



St. Mark Parish

St. Mark is a Catholic parish committed to fostering discipleship through the Word of God and the Sacraments. We are dedicated to providing Catholic education to our youth, to bringing a deeper relationship with Christ to our adults, and to supporting those in need through the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy. We encourage all of our parishioners to participate in the shared responsibility of worship, prayer, study and service.

September 28, 2025



26th Sunday

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

Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.'" - Lk 16:31

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PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Adam Zajac
Pastor

Mrs. Christine Gunn
Principal

Mrs. Meaghan McCarthy-Silver
Pastoral Minister

Mrs. Julia Wallace
Music Ministry Director

Mr. Michael Kay
Youth Ministry Director

Mrs. Jeannette Puckett
Parish School of Religion
(PSR) Director

COMMUNITY & SACRAMENTS

New Parishioners: All are welcome to join the parish! Visit the website or call the parish office to arrange to meet a pastoral staff member.

Become Catholic: Interested in becoming Catholic? Call the parish office for an appointment with a pastoral staff member to learn more.

Infant Baptism: As you celebrate a new birth, make sure to arrange for the child's baptism. The third Sunday of the month is our regular schedule.

Reconciliation: Mercy and peace are here for you. Confession is available on Saturdays from 3:00pm to 3:45pm, or by appointment.

Marriage: Over six months we will prepare you to exchange vows before the altar. Whether engaged or civilly married, contact us to get started.

Anointing of the Sick: If you or a loved one is seriously sick, please call the parish office to arrange for a priest to visit and anoint.

Homebound: We are happy to bring Communion to you if you are unable to participate in the celebration of Mass.

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LITURGY AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

Papal Intention

September: For our relationship with all of creation. Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

October: For collaboration between different religious traditions. Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.

Liturgy Schedule

Scripture readings can be found online at:
bible.usccb.org

Monday, September 29-St. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

8:30am Mass Special Intention Lynda Mears

Tuesday, September 30-St. Jerome

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

8:30am Mass **President's Intention**

Wednesday, October 1-St. Therese of the Child Jesus

Thursday, October 2-The Holy Guardian Angels

8:30am Mass Timothy Geiger

Friday, October 3

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

4:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, October 4-St. Francis of Assisi

3:00pm Confessions

3:00pm Confessions @ St. Mel

4:00pm Mass For the Parishioners of St. Mark Parish
and the Parishioners of St. Mel Parish

4:30pm Mass @ St. Mel

Sunday, October 5-27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am Mass @ St. Mel

8:30am Mass..... Joseph Tira

10:00am Mass @ St. Mel

11:30am Mass Dolly Tinnirello

Pray for the Sick

We commend to your personal prayers parishioners who have asked to be prayed for:

William Adams
Gianna Andolina
Alex Brugh
Henry Buehner
James Coyne
Matthew Craven
Nicole Foerstner
Mary Frantz
Theresa Fridrich
Amy Glazier

David Kurth
Tom Lembach
Gerald McArthur
Jim McIlwee
Judy McIntyre
Mary Miller
Jack Mohar
Maisie Nowlin
Sr. Josette Obodzinski
Mary Stark

Aimee Roscoe
Nora Sudetic
George Surovec
Barbara Thiel
Herb Tippie
Michele Vollmer
Joe Wantz
Lillian Zahara
Lew Zahara Jr.
Joseph Zavatchen Sr.
Joseph Zavatchen Jr.

Other Intentions

Weekly Luke McGraw Memorial Candles Intention

Irene Gurchensky

Liturgical Ministers	emHCs	Lectors	Servers
Saturday, October 4 @ 4:00pm	Mary Price Marian Lundeen NOT FILLED	Lou Toth	Emmet Crawford Finnegan Fitzpatrick Daniel Henry
Sunday, October 5 @ 8:30am	Michael Kay Kathy O'Malley Mary Stamper	Lisa Braun Agnes Butler	Lukas Horton Joseph Pieh Joe Svetz
Sunday, October 5 @ 11:30am	Rosanne Kelley Lisa Ditzel Shawn Wroten	Ben Campbell Joyce Campbell	Madelyn Kreilach McKenna Patton Daniel Zambataro

NEWS AND EVENTS

Offertory Collections

In-Pew Collection (past weekend)\$ 5,813.00
Faith Direct (past month's weekly total)\$ 4,626.00
Thank you for your generosity!

