

**JULY 5
2020**

Jesus said,
“Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,
for I am meek and humble of heart;
and you will find rest for yourselves.”

Matthew 11:29

“A People Set Apart”
Established
in 1973

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 am
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 am
Tuesday 8:30 am-Communion Service

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

Christian Burial

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

Sacrament of Matrimony

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

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, July 4, 2020

4:00 p.m. Eddie St. Pierre, our parish family (living and deceased).

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. Helen Gautreau

Monday, July 6, 2020

8:30 a.m. Julie Carpenter

Tuesday, July 7, 2020

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Wednesday, July 8, 2020

8:30 a.m. Jimmy Sanchez and our parish family (living and deceased).

Thursday, July 9, 2020

8:30 a.m. Memorial Guild

Friday, July 10, 2020

8:30 a.m. Special Intention

Saturday, July 11, 2020

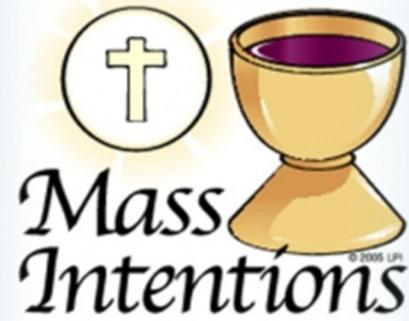
4:00 p.m. Irma Melancon, Jan Guedry Webre, & Our parish family (living and deceased).

Sunday, July 12, 2020

8:00 a.m. For the People of St. Mark Parish

9:30a.m. Rev.Herculan DeMaria, Rev. Clarence Waguespack

11:00 a.m. Joseph B. Webre, Jr.



The Book of Mass Intentions is open for the period of July through December 2020. Please contact Sharon or Sandy in the parish office at 225-647-8461 to schedule masses.



Sanctuary Memorial Flowers
Were donated the Weekend of
July 4th & 5th

in loving memory of:

Joseph B. Webre, Jr.



The Sanctuary Light will burn this week for:

**Pat Sigur, Helen Gautreau,
& Markus Coffman**

The Memorial Candle

**will burn at all masses
during the Month of July for:**

Audrey "Poochie" Peno

Please pray for the souls of:

Edwin V. Watts, Sr.

(who passed away 5/9/2020)

Joseph B. Webre, Jr.

(who passed away 3/29/2020)

Helen Gautreau

(who passed away 4/27/2020)

Patrick Sigur

(who passed away 5/25/2020)

Jeanette Lambert

(who passed away 6/6/2020)

Margaret Manuel

(who passed away 6/24/2020)

Jan Webre

(who passed away 6/24/2020)

We will continue to remember their family, friends,
and loved ones in our prayers.



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
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, reassurance and abundance of God's love through the unique ministry of VBS. The Bible Points for Rocky Railway are so relevant!

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

and

Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC)

RCIA is designed for adults who, after hearing the mystery of Christ proclaimed, consciously and freely seek the living God and enter the way of faith and conversion as the Holy Spirit opens their hearts. By God's help, they will be strengthened spiritually during their preparation and at the proper time will receive the sacraments fruitfully. The rite includes the celebration of the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, as well as special rites belonging to the catechumenate. RCIC is a form of the rite intended for children not baptized as infants, who have attained the use of reason, and are of catechetical age.

Our RCIA/RCIC program will be starting on September 2, 2020. It is through our Baptismal promise that we are all called to carry on the missionary work that Christ himself began.

We do this through *sharing our faith, living our faith, and spreading our faith.*

Sharing our Catholic Faith: Faith seeks understanding and a greater understanding of our Catholic faith will only strengthen our spiritual unity with God and the community. That understanding may be sought through participation in RCIA/RCIC and sharing our faith journey.

Living our Catholic faith: Living our faith is done both privately and in community. We are to acknowledge our faith and be an example to the world, living according to our Catholic faith. We are to live as an image of Christ in the world, serving each other in our homes and in the community.

Spreading our Catholic faith: Spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ is not just the work of the ordained. We are all called to this. We should always look for opportunities to bring the Good News of Christ to all we encounter.

Are you or someone you know interested in the Catholic faith? Perhaps it is a family member or friend who has neglected their spiritual life and wants to return to the Church or someone who feels alienated from the Church due to personal reasons. It may be someone who wants to enter more fully into the sacramental life of the Church. Maybe it is someone who is lost and is searching for meaning in their life or someone who has expressed an interest in the Catholic faith and is just waiting for an invitation from you. God uses His people to bring others to Him. Is He calling you? Invite someone you know to experience God's saving grace. For more information on RCIA/RCIC please call the parish office at 225-647-8461.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rejoice heartily, O Jerusalem! For see, your savior comes (Zechariah 9:9-10).

Psalms — I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — The one who raised Christ from death will give life to your mortal bodies also (Romans 8:9, 11-13).

