

**“A People Set Apart”  
Established  
in 1973**

**We know that Christ, raised from the dead,  
dies no more; death no longer has power over him.**

Romans 6:9



## **THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**JUNE 28, 2020**

### **St. Mark Catholic Church**

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#### **Parish Office Hours**

Monday — Thursday 8:00 am — 5:00 pm  
Friday—8:00 am—12:00 pm  
Parish Phone: 225-647-8461  
Parish Fax: 225-647-5125  
Email: [stmark@eatel.net](mailto:stmark@eatel.net)

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#### **Mass Schedule**

Saturday (Vigil) 4:00 pm  
Sunday 8:00 am, and 11:00 am  
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 am  
Tuesday 8:30 am Communion Service

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#### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00 am  
or by appointment.

#### **Sacrament of Baptism**

Baptisms are held the First Sunday of each month, following 11:00 a.m. Mass. Parents of infants and children under age 7 are to attend 1 Baptism Seminar. (If pregnant, attend as early as possible during the pregnancy.) Baptism Seminars are held on the Monday following the first Sunday of the month at 6:30 pm.  
\*Baptism of children 7 years and older must go through the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults adapted for Children. Call Cecile Haley at the parish office at 225-647-8461

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#### **Christian Burial**

Families should contact the parish office, as soon as possible, prior to making other funeral arrangements.

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#### **Sacrament of Matrimony**

Couples need to contact the parish office six months prior to their planned wedding date.

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#### **Emergency Assistance- Food Pantry**

St. Mark Food Pantry is open Tuesdays and Friday  
9:30 am to 11:30 am  
Call the Parish Office for details

**Prayer Line Request & Pastoral Care of the Sick: Contact the Parish Office.....225-647-8461**

## Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 27, 2020

4:00 p.m. M/M John LaCaze, Sr., Holy Souls in Purgatory,  
Nancy Rowell, G.P.Babin, Jr., Sherri Martin, Joseph Provenzano,  
Joseph B. Weber, Jr., Glen Dickson, Kiel Carline.

Sunday, June 28, 2020

8:00 a.m. Scooter Doucet, Ryland Bringol  
9:30 am For the People of St. Mark Parish  
11:00 a.m. Robby Brock

Monday, June 29, 2020

8:30 a.m. Rory Brock

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Wednesday, July 1, 2020

8:30 a.m. Special Intention

Thursday, July 2, 2020

8:30 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Friday, July 3, 2020

8:30 a.m. Memorial Guild

Saturday, July 4, 2020

4:00 p.m. Julie Carpenter, Jimmy Sanchez

Sunday, July 5, 2020

8:00 a.m. For the People of St. Mark Parish  
9:30 am Joseph B. Webre, Jr.  
11:00 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory

**The Sanctuary Light will burn  
this week for:**

Rosely Reynolds and Jimmy Sanchez

**The Memorial Candle**  
will burn at all  
Masses during the Month of June for:  
Rory Brock

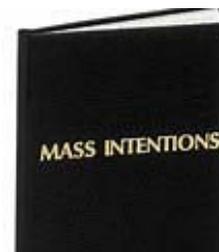


Please welcome this child to St. Mark Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism. Let us all pray for her continued spiritual growth.

**Emily Claire Broussard**

Daughter of  
Heath and Jill Broussard

*The book is now open for Mass Intentions through the end of the year. Please come by the office and speak to Sharon or Sandy to schedule.*



Sanctuary Memorial Flowers

Were donated the  
Weekend of  
June 27-28th

in loving memory of:

**Joseph B. Webre, Jr.**  
**By: Anonymous Donor**



**The Memorial Candle burned at  
all masses during the months of**

**March, 2020 for:**

Arthur, Kevin & Paul Ory

**April, 2020 for:**

Brandi Nichole Chaney & Roe Fontenot

**May, 2020 for:**

Shannon Lemoine

## A LETTER FROM BISHOP DUCA:

Dear Parishioners,

We are now in “Phase Two” and I have had some requests for more guidelines. I think I just have a few directions to give.

