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Tuesday - Thursday | 8:30 am - 2:30 pm Friday | 8:30 am—12:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Video Mass is available each weekend on the Website.

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Wednesday | 12:00 Noon Thursday | 9:00 am Friday | 9:00 am followed by Rosary. Exposition on First Friday of the Month First Saturday of the Month | 9:00 am WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday | 4:00 pm **Sunday** | 8:00 am, 10:30 am

CHAPEL

Monday—Thursday | 6:00 am—7:00 pm Friday | 6;00 am—3:30 pm Saturday & Sunday | 6:00 am—7:00 pm

CONFESSION

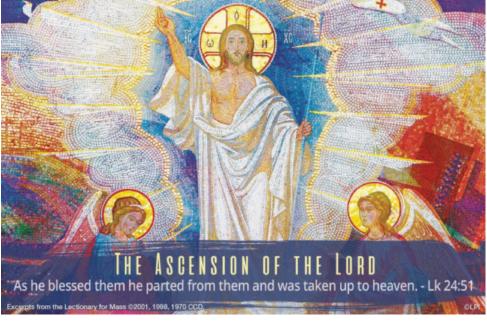
Saturday | 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm Other | By appointment

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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Today we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. St. Luke concludes his gospel with the Ascension of the Lord and the directive to the disciples to be witnesses to the world of the wonders of the Kingdom of God. Then St. Luke writes another book, this one about the Early Church and the ministries of Peter and Paul from Jerusalem to Rome. This book is the *Acts of the Apostles*. Now at the very beginning of *Acts*, today's first reading, we hear again about the Lord's Ascension and the directive to the disciples to be witnesses to the world of the wonders of God's Kingdom.

Of all the wonders and preaching of the Lord, St. Luke prepares us for the story of the Early Church by recalling the Ascension and the Lord's mandate that his disciples be witnesses to the world. Jesus is still mystically present in the Holy Spirit. The main focus of the disciples is to be witnesses. The whole *Acts of the Apostles* is about their witnessing. It is also a call for us to be witnesses.

When we hear the term *witness* our natural inclination is to consider a witness in a court room. But being a witness is much more than reporting on an incident. In calling the disciples to be witnesses, Luke is telling them, and us, to report on the entire story of salvation history. We are to proclaim to the world that the spiritual is real, that mankind sacrificed the spiritual for the pleasures of the world, and that God loves us so much that he restored the spiritual through the sacrifice of His Son. We are to proclaim that there is more to life than what meets the eye. Jesus Christ is still with us. His Holy Spirit empowers us. Our sins will be forgiven. Everlasting life is offered to us.

We probably will not be called upon to make the choice of choosing Christ or denying Him, although many in Iraq, in Asia and in Africa, are making that very choice as we speak. However, we need to give witness to the fundamental truth of love in the world. We need to stand against hatred; prejudice; and the destruction of life. We must stand for the poor, the immigrant and the stranger among us.

That is on the negative, but there are wonderful positives. Being a witness to Jesus Christ means letting others know that life can be so much more than a series of failures and successes. Being a witness to Jesus Christ means proclaiming to the world that meaning and purpose and fulfillment can have the infinitely wonderful dimension of eternal union with God. Being a witness to Jesus Christ means proclaiming with our lives that happiness is offered to all who dare to embrace God.

In Christ's Love, Fr. Bob

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We the members and families of Saint Mark the Evangelist, a Roman Catholic Church in the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama, are a Eucharistic community rooted in the Word of God responding to God's call by:

Glorifying God by proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ by word and deed in our daily lives,

Serving one another within and outside the Parish community especially those needing an advocate,

Forming the community spiritually through worship, prayer and education at all stages of life,

Including all, omitting none, with Christ-like love and understanding,

Being good stewards of the gifts given to us and seeking to use them wisely, to live as the body of Christ with Mary, the Mother of God, as our model on our journey of faith.

