

ST. MARK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Monday - Thursday 8:30 AM to 8:00 PM
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Rev. Edmond F. Whyte, Pastor
Rev. Thomas Mannix Stack, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Cesar Pena, Parochial Vicar
Mr. Vincent Farinato, Deacon
Mr. John Lorenzo, Deacon

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Masses: Saturday: 8:00 AM (In the Chapel), 5:00 PM
Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM (Spanish)
Weekdays: 7:00 AM, 8:00 AM (In the Chapel)
9:00 AM, (Thursdays - Only During School Year)

Eves of
Holy Days: 7:00 PM
Holy Days: 7:00 AM, 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 7:00 PM

Confessions: Saturday: 4:00 PM; Other times on request.

Marriages: Six months notice required. Contact Church office.

Baptisms: Contact office for a copy of Guidelines
English - second & fourth Sunday 2:00 PM
Spanish-third Sunday of each month 2:00 PM

Novena of the Miraculous Medal: Monday at 7:30 PM

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Monday 8:30 AM - 7:00 AM Tuesday

ADORATION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT
Grace Lyn Fatt - 680-3481

ADORERS OF THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT
Prayer Group
Deacon John - 954-438-0417

ALTAR SERVERS
Bernadette Farinato - 885-9901

CARNIVAL - 954-431-6965
Bob/Vicki Minnaugh -

CHOIR AND MUSIC MINISTRY
Mary Lou Corbiere, Director

CURSILLOS
Ernesto Campisi - 954-450-5660

EMAUS
Women - 954-410-1888 - Maria Montilla
Men - 954-404-0479 - Fulvio Landi

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
George A. Ruiz - 954-873-7079

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Michael Lynch-954-647-4259
Meeting - 2nd Thursday each month

LECTORS
Diann O'Shields (English)
Maria Elena Garces (Spanish)

LEGION OF MARY
434-3777

MAILING COMMITTEE
Connie Middleton - 452-3993

MEN OF ST. MARK
Moose Wetzel - 954-817-5210
Meeting - 1st Thursday each month

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Call 434-3777 - Pat & Ed Santos

PARISH OFFICE - 954-434-3777
Helen Long, Office Manager
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R.C.I.A./Adult Religious Ed.
Call 252-9899 - Susan Mikluscak

RESPECT LIFE
Sharon Conklin - 434-4842

ST. MARK SCHOOL - 954-434-3887
Shirley Sandusky, Principal

ST. MARK RELIGIOUS ED. (C.C.D)
Call 252-9899
Susan Mikluscak, Director

WOMEN'S CLUB - 954-434-3777
Sandra Brickman, President
Meeting - 3rd Thursday each month



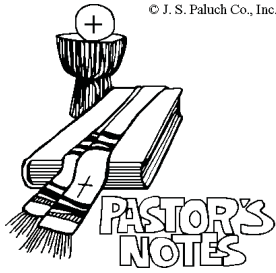
FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

