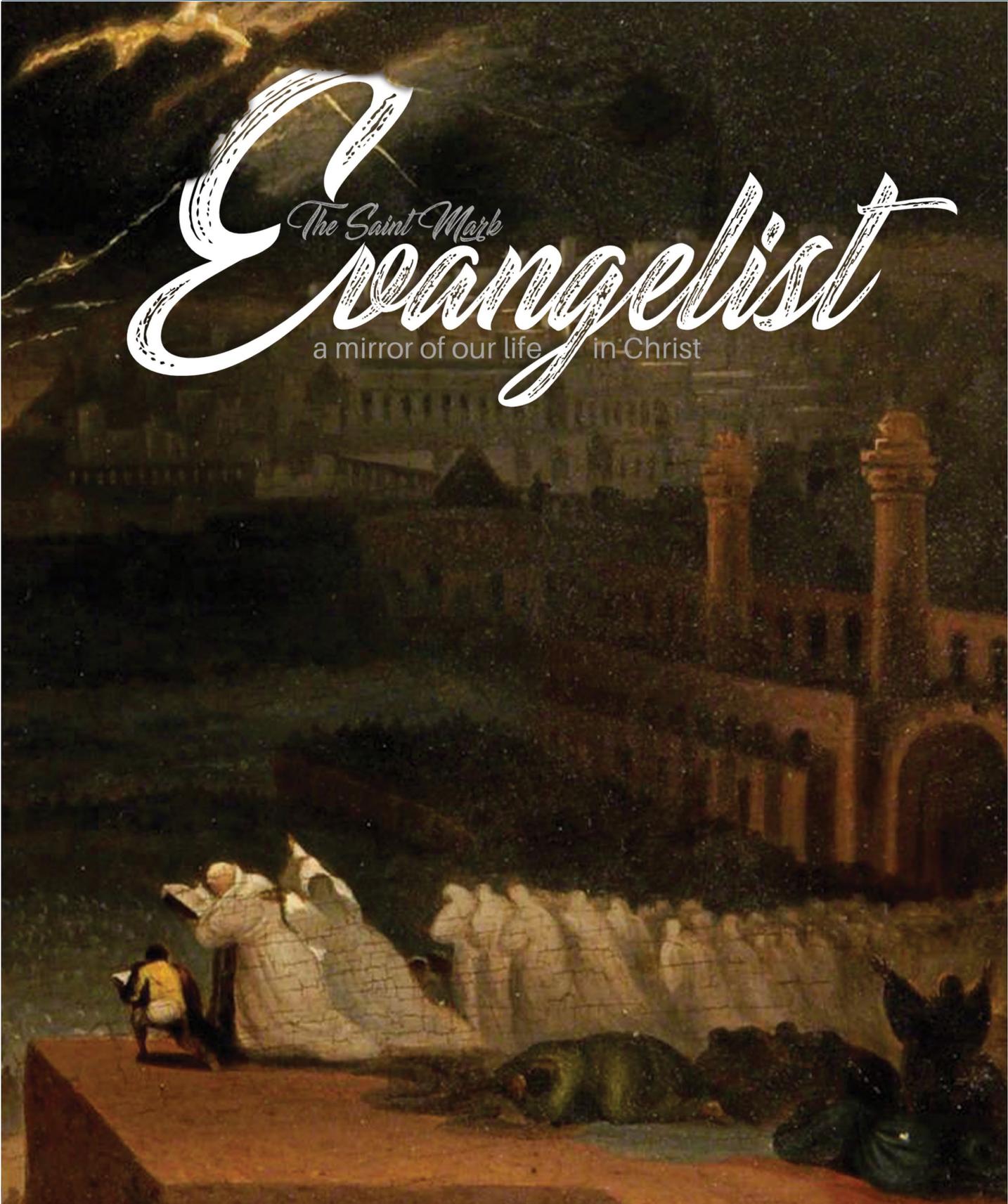


THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME | JAN. 24, 2021

A dramatic painting of a stormy sea. In the foreground, a man in a white robe is kneeling on a stone ledge, looking out at the sea. Another figure is visible in the distance. The sea is turbulent with white-capped waves. In the background, a city with domes and towers is visible under a dark, stormy sky with lightning. The overall mood is one of awe and divine power.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

