THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF
Saint Mark

Nov. 22, 2026 • Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Sunday



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me." - Mt 25:38-40

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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 23rd – November 29th, 2026

MONDAY	
7:15pm	OCIA Christian Formation/ CR
TUESDAY	
8:30am	**Daily Mass/ Daily Chapel**
2:00pm	Daughters of Fatima Prayer Group/DC
6:00pm	PPC Meeting/CR
6:30pm	Seasons of Hope Grief Group/ Library
WEDNESDAY	
10-1:00pm	Food Pantry/ Great Hall
10:00am	Seasons of Hope Grief Group/ Library
6:00pm	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena/S
6:30pm	Rosary/ Sanctuary
7:00pm	**Thanksgiving Vigil Mass**/ Sanctuary
Thursday	**ThanksGiving Day**
8:30am	**Thanksgiving Day Mass / Sanctuary**
FRIDAY	**Building Closed**
SATURDAY	
5:30pm	**Mass** / Sanctuary
6:45pm	Marked Generation Youth Group/GH
Sunday	**1st Sunday of Advent**
8:30am	**Mass**/ Sanctuary
10:30am	**Mass**/ Sanctuary with FB Livestream



Daily Readings

Nov. 23: Mon. of the 34th Week in Ord. Time
Revelation 14:1-3, 4b-5; Luke 21:1-4

Nov. 24: Mem. of St. Andrw Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Revelation 14:14-19; Luke 21:5-11
Maria Stephens †

Nov. 25: Wed. of the 34th Week in Ord. Time-Thanksgiving Day
Rev 15:1-4; Luke 21:12-19, Luke 17:11-19
Myrna Schlossberg †,
Felipe and Elvira Rosario †

Nov. 26: Thurs. of the 19th Week in Ord. Time
Sirach 50:22-24; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Nov. 27: Fri. of the 34th Week in Ord. Time
Rev 20:1-4, 11-21:2; Luke 21:29-33

Nov. 28: Sat. of the 34th Week in Ord. Time
Revelation 22:1-7; Luke 21:34-36
James Martino †, Karen Martino †

Nov. 29: First Sunday in Advent
Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37
Frank Ndaya †, Nena Tankoh †

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Paula Delullo, 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 Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
From Fr. Eric B. Asamoah

We have returned from Assisi, retracing Saint Francis' path as we end the Jubilee year of Francis. We experienced a profound connection to the Gospel through the saint's demonstration of poverty, prayer and love for God and others. St Francis' trust in God's plan, his humility, and his concern for others, particularly his return to Assisi before his death, serve as a model of spiritual homecoming-leaving the worldly matters behind to be with God. This aligns with the Christ the King theme: returning to Christ as the center of our lives.

Jesus as a King was called to be our Savior. He desired that others should share in the glory of being leaders, especially His blessed Mother. Our Blessed Lady asks us to have her Son as King of our hearts so that He might reign in us.

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, on November 22, 2026, closes the Church year by proclaiming that Christ reigns over all creation, judging with mercy and truth, and calling us to live as His faithful people. The placement of this Feast of Christ the King encourages Catholics to examine their lives in the light of Christ's reign. It also serves as a reminder of the Church's mission to prepare the world for Christ's return.

This feast invites us to ask: *Does Christ reign in my life?* It encourages living according to His teachings, praying, forgiving, speaking truth, helping the needy, and loving others. It is both a personal and communal call to align life with the Kingdom of God.

The Cross is central to the feast's symbolism: it is not a sign of defeat but of victory over sin and death through Christ's sacrificial love. This theme reminds believers that Christ's kingship is established through humility and service, not conquest.

The best way to honor Christ our King is to let His reign shape every thought, word, and action, so that His Kingdom advances in the world through the witness of our lives. In working for the relief of deprived, oppressed or marginalized people, we are serving Christ in person, because he fully identified with people in need, right up to his final moment in this life.

As the Church year closes, we are called to examine our actions, relationships, and priorities in light of His rule. God be with you.



With grateful hearts, we thank our St. Mark pilgrims as they traveled to Rome and Assisi to commemorate the Franciscan Jubilee Year Proclaimed by Pope Leo XIV, praying for us as we prayed for them.

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

"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!

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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

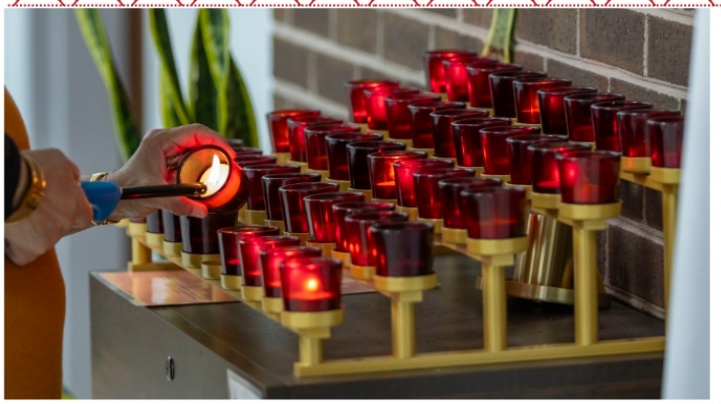
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT & PRAYERS!