November 1, 2009 MASS INTENTIONS

WEEK OF October 31, 2009

REQUESTED BY

Saturday (10-31-09)	8:00 AM	ESTANISLAO VILLAR	M/M EDWARD FITZWILLIAM
	8:00 AM	IRMA SOBOYA	GENOVESE-LARES FAMILY
	5:00 PM	FRANCES O'SHIELDS	THE NELSON FAMILY
	5:00 PM	BESSIE AND JOHN CARVELLI	THE LIGUORI FAMILY
Sunday (11-01-09)	7:30 AM	PEOPLE OF ST. MARK	REV. EDMOND WHYTE
	9:30 AM	EUGENE MERCOGLIANO	HIS LOVING FAMILY
	9:30 AM	RICHARD AND GENE RIEGLER	THEIR LOVING FAMILY
	11:00 AM	CARLOS AND EMMA VEGA	THEIR LOVING DAUGHTER
	11:00 AM	DOROTHY CONWAY	MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH WILSON
Monday (11-02-09)	12:30 PM	DOLORES MONTEJO	THE GARCIA FAMILY
	7:00 AM	DESMOND MC INTYRE	HIS LOVING FAMILY
	8:00 AM	GUSTAVO HERNANDEZ	VAAMONDE FAMILY
	8:00 AM	DECEASED MEMBERS OF VAZ FAMILY	THE NORONHA FAMILY
Tuesday (11-03-09)	7:00 PM	ALL SOULS	ST. MARK PARISH
	7:00 AM	PATRICK WHYTE	HIS FAMILY
	7:00 AM	AURA MARINA ANZULA	LOVING FAMILY
Wednesday (11-04-09)	8:00 AM	ANDREA CHINAULT	HER MOM
	7:00 AM	THANKSGIVING TO ST. PASCUAL	MARY VILORIA
	8:00 AM	DOLORES MONTEJO	THE GARCIA FAMILY
Thursday (11-05-09)	8:00 AM	YOLANDA SUIT	THE GARCIA FAMILY
	7:00 AM	MATHAI NEDUMKALLEL	KATHERINA, HIS DAUGHTER
	8:00 AM	ISABEL DURAN	CECELIA DURAN
	8:00 AM	RENE SEVERE	HIS LOVING FAMILY
Friday (11-06-09)	9:00 AM	ALANA CHRISTMAN	ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL
	7:00 AM	ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY	ST. MARK PARISH
	8:00 AM	HELEN MARCEL	LOVING DAUGHTER
Saturday (11-07-09)	8:00 AM	KEVIN ROWE	MICHAEL ROWE
	8:00 AM	THANKSGIVING-ANGELS AND SAINTS	SONIA LINTON
	5:00 PM	CARLOS E. VEGA	HIS LOVING DAUGHTER
Sunday (11-08-09)	5:00 PM	MARIE AND JOSEPH GOLIS	THE LIGUORI FAMILY
	7:30 AM	ROBERT MALONEY	KATHLEEN AND PATRICK
	9:30 AM	PEOPLE OF ST. MARK	REV. EDMOND WHYTE
	11:00 AM	JOSEPH MONSEES	IRENE BATZDORFER
	11:00 AM	GRACE AND EMILIO PASCUCCI	THEIR DAUGHTER ROSEMARIE
	12:30 PM	MERCEDES GROSS	THE GRUBBS FAMILY
12:30 PM	GUILLERMO CURY	HIS LOVING FAMILY	



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BEATITUDES: PRACTICAL GUIDELINES FOR LIVING

In the film version of *To Kill a Mockingbird*, Gregory Peck masterfully renders Atticus Finch's seven-minute summary to the jury in the trial of Tom Robinson. Toward the close, he says, "I'm no idealist to believe firmly in the integrity of our courts and in the jury system. That is no ideal to me---it is a living, working reality!"

Similarly, the Beatitudes are not high-sounding, idealistic words. They are meant to be a living, working reality for those who would belong to the kingdom of God.

Beatitudes 101. The Beatitudes' "blessed" means fortunate, in a favorable position. "Happy" in this sense is becoming archaic. Beatitudes are statements of fact, of objective reality. It is not, "May the peacemakers be blessed" at some future occasion. The peacemakers are blessed, here and now. Some speak of blessedness in spite of a current hardship. These are probably the originals; they are the four found in Luke's version. Their conclusion or "second part" points to a reversal of the hardship mentioned. Some speak of blessedness resulting from kingdom behavior. Thus, the merciful shall receive mercy.

Falsehoods and misinterpretations. Karl Marx's "Religion is the opium [sometimes rendered "opiate"] of the people," asserting that the promise of next world happiness lulls people away from working to set this world right. This is a great irony: Marxism produced misery for the masses, while those who work hardest to set this world right are believers in the next world. Blessedness is actually caused by a dire situation such as poverty or persecution. This produces a distorted spirituality of consciously seeking to be miserable. The opposite is true: The blessedness comes in spite of the dire situation and is linked to a future hope through present trust. The Beatitudes are (simply) beautiful, inspirational sayings, but they're not realistic guidelines for living and acting---who on earth can do that? The Gospel says that Jesus "taught the people," not that he entertained them with sweet greeting card verses. Of *course* no one can do this alone, but empowered by grace, of *course* we can.