FINANCIAL COLLECTIONS

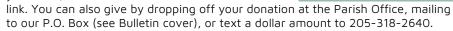
FOR THE WEEKEND OF 05/15/22

Total Collection	\$62,806
Holy Days	\$615
Building Fund	\$25,669
Weekly Offertory	\$36,522

YEAR TO DATE

Parish Debt-New PLC BLDG.	\$3,774,938
Budget	\$689,003
Total Collection	
Holy Days	\$10,991
Building Fund	\$409,800
Weekly Offertory	\$403,002
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Thank you for your continued generous giving!

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul at St. Mark the Evangelist Church helps hundreds of our neighbors throughout the greater Birmingham area with utilities and rental assistance. Donate your used vehicles (cars, trucks, boats, etc.) and support our mission to help prevent evictions and keep the utilities on. Donating is easy, tax deductible and free towing is provided. Just call 800-322-8284 and specify that you want your donation to go to the St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Mark the Evangelist Church, Birmingham.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

If you or a loved one is unable to attend Mass, but would like to receive Communion, please call the Parish Office at 205-980-1810 extension 6 or email Sr. Margaret Mary Liang at pastoralcare@stmarkrc.org.

FLOWER DONATIONS

If you would like to donate flowers for the altar, Mary, or Joseph to honor a loved one, please contact Allison Creel at 205-222-0211 or saintmarksflowers@gmail.com.

PRAYER LIST

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READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 30

Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday, May 31

Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday, June 1

12:00 pm Mass † Lenora DeMarco

Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday, June 2

9:00 am Mass † Joe Scotch

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday, June 3

9:00 am Mass † Pat Bruno (SI)

Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday, June 4

4:00 pm Mass † Wesley & Lindsay Wright (SI)

Next Sunday, June 5 - PENTECOST

8:00 am Mass † Jim Smith

10:30 am Mass † People of the Parish Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13

SYMPATHY

Let us pray to the Lord for all who have Died, especially,

... Kathleen Matuszak, wife of Dennis Matuszak

NEWS AND UPDATES

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS QUARTERLY SERVICE DAY

Our council would like to express gratitude to our parish for supporting our last quarterly family service day in March. Your donations of clothing and especially jackets were much appreciated by those that were in great need.

Please join the Knights of Columbus for a quarterly family service day on June 11, 2022. You and your family are invited to come share in prayer and serve the poor on the streets of Birmingham. We will serve with the Friars and Sisters - Fraternity Poor of Jesus Christ. We will start with a Rosary at the Friars house beginning at 1:30PM. Then, we will make 75 lunches to carry around downtown Birmingham. We travel in cars following each other and stop at multiple points to step out and serve the poor. We offer hot chocolate, lunch, water, clothing and toiletries, as well as words of encouragement and prayer. Your family is welcome to join for any or all of the activities.

Date - Saturday June 11th

Time - Rosary - 1:30PM, Begin our Service Time at 2:00PM, Ends around 5 or 5.30. Location - Meet behind Our Lady of Fatima - Friar's House - 44 16th Ave S, Birmingham AL 35205

If you cannot serve we also welcome donations to help the poor. The items in constant need are:

- Toiletries (Travel size preferred) Toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, shampoo
- Food Individually packed goods Granola Bars, Chips, Canned meat with hand open top
- Clothing Most of the poor are men Most in need of Large, XL, XXL, etc. Blankets, Coats, Jackets, Socks, Shirts, Pants, etc.
- Check Please make out to Fraternity Poor of Jesus Christ The Friars use this for lunch materials and miscellaneous items each week

Prayers - Please pray for the Franciscan Friars, Sisters and the poor of Birmingham

We only have about 20 spots available for each quarter. In March we only had about 7 people show up, so there is room. If you would like to reserve a spot, please contact Christopher Rohling at <u>rohlingce@gmail.com</u> or c:205-515-4193.

SUPPER CLUB

St. Mark's Supper Club is open to all adults. We meet at a local restaurant for dinner and socializing. It's a wonderful way to meet your fellow parishioners and share a meal. Our upcoming supper will be held at Ming's Cuisine, 514 Cahaba Park Circle, Birmingham, AL 35242 behind the car wash on 280. We'll meet at 5:15 p.m. on Saturday, June 11. Each person is responsible for paying for their own meal. Contact for reservations is Cathy Johnson at obasanla@gmail.com, or call 205-266 -9685. Deadline for reservations is Thursday, June 9.

