THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF

Saint Mark

November 15, 2026 • Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"'Well done, my good and faithful servant.'" – Mt 25:21

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Welcome!

Pray for St. Mark Pilgrims as they represent us all on their Journey !

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
November 9th – November 15th, 2026

MONDAY	
7:15pm	OCIA Christian Formation/ CR
TUESDAY	
8:30am	**Daily Mass/ Daily Chapel**
2:00pm	Daughters of Fatima Prayer Group/DC
6:30pm	Seasons of Hope Grief Group/ Library
WEDNESDAY	
10-1:00pm	Food Pantry/ Great Hall
10:00am	Seasons of Hope Grief Group/ Library
11:00am	Divine Mercy Chaplet/Sanctuary
6:00pm	Simbang Gabi Children's Practice/ GH
6:00pm	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena/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
7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal/ Sanctuary
FRIDAY	
SATURDAY	
4:00pm	Reconciliation/ Daily Chapel
5:30pm	**Mass** / Sanctuary
6:45pm	Parish Life "Breakfast Dinner"/ GH
SUNDAY	**Christ the King Sunday**
8:30am	**Mass/** Sanctuary
	* Parish Life Breakfast after Mass/ GH
10:30am	**Mass**/ Sanctuary with Face Book
	* Parish Life Breakfast after Mass/ GH
12:30pm	Children's Formation/Classrooms
6:00pm	Teen Formation/ Great Hall

Daily Readings

Nov. 16: Mon. of the 33rd Week in Ord. Time
Revelation 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Luke 18:35-43
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22

Nov. 17: **Mem. of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Rel.**
Revelation 3:1-6, 14-22; Luke 19:1-10
Evelyn Walker †, Priscilla Mackes †,
Catherine Cannon †

Nov. 18: Wed. of the 33rd Week in Ord. Time
Revelation 4:1-11; Luke 19:11-28

Nov. 19: **Thurs. of the 33rd Week in Ord. Time**
Revelation 5:1-10; Luke 19:41-44

Nov. 20: Fri. of the 33rd Week in Ord. Time
Revelation 10:8-11; Luke 19:45-48

Nov. 21: Mem. of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Revelation 11:4-12; Luke 20:27-40
Iraida, Mikhail, Vladmir Lisichkin †,
Zhanna and Ludmila Arishtovich †

Nov. 22: **Sol. Of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**
Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28;
Matthew 25:31-46
Timothy and Ellen O'Toole † ,
Ross Sablan †, Carlo DiSabella †

PRAYER REQUESTS: Antonio Fabon, George Koons, Doug Morin, Jay Davis, Christopher Samaniego, Ryan Steele, Jerry Major, Elsie Watkins, Gloria Fernando, Antonio Fernando, Hu Jung Dalton, Chandler Brewer, Charles Sweeney, William Ruiz, Leonardo Remias, Ron and Ruth Ferrero, Fr. Dan Klem, Joseph Wargo, Kathy Seddon, Don Coons, Dana Reid, Henrietta Mayr, Creed Clawson, Erlinda Mariado, Lorraine Stambaugh, Susan Colonna, Val Kandis

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

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 are required to give six months' notice before planning a wedding at the Parish. Please do not set date before contacting the Priest. To begin the process, contact the Parish Secretary.

RECONCILIATION: Celebrated first and third 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 Parish Office at 757-479-1010.

"Nourished by the Sacraments"

A Reflection on the Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 25:14-30
By Jerome J. Sabatowich

When you find a difficult story in the bible. Reading what comes immediately before and after helps since the evangelists often grouped parables or stories together because they had something in common. For example, a parable preceded and followed by stories about judgement probably also has something to do with being judged, the parable in today's Gospel reading is a perfect example of this.

The parable is about a man who gave three of his servants, different sums of money and then went on a journey. When he returned, he summoned his servants and demanded an accounting of the funds he had entrusted to them. The master was pleased with the first two servants who had doubled their money, but he was furious with the third servant who had the same amount he started with. The master then took the money from his last servant and gave it to one of the others.

