



St. Mark Catholic Church

Mission Statement

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 parishioners to participate in the shared responsibility of worship, prayer, study and service.



11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants.” - Mk 4:30-32b

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PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Adam Zajac
Pastor

Mrs. Karen Cocita
Principal

Mrs. Meaghan McCarthy-Silver
Pastoral Minister

Mrs. Julia Wallace
Director of Music Ministry

Mr. Michael Kay
Youth Minister

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

SACRAMENTS

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: The RCIA is open to all those interested in becoming Catholic. Contact the Parish Office 216-226-7577.

Baptism: Available at 12:30 p.m. the fourth Sunday of the month and at Masses by arrangement. Parents must attend a Pre-Baptism class and Godparents must have a sponsor certificate.

Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:00 – 3:45 p.m. or by appointment.

Marriage: Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance with a priest or deacon.

Anointing of the Sick: Please call the Parish Office.

Communion Calls: If you are unable to participate in the celebration of Mass and would like to receive Communion, please contact the office.

New Parishioners: All are welcome to join us by calling the office or visiting the website to schedule an appointment.

Bulletin Deadline: Bulletin Articles and Copied Items need to be in the Parish Office by 11:00 a.m. on Friday the week before the bulletin to print.

Papal Intention

June: For migrants fleeing their homes. We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

Liturgy Schedule

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

Monday, June 17

8:30am Mass.....Maureen Gale

Tuesday, June 18

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

Wednesday, June 19

Thursday, June 20

8:30am Mass.....Jerry Nahrstedt

Friday, June 21

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

Saturday, June 22

3:00pm Confessions

3:00pm Confessions @ St. Mel

4:00pm Mass.....Frank & Mary Moran

4:30pm Mass @ St. Mel

Sunday, June 23-Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am Mass @ St. Mel

8:30am Mass.....Joseph Myers

10:00am Mass @ St. Mel

11:30am Mass..For the Deceased Members of the Duda Family

12:30pm Baptisms

Luke McGraw Memorial Candles

Weekly Intention

June 16th

Dolly Tinnerello

The Parish Office will
be closed
Wednesday, June 19th

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Heavenly Father, we lift up all those who are facing various illnesses. Give them the hope and courage they need today and every day. Comfort their pain, calm their fears, and surround them with Your peace. In Jesus' name, Amen!

Please Pray for Our Sick

William Adams
Gianna Andolina
Carol Behnke
Jack Behnke
Katy Brent
Henry Buehner
James Coyne
Margaret Fadrowski
Nicole Foerstner
Mary Frantz
Theresa Fridrich

Lisa Groh
Irene Gurchensky
David Kurth
Catherine Kutsick
Loree Leasure-Poirier
Jim McIlwee
Annmaria Masterson
Mary Miller
Maisie Nowlin
Sr. Josette Obodzinski

Bill Retzer
Mary Stark
Nora Sudetic
Lena Sunyak
George Surovec
Rita Szy
Herb Tippie
Georgieann Treible
Joe Wantz
Charlotte Whiting
Lillian Zahara
Joseph Zavatchen Jr.

Liturgical Ministers June 22 & 23

Saturday, June 22 @ 4:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Shirlee Toth, John Lewis, Gloria Morin

Lector: Lisa Braun

Altar Server: Aidan Gompf, Mary Kugler-Elayney

Sunday, June 23 @ 8:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Karen cocita, Mary Stamper, Kathy O'Malley

Lector: Mary Lewis, Tim Mohr

Altar Server: Anthony McGervey, Albert McGervey, Julia McNulty

Sunday, June 23 @ 11:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Deirdre Mueller, Annmaria Masterson, Cari Foster

Lector: Carole Iseli, NOT FILLED

Altar Server: Braidyn McKenna, Patrick Mueller, Eoin Mueller

Weekly Collections

Sunday Envelopes.....\$ 3,826.00

Faith Direct:.....\$ 5,302.00

Thank you for your generosity!



**St. Mark
Holy Name Society**

**Welcome All
Men and Women Parishioners
18 and Older
We Meet Second Tuesday of the Month
at 6:00 in the Social Hall**

Interested?

Email jimcocita@gmail.com

FOOD SUNDAY

St. Patrick - West Park serves food to about 64 families each month and have done so for the past 40 years! (and St. Mark parish has been helping them most of those years)! Next weekend, we will be collecting all these items for their Clients: canned peas, corn, green beans, pork & beans, beef stew, sloppy joe, chili w/beans, sauce w/meat, spaghetti, tuna, chicken noodle/tomato/cream of mushroom soups, ramen noodles, peaches, pears, mixed fruits, apple sauce (jar), rice, instant potatoes, egg noodles, stuffing, mac & cheese, cereal, pancake mix & syrup, jello, peanut butter & jelly (squeezable), and saltine crackers. They appreciate all of your donations. Thank you! May God bless us all!

