

ST. MARK

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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JULY 6, 2025
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A

ST. MARK CHURCH

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil - 4 pm
Sunday - 9 am, 11 am (Español)

DAILY MASS

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday - 9 am
Thursday - 6:30 pm (Español)

RECONCILIATION & HOLY HOUR

Thursday - 5:30-6:30 pm

ST. DOMINIC CHAPEL

VIGIL MASS

Saturday Vigil - 6 pm & 7:30 pm (NCW)

DAILY MASS

Tuesday - 6 pm (Español)

PARISH OFFICE

Tuesday & Thursday - 9:00 am - 4 pm
Wednesday - 9 am - 12 pm
Monday, Friday, Saturday - Closed

WELCOME!



WELCOME TO ST. MARK!

Welcome to our parish family! Whether you're a lifelong Catholic, new to the faith, or simply visiting, we hope you feel truly at home here. We warmly invite you to join us for Mass, participate in our ministries, and engage in our parish events as we journey together in faith. May God bless you abundantly, and we look forward to having you with us!

OUR CLERGY

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SCRIPTURE READINGS & CALENDAR

Monday, July 7

Gn 28:10-22a | Mt 9:18-26

Adoration until 4pm

Tuesday, July 8

Gn 32:23-33 | Mt 9:32-38

9am Mass

5pm Adoration & 6pm Mass (St. Dominic)
(Spanish)

Wednesday, July 9

Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a | Mt 10:1-7

9am Mass

Thursday, July 10

Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5 | Mt 10:7-15

5:30pm Adoration & 6:30pm Mass
(Spanish)

Friday, July 11 Saint Benedict, Abbot

Gn 46:1-7, 28-30 | Mt 10:16-23

9am Mass

Saturday, July 12

Morning: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a | Mt 10:24-33

4pm Mass

6pm Mass (St. Dominic) (Spanish)

Sunday, July 13 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 30:10-14 | Col 1:15-20 | Lk 10:25-37

9:00am Mass (English)

11:00am Mass (Spanish)

4pm 24hr Adoration begins

PARISH BREAKFAST

On Sunday, July 13, the youth of our parish will be making breakfast after the 9am Mass in St. John's Hall. All are invited. Proceeds from the breakfast will go towards the Jubilee pilgrimage that the youth will be taking this month.

GIDDY UP AND HEAD ON

OVER TO ST. MARK'S



FAMILY

WESTERN NIGHT



FRIDAY, JULY 11TH

FOOD, MUSIC, & LOTS OF FUN

@ 7PM

Hosted @ St. Mark in the social hall/outside

5410 GA-197, CLARKESVILLE, GA 30523

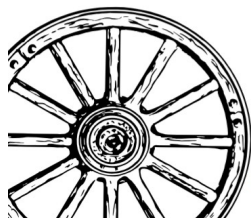
\$40 per couple

\$65 per family

CASH, CHECK, VENMO, CASH APP, ZELLE

FOR RESERVATIONS
CONTACT KAREN 470-208-1067

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO YOUTH JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE



OFFERTORY AND PRAYERS

OFFERTORY-JUNE 28-29, 2025

St. Mark's Collection	\$ 4,912
On Line Collection	\$
St. Dominic Chapel	\$ 848
Total Collection	\$ 5,760

DONATE ONLINE

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 5

4pm (+) Kevin Callahan
6pm (+) Virginia Gonzalez

Sunday, July 6

9am (+) Ruth Lammers
(+) Kevin Callahan

Sunday, July 6

11am (+) Gerardo Sanchez-Delgado
(+) Jose Hernandez (L) Erick Mares
(+) Josefina Camargo (L) Alejandro Villagomez
(L) Familia Camargo Fuentes
(+) Lorenzo Villagomez

POPE BENEDICT XVI WRITES ABOUT PURGATORY

Before becoming Pope, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger wrote the following in "Eschatology: Death and Eternal Life":

"The essential Christian understanding of Purgatory has now become clear. Purgatory is not, as Tertullian thought, some kind of supra-worldly concentration camp where man is forced to undergo punishment in a more or less arbitrary fashion. Rather is it the inwardly necessary process of transformation in which a person becomes capable of Christ, capable of God and thus capable of unity with the whole communion of saints. Simply to look at people with any degree of realism at all is to grasp the necessity of such a process..."