Taken by itself, it is difficult to determine what this parable is supposed to mean. Whom does the master symbolize? Who are the servants supposed to stand for? What is the moral of the story? These are questions we can best answer only after examining the context in which we find the parable.

Other parables and stories about the reign of God and Jesus' second coming precede and follow today's Gospel. They are about judgement and our relationship with others. It's logical to assume the parable in today's Gospel has a familiar theme.

The master stands for Jesus, and we are the servant. The money represents the talents and abilities God has given us. Just as the master went away for awhile and then returned, Jesus will one day also return to the earth and will demand an accounting of the gifts God has given us. He will ask if we used our gifts and abilities for good or for evil or if we wasted them by not using them at all. How we answer these questions will determine if we will share in the Master's joy (be called into God's kingdom) or if we will find ourselves in the darkness outside, wailing and grinding our teeth (experience the pains of hell).

For Reflection:

Make a list of all your talents and abilities. How can you use these talents and abilities to give greater glory and honor to God?

Mission Co-op Second Collection

Welcome Fr. Francis Boateng, pastor of the cluster churches of St. Mary the Mother of God, Wytheville and St. Edward Mission, Pulaski, who will celebrate all masses at St. Mark on November 14th and 15th as part of the **Mission Co-op Second Collection Program** which helps small parishes keep the faith alive and offer the mass and sacraments to those in the western part of the Diocese.

Mission Co-op allows larger parishes to assist in maintaining the churches and their ministries. There will be a second collection at all masses on November 14th and 15th which will go directly to those parishes. There is an online donation category open now entitled "Missionary Priest Second Collection" if you wish to donate online. **Make checks payable to St. Mark with "Mission Co-op Donation" written in the memo line.**



Congratulations to the Galang family who celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism with Fr. Eric Asamoah for their daughter at St. Mark on Saturday, November 7th. Please pray for her as she begins her faith journey. What a blessing!

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)

Religious Formation

World Youth Day 2027 | South Korea

We are fortunate to have seven St. Mark pilgrims participating in this remarkable faith journey! Please support our young pilgrims through your prayers and financial contributions as they prepare for this transformative experience with young Catholics worldwide. See below for an **EXCITING** way to support our 2027 WYD pilgrims!

NO : 001

The Epiphany Pilgrimage Raffle

supporting young pilgrims to world youth day 2027

$100 each ticket; ONLY 250 tickets to be sold

1st Prize: $4000
2nd Prize: $2500
3rd Prize: $1500

Need not be present to win!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT & PRAYERS!

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WYD SEOUL 2027



An Act of Love and Remembrance

During November, as we remember and pray for our deceased loved ones, we invite you to light a candle in the Commons. The Catechism reminds us that love "endures beyond death" (CCC 955). Lighting candles show that our love for our deceased brothers and sisters continues in prayer and remembrance, entrusting them to God's mercy.

DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE '27

ENDURING

Are you ready for DYC?

*February 19-21, 2027 * Richmond Marriott*



The Diocesan Youth Conference (DYC) is an unforgettable weekend of faith, friendship, and the joy of Christ for 9th-12th graders!

If your teen is interested reach out to the Formation Office for more information and to sign up today!



Did You Know St. Mark Has a Prison Ministry?

Mike K., Jim D., and Mary Ann C. have been faithfully serving in this humbling ministry for many years.

What is prison ministry? For our St. Mark community, it means visiting our brothers in Christ at Deerfield Correctional Center in Capron, VA, to celebrate a Communion service and share fellowship.

What makes this ministry so meaningful is that we receive just as much as we give. Through their faith, gratitude, and willingness to share their stories, the men offer us fresh spiritual insights and renewed hope.

Each visit reminds us to see the face of Christ in every person and recognize one another as gifts from God. We leave with grateful hearts, knowing that we are all pilgrims of hope.

For more information about our Prison Ministry, please contact Mike Kassel, mka55e1@verizon.net



We welcomed our youngest parishioners back to the nursery on **November 1** with an improved faith-based curriculum, providing a space for children to grow in faith while parents attend Mass.

We seek support from the parish community to help young families stay connected. We invite parishioners to volunteer for this important ministry, with VIRTUS compliance required for all nursery volunteers.