Parish News

Join the St. Mark Bereavement Team
Offer Support!

The St. Mark Bereavement Group meets weekly in October and November to offer support to our community members who have recently experienced a loss. We are looking for compassionate people to join our team. You don't need any formal training, just a desire to listen empathetically and give testimony to God's healing love in your own life. If you are interested or want to learn more, contact Meaghan at msilver@stmarkcleveland.com or 216-226-7577 Ext. 105.

St. Mark Bereavement
Tuesdays at 7pm

Six sessions of bereavement will be offered to those who are in need of support while experiencing grief and loss. Please consider joining us as we journey together through the Seasons of Hope program. Please call the parish office to register at 216-226-7577 Ext. 105.

- October 21
- October 28
- November 4
- November 11
- November 18
- November 25

Faith Direct to ParishSoft Giving
Great News - Your account has now been upgraded!

No action required: Your recurring gifts and payment information were securely transferred at your current gifting schedule. Please note, if you were a weekly giver your gifts will now process each week instead of once a month.

Need help? Below are three QR codes to some helpful articles that will help answer some questions!



(Common Questions)



(Creating and Editing Gifts)



(Managing My Giving)

Necrology Book
Booked of the Deceased

The Necrology Book (or the Book of the Deceased) will be placed in the Church. Please feel free to add the names of your loved ones who have died. The book will be left out for the entire month of October. We will pray for those who have died at the All Souls Prayer Service on Sunday, November 2nd at 7pm. The Necrology Book will remain in the Sanctuary during the month of November.

Parish News

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Schedule for September-December

Children who are in PreK and above but have not yet received their First Communion will be invited to process into the sacristy during 8:30am Mass to hear the Gospel proclaimed in an accessible way. Children's Liturgy of the Word is meant to shed light on the Gospel when a passage is particularly challenging for children to understand, so it will only take place on Sundays when it has been determined to be useful and appropriate. We will publish a schedule of the chosen dates a few months at a time.

The upcoming Children's Liturgy dates are:

September 28
October 12
October 26
November 9
December 21
December 28

Reminders and Regular Events

Holy Name Society News

Men's Sock and Underwear Drive October 4th, 5th, 11th, & 12th

We are asking for donations of men's new socks and underwear in any size for the homeless and needy. Cash donations will be used to purchase socks and underwear. Collection boxes will be located in all Church Vestibules. This year the recipients will be Holy Name Parish on Broadway and La Sagrada Familia on Detroit Ave. Please be generous to this very important need. Call or email Jim Cocita at 216-470-3643 or jimcocita@gmail.com

Cleveland Diocese Football Fun'd Crazz

It's that time of year again!

Football Crazz'r is a ticket with ten chances to win over ten weeks. Cost is \$10. Winners: "Highest" and "Lowest" points across all sweepstakes entries win a prize each week for that 10-week professional football season. \$1,000 in prizes will be awarded weekly for 10 weeks, for a total of \$10,000. For more information and tickets, email Jim Cocita at jimcocita@gmail.com

Donut & Coffee Social

Once a month after all masses in the Social Hall. Gather with fellow parishioners. For questions contact Michael Kay at mkay@stmarkcleveland.com