Gospel — Come, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest (Matthew 11:25-30). The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectioary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-9; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-10; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-7; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10-14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 [1-9]



Fr. Ruben 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 week-end mass obligation.
- ◆ Daily masses are held on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Fridays at 8:30 a.m.
- ◆ Communion Service only is held on Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m.
- ◆ Reconciliation will be on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at 9:00 am and by special appointment only.
- ◆ The elderly and vulnerable may continue to refrain from attending Mass.
- ◆ Masks must be worn when entering the church or administration building.
- ◆ **Facemasks are required in the building for the duration of Mass (and funerals).**
- ◆ *We are now on 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 stmark-mdo@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

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. Jennifer Creel.



High School PSR Teachers Needed

After His resurrection, Jesus instructed the disciples to, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." (Mt 28: 16-20). St. Mark is in need of PSR teachers for the 9th, 10th, and 11th grades. If you have a love of your faith and a desire to live the instruction of Christ and to "teach them to observe all that I have commanded you," then please prayerfully consider participating in this essential ministry. Classes are held every other Sunday evening from 6:00pm to 8:30pm beginning August 16th through January 10, 2021. All those interested in passing on their faith in this ministry, please contact Mark Reynaud, Dir. of Religious Ed at 225-647-8461 or email stmarkpsr@eatel.net.

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!
\$230 PER MONTH

3 Day 3s!
\$280 PER MONTH

5 Day 4s!
\$335 PER MONTH

HURRY

SPACE IS LIMITED

RSVP Today!

225-647-8461

St. Mark
MOTHER'S
DAY OUT



A LETTER FROM BISHOP DUCA THAT FR. RUBIN WANTED TO SHARE WITH YOU:

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 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 Presbyterial Council and we will discuss the matter.

Sincerely in Christ,

+Michael
Bishop of Baton Rouge



Parish Contacts

Parish Staff

PastorRev. Rubin Reynolds
 Spiritual Director.....Sammy Chestovich
 Director of Administration.....Keith Beaucoudray
 Administrative Assistant.....Sandy Dardeau
 Administrative Assistant.....Sharon Lavigne
 Bookkeeper/Director MDO.....Renae Schexnaydre
 Business ManagerHeather Melancon
 Director of Christian Formation.....Mark Reynaud
 Liturgical Coordinator.....Cecile Haley
 Maintenance Supervisor Paul Braud
 Maintenance Assistant.....Marcie Carline
 Lay DirectorClay Stafford
 Lay Director Keith Beaucoudray
 PSR SecretaryStephanie 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 parishpublications and return it to the parish office.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 5, 2020

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.”

— *Matthew 11:28*

MINISTRY	CONTACT	PHONE
Administration	Heather Melancon	225-450-9461
Adoration / Homebound	Sharon Lavigne	225-450-9463
Adult Choir	Tina Johnson	225-571-8035
Adult Confirmation & RCIA	Donna Chestovich	225-938-0985
Adult Education/Bible Study	Robin Richardson	225-324-9445
Altar Society	Tonia Galatas	225-202-8616
Announcements	Cecile Haley	504-256-3443
Art & Environment	Charline LeBlanc	225-202-0802
Banquets	Gail Ketchum	985-290-5858
Baptism	Cecile Haley	225-647-8461
Blue Army	Marcell Woosley	225-644-7861
Boy Scouts	Angela Poche	225-931-9472
Building & Maintenance	Paul Braud	225-450-9464
Bulletin Editor	Sandy Dardeau	225-647-8461
Charismatic Prayer Group	Susan Duhon	504-442-0132
Childrens Church	Lesley Frazier	225-788-1480
Consultant on Call	Sammy Chestovich	225-772-2010
Emergency Asst/Food Pantry	Parish Office	225-647-8461
EPIC Committee (Emer. Preparedness)	Heather Melancon	225-450-9461
Fair Committee	Troy Schexnaydre	225-678-6510
Finance Committee	Clay Stafford	225-571-8643
Funeral Meals	Francis Hooper	225-644-5741/505-4329
Funeral Preparation	Sandy Dardeau	225-647-8461
Healing Hearts	Rhonda Porta	225-644-5339/571-2485
Jr. Youth (4 th – 7 th grades)	Dana Millet	225-402-8727
KC Ladies Aux	Vickie Gautreau	225-229-3630
Knights of Columbus	Troy Schexnaydre	225-678-6510
Maintenance Assistant	Marcie Carline	225-305-0590
Marriage Preparations	Sandy Dardeau	225-647-8461
Men's Club	Al Brignac	225-828-8369
New Parishioner Registration	Sandy Dardeau	225-647-8461
Pastoral Council	Randy Malbrough	225-445-7721
Pro Life	Dale/Judy Tureau	225-647-8101/715-9926
PSR & R.C.I.C	Mark Reynaud	225-450-9466
PSR Principal HS & Elem	Pat Sanchez	225-715-8383
PSR Principal Elem	Renae Schexnaydre	225-647-8461
Sacristan	Mary Gaudin	225-975-3472/622-1062
Sewing for Charity	Annette Lanoux	225-931-0241
Sr. Citizen	Evelyn Rousseau	225-647-5731
Sr. Youth (8 th – 12 th grades)	Robert Barrilleaux	985-860-1908
Ushers	Greg Brignac	225-324-7403
Vacation Bible School	Parish Office	225-647-8461
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.
If we do not receive bulletin announcements at least 10-14 days in advance, we cannot guarantee they will be published.