It seems that while the “allowable occupancy level” was raised from 25% to 50% but the social distancing space is still 6 feet, this new directive will not probably not change your number of spaces since most of our Churches were maxed out already with the 25% rate at 6 feet distancing. **I expect that our Churches will maintain the 6-foot spacing between individual or family household groups in the Church.** You might increase numbers per space if you have more families taking up one or two of the spaces in a pew with more than just two people. **Those attending Mass are expected to wear masks and should be instructed to do so.**

**You may begin some meetings if you can ensure that social distancing will be respected, and masks are worn especially when meeting indoors and occupancy numbers are enforced.** I discourage meals as part of the meeting for now. I am not mandating that you begin to allow these gatherings, so I ask you to use your pastoral wisdom for when you allow these meetings taking into account their importance and the trust level you have with the group.

**You may feel free to have Marriages and Funeral Masses and other Sacramental events with more than ten participants as long as you can ensure that social distancing will be respected, 50% occupancy is maintained and masks are worn especially when meeting indoors.** Again, I leave this to your pastoral wisdom to decide how your parish will begin to add larger gatherings for these sacramental celebrations. I believe parishes should still not allow wakes and receptions (funeral or wedding) because of the difficulty of ensuring that proper distancing will be practiced. There should be no preparation or serving of food to a large group as well. The Governors decree on phase two states:

**Self-serve buffets and other common food service stations shall not be allowed**

<https://opensafely.la.gov/DownloadFile.ashx?ID=23&TBL=tblPubliclinks>)

**Sacrament of Confirmation:** I have now done 5 Confirmations large and small and here are some thoughts on the Sacrament if you are the minister of the Sacrament. I just received today a response from the Congregation for Divine Worship that says that “the use by the minister of an instrument (glove or cotton swab) does not affect the validity of the sacrament of Confirmation. So, you could use a new cotton ball (for each candidate) dipped in Chrism to anoint and then burn the used cotton balls with Chrism after Mass. I have been using a small bowl (about an inch deep) of 90% alcohol with a small sponge immersed in the alcohol and after each anointing, I dip/wipe my thumb in/on the alcohol soaked sponge and then wipe it on a towel. (both bowl/towel either placed on a small table or held by the deacon.) I have been assured that this is sufficient. I have the candidates wear masks like we would for communion when they come up. I have been providing an opportunity for pictures, in one case I took them with the candidate and their sponsor as they came into the Church to be seated before the ceremony began and another I stood alone or with the pastor on a first step of the sanctuary and the candidate and sponsor came and stood in front of us. In both cases we removed our masks for the picture. If you have any questions, feel free to give me a call.

There have been some questions on the Cooperative Mission Appeal. I leave this decision to you. If you feel it is best to cancel this year feel free to do so and reschedule for 2021. If you wish you can continue to welcome the priest scheduled as planned.

I believe we should begin to reach out to our homebound in a responsible and creative way to insure their safety and allow them to receive the Eucharist at their homes. The best option would be to ask if there is a family member who visits them regularly to aid in their care. If trustworthy, this family member could be trained to take the Eucharist to them as an Extraordinary Minister. Another option being used is meeting the person, if they can walk, at their door and visit with the homebound person and then conduct the rite for receiving Holy Communion outside of Mass at the door with the EM, deacon or priest not entering the house. When coming close to the person the minister of course would wear a mask. I do not have any solution if the person is bed bound and cannot easily walk to the door. If you have any doubt about the safety of any practice for a particular person contact the family to consult. I have no direct guidance on this except that we must be abundantly careful that we do not bring the virus into the homes of our elderly even if they say they do not care.

I know that many of you are moving forward within the boundaries given, I just wanted to be sure that everyone understood how to move forward. I know that many of you have unique events and situations that arise, I just ask that you use your pastoral judgement and apply the guidelines for Phase 2 for your special event. I am also aware that many people are becoming weary of wearing a mask but every indication I read is that it reduced the spread of the virus especially in closed environments. I am also aware that other Diocese of Louisiana have more flexible interpretation of this issue. In good conscience I think we should continue to encourage and continue to communicate to your parishioners that **all who attend Mass or any ceremony in Church are expected to wear masks.** If you have a strong reason for otherwise pass it on to someone on the Presbyteral Council and we will discuss the matter next week.

