

# St. Mark Catholic Church

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*Twenty - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*September 22, 2024*



## MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday - Anticipated Mass 5PM

Sunday - 7:30, 9:00 & 11:30AM

## DAILY MASS SCHEDULE:

Monday - Friday - 8:30AM

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 3:30PM - 4:30PM

**Bulletin News for October 6th must be submitted to Tricia Palko by Wednesday, September 25th**

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The Story and You



Sacred Conversations

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

It was even more dangerous to be a child in the ancient world than it is today. The infant mortality rate was huge, and if you made it to your first birthday you still had to survive the many calamities that still plague children today. Think back on your own childhood. What accidents or illnesses might have proved fatal without modern medicine?

In times of food scarcity children were the last to be fed—first the boys, and, finally, the girls. In some Middle Eastern cultures, children were sacrificed to the gods in order to ensure good harvests, and rain. That little child whom Jesus called over had already beaten the odds a million times.

It was the very low economic and social status of children that Jesus was pointing out to his disciples. *Here's this child*, he seems to say. *Take a good look. When you serve a child, you serve me.* That must have been incomprehensible to those who had followed Jesus for hundreds of miles, in deserts and on lakes, because of his great charisma and warmth. He had much higher status than a child, didn't he?

If you're like me, I'll bet your friends are popular, attractive, accomplished. As I survey my own "contacts," I have to honestly admit that I don't have any friends who have severe mental challenges. I don't have any friends who are in prison, or who live on the street.

It's not that I haven't had the time to make these friends. I somehow found the time, after all, to cultivate the friends I have. *Notice the ones you never notice*, says Jesus. *There I am, in the midst of them.*

***Who is the person you've been trying not to notice?***

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**BRING THIS BEAUTIFUL STATUE OF MARY TO YOUR HOME FOR A SPECIAL TIME OF PRAYER.**

St. Mark Knights of Columbus will deliver her and pick her up at your home!

**HOW TO BRING THIS PRAYER TO YOUR HOME**

Call the parish office 303-466-8720 and reserve the statue for the amount of time that is convenient for you. Arrangements will be made for the statue to be brought to your home when it is convenient.

After receiving the statue of Mary into your home you can invite your neighbors, friends and family to gather for one week to share in a community of prayer and to pray for the sake of world peace in our lives together.

This would be a great opportunity to teach your family this important prayer of the church. All the directions and suggestions for the times of prayer will be provided with the Statue when you receive it into your home.

We can make a difference with our prayer together. We can pray for ourselves, we can pray for the sick and dying, we can pray for the lost and forsaken souls. We can also pray for the world.



**ADORATION CHAPEL**

Join Mary and Jesus in the Adoration Chapel. Please come spend time in prayer with both of them during office hours.  
Monday—Thursday 9am - 4pm  
Friday 9am - Noon



God loves a good mess if it helps us get the message. And he is OK with things breaking sometimes, especially when it allows him to break through to us.  
Matthew Warner

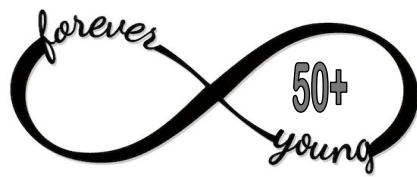
**OUR PARISH FAMILY**

Rest in Peace:  
Sara Marquez





**September 22, 2024 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**President:**  
Lois Tochtrop  
303-619-4253  
**Dues: \$10 (single)**  
**\$15 (couple)**

\* **Potluck Cancelled in September,**

**FYI SAVE THE DATE**

**Next potluck Tuesday October 1st (we begin eating sharply at 11:30am)** in the Center. **Pizza party** Please bring food to share according to your last name, drinks will be provided.

**A-G** Dessert, **H-M** Main (instead of food bring \$5),  
**N-Z** Side

Entertainment: Larry O'Connell Man of Many Songs

Yearly dues will be collected \$10 single/ \$15 couple

\* **Book Club Tuesday, September 24th, 10:00am**

St. Rose Room / Church

Book: *The Women* by: *Khristin Hannah*

**OCIA FORMERLY KNOWN AS RCIA**

**ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS**

Are you missing out on receiving the Eucharist during Mass? Is it because you aren't Catholic, or maybe you are Catholic but haven't completed your Sacraments Holy Eucharist and/or Confirmation? Have you thought about becoming Catholic to be in full communion with the Church? We have just the class for you **OCIA!**

*A JOURNEY IN FAITH*

**Classes are Tuesday evenings beginning October 1st 6:00PM-7:30PM.** OCIA registration form is available on our website [www.saintmarkcc.org](http://www.saintmarkcc.org) under Faith Formation/OCIA. For more information contact Tricia 303-466-8720 or email Tom Palko at [tom.palko@saintmarkcc.org](mailto:tom.palko@saintmarkcc.org)

**BUILDING FUND DONATIONS - WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP!**

If you would like to help lower the debt of the Building Loan - donations are always appreciated and welcomed, **any amount at any time.** Please pick-up a pink labeled envelope from any of the book racks or label envelope clearly for "Building Fund" and place in the offertory basket or mail to the office. Are you aware that you can also make donations online? Go to online giving at [www.saintmarkcc.org](http://www.saintmarkcc.org), click on donation - select Building Fund. Every penny counts!