And as Pope, he wrote the following in his encyclical "Spe Salvi" :

"Some recent theologians are of the opinion that the fire which both burns and saves is Christ himself, the Judge and Savior. The encounter with him is the decisive act of judgement. Before his gaze all falsehood melts away. This encounter with him, as it burns us, transforms and frees us, allowing us to become truly ourselves. All that we build during our lives can prove to be mere straw, pure bluster, and it collapses. Yet in the pain of this encounter, when the impurity and sickness of our lives become evident to us, there lies salvation. His gaze, the touch of his heart heals us through an undeniably painful transformation "as through fire." But it is a blessed pain, in which the holy power of his love sears through us like a flame, enabling us to become totally ourselves and thus totally of God. In this way the inter-relation between justice and grace also becomes clear: the way we live our lives is not immaterial, but our defilement does not stain us for ever if we have at least continued to reach out towards Christ, towards truth and towards love. Indeed, it has already been burned away through Christ's Passion. At the moment of judgement we experience and we absorb the overwhelming power of his love over all the evil in the world and in ourselves. The pain of love becomes our salvation and our joy. It is clear that we cannot calculate the "duration" of this transforming burning in terms of the chronological measurements of this world. The transforming "moment" of this encounter eludes earthly time-reckoning—it is the heart's time, it is the time of "passage" to communion with God in the Body of Christ.

ANUNCIOS PARROQUIALES

AQUELLOS QUE ESTÁN CONFINADOS EN CASA

Si alguien conoce a algún familiar, amigo o feligrés que esté confinado en su hogar, enfermo o que no pueda asistir a misa o recibir el sacramento de la reconciliación, comuníquese con la oficina parroquial con su nombre para que puedan ser visitados.

DESAYUNO PARROQUIAL

El domingo 13 de julio, los jóvenes de nuestra parroquia prepararán el desayuno después de la misa de las 9:00 a. m. en el Salón San Juan. Todos están invitados. Lo recaudado con el desayuno se destinará a la peregrinación jubilar que realizarán los jóvenes este mes.

EL PAPA BENEDICTO XVI ESCRIBE SOBRE EL PURGATORIO

Antes de convertirse en Papa, el cardenal Joseph Ratzinger escribió lo siguiente en "Escatología: Muerte y Vida Eterna":

"La comprensión cristiana esencial del Purgatorio ha quedado ahora clara. El Purgatorio no es, como pensaba Tertuliano, una especie de campo de concentración supramundano donde el hombre es obligado a sufrir castigos de forma más o menos arbitraria. Es más bien el proceso interno de transformación necesario en el que una persona se vuelve capaz de Cristo, capaz de Dios y, por lo tanto, capaz de la unidad con toda la comunión de los santos. Simplemente observar a las personas con un mínimo de realismo es comprender la necesidad de tal proceso..."

Y como Papa, escribió lo siguiente en su encíclica "Spe Salvi":

"Algunos teólogos recientes opinan que el fuego que quema y salva es Cristo mismo, Juez y Salvador. El encuentro con él es el acto decisivo del juicio. Ante su mirada, toda falsedad se desvanece. Este encuentro con él, al quemarnos, nos transforma y nos libera, permitiéndonos ser verdaderamente nosotros mismos. Todo lo que construimos durante nuestra vida puede resultar ser mera paja, pura fanfarronería, y se derrumba. Sin embargo, en el dolor de este encuentro, cuando la impureza y la enfermedad de nuestras vidas se nos hacen evidentes, reside la salvación. Su mirada, el toque de su corazón nos sana mediante una transformación innegablemente dolorosa, «como a través del fuego». Pero es un dolor bendito, en el que el poder sagrado de su amor nos abrasa como una llama, permitiéndonos convertirnos plenamente en nosotros mismos y, por lo tanto, en totalmente de Dios. De esta manera, la interrelación entre justicia y gracia también se hace evidente: nuestra forma de vivir no es inmaterial, pero nuestra impureza no nos mancha para siempre si al menos hemos continuado extendiéndonos hacia Cristo, hacia la verdad y hacia el amor. De hecho, ya ha sido consumida por la Pasión de Cristo. En el momento del juicio, experimentamos y absorbemos el poder abrumador de su amor sobre todo el mal del mundo y sobre nosotros mismos. El dolor del amor se convierte en nuestra salvación y nuestra alegría. Es evidente que no podemos calcular la duración de este ardor transformador en términos de las medidas cronológicas de este mundo. El momento transformador de este encuentro escapa al cálculo del tiempo terrenal: es el tiempo del corazón, es el tiempo del paso a la comunión con Dios en el Cuerpo de Cristo.