We will have an on-line Presbyteral Council Meeting next week, Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 2:00pm. This will be the last meeting until August unless there is some extraordinary need. If you have any other areas of concern let a member of the Presbyteral Council bring your question to the meeting next Tuesday or feel free to give me a call.

Sincerely in Christ,

+Michael  
Bishop of Baton Rouge

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Elisha promises a baby son to the hospitable woman (2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a).

**Psalm** — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 89).

**Second Reading** — We shall live in newness of life as Christ was raised from the dead (Romans 6:3-4, 8-11).

**Gospel** — Whoever gives but a cup of cold water to another will surely be rewarded (Matthew 10:37-42).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

**Tuesday:** Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Ps 5:4b-8; Mt 8:23-27

**Wednesday:** Am 5:14-15, 21-24; Ps 50:7-13, 16bc-17; Mt 8:28-34

**Thursday:** Am 7:10-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 9:1-8

**Friday:** Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 20:24-29

**Saturday:** Am 9:11-15; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 9:14-17 or, for Independence Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Country," nos. 882- 886, or "For Peace and Justice," nos. 887-891

**Sunday:** Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

Fr. Rubin and the Staff of St. Mark are very happy to welcome our parish friends, family and our faithful back to our church. We have truly missed you.

During these days of phasing back into our regular church schedule the following changes are required until further notice:

**Mass Schedule: (All services will be held in church. Masses will no longer be streamed.)**

- ◆ Weekday masses will count toward your weekend mass obligation
- ◆ Daily masses will be held on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Fridays at 8:30 a.m.
- ◆ Communion Service only will be held on Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m.
- ◆ Reconciliation will be on M,W,Th & F at 9:00 am and by special appointment.
- ◆ The elderly and vulnerable may continue to refrain from attending Mass.
- ◆ Facemasks are required in the building for the duration of Mass. Masks must be worn when entering the church or administration building.
- ◆ ***Beginning next weekend, we will have our regular Mass Schedule: Saturday at 4:00 and Sundays 8:00,9:30, and 11:00.***
- ◆ ***For security, the Church will be locked until 30 minutes prior to each Mass.***

## Attention Volunteers!!!

As mandated by the Diocese, all Church volunteers, who work with the youth or the homebound, are required to have, on file, a completed volunteer application, along with the completed online training course. If you are unsure whether you have the required documentation on file, please contact Jennifer at 225-647-8461 or at [stmarkmdo@eatel.net](mailto:stmarkmdo@eatel.net) Instructions on completing the online training course are below:

## Safe and Sacred Online Test

Online training can be completed by following the instructions at: [www.dioabr.org](http://www.dioabr.org)

Click on *Ministries* tab

Click on *Administrative Services*

Click *Child and Youth Protection*

Under *Certification* click on *Safe and Sacred Online Training Center*

Login to your account (or create account)

Complete *First Time Training "Serving Vulnerable Populations"*

Your successful online test score will produce a certificate that must be kept on file. We will be notified when you have passed your test and can print your certificate at the office. You may print a copy for your personal records.

The online test may lead you into step #4 (Code of Ethics). This will need to be returned to the office. You can print and drop at the office or email a copy to [stmarkmdo@eatel.net](mailto:stmarkmdo@eatel.net). Jennifer Creel

*First Communion has been rescheduled for the weekends of August 22nd and 29th at 4:00 and August 23rd and 30th at 11:00.*



# PreSchool

2020-2021

# Registration

■ ■ ■ Ages 2-4 ■ ■ ■



## The program includes:

- ✓ Loving, Christian Environment
- ✓ Small Class Sizes
- ✓ Weekly Religion Lesson
- ✓ Class Parties
- ✓ 2 Yr. Olds - M/W or T/TH
- ✓ 3 Yr. Olds - M/W/F or T/TH
- ✓ 4 Yr. Olds - M-F

**2 Day 2s!**  
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**5 Day 4s!**  
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# HURRY

