENT .
FOR ALL
10TH, 11TH, & 12TH GRADERS
(BAPTIZED AND HAVE RECEIVED THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY EUCHARIST
AND HAVE SATISFIED REQUIREMENTS FOR FOUNDATIONAL FORMATION YEAR)
WITH PARENTS
Thursday, September 24 * 6—8 PM
RSVP to fe@stmark-parish.org

Our parish **Seasons of Hope** grief support group offers a gentle, prayerful space to share, listen, and find hope in Christ alongside others who understand the journey of loss.

Two 6-week sessions will be offered:

- **Tues. evenings beginning Sept. 1 at 6:30 PM**
- **Wed. mornings — beginning Sept. 2 at 10:00 AM**

For more details, call Pat Winner at 757-615-2759 or Dale Mullin at 757-647-6994.



FOUNDATIONS
of FAITH
*A Journey Through the Catechism
of the Catholic Church*

Adult Bible Study is Back!

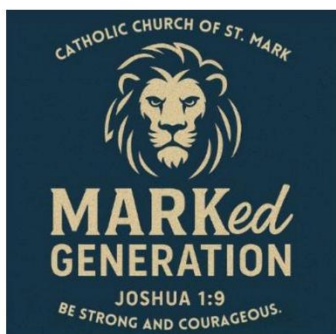
After a refreshing summer break, **Adult Bible Study is back!** We're excited to gather again as we continue our journey through **Foundations of Faith** and explore the **final chapters** of the series.

Join us as we reflect on Scripture, deepen our understanding of the Catholic faith, and grow together in our relationship with God.

- **Tuesday, September 15 at 9:30 AM**
- **Thursday, September 17 at 7:00 PM**

We hope to see you there—and **bring a friend!**

Religious Formation Continued



MARKed Generation Corner

Summer's Out, Faith's On Lock-In

Over the weekend of the **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, our youth gathered for a special **Lock-In**, spending the night together at the church in prayer, fellowship, and formation.

The evening began with **Vigil Mass**, followed by **Eucharistic Adoration**. During Adoration, our youth had the opportunity to hear beautiful reflections from **Riccardo Girardi** and **Ms. Fe Guzman** on the Blessed Virgin Mary and the special relationship we share with our own mothers. We continued our time of Adoration with a **multilingual Rosary**, followed by **Benediction**.

Throughout the night, the youth shared a meal, played games, and participated in small-group sessions where they learned about the **Rule of Prayer** and the **Liturgy of the Hours**. Most of all, they enjoyed the gift of simply being together and growing in friendship and fellowship.



As the night continued, the youth prayed **Compline**, observed quiet hours, and gathered for **Morning Prayer** before departing to attend Sunday Mass.

We are deeply grateful to everyone who helped make this special night possible, and especially to all of our young people who participated with such enthusiasm and openness. May the Blessed Mother continue to guide our youth closer to her Son, Jesus! (*Landen Mina and Evana Santhosh*)

(picture above: Youth Group praying and singing Salve Regina after their Night Prayer)



Regional Youth Day at Adventure Park

Our youth group members who generously served at **VBS in July** were treated to a special day of **faith, friendship, and fun** with young people from across our region!

Youth ministers from our region brought together youth groups from throughout the area for an exciting day at **Adventure Park**—an opportunity to build friendships, create unforgettable memories, and strengthen our Catholic community.

August 13th was a wonderful day of joy and fellowship as our young people came together to **grow in Christ, celebrate our shared faith, and simply enjoy being together!**

We are grateful to our youth for their service at VBS and for the opportunity to celebrate them in such a special way. What a blessing to see our young Church growing together!

Children and Teen Formation

2026 - 2027



Catholic Church of St. Mark
Religious Formation Program

Lord,
Teach us
to pray...



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FORMATION
LEMONADE LAUNCH
2026-2027

**SUNDAY
SEPT. 13** | **12-1P**
CHILDRENS & TEEN FORMATION

- MEET AND GREET WITH YOUR CATECHIST(S)
- A "NOT SOUR" WELCOME PARENT MEETING
- LIGHT SNACKS
- LEMONADE FOR ALL!



CHILDREN'S FORMATION NEEDS CARING LEADERS FOR 2026-2027

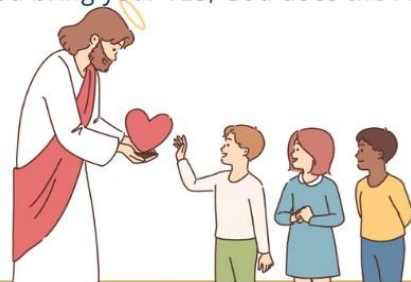
Are you passionate about serving others?