This week's edition of the *Evangelist* features *Jonah Preaching Before Nineveh* by the English Romantic painter and print-maker John Martin (d. 1854). Even by Romantic standards, Martin's sprawling, fantastic compositions are a little over-the-top. In addition to painting grand depictions of notable cities of yore, Martin also got a kick out of painting these prenominate cities of yesteryear getting blasted to smithereens by violent natural events. His works include *The Destruction Of Sodom And Gomorrah*, *The Destruction of Pharaoh's Host*, *The Destruction of Tyre*, *The Destruction of Pompei and Herculaneum*, and a spooky number called *Pandemonium* (which features some *really* top-notch destruction).

WANT TO RUN AN ANNOUNCEMENT in the *The Evangelist* (probably the best bulletin ever published in the English language) or on the parish website (admittedly not the best website ever, because it's an objective fact that the Internet found its zenith in www.findtheinvisiblecow.com)? All you have to do is send in your content submissions, corrections, and suggestions to Nick Check. Email him at submissions@onestrongfamily.org, or give him a call at 651-645-5717.

KIDS (AND THEIR PARENTS!) are invited to learn more about the Saint Francis Club, a new community for animal and nature loving children ages 8-12. Monthly package include fun things to do (word searches, recipes, science experiments, and more) as well as great ideas on how to care for animals and the nature around them. More info at hellomamalark.com/sfc.

HAVE YOU THOUGHT that maybe God is calling you to be a Catholic priest? The Archdiocese is hosting its annual weekend retreat for those discerning. Held in virtual small groups on January 29 & 30, this retreat is for Catholic men, who are Juniors in High School, up to age 24, who have not completed a college degree. For more information, see 10000vocations.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TUES 26 JAN	<i>Loaves & Fishes</i> approx. 4:10 - 5:40 PM Catholic Charities (St. Paul) On the 4th Tuesday of the month, our Loaves and Fishes team prepares and serves dinner at Catholic Charities' Higher Ground Center, which serves adults experiencing homelessness. Sign up and learn more at onestrongfamily.org/humandignity .
THURS 28 JAN	<i>Parish Holy Hour</i> 7:00 - 8:00 PM Church Join us every Thursday at 7:00 PM in the Church for Confession, Adoration, and Benediction. All are welcome to attend. This evening is hosted in part by the Catholic Advance Movement, the lay movement of Pro Ecclesia Sancta.
WED 3 FEB	<i>Volunteer at the Family Services Center</i> Early evening, depending on shift Maplewood, MN St. Mark's sends volunteers on the 1st Wednesday and 3rd Thursday of each month to prepare and serve a meal at Catholic Charities' Family Services Center, which serves families transitioning to permanent housing. Visit onestrongfamily.org/humandignity to learn more and sign up.
THURS 4 FEB	<i>Emmaus: A Night of Mercy</i> 7:00 PM Church All are welcome to join us next Thursday for an evening of prayer, adoration, confession, and praise and worship music. Come discover God's abundant mercy!
FRI 5 FEB	<i>First Friday Devotion</i> 5:00 - 6:30 PM Church Join us in the Church on the first Friday of the month for a short Catechesis on the Sacred Heart, followed by a Mass. Talk begins at 5:00 PM; Holy Mass begins at 6:30 PM. Due to Social Distance protocols, there is no potluck following the Mass.

Please visit www.onestrongfamily.org/events to see the full upcoming calendar.



From the Heart of the Shepherd

Fr. Humberto Palomino, PES, Pastor

One Strong Family United in Christ



LAST WEEK I reminded you of our mission statement as a parish: *To live and share Christ's call to holiness.* I told you that each week we would take a closer look at one of our five core values as a parish. Last week we spoke of being deeply rooted in a reverent sacramental life, as our primary means of union with Christ.

Our second core value is this: **“We are one strong family united in Christ: young and old, married and single, we are forming lifelong friendships, supporting one another and spurring one another on toward holiness.”** This core value expresses the truth that we are connected to one another in our striving for holiness. Each of us is in some way responsible for helping the other to become a saint. As St. Paul describes it in his letters to the Romans and Corinthians, we are all different parts of one body, building itself up in love.