Characteristics of Beatitude people. They are accepting people. They do not seek hardship but accept it with equanimity if it comes. They are gentle people. They deal with others gently because they are aware of their own fragility. They are unafraid to be countercultural. They refuse to make temporal success their god or their only goal. They see through and beyond current negatives to the fulfillment of the kingdom; hence they are people of trust and hope.

Connection to today's feast of All Saints. "These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress." They are loyal and trusting in spite of adversity---a Beatitude quality. "[A] great multitude, which no one could count" holds our departed loved ones and all who have trusted in the Lord.

As we celebrate the Body and Blood of Jesus let us ask to live as he taught us in the Beatitudes.

All Saints





Weekend of
November 7th-8th

5:00 PM Fr. Whyte
7:30 AM Fr. Stack
9:30 AM Fr. Whyte
11:00 AM Msgr. Hennessey
12:30 PM Fr. Cesar



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MONDAY, November 2, 2009

1. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 8:30 AM until the end of the Novena
2. Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3:00 PM - Chapel
3. Novena in Honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal - 7:30 PM
4. Cursillo - 7:30 PM - School
5. Spanish Choir Practice - 7:00 PM-Parish Center
6. RCIA - 7:00 PM - Room 212

TUESDAY, November 3, 2009

1. Legion of Mary - 9:00 AM
2. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 8:30 AM - 12:00 Noon - Tuesday thru Friday
3. Spanish Bible Study - 7:30 PM - Conf. Room
4. CCD - 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, November 4, 2009

1. Emaus - Men - Spanish - 7:00 PM - Parish Center
2. Choir Practice - 7:00 PM
3. Catholic Scripture Study - 7:30 PM
4. CCD - 4:00 PM

THURSDAY, November 5, 2009

1. Spanish Prayer Group - 7:30 PM - school
2. Catholic Scripture Study - 8:45 AM
3. Catholic Scripture Study - 3:30 PM
4. Men of St. Mark meeting - 7:30 PM

FRIDAY, November 6, 2009

No scheduled activities

SATURDAY, November 7, 2009

No scheduled activities

SUNDAY, November 8, 2009

1. Babysitting during the 9:30 AM Mass



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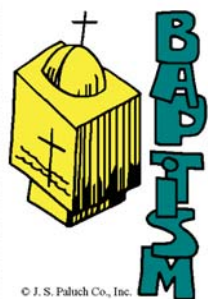
STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekend of Oct. 24th-25th

Offertory	\$	14,885.00
Building Fund	\$	2,334.00
Respect Life	\$	3,062.00
Attendance		2848

READINGS FOR THE WEEK Sunday,
November 1st thru Sunday, November 8th

Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24; 1 Jn 3:1-3;
Mt 5:1-12a
Monday: Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn
6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668
or from the Masses for the Dead, nos.
1011-1016
Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Rom 14:7-12; Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Lk 16:9-15
Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146; Heb 9:24-28;
Mk 12:38-44 [41-44]



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Weekend of October 24th-25th

Dominick Mariano Cannizzaro,
Evin Diaz and James Alexander
Nazur. Congratulations to these
beautiful children and their
families. Welcome to the
Family of St. Mark



Angel Day - Friday, November 6th is an Angel Day. This is an early release day - mark your calendars

No School - Veteran's Day - Saint Mark Catholic School will be closed on Wednesday, November 11th in observance of Veteran's Day.

Collecting - We are collecting used ink jet cartridges, old cell phones, and large wicker baskets. Please drop any of these items off at the office. Thank you for your support of Saint Mark Catholic School.

Terracycle Recycling Project - Saint Mark Catholic School has signed up with TerraCycle, Inc. to collect juice pouches from Capri Sun, Kool-Aid, Honest Kids and other brands. We will receive 2 cents each for Capri Sun, Kool Aid and Honest Kids and 1 cent for any other pouches not listed. Please drop off your empty juice pouches in the school office. Thank you for your help with this fundraiser.