Upcoming Date: October 4 & 5

General Parish Calendar

Saturday,	September 27
3:00 pm	Confessions
4:00 pm	Mass
5:00 pm	Scout Pack #268 Campout PP/CC/SH
Sunday,	Food Sunday
	September 28
8:30 am	Mass
8:30 am	Sunday Preschool CR
8:30 am	Children's Liturgy of the Word SS
9:30 am	Rosary
11:30 am	Mass LS
1:30 pm	CYO Volleyball Games G/FR
Monday,	September 29
8:30 am	Mass
5:00 pm	Volleyball Prac. G
6:30 pm	PSR Class Gr. 1-8 CR
Tuesday,	September 30
8:30 am	Mass w/1st Floor
4:30 pm	OCIA CC
5:00 pm	Volleyball Prac. G
5:30 pm	Cheerleading Prac. PP
7:00 pm	Confirmation Parent Ldr. Mtg. CC
Wednesday,	October 1
5:00 pm	Volleyball Prac. G
7:00 pm	Bible Timeline CC
Thursday,	October 2
8:30 am	Mass
5:00 pm	Volleyball Prac. G
6:00 pm	Scout Pack #268 SH
7:00 pm	First Reconciliation Parent/Student Mtg. CH
7:00 pm	Troop #293 SH
Friday,	October 3
	School Closed
4:00 pm	Eucharistic Adoration
5:00 pm	Adoration Family Social SH
6:00 pm	Volleyball Prac. G
7:00 pm	Sacristan Mtg. CH
Saturday,	October 4
10:00 am	CYO Volleyball Games G/FR
3:00 pm	Confessions
4:00 pm	Mass
Sunday,	Holy Name Socks & Underwear Drive
	Donut Social
	October 5
8:30 am	Mass HNS/Corporate Communion
8:30 am	Sunday Preschool CR
9:30 am	Rosary
11:30 am	Mass LS

Jubilee Audience of Pope Leo XIV, on 17 September 2025

Cycle of Catechesis – Jubilee 2025. Jesus Christ our Hope. III. The Passover of Jesus. 7. Death. “In the garden was a new tomb, in which no one had yet been buried.”

Dear brothers and sisters,

In our journey of catechesis on Jesus our hope, today we will contemplate the mystery of Holy Saturday. The Son of God lies in the tomb. But this “absence” of his is not emptiness: it is expectation, a restrained fullness, a promise kept in the dark. It is the day of the great silence, in which the sky seems mute and the earth immobile, but it is precisely there that the deepest mystery of the Christian faith is fulfilled. It is a silence laden with meaning, like the womb of a mother who carries her unborn but already living child.

The body of Jesus, taken down from the cross, is carefully wrapped, as one does with something precious. John the Evangelist tells us that he was buried in a garden, inside “a new tomb where no one had ever been laid” (Jn 19:41). Nothing is left to chance. That garden recalls the lost Eden, the place where God and man were united. And that tomb, never used, speaks of something that has still to happen: it is a threshold, not an end. At the beginning of creation, God planted a garden; now the new creation also begins in a garden: with a closed tomb that will soon be opened.

Holy Saturday is also a day of rest. According to the Jewish Law, no work is to be done on the seventh day: indeed, after the six days of creation, God rests (cf. Gen 2:2). Now, the Son too, after completing his work of salvation, rests. Not because he is tired, but because he loved up to the very end. There is nothing left to add. This rest is the seal on the completed task; it is the confirmation that what should have been done has truly been accomplished. It is a repose filled with the hidden presence of the Lord.

We struggle to stop and rest. We live as if life were never enough. We rush to produce, to prove ourselves, to keep up. But the Gospel teaches us that knowing how to stop is an act of trust that we must learn to perform. Holy Saturday invites us to discover that life does not always depend on what we do, but also on how we know how to take leave of what we have been able to do.

In the tomb, Jesus, the living Word of the Father, is silent. But it is precisely in that silence that the new life begins to ferment. Like a seed in the ground, like the darkness before dawn. God is not afraid of the passing time, because he is also the God of waiting. Thus, even our “useless” time, that of pauses, emptiness, barren moments, can become the womb of resurrection. Every silence that is welcomed can be the premise of a new Word. Every suspended time can become a time of grace, if we offer it to God.

Jesus, buried in the ground, is the meek face of a God who does not occupy all space. He is the God who lets things be done, who waits, who withdraws to leave us freedom. He is the God who trusts, even when everything seems to be over. And we, on that suspended Sabbath, learn that we do not have to be in a hurry to rise again; first we must stay and welcome the silence, let ourselves be embraced by limitation. At times we seek quick answers, immediate solutions. But God works in depth, in the slow time of trust. The Sabbath of the burial thus becomes the womb from which the strength of an invincible light, that of Easter, can spring forth.