GREENE COUNTY MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE

Monthly grocery collection the Center of Concern in Eutaw will be next weekend, June 4 & 5. Special needs are cleaning supplies, hygiene items, especially female hygienic supplies, and as always, peanut butter! Please be generous with your donations. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer in this mission, please contact Peter Bibbo.

SHAWLS OF HOPE

There will be a meeting of the Prayer Shawl ministry, Shawls for Hope, on Tuesday, May 31st, at 10:30 in the Parish Hall. This ministry provides comfort and prayers for someone experiencing a challenging time through the gift of a shawl. Since the onset of this ministry we have gifted almost 200 shawls and received some very positive feedback from the recipients. We welcome new members to this ministry. If you have any questions or would like to request a shawl please contact Linda Townsley at litownsley@gmail.com or 407 461-0265.

Registration for Upcoming 2022-23 PSR Available Online at stmarkrc.org



Participants and Volunteers VBS Registration is OPEN! Join us June 13th through 17th 9:00 am – Noon Register at stmarkrc.org.

Join us this week to explore, learn and grow in our Catholic faith! The goal of this program is to help children understand the importance of Mary, Our Blessed Mother, and how she leads us closer to her son Jesus.

On Saturday, May 7th, the *Our Lady of Fatima* Guild hosted Johnnette Williams of EWTN and Women of Grace for our First Annual Ladies' Spring Retreat. It was a lovely day in the Lord and we appreciate all the ladies who participated as we were able to gain so much from each other sharing in the day. Thank you to all who joined us and to the wonderful members of the guild who helped provide for such a memorable time together.









The Our Lady of Fatima Guild at Saint Mark helps support the youth of our parish through annual fundraisers to help fund LifeTeen summer camp. We also encourage First Saturday devotion and daily recitation of the Rosary. To learn more or to join the guild, please go to https://sites.google.com/stmarkrc.org/olfguild/home.

LITURGICAL LIFE

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE	Saturday June 4 4:00 PM	Sunday June 5 8:00 AM	Sunday June 5 10:30 AM
ORDINARY MINISTER OF COMMUNION			
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF COMMUNION	Pat Kantaris, Paul Ferlitto, Barbara Dayton	Annemarie DiCihara, Rosemary Johnson, Jose Marrero	Christopher Bowers, Jackie Dudley, Geri Elkourie, John Elkourie
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GREETERS	Becky Green, Pat Kantaris	Anthony and Diane Cuicchi	
ALTAR SERVER	Elizabeth Zaleski	Kyle Heberlein, Kelly Creel, Kieran Ford	Jonathan, Juliana, and Nathaniel Rohling
ALTAR LINENS	Geri Elkourie		
CANTORS	Kathryn Garaca	Tom Membrino	Matt Stewart



God of love, Our world is wrought with war and violence, as brother turns on brother, and the innocent awake to gunfire and bombs. May Your compassion and healing move hearts and bring a new day to Ukraine. Fortify your children to resist aggression and instead become instruments of peace. We ask this in the name of the One who is the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ. Amen.



Pentecost Vespers

June 5th at 5:00 PM in the Church with reflection on the Lord's prayer.



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PILGRIMAGES TO CONSIDER:

Pilgrimage to Italy in honor of the Diaconate Ordination of Daniel Sessions — September 20 to October 1, 2022, led by Father John McDonald. \$4,200.00 per person, double occupancy / \$4,700.00, single occupancy. For more information, email info@caravelletours.com.

Catholic Europe and the Passion Play - August 1 - 11, 2022. This journey will take you through the Czech Republic, Germany and Austria. The cost is \$4490.00. For more information, visit our website www.prorometours.com or contact us today at office@prorome.com or at (434) 953-1112.

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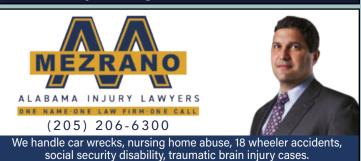


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