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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.

EXPLORING CATHOLICISM

OCIA

THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN BEYOND 2ND GRADE. WHETHER YOU ARE EXPLORING CHRISTIANITY, INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC, RETURNING TO THE CHURCH, OR SIMPLY HAVE QUESTIONS, EVERYONE IS WELCOME! CONTACT THE RELIGIOUS FORMATION OFFICE.

Seasons of Hope

A Catholic Grief Support Group

Have you lost a loved one—recently or long ago?

YOU ARE NOT ALONE.

Our parish grief support group is a gentle, prayerful space to share, listen, and find hope in Christ alongside others who understand.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." (Matthew 5:4)

All are welcome.

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

What if your invitation is the one someone has been waiting for?

Do you know someone curious about the Catholic faith, interested in becoming Catholic, or hoping to return to the Church?

Invite them to OCIA!

For Adults: OCIA is for adults who are exploring the Catholic faith, seeking to become Catholic, or returning to the Church.

For Children: Our Children's OCIA Process is for children in 3rd grade and older who are not yet Catholic, were baptized in another Christian tradition, or are Catholic but have not yet received all their Sacraments of Initiation.

Contact the RF Office to learn more. Everyone is welcome!

Sometimes, all it takes is a simple invitation.

Catholic Church of St. Mark

A Night in Bethlehem

Spend the evening with your family experiencing the early life of Jesus. The perfect start to your Advent season.

Saturday, December 5
6:45 - 8:15PM
Great Hall

THIS EVENT WILL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

+ Create nativity pieces + Try Bethlehem tastes
+ A small service project + Smell Frankincense and Myrrh
+ See who was at Jesus' birth

BRING YOUR ENTIRE FAMILY!
RSVP to RF Office by December 1

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!





Today we celebrate the last Sunday of the liturgical year. Before Advent begins next week, take a few quiet minutes this week to pray and answer one question: ***What is the one thing you most want God to do in your life this Advent?***

Children's Liturgy

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

WHO IS THE KING OF KINGS? IT'S JESUS!

This Sunday, we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe! But Jesus isn't a king like the ones we read about in fairy tales. He doesn't wear fancy jewels or rule from a fancy castle. Jesus is a King who leads with love, serves others, forgives, and cares for everyone.

Jesus wants to be the King of our hearts, too! When we choose kindness, forgive someone, help those in need, and follow His teachings, we show that Jesus is our King.

Family Challenge: Let Jesus be King of your home this week! Choose one way your family can show His love to someone else.



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: Today November 22nd is the deadline** to donate gift cards for our Thanksgiving Baskets. You may still donate online at our Parish Website under "Thanksgiving Bags," or via the QR code below. Thank you in advance for your support of this important outreach ministry.

• **Hope 4 Life Thank You**: Thank you to St. Mark parishioners for your generous support of the women and babies we serve! The parish raised **$2064.61** in the baby bottle campaign and donated numerous baby clothes, other baby necessities, and beautiful homemade blankets. All these contributions keep our mobiles operational so we can offer our free services of ultrasounds, material, emotional, and financial assistance to abortion-vulnerable women. Your financial and material gifts help these mothers to know that they are loved and it is vital for our organization to be able to reach out to them!

• **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 next weekend 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.



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!

Alexander and Angelita Santos-Nov 22, 1973 (54 y)
Roger and Bellie Guerrero - Nov 23, 1963 (63yrs)
George and Lois Conery -Nov 26, 1966 (60yrs)
Ed and Mila Fradillada - Nov 28, 1970 (56yrs)
Pat and Cal Kahara - Nov 28, 1965 (57yrs)



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 find out what the requirements are, contact Diane McBride at diane.m.mcbride@verizon.net

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

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

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



Annual Christmas Tree Sale Fundraiser

It's time for our St. Mark's Annual Christmas Tree-Fund Raiser, with proceeds helping to support all St. Mark's ministries. There are many volunteer opportunities, such as helping to unload the truck, stocking the lot with trees, and of course selling the trees. Come out and be a part of St Mark's biggest fund raising event. We need your active support to make this event successful!
Volunteer registrations are being made only through the St Mark's iVolunteer website using the event "treelot_2026"at:
http://stmarkhelps.ivolunteer.com/treelot_2026

Questions can be emailed to Dan Wood at dan9663@gmail.com or call: 757-647-2135 (M)

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"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!"

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