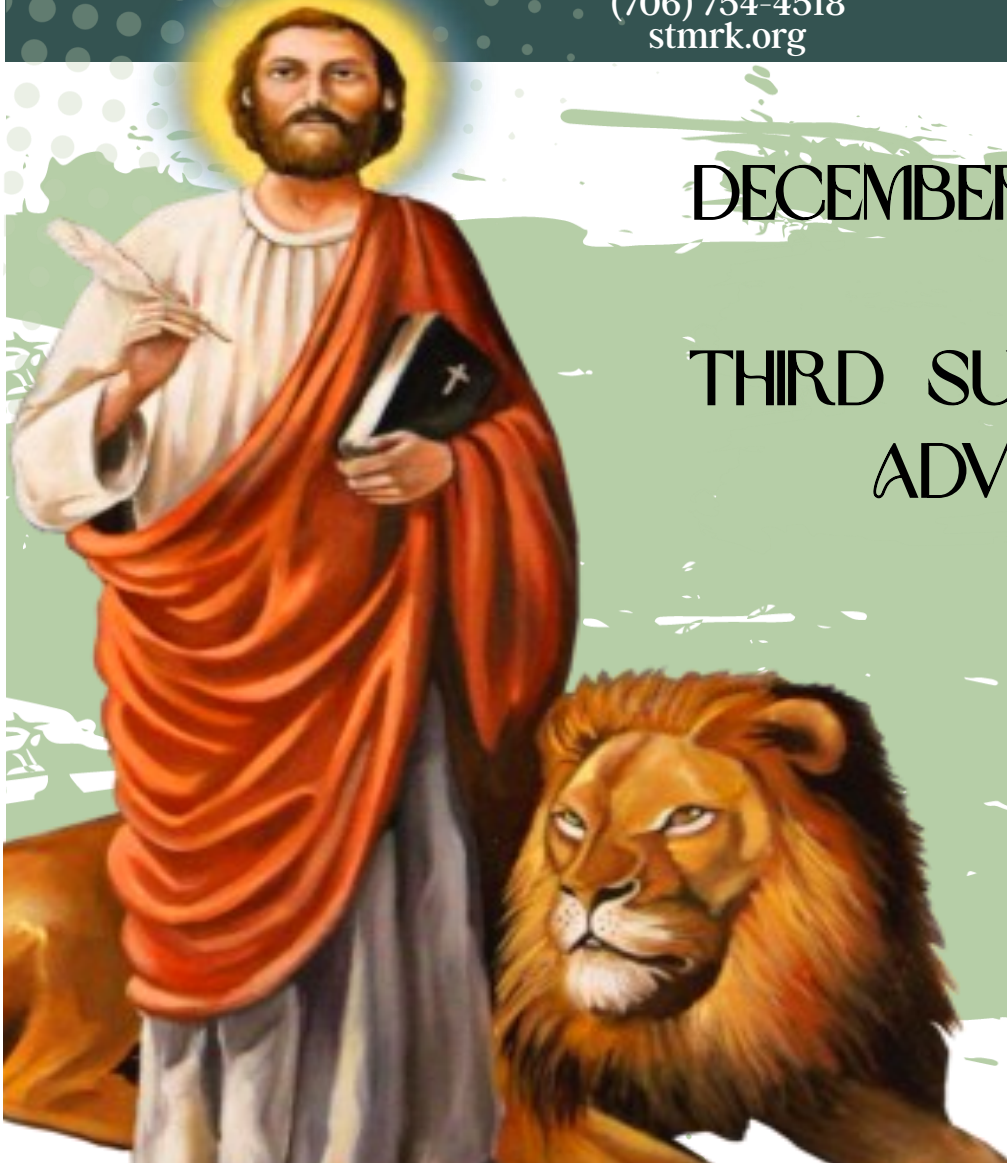


St. Mark

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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DECEMBER 14, 2025

THIRD SUNDAY OF
ADVENT

ST. MARK CHURCH

SUNDAY MASSES

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

DAILY MASS

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

RECONCILIATION & ADORATION

Friday - 5:00-6:30 pm

24 HOUR ADORATION

Sunday 4pm - Monday 4pm

ST. DOMINIC CHAPEL

427 CASH STREET, CORNELIA, GA 30531

VIGIL MASS

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

DAILY MASS

Tuesday - 6 pm (Español)

ADORATION

Tuesday - 5:00-6:00 pm

PARISH OFFICE

Monday thru Friday - 10am - 4pm
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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PRAYER LIST

Please remember the following parishioners in your prayers:

Ricardo Valdez, Curtes Todd, Erick Mares, Jesenia Retana, Santiaga Torres, Joan and Dom Salute, Richard Adams, Nancy Rithmire, Deacon Rich Marinchak, Leonel Hernandez, Robert Kilgore, Kim Shirley, Bob Hensley, Reyes Ramirez



SCRIPTURE READINGS & CALENDAR

SUNDAY: YEAR A DAILY: YEAR 2 PSALTER: WEEK 3

Monday, December 15

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a | Mt 21:23-27

Adoration until 4pm

5:00am Morning Prayer

6:00pm RCIA (English) (St. Dominic)

Tuesday, December 16

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 | Mt 21:28-32

5:00am Morning Prayer

9:00am Mass

10:00am Bible Class

5:00pm Adoration & 6:00pm Mass (St. Dominic)
(Español)