*Mass Intentions*  
*September 23rd - 29th*

*Monday, September 23rd*  
St. Mark Parishioners

*Tuesday, September 24th*

+ Bill Proksch

*Wednesday, September 25th*

+ Kenneth Scudder

*Thursday, September 26th*

+ Ozzie Osborn

*Friday, September 27th*

St. Mark Parishioners

*Saturday, September 28th*

+ Billy Proksch

*Sunday, September 29th*

St. Mark Parishioners

+ indicates deceased  
All others are intentions

**WEEKLY PLANNER FOR SEPTEMBER 22ND - 29TH**

<b>Sunday 22nd</b>	10:00am Parent/child Sacramental prep mtg / Church
<b>Monday 23rd</b>	
<b>Tuesday 24th</b>	10:00am Parish Book Club / Church
<b>Wednesday 25th</b>	1:00pm Aloneness Group / Church 6:30pm K of C Officer Planning Meeting / Center 7:00pm Choir Practice / Church
<b>Thursday 26th</b>	6:00pm Youth Group / Center
<b>Friday 27th</b>	
<b>Saturday 28th</b>	Rock a Thon for Marisol
<b>Sunday 29th</b>	Rock a Thon for Marisol

**BAPTISM!**

If you are planning to have a baptism for a child under the age of 7 years, or if you have been asked to be a godparent, we have a Baptism Preparation class for parents and godparents coming up on **Sunday, October 13th at 1:00PM.** Please contact the Parish Office by Tuesday, October 8th to register for the class. You must sign up to attend the class. Visit our website [www.saintmarkcc.org](http://www.saintmarkcc.org) and go to Faith Formation tab - Baptism for complete details and requirements.



**DON'T FORGET -**  
**ST. MARK HAS PARTNERED**  
**WITH DRIVEN TO DONATE**

Driven to Donate will take any vehicle (car, truck, motorcycle, RV, or boat), regardless of condition, and will provide free towing. You simply need a clear title and keys. Your donation is tax deductible, and **St. Mark will receive 80% of the proceeds!**

To donate go to our website [www.saintmarkcc.org](http://www.saintmarkcc.org) on the home page or Driven to Donate tab, click the Driven to Donate icon and fill in the information. What a great opportunity for our Parish to receive additional funds!


  
**SAVE THE DATE**
  

  
**TRUNK OR TREAT**
  

  
**& CARNIVAL**
  

  
**OCTOBER 26th**
  

  
**6PM - 8PM**
  


# Forever Young

St. Mark Catholic Church



## 2024 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Welcome all seniors of St. Mark Parish. It is that time again for the **Forever Young** Annual Membership Drive.

Come and join in the fun, friendship and activities this friendly and active group offers. You are sure to make new friends and laugh along the way.  
*All parish members 50+ are encouraged to join!!!!*

*Details about the Annual Drive and the Forever Young group are noted below.  
**The Membership Drive will be after Masses on September 28/29 to register new members and answer any questions.***

As a reminder to our returning members - it is time to pay your annual dues. Please bring your dues to the October 1st meeting!!!

**Registration:** Tuesday, October 1, 2024, at 11:00 am  
Annual Fee: \$10.00 single - \$15.00 couple

**Luncheon/Activity:** Potluck: All members bring a main dish, side dish or dessert according to last name, information is in the Forever Young section of the bulletin. We will start promptly at 11:30am.

**Location:** St. Mark Parish Center

### **FOREVER YOUNG ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:**

- ✓ Potluck Luncheon – held the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month at 11:30am, with entertainment.
- ✓ Game Day – the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month.
- ✓ Lunch & Bocci at Mickeys Restaurant monthly
- ✓ Book Club – 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month.

For questions call: Lois Tochtrop (President) at 303-619-4253

We are a senior ministry that provides, maintains, and shares with one another. spirituality, friendship, recreation, and service.

**To keep this great organization going we need new blood to offer their time & talent. Many officers and committee heads have been doing double duty - come and support these worthwhile committees.**



# Rock A Thon



SEPTEMBER 28th/29th  
BEFORE & AFTER ALL MASSES!

Faith Formation Families will be  
Rocking for the Babies

Families of the parish will raise money  
for Marisol Health a women's health  
center through Catholic Charities.  
Save your coins and toss them in the jar.  
Help those mother's and children  
to receive the medical service they need.