Do you cherish your faith and aspire to lead the next generation towards Christ? You might just have a golden opportunity to **become a catechist!**

**BIG NEED:
LEAD CATECHISTS**
(3rd, 4th and 5th Grade)

No Teaching experience needed - just a willing heart.

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You bring your YES, God does the rest.



FUN FACT!

Did you know Jesus was only about 33 years old when He died?

The Bible doesn't tell us Jesus' exact age when He died but based on the Gospel accounts and the timeline of His ministry, Christians have traditionally believed He was about 33 years old. That might sound surprising! Jesus was still a young man when He gave His life for us. He spent His years teaching, healing, loving, and serving others, and ultimately gave everything for our salvation.

Jesus' age reminds us that you don't have to be old to make a difference. God can work through us at any age!

Whether you're 5, 10, 15, or 50, you can love, serve, forgive, and share God's light with the people around you.



"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 September: 9-15oz. Boxed Instant Mashed Potatoes 15-18oz. / Individual meals: tuna snack kits, pop-top soup/pasta



Justice & Peace Ministry along with Knights of Columbus are partnering with the American Red Cross to host a blood drive here at Saint Mark in the Great Hall.

Tuesday, September 15th ~ 11:00am till 5:00pm

Please visit www.RedCrossBlood.org and enter: **CCSM** to schedule your appointment or you may sign up at our table in the Commons.

Migrant Ministry: Much thanks to the wonderful volunteers seen below who helped distribute donations to migrant workers on Eastern Shore last month! 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.



Parish  Life

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

• **Sunday Hospitality** - Our parish is growing and we need more volunteers!!!

Please consider volunteering to help with coffee and donuts after the 8:30 and 10:30 masses. POC is Deborah

Lawrence-Keene at 757-318-8237 or email her at dlawrence01@gmail.com.

• We look forward to Father Eric's safe return next month and celebrating his birthday (September 30th) at the **St. Mark Picnic**.

• **St. Mark's Annual Picnic** - Saturday, October 3, 12-2. There will be a face painter, Bounce House and Music! Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and drinks will be provided. Bring a side dish to share.

• **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 a September wedding anniversary this week!**

Carlo and Aimee Sotto - Sept. 1, 2007 (19 yrs)

John and Ann Marie Cochran - Sept. 2, 1989 (37 yr)

Kharlo and Irene Cortez - Sept. 3, 2016 (10 yrs)

Peggy and Kevin Tallon - Sept. 3, 1988 (38 yrs)

The **Wisdom Seekers** group monthly luncheons are back (2nd Friday of the month September through June) for parishioner seniors. **First potluck luncheon is September 11th, at 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.



Respect Life



SPIRITUAL ADOPTION BIRTH-DAY BRUNCH

Sunday, October 18th

After 10:30 Mass in the Great Hall

Join us as we share food, community and celebrate life

Donation of baby items are gratefully accepted

For more information contact justiceandpeace@stmark-parish.org

Parish Office Hours: Sunday-Thursday: 9:00am – 3:00pm

Announcements/ Contact Information

Bookkeeper's Updates ...

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	Aug 9	Needed Year to Date New Fiscal Year	Offertory Year to Date	Excess/(Short)
Offertory	\$19,000	\$134,100	\$126,032	(\$8,068)

Family Count: 891

Families using envelopes: 231

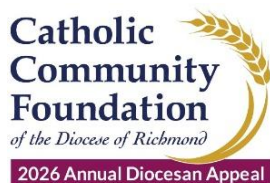
Families using online donation: 190



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.



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

Our St. Mark Annual Appeal Goal for is \$65,040. To date, St. Mark surpassed that goal, raising **\$74,600** which is **115% of our goal!** Thank you for your tremendous generosity! It's not too late to contribute! Your continued contributions support many diocesan ministries are **very appreciated!!**

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)



Do you have questions about the permanent diaconate? Learn about the history, the ministry, and the beauty of this vocation presented by the Office of the Permanent Diaconate. Information Sessions will be at St. Mark-Virginia Beach on September 22, the Pastoral Center-Richmond on September 23 and Holy Cross-Lynchburg on September 24. All are at 7 pm. Scan the QR code to register.

With heartfelt appreciation, we want to thank all advertisers who purchased ads on the back page of our weekly bulletin. We now have an expanded 8-page bulletin because of the wonderful support of our advertisers. If you want to advertise with us, contact the Parish Office.

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