CHRIST THE HEAD

Our body as a parish is only healthy when we remember that Christ is our head. Our readings today remind us of our age-old tendency to try to be our own “head” and our need for continual conversion of heart. In our Old Testament reading, Jonah is sent to Nineveh to tell the inhabitants of that city that if they don't reject sin and turn toward God, they will be destroyed. After just one day of preaching, the people of Nineveh repented of their sins and turned to the Lord as their head.

In our Gospel, we see Jesus beginning his public ministry. John the Baptist has prepared the way, preaching repentance from sin, and now Jesus proclaims, “This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel.” [Mk 1: 15] We will hear the echo of these words on Ash Wednesday, less than a month from now. They invite us, again and again, to turn to the Lord and to follow Jesus Christ.

ALLOWING GOD TO FORGE US

With Christ as our head, our second core principle is much more than coffee, donuts, and dinner parties (as great as those are)! These things are important but they aren't the heart of what it means to be a strong family united in Christ. This week we celebrated the anniversary of the death of the founder of Pro Ecclesia Sancta, Fr. Pablo Menor, SJ. He was a man who understood what it means to be a real family. He spent his life bringing others to the joy of knowing Christ. He inspired and continues to inspire thousands of men and women to want to become saints. With deep happiness, he abandoned himself completely to God and encouraged everyone he knew to do the same. Of his own journey toward holiness he wrote, “O Lord, without my realizing it, yet like iron in a forge, like glass in a furnace, like unformed clay in the hands of a potter, you forged me, you formed me, you molded me...”

Can we really call ourselves a strong family as a parish if we are content to be brothers and sisters to each other on the level of the body, but not on the level of the soul? This is where real friendship lies and real happiness is found. Unique times call for unique methods. I've seen mentor couples and engaged couples going for a walk together or getting to know each other over a Sunday afternoon Zoom call. I've seen young adults gathering in small groups, with masks but also with laughter and friendship that spurs on toward holiness. I've seen long-time parishioners who don't let the pandemic stop them from encouraging one another with phone calls or little acts of kindness.

Our psalmist today prays, “Teach me your ways, O Lord!” When we turn to the Lord as our head, he will form us in his image, so that we can shine with the light of Christ and lead others to God's goodness and mercy. He wants to make you a saint, and through you, to bring many others to the joy of holiness. This is what it means to be “one strong family united in Christ.”

ONE STRONG FAMILY UNITED IN CHRIST

“Close the Gap” Update

A RECENT ARCHITECTURAL ANALYSIS of our church building has shown that St. Mark’s, though a well-built church, needs some critically important updates, principally to the exterior masonry of the building. We hope to begin this exciting work of restoration soon--*this spring!*

About a month ago, we announced that we needed \$200,000 to close the gap between funds already raised and the cost of completion. Since then, we have seen an enormous display of generosity from our Parish Family. We are very close to reaching this goal--just under \$20,000 away as this bulletin goes to press!

By the grace of God, a group of generous donors have offered to match the first \$50,000 of new unpledged funds received, as long as the gifts come in before the end of January. So if you act quickly, your gift will be doubled!

To give online, go to onestrongfamily.org/give and select the “Capital Campaign/Church Restoration” fund. Or just drop off your check at the parish office or in the regular collection this Sunday, with the words “close the gap” in the memo line.”

The Human Dignity Committee



THE ST. MARK’S HUMAN DIGNITY COMMITTEE is devoted to serving those most in need: the hungry, the homeless, the marginalized, and the unborn. This team manages some of the most significant charitable efforts of our parish, including our parish food shelf, Loaves & Fishes, Project Home, and 40 Days for Life.

In addition, this group organizes a number of outings to serve the hungry in our community. We’re always on the lookout for some generous souls to help us continue this ministry. No special skills needed--just a willingness to be Christ to others! Visit our website to learn more: onestrongfamily.org/humandignity.