Scholastic Book Fair - The Scholastic Book Fair will be open the week of November 2nd for your shopping pleasure in the Saint Mark School Media Center. Books make wonderful holiday gifts. We invite the parishioners of Saint Mark to come shop with us and support this great fundraiser. Please call the office for hours of operation.

MINISTRY FAIR

St. Mark will be having a Ministry Fair on Saturday, November 14th and Sunday, November 15th in the parish center after all the Masses. The purpose of the Ministry Fair is to introduce all parishioners to the various organizations/ministries at St. Mark and give everyone the opportunity to join and participate in the community life at St. Mark. Everyone is invited to stop by after Mass. Refreshments will be available.

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

Archbishop McCarthy High School, 5451 South Flamingo Road, will hold an Open House for students interested in applying for the 2010-11 academic year. It will be held on Saturday, November 7th with two sessions - one at 9:00 AM and one at 1:00 PM. Each session provides a guided tour and detailed presentation regarding all facets of AMHS. For more information call the Archbishop McCarthy High School Admissions Office at 954-434-8820 ext. 217.

St. Thomas Aquinas High School is preparing for their Annual **Open House** which will be held on **November 8, 2009** beginning at **11:00 AM**. For further information call 954-581-0700.

Chaminade-Madonna College Preparatory invites all middle school students and their families to attend an Open House on November 14, 2009 from 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM at 500 East Chaminade Drive, Hollywood. Their Entrance Exam is Saturday, January 30, 2010 at 7:45 AM. For information, please call our Enrollment Management Office at 954-989-5150 ext. 112 or ext. 136 or visit our web site at www.cmlions.org.



CHRISTMAS TREE
SALE / VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!!

The Men of St. Mark's 14th Annual Christmas Tree Sale will begin on Saturday, November 21st with the arrival of the first load of trees. Volunteers will again be needed to make this year's event a success. This is a great opportunity for parents & teens to earn service hours or to just make new friends. Volunteer sign-ups will be held before and after the Masses next weekend and again the weekend of November 14th & 15th. For more information on the Christmas Tree Sale, please pick up a green flyer from the table at the Church exits.

Pray for the Sick

Ann Galant, Jennifer Landis, Laura Cremades, Gemma Campbell, Teresa Montoya, Elvia Ochoa, Ignacio Gutierrez, Marta Marquez, Angel Blanco, Bud Biggin, Daniel Wapham, Mercedes Escobar, John Phoebus, Ralph Federici, Arcadia Diaz, Jenn Landis, Ricarda Marino, James, Noemi Suarez, Robert Hughson, Ignacio Gutierrez, Elna Jaramillo, Daniel Clifford, Aimee Zadak, Peter Clifford, Joan Digregorio, Olga Emilia Gomez, Dorothy Thratcher, Carla Boluda, Sara Pascual, Raquel Dominguez, Rosie Juanes, Larry Sharfman, Jim Bridges, Vincent Fontana, Alicia Warnken, Juan Pablo, Robert Dreyer, Onelia Gonzalez, Robert Hughson, Jr., Antoinette Rodriguez, Diana Cronin, Doris Riggio, Hans Vanderlaan

All Souls Day

Monday, November 2, is the Feast of All Souls. On this day we pray in a special way for our beloved dead. We are reminded in the Book of Macabees that it is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead so that their sins may be forgiven. Please list your deceased relative and friends on your All Souls Envelopes which will be placed on the altar during the month of November. Masses on All Souls Day will be held in the Chapel at:

7:00 AM, 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM

St. Mark's Carnival is not far off. Does anyone have a truck or trailer that St. Mark can use November through February for storage of the while elephant donations. If you can help, call Marie in the Church office at 954-434-377.

Justice Corner

All Saints Day

The cloud of witnesses we celebrate today were people who were happy because they received God's blessings - people who were living examples of the Beatitudes. The first four Beatitudes speak of longing and hope, while the final five bless those who actively seek mercy, peace and integrity of heart, expressed in word and deed, and who are willing to suffer in the quest for justice.