Ready to help? Scan the QR code to sign up to volunteer today!

Thank you for supporting our young families and helping make St. Mark a welcoming home for children of all ages!

A Friendly Reminder During Coffee & Donuts



Coffee and donuts are a wonderful time for fellowship, but the Great Hall is a shared space for parishioners of all ages. For everyone's safety, we ask parents to please talk with their children about walking rather than running and saving active play for another time and place. With young children, elderly parishioners, and everyone in between sharing the space, a little mindfulness goes a long way. Thank you for helping us keep the Great Hall safe and welcoming for all!

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Ask Fr. Eric

Ever wonder why the priest kisses the altar? Or what Father Eric gets up to when he's not at St. Mark?

This bulletin series is your golden ticket to ask Father Eric all things priest life.

Submit questions to the Ask Fr. Eric box in the Formation Office or email your question to nicole@stmark-parish.org



DID YOU KNOW?

WHEN WE RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION, WE ARE RECEIVING JESUS HIMSELF?

The Eucharist isn't just bread or a symbol. It is truly the Body and Blood of Jesus! That's why receiving Communion is such a special and sacred moment.
Catholics who have received their First Holy Communion and are properly prepared may receive the Eucharist. If you haven't received your First Communion yet, you can still come forward with your arms crossed over your chest for a blessing

Remember: When you approach the altar, be reverent, respond "Amen!" when you hear "The Body of Christ," and return to your pew to spend a quiet moment with Jesus.

We aren't just receiving something at Communion, we are receiving Someone! Jesus wants to be close to us.

Kids Corner

"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

November: 12-15 oz. Cheerios (or store brand)/ Individual Fruit Cups

Thanksgiving Food Baskets: PLEASE remember to return your gift cards no later than next Sunday 11am November 22nd to the marked box in the Commons, you may also donate funds on our website via our Online Giving by selecting the "Thanksgiving Bags" Fund or via the QR code. Thank you in advance for your support.



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. Our Angel Tree will be up beginning the weekend of November 28th/29th you may choose Angels from our trees and purchase the gift card or requested item. Please place gift cards in our Christmas mailbox located in the Commons. Please place unwrapped gifts with their ANGEL attached under our trees in the Commons. Online giving will be available beginning November 28th. All donations need to be returned by 11 am December 20th Please watch the bulletin and website for more details

SAVE THE DATES:

Day for All People Advocacy Day Richmond: January 20, 2027
9 Days for Life Novena: January 16-24,2027
National March for Life: January 22, 2027
Va March for Life: April 22,2027
For more information please contact justiceandpeace@stmark-parish.org

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 a November wedding anniversary this week!
Conrado and Fely Calpito – Nov. 18, 1967 (59 yrs)
Mike and Connie Livingston – Nov. 19, 1977 (49y)
George and Christine Koons -Nov 21, 2020 (6 yrs)



Christ the King Weekend Breakfasts!

Parish Life will host breakfast after each Mass the weekend of November 21-22. There will be a "breakfast-for-dinner" after the 5:30 mass on Saturday and regular breakfast after the Sunday Masses. **Join us** to celebrate the final week of ordinary time before Advent begins!



Have you been considering being a Eucharistic Minister? We would love to have you join us! To see what the requirements are, contact Diane McBride at diane.m.mcbride@verizon.net

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 2027	Nov 1	Needed Year to Date	Offertory Year to Date	Excess/ (Short)
Offertory	**$19,246**	**$354,100**	**$322,761**	**($31,339)**

Family Count: 934
Families using envelopes: 268
Families using online donation: 200





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



"Religious Christmas Cards" will be available after all weekend masses from November 21-22nd thru December 13th. Please support our Knights of Columbus' efforts to "Keep Christ in Christmas" by sending religious cards to your friends and family.

A beautiful evangelization message from all of us will help remind others that Christ's birth brought us the greatest gift of all. Proceeds from the sales of these religious cards are used by the Knights to provide for their many charities. We appreciate your support!"

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. At St. Mark, parents are encouraged to provide this supervision as needed. Thank you for your cooperation.

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