7:00pm Posadas Begin (St. Mark and St. Dominic)

Wednesday, December 17

Gn 49:2, 8-10 | Mt 1:1-17

5:00am Morning Prayer

9:00am Mass

6:00pm-7:30pm Religious Education (St. Dominic)

7:00pm Penance Celebration

Thursday, December 18

Jer 23:5-8 | Mt 1:18-25

5:00am Morning Prayer

9:00am Mass

5:00pm-6:00pm Confessions (St. Mark)

Friday, December 19

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a | Lk 1:5-25

5:00am Morning Prayer

9:00am Mass

No Confessions, Adoration or Mass at St. Dominic

Saturday, December 20

Morning: Is 7:10-14 | Lk 1:26-38

4:00pm Mass

6:00pm Mass (St. Dominic) (Español)

7:30pm Mass (NCW) St. Dominic

Sunday, December 21 Third Sunday of Advent

(Psalter Week 4)

Is 7:10-14 | Rom 1:1-7 | Mt 1:18-24

8:00am RCIA (Español) (St. Dominic)

9:00am Mass

10:00am Family Catechesis Class

11:00am Mass (Español)

4:00pm 24 hr Adoration begins

OFFERTORY AND PRAYERS

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 13

4:00pm (+) Ann Ott

(+) Fred Guth Sr.

(s) Renate, Elizabeth and Fred Guth Jr.

6:00pm (+) Animas del Purgatorio

Sunday, December 7

9:00am (+) Brian Thompson

11:00am (+) Eusebio Silva Ramirez

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

This month, we pray for:

All the intentions of the Holy Father

For the month of December:

“That Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.”

OFFERTORY-DEC 6-7, 2025

St. Mark's Collection	\$	6,199
On Line Collection	\$	886
St. Dominic Chapel	\$	971
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Total Collection	\$	8,056

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Mass Schedule:

Christmas Eve (Wed, Dec 24)

5:00pm Children's Mass (English)

8:00pm Mass (Español)

Christmas Day (Thurs Dec 25)

Midnight Mass (English)

9:00am Mass (English)

11:00am Mass (Español)

POSADAS

This year's Posada activities will begin on Tuesday, December 16, and will be held both at St. Mark and at St. Dominic at 7pm. All are invited, especially all the children.

LAS POSADAS



The word *posada* means “inn” or “shelter” in Spanish. The tradition of Las Posadas reenacts the biblical story of Mary and Joseph on their Journey to Bethlehem. Each evening from December 16 to Christmas Eve, participants gather to remember the couple's struggle to find a warm place for Jesus' birth.

Las Posadas is more than just a religious observance; it's a time for friends, family, and neighbors to come together in unity, singing, celebrating, and reflecting on the true meaning of Christmas.

Las Posadas culminate on Nochebuena (Christmas Eve), the most important night in the Mexican Christmas calendar.

After the final Posada, families come together to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Many attend La Misa de Gallo (Midnight Mass), and a festive meal is shared. The celebration of Las Posadas, with its music, food, piñatas, and prayers, brings the warmth of community and faith to life in a way that is uniquely Mexican.

UPCOMING PILGRIMAGE MEETING

Wednesday, Dec 17, 6:00pm (St. Dominic) Meeting of parents of those youth interested in going to the Youth pilgrimage to Washington D.C.

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.

HORARIO DE LA MISA DE NAVIDAD

Horario de misas de Nochebuena y Navidad:

Nochebuena (miércoles, 24 de diciembre)

Misa de niños a las 5:00pm (inglés)

Misa a las 8:00pm (español)

Navidad (jueves, 25 de diciembre)

Misa de medianoche (inglés)

Misa a las 9:00am (inglés)

Misa a las 11:00am (español)

POSADAS

Las actividades de la Posada de este año comenzarán el martes 16 de diciembre y se celebrarán tanto en San Marcos como en Santo Domingo a las 7:00pm. Todos están invitados, especialmente los niños.

INTENCIONES ESPECIALES

Este mes, oramos por:

Todas las intenciones del Santo Padre

Para el mes de diciembre

“Para que los cristianos que viven en zonas de guerra o conflicto, especialmente en Oriente Medio, sean semillas de paz, reconciliación y esperanza”.

LAS POSADAS



La palabra posada significa "posada" o "refugio" en español. La tradición de Las Posadas recrea la historia bíblica de María y José en su viaje a Belén. Cada noche, desde el 16 de diciembre hasta la Nochebuena, los participantes se reúnen para recordar la lucha de la pareja por encontrar un lugar cálido para el nacimiento de Jesús. Las Posadas son más que una simple celebración religiosa; son un momento para que amigos, familiares y vecinos se reúnan en unidad, cantando, celebrando y reflexionando sobre el verdadero significado de la Navidad. Las Posadas culminan en Nochebuena, la noche más importante del calendario navideño mexicano. Después de la última Posada, las familias se reúnen para celebrar el nacimiento de Jesús. Muchos asisten a la Misa de Gallo y comparten una comida festiva. La celebración de Las Posadas, con su música, comida, piñatas y oraciones, da vida a la calidez de la comunidad y la fe de una manera exclusivamente mexicana.