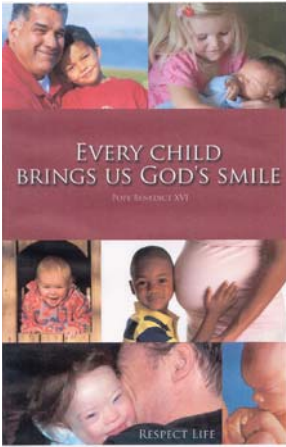
The tradition of canonizing saints is rooted in the experience of people who recognized saints in their midst. Perhaps we could think of our saints-people who are blessed because their faith and way of life reflects God's love. These people may be hidden among the cranky, crazy, gentle, disturbing, forgotten, unforgettable, joyful, and lonesome. They may even be glimpsed in the mirror!

As we celebrate the saints, we remember that saints are ordinary people who lived their lives in an extraordinary way. Each of us is called to do the same in our vocations - married life, single life, or religious life.



Schott Communities for the Deaf or Disabled is excited to host its **Annual Craft Fair and Bake Sale** on Saturday and Sunday, November 14 & 15, 2009 at the Schott Center located on 6591 Flamingo Road in Cooper City. Admission is free! Our wonderful group of volunteer crafters has been working diligently preparing delightful holiday gifts, seasonal decorations and delicious bakery treats for you, your family and friends to enjoy.

The doors open at 9:00 AM on Saturday and 10:30 AM on Sunday. We'll be open each day until 3:00 PM. We are a unique community that strives to create an environment of dignity and care in which persons who are deaf or disabled are encouraged and challenged to grow in self-acceptance and independence. For more information call, 954-434-3306 or visit the website www.schottcommunities.org.



A humble thank you to all who contributed to the Respect Life Ministry in last week's second collection. All that was collected will go toward paying our monthly mortgage and utility bills, and assisting the mothers and post-abortive women who come to us in need. Only our office manager receives a small salary; everyone else who answers the phones 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, who counsels and assists the mothers with their families, 6 days a week and post-abortive mothers at their convenience or need, who sorts and organizes our donations, who gives Chastity and Pro-Life talks at parishes, schools, CCD programs etc. are all Respect Life Volunteers. We are ordinary men and women who simply want to serve the Lord in His most helpless and vulnerable. We struggle to make ends meet in our own families, and so deeply appreciate every penny, every little baby rattle we receive as a sacred trust. May God bless you and generously reward your kindness.

As we celebrate All Saints Day, may we imitate the glorious heritage of their example. St. Basil the Great, famous for his defense of Truth against heresy, his concern for the sick and poor as he founded and encouraged the growth of so many hospitals and crisis pregnancy centers as well as the religious orders who staffed them, and for his outspoken opposition to abortion and the Roman tradition of infanticide called Paterfamilias is a perfect model today! It was St. Basil who led the people of his diocese in petitioning their government representatives and in peaceful, prayerful public demonstrations against the sagae (Roman abortionists) that finally forced the Emperor Valentinian to declare that all parents were required to care for their children from the moment of conception or suffer legal prosecution in 374 AD. This was a huge sea-change for the culture of that time! It can happen in our time too!

St. Basil shows us the way! Have you sent your letter to Speaker Pelosi? Have you called or emailed Senators Bill Nelson and LeMieux? Go to www.senate.gov to reach both senators or call 202-224-3121. Call Rep. Bart Stupak's office (D MI) at 202-225-4735 to thank him for his tenacious efforts to include respect for life and conscience protections in health care reform. He has vowed to try one more time during floor debate in the house. He needs our support as Speaker Pelosi is doing all she can to stop him.

If you are pregnant and need support, please call us at 954-963-2229. If you are suffering because of a past abortion please call Project Rachel at 1- 877-908-1212 for healing and peace in Christ's mercy.