**SPACE IS LIMITED**

**RSVP Today!**

**225-647-8461**

St. Mark  
**MOTHER'S**  
**DAY OUT**



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2020

**Date:** 7/6/2020

**Time:** All Day

**Location:** Virtual

**Price:** VBS Supply Pack  
VBS Music CD-\$6.00(1 for each family.)

**Optional:** St. Mark T-shirt  
Child-\$10.00  
Adult-\$15.00

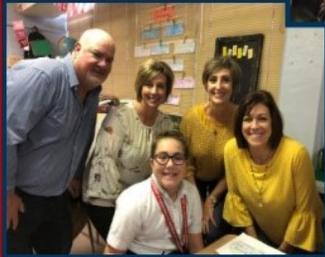
*\*Deadline to purchase all supplies is June 28th!!!*



**Register at: [stmarkministries.net/vbs](http://stmarkministries.net/vbs)  
or call Jessica Kehn at 225-290-3417**

At **Rocky Railway**, kids explore Jesus' power in them and how we can trust Jesus-not our own strength-to pull us through life's challenges. COVID has come through our lives like a freight train and derailed countless plans, routines and expectations. This summer, the kids in our community need the hope, re-assurance and abundance of God's love through the unique ministry of VBS. The Bible Points for Rocky Railway are so relevant!

## Now Enrolling!



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ST. THERESA MIDDLE

225-647-2803  
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# Parish Contacts

## Parish Staff

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 Administrative Assistant.....Sandy Dardeau  
 Administrative Assistant.....Sharon Lavigne  
 Bookkeeper/Director MDO.....Renae Schexnaydre  
 Business Manager .....Heather Melancon  
 Director of Christian Formation.....Mark Reynaud  
 Liturgical Coordinator.....Cecile Haley  
 Maintenance Supervisor ..... Paul Braud  
 Maintenance Assistant.....Marcie Carline  
 Lay Director .....Clay Stafford  
 Lay Director ..... Keith Beaucoudray  
 PSR Secretary .....Stephanie Ducote

## Sacramental Preparation: *Suspended Until Further Notice*

**Baptisms** — Baptisms take place after 11 am Mass on the first Sunday of each month. Contact the parish office to begin the preparation process.

**Confirmation** — Confirmation is celebrated for 11th graders in January. High School Parish School of Religion Classes begin in August.

**Marriage** — Please contact a priest at least 6 months before the wedding and before making any arrangements.

**Anointing of the Sick** — Upon request for the seriously ill, infirmed, and those undergoing major surgery. Please contact the parish office when someone is home bound or hospitalized and in need of the sacrament.

**Funerals** — Please contact the parish office before making arrangements with the funeral home.

## Joining our Parish

Welcome to St. Mark Parish! Anyone interested in joining the parish, please complete a Parish Registration form located in the main vestibule of the church or online at [stmark.weconnect.com](http://stmark.weconnect.com) [parishpublications](http://parishpublications) and return it to the parish office.

**13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 June 28, 2020



The cross of Christ is the true ground and chief cause of Christian hope.

—Pope St. Leo I

MINISTRY	CONTACT	PHONE
Administration	Heather Melancon	225-450-9461
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Altar Society	Tonia Galatas	225-202-8616
Announcements	Cecile Haley	504-256-3443
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Banquets	Gail Ketchum	985-290-5858
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EPIC Committee (Emer. Preparedness)	Heather Melancon	225-450-9461
Fair Committee	Troy Schexnaydre	225-678-6510
Finance Committee	Clay Stafford	225-571-8643
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Funeral Preparation	Sandy Dardeau	225-647-8461
Healing Hearts	Rhonda Porta	225-644-5339/571-2485
Jr. Youth (4 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> grades)	Dana Millet	225-402-8727
KC Ladies Aux	Vickie Gautreau	225-229-3630
Knights of Columbus	Troy Schexnaydre	225-678-6510
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New Parishioner Registration	Sandy Dardeau	225-647-8461
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Women of the Word (WOW)	Vivian Villenurve	225-647-3434

**Bulletin Deadline** ~ All bulletin notices and updates must be received in the parish office at least **14 days** before the bulletin date. Please contact Sandy Dardeau at **225-647-8461** to notify of your bulletin requests, and email your article to [stmarkoff@eatel.net](mailto:stmarkoff@eatel.net).  
 If we do not receive bulletin announcements at least 10-14 days in advance, we cannot guarantee they will be published.

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