HNS NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK

Progressive Field
June 19, 2024
vs Seattle Mariners
Game Time 6:40 p.m.
Open to everyone!!
\$24.00/ticket
Tote Bag Give Away
Ticket information:
Please email Tim Mohr at tseliot2@sbcglobal.net

**SMYG
Summer
Retreat**

Who: St. Mark Youth Group

When: Fri. July 12 - Sun. July 14

Where: Inspiration Hills Camp
4819 Easton Rd, Burbank, OH 44214

What: A weekend retreat open to all high school aged students with fun, faith, and reflection surrounded by nature and community.

Why: To grow our relationships with God and with others.

**Contact Michael Kay, 216-904-4774
or mkay@stmarkcleveland.com to
signup and with any questions.**

Save The Date

Holy Name Society

**ANNUAL
PARISH PICNIC**



Sunday, June 30th | **St. Mark Parish**
12:30PM - 5:00PM | 15800 Montrose Ave.
Cleveland, OH 44111

More details to follow



Please come to pray WITH Mary, Our Blessed Mother, in this beautiful devotion, The Rosary. We are living in troubled times and so much in need of peace within our souls and for the world. We ask Mary, Our Mother, to intercede and lead us contemplating the mysteries of Jesus. "The Family that Prays together, Stays together"...Fr. Patrick Peyton
Every Sunday following the 8:30am Mass

MUSIC MINISTRY

summer music opportunities!

Ice Pops & Tiny Boppers Sing Praise!

Ages 3-5

June 2 | June 16 | July 7 | July 21 | Aug 4
12:30-12:45 in the Pavilion

Saint Mark Childrens Choir Summer Camp

Grades K-3 (designed for early readers)

July 29-Aug 2 9:30 AM- 10:00 AM

Saint Mark Youth Singers Summer Camp

Grades 4-8

July 29- Aug 2 10:00 AM-11:00 AM

Cantors In-Training

Grades 7-12 By Audition

Weekly private lessons 12:30-1:30 on Sundays.

RSVP to JWallace@StMarkCleveland.com



THE WEEK AHEAD IN OUR PARISH

Saturday,	June 15	
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
Sunday,	June 16	
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Rosary	
11:30 am	Mass LS	
12:30 pm	Youth Choir	PP
Monday,	June 17	
8:30 am	Mass	
Tuesday,	June 18	
6:00 pm	Pack #268	SH
Wednesday,	June 19	
	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>	
Thursday,	June 20	
8:30 am	Mass	
7:00 pm	Troop #293	SH/PP
Friday,	June 21	
Saturday,	June 22	
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
	<i>Food Sunday</i>	
Sunday,	June 23	
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Rosary	
11:30 am	Mass LS	
12:30 pm	Pavilion	
6:00 pm	Youth Group	PP/SH

Note: (LS)=Livestreamed



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*Thank you for supporting
St. Mark Church!*

You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, Say to the Lord,
"My refuge and fortress, My God in whom I trust."
Psalm 91:1-2

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers all our military men and women presently serving and those who have returned home.

Jason Bochert, James Boone, Jr., Elijah Brolly, Kurt Brown, Nathan Chomoa, Jeremy Cole, Matthew Craven, Josh Dunleavy, T.J. Finucan, Martin Hartsel, Joe Isabella, John Kester, Randy Kloos, Stephanie Lasch, Adam Lemmerman, Torrey Lynch, Ron McDough, Andrew J. McGinty, Owen McGrew, Jake North, Jon Novak, Danny O'Malley, Sean P. O'Reilly, Nick Ortiz, Steven Podhradsky, Nico Russo, Tom Sarko, Matthew Shirley, Brady Smith, Montana Stieglmeyer, Edward Thomas, Joseph Toole, Jacob Trefney, Jonah Treible, Roan Viancourt, Lukas Whitney.

God Bless them all!

Kathy O'Malley womalfam@sbcglobal.net for any updates.



Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Children" program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers or personnel associated with the Church, immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior. Also, please contact the diocesan Response Service Office at 216-334-2999 or via email at response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

And all the trees of the field shall know
that I, the LORD,
bring low the high tree,
lift high the lowly tree,
wither up the green tree,
and make the withered tree bloom. (Ez 17:24)

Psalm:

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you. (Ps 92)

Second Reading:

Therefore, we aspire to please him,
whether we are at home or away. (2 Cor 5:9)

Gospel:

"It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground,
is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth.
But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of
plants." (Mk 4:31-32)

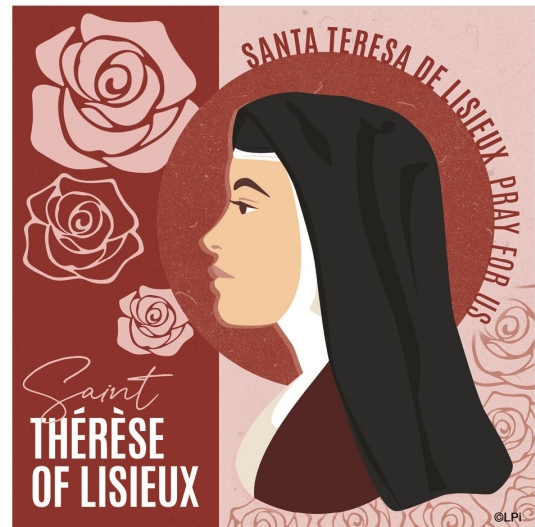
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Faith can start small, Jesus tells us — as small as the tiniest seed on earth. But it's up to us to surround that seed with good, nutritious soil, to nourish it with sunlight and water, and to tend to it lovingly so that it will grow.

Observances for the week of June 16, 2024

- Sunday:** 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Father's Day
Wednesday: St. Romuald, Abbot
Thursday: World Refugee Day
Friday: St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious
Saturday: St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Sts. John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs
Next Sunday: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the week

St. Thérèse of Lisieux (1873-1897) was a French Carmelite sister whose autobiography has inspired Catholics across the world to deepen their relationship with God. She died at 24 from tuberculosis and is currently the youngest person to be named a Doctor of the Church.

Prayer for God's Increase

Dear God,

Work here! Bring growth and increase to the work we are doing in Your name. Bless us as we follow where You invite, and work where You direct.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of June 16, 2024

Sunday:

Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16
(see 2a)/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34

Monday:

1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7/
Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday:

1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16/
Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday:

2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24/
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday:

Sir 48:1-14/Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7/Mt 6:7-15

Friday:

2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/
Ps 132:11, 12, 13-14, 17-18/Mt 6:19-23

Saturday:

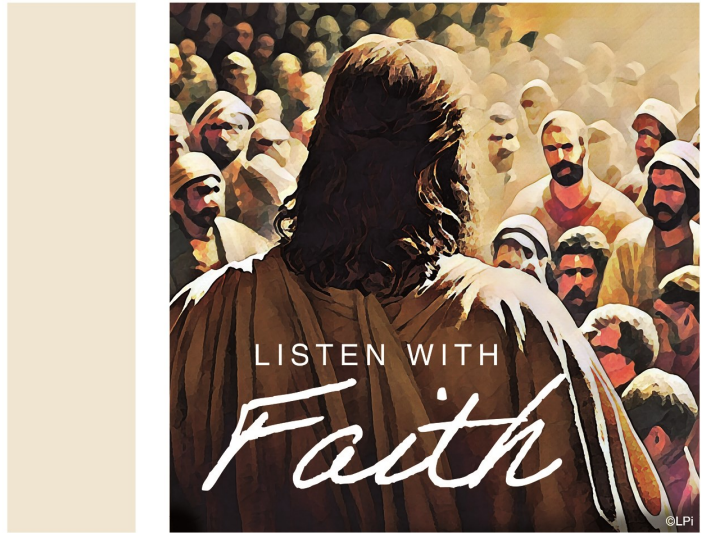
2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32,
33-34/Mt 6:24-34

Next Sunday:

Jb 38:1, 8-11/Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29,
30-31 (1b)/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

My mother and father fell in love with each other rather quickly. It was only a span of two months between their first meeting and quiet betrothal. They waited for a significant period of time before going public with the happy news. It simply wasn't time. Love's strength and speed can sprout scandal in public. Until the big reveal, they gave the outside world only little hints, gestures, and riddles.

Something like this — but even more wonderful — is at play when Mark says of Jesus, **“he did not speak to them without a parable, but to his disciples in private he explained everything.”** Jesus is the long-awaited messiah-king, but his identity as the Lord and Son of God is so new, surprising, and scandalous to human ears that the big reveal would have to wait. Thus, his parables are riddles, meant to conceal more than reveal. Even the disciples — who hear things explained directly — barely grasp what he is up to. It's only at the cross that Jesus' love for Israel and the world is explicitly revealed. Until then, much stays hidden and comes in riddles.

So it goes with us, too. I wonder at times why doesn't the Lord just speak to us directly in prayer about what we should do, or how to fix our problems. Or why doesn't he reveal himself directly to powerful leaders who are slow to act? Why does he allow life so often to be confounding, contradictory, and crazy? Because it simply isn't time yet. One glorious day, it will be. Until then, he teaches us in riddles, and only sometimes explains them.

— Father John Muir

SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2024 | 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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