ST. MARK OUTREACH INFORMATION

JOB OPPORTUNITY - Catholic Relief Services SE Regional office has a job opening in Florida - - Area Relationship Manager - Bachelor's Degree required - written and spoken Spanish language fluency required in addition to English fluency - willingness to travel, primarily within the Southeast region. For further information call Simone Blanchard at 1-404-681-4600/ <https://sh.webhire.com/servlet/av/jd?ai=495&ji=239583&sn=j>



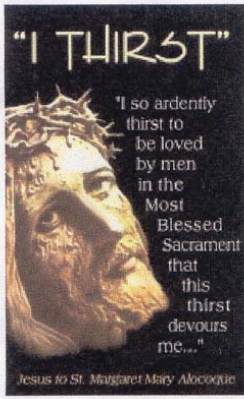
St. Mark Outreach is in the process of collecting toiletries for our annual Christmas "goodie bags" for the homeless and homeless shelters in our area. We are looking for new, unopened sample soaps, shampoo, conditioners, toothpaste, etc. - the type you receive in hotel rooms or on cruise ships when you travel. You may drop them off to Marie in the Church office.



Every year St. Mark Outreach distributes Thanksgiving baskets to the less fortunate in our community. If you know of a needy family that will not be able to celebrate Thanksgiving with a Thanksgiving meal, please call Connie at 954-434-2696 or call the Church office.

REMINDER: Neil's Catering is now serving breakfast in our parish center Monday thru Friday from 7:00 - 10:00 AM. The cost is nominal.

The Respect Life Office is in need of the following items: basinet, Pack and Play, cribs and mattresses, diaper bags, maternity clothes and newborn strollers. There is a long list of anxious new moms who chose life for their babies and are now in need of these items. Bring them to St. Mark or call at 954-963-2229.



Adorers of the Blessed Sacrament

My dear Adorers,

Due to limited space in the October 25th bulletin, our weekly report was not published.

During the week of October 12th - (191) sisters and brothers of Jesus enrolled as *Adorers of the Blessed Sacrament*. This brings our enrollment total to 1245 Adorers. During the week our Lord was visited by 361 Adorers in the chapel for a total of 253 hours. This week was very special. I want to thank Mrs. Susan Mikluscak, Director of St. Mark Religious Education (C.C.D.), and her staff, catechists and volunteers who have become members of our prayer group. Through the grace of our Lord their young students will also be exposed to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and become members after the first of the year 2010. Jesus is very pleased to know that all St Mark school children will be given the opportunity to visit with Him.

During the week of October 19th - (35) sisters and brothers of Jesus enrolled as *Adorers of the Blessed Sacrament*. This brings our enrollment total to 1280 Adorers. During the week our Lord was visited by 333 Adorers in the chapel for a total of 225 hours. Our Lord is pleased with His many Adorers.

Let it be known. If we can adore the Eucharistic presence of Christ when reposed in a tabernacle, why do we then need to expose the Blessed Sacrament on an altar? It is not essential for exposition to take place to have Eucharistic adoration, yet people report experiencing a greater sense of intimacy with Jesus and attentiveness of mind and heart to prayer when they are able to actually "see" our Eucharistic Lord. Moreover, according to Church regulations, exposing the Blessed Sacrament for a period of time requires the presence of a sufficient number of people to be there and therefore fosters the commitment needed to establish and sustain a meaningful parish Eucharistic adoration program. But the best reason for having exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is simply that God wills it. During His Eucharistic discourse, Jesus made this unmistakably clear: "*Indeed, this is the will of My Heavenly Father, that everyone who looks upon the Son, and believes in Him, shall have eternal life. Him I will raise up on the last day*" (John 6:40).

The membership enrollment book is located in the Chapel. Just enter your name and take a numbered membership card and become an *Adorer of the Blessed Sacrament*.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel

Monday - 8:30 AM - 8:30 PM

Tuesday to Friday - 8:30 AM - 12:00 Noon

"Sisters: A Life of Love"

A Vocation Retreat for Women"

Are you praying to discover God's loving plan for your life? Would you like to spend a 24 hr. retreat with the Sisters of St. Joseph to pray with, learn from and enjoy their sharings about their lives as religious Sisters. Individual meetings for spiritual direction with the Sisters will be available. If so, call or write to Sr. Kathleen Power at ssjfvocations@bellsouth.net or 904-610-9228.