Dear friends, Christian hope is not born in noise, but in the silence of an expectation filled with love. It is not the offspring of euphoria, but of trustful abandonment. The Virgin Mary teaches us this: she embodies this expectation, this trust, this hope. When it seems to us that everything is at a standstill, that life is a blocked road, let us remember Holy Saturday. Even in the tomb, God was preparing the greatest surprise of all. And if we know how to welcome with gratitude what has been, we will discover that, precisely in smallness and silence, God loves to transfigure reality, making all things new with the fidelity of his love. True joy is born of indwelt expectation, of patient faith, of the hope that what has been lived in love will surely rise to eternal life.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Therefore, now they shall be the first to go into exile,
and their wanton revelry shall be done away with. (Am 6:7)

Psalm:

Praise the Lord, my soul! (Ps 146)
Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

But you, man of God, pursue righteousness,
devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. (1 Tm 6:11)

Gospel:

Then Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses
and the prophets,
neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from
the dead.' (Lk 16:31)

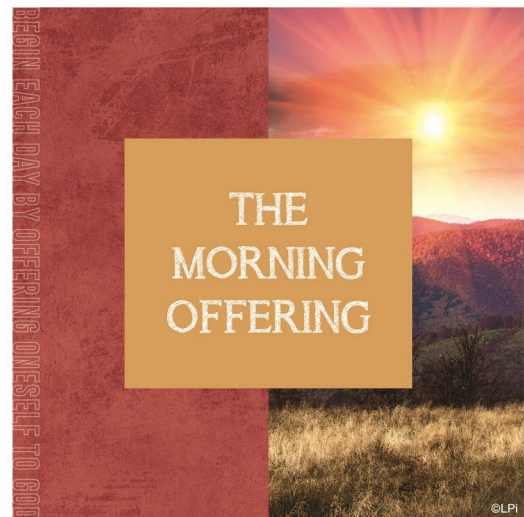
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The rich man had a chance, every day
of his life, to choose righteousness. But
righteousness wasn't convenient for him. He
discovered too late that the only time we
have to follow God is now. Here. This moment.
Will we take our chance?

Observances for the week of September 28, 2025

Sunday:	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday
Monday:	Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
Tuesday:	St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday:	St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Thursday:	The Holy Guardian Angels
Saturday:	St. Francis of Assisi
Next Sunday:	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday



Devotions, *Explained!*

There are many variations of
the Morning Offering, but all
share the same purpose: to
begin each day by offering
oneself to God, along with
all the experiences, struggles
and blessings that the day will
bring.

Prayer for the Sick

For those in pain and in sorrow,
God be their comfort.
For caretakers and medical
staff, God give them grace.
Surround those afflicted with
Your love, care, and mercy, You
who are our healing and hope.
Amen.

During these first weeks, intentional opportunities for community building have helped our students and staff grow closer together. Students recently met with their Prayer Partners for community building activities. They are learning that community is cultivated through simple but meaningful actions: showing kindness to one another, taking responsibility for their words and deeds, and approaching each day with a positive and faith-filled attitude. In these ways, our school theme ROAR (Respect Others, Own Your Actions, Act Safely, Rise to the Challenge) comes to life and becomes daily practice that helps our children learn to live in communion with others.

Our school community also gathered in solemn remembrance of Patriot's Day, with a prayer service honoring the victims, heroes, and families affected by the tragic events of September 11, 2001. As we gathered around our peace pole, we reflected on the themes of unity, service, and sacrifice. It was a powerful reminder that our responsibility to one another extends beyond the walls of our school, and that we are called to be peacemakers and people of hope in a world still in need of healing. Observances such as these provide our students with both historical perspective and spiritual formation, teaching them that the strength of a community lies in its faith, its compassion, and its commitment to one another.

As we move forward in this school year, we give thanks for the blessings of faith and community. With Christ at the center and guided by the values of our school theme of ROAR, we remain committed to nurturing students who will not only excel in their studies, but also grow as responsible, compassionate, and faith-filled leaders, capable of bringing the light of Christ to the world around them.

Have an awesome week!

Mrs. Gunn