Retreat info: Dates: Friday, November 13th (4 PM) - Saturday, November 14th (4 PM)

Place: St. Joseph Convent Motherhouse, St. Augustine, FL Cost: \$10

Sister Kathleen Power, SSJ Director of Vocations



YOUTH GROUP is off to a great start! Come meet kids from surrounding high schools for fellowship and fun. Lots of activities, speakers, and service hour ideas are planned. Meetings are held on Monday nights at 7:00 PM until 8:15 PM in the St. Mark School building, room 215 (upstairs in the north wing). Pick-up of participants will be by the fountain on the Piazza at 8:15 PM. If you can't make it this Monday, please join us next week. You are always invited!

We welcome interested young adults and those who are young at heart to volunteer. Your participation will help in the future development of the program to service our youth in the parish.

Any questions, please contact: Tania Garza 954-662-1867 / tgarza89@yahoo.com or the office of Religious Education 954-252-9899/ stmarkrelig@aol.com

Religious Education

Thank you to the parents, sponsors and Pre-Confirmation students who attended our Commitment Mass on Tuesday, October 27, 2009. The Confirmation students of the class of Teresa Kennedy, Gilda Amores and Guy Pagan assisted at this mass -- each one of you are to be commended for your reverent participation.

A reminder to the few families who did not attend our Reconciliation Sacramental Catechesis on Tuesday, October 20, 2009: please stop by the Religious Education Office in the Parish Center for a packet of information that was distributed at this beautiful paraliturgy.

Flyers were sent home last week as the kickoff to our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. Each student was assigned an item (check for the coupon!) to bring in to class on either Tuesday, November 17th or Wednesday, November 18th to contribute to the class food basket. If you have any question regarding this charitable project, please ask your child's teacher or call the office of Religious Education (954-252-9899). If any family would like to get involved with food baskets or if you own a business that would like to donate in bulk, please call our office or the Parish Outreach (954-434-3777).

Classes will soon begin for Altar Server Training. To be eligible, boys and girls must be in the fourth grade or above and have already received the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Sign up sheets were distributed to our eligible students last week and anyone who is interested should complete the form and turn it in to their catechist or directly to the Office of Religious Education no later than Tuesday, November 2nd or Wednesday, November 3rd.



The topic for our gathering on Monday, November 2nd will be: A Church Tour. For this week's lesson, we will meet in the Gathering Space of the Church at 7:00 PM.

Catholic Scripture Study International presents Preparing for Christ --- Advent Study. Based on this year's Sunday Mass readings during Advent, this study includes 4 lessons plus an introduction. It was available as of October 24th online at www.cssprogram.net. A separate "Answer Key" to study questions is included with each book.

Throughout the year the Archdiocese of Miami, neighboring Churches and surrounding communities ask for our assistance in spreading the word about activities, ministries and services that may be of interest to you, our parishioners. While it is not feasible to include all of these notices each week, we try to share the information as space allows.

St. Bonaventure Catholic Church Carnival - 1301 S. W. 136th Avenue, Davie - November 5th thru November 8th - international food court, live entertainment, rides, games, raffle.

The **Marian Center** is located in northwest Miami near St. Thomas University. It is a school for students with developmental disabilities. It provides educational, residential, clinical, vocational and recreational programs to over 150 students ranging in age from birth through middle adulthood. It was founded in 1963 under the Archdiocese of Miami. For further information call 1-305-200-8927.

Archbishop Mc Carthy High School Maverick Players present "Into the Woods" from December 10th through the 13th. For more information or to purchase tickets call Alice Ferrer at 1-305-984-3005

Vendors are needed for the **Saint David Women's Club Christmas Arts & Crafts Bazaar** on December 5 & 6th, 2009. Hours are Saturday 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM and Sunday 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Tables are \$65.00 for the 2-day event. If you would like to be a part of our Bazaar please contact Sara Looker at 954-581-7828.

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