Upcoming Pro-Life Book Club



Above: A photograph of pro-life activist Ruth Pakaluk, courtesy of ruthpakaluk.com

PLEASE JOIN neighboring parishes and friends in reading and discussing, *The Appalling Strangeness of the Mercy of God*, by Michael Pakaluk. The inspiring story of the author’s saintly wife, Ruth, a Catholic convert, mother of 7, renowned pro-life leader and debater, who lived life to the full while valiantly fighting cancer to the end. This inspiring story is told primarily through her humorous, sparkling and insightful letters.

Catholic Author Peter Kreeft gives this review of the work: “In this book, you will meet a truly wonderful person. There are few things in life more precious than that. I invite you to meet a warrior for life whose pen is truly mightier than death’s sword.”

The zoom discussion will be Feb.8 from 7-8:30pm. Please RSVP to John Shrake at shrake@usfamily.net & he will send you the link to join us! This book can be found on Formed.org. (St. Mark’s offers its parishioners free access to Formed. See page 5 for more info.) Otherwise, you can contact John Shrake to buy or borrow a gently used copy for \$7 while they last.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION

@ St. Mark's



2020-2021 First Fridays
“Trusting in the Sacred Heart”

Sept 4 Nov 6 Feb 5 May 7
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MASS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions

7 AM
 M: [no Mass]
 T: +E. J. Lanier
 W: +Marie Lanier
 Tr: Anna & Nick Peters
 F: John Greub
 S: Marie Kampa (8 AM)

10 AM
 Br. Brian Esquivias PES
 +Lorraine Wind
 Holy Souls in Purgatory
 Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia
 Patrick Gannon

Know someone in need of prayers? Email your request to prayers@onestrongfamily.org and we'll be sure to pray for you!

FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES



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OUR RCIA ENCOUNTER PROGRAM has begun! If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about our faith, visit our website (onestrongfamily.org/RCIA) or send an email to RCIA@onestrongfamily.org.

ADORATION AT ST MARK'S
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OUR ADORATION CHAPEL is slowly returning to perpetual adoration. Our goal is to have at least two adorers every hour the chapel is open. We have several open hours, and are in particular need of adorers to keep our Lord company through the night. Please prayerfully consider signing up for an open hour. Visit our website, onestrongfamily.org/adoration, or contact the Parish Office to learn more.

Parish Finance Update:

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION (JANUARY 17, 2021)

Electronic Giving:	\$2,938.48
Plate Offering:	\$2,353.59
Total Collection:	\$5,292.07

Offering To-Date: \$441,299.59

Weekly giving figures do not include capital campaign donations or payments for ministry events. Our to-date offering and year-to-date budget are calculated from the beginning of our fiscal year, July 1, 2020.

Financial transparency is important to us. Questions about and suggestions for parish finances and stewardship are always welcome. Email them to ourfuture@onestrongfamily.org.



Mission Statement

*Our mission is to live and share
Christ's call to holiness.*

Core Values

Sacraments

We are rooted in a reverent Sacramental life as the primary means for union with Christ.



Family

We are one strong family united in Christ: young and old, married and single, we are forming lifelong friendships, supporting one another, and spurring one another on toward holiness.



Catholic

We live our lives in faithful and joyful communion with the Catholic Church and Her rich tradition.



Formation & Evangelization

We believe that we must form our hearts and minds with the Good, the True, and the Beautiful, and that we are called to share our faith in Christ with others.



Service

We believe in the ardent practice of Christian charity towards all those in spiritual or material need.

MINISTRIES, LITURGIES, & EVENTS

Synod: "Faith & Culture Series"

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Wednesday, January 27:

The Church's Teaching on Sexual Morality and the Family,
presented by Dave & Cathy Deavel

Thursday, February 4:

The Church's Understanding on the Dignity of Women,
presented by Helen Alvare

Tuesday, February 9:

The Priesthood (Both Baptized and Ordained),
presented by Sister Esther Mary Nickel

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CELEBRATIONS

Mass:

Saturday Evening Mass: 5 PM
Sunday Mass: 9 AM, 11 AM, and 5 PM

Daily Mass:

Monday: 10 AM; Tuesday-Friday: 7 AM, 10 AM
Saturday: 8 AM

Confession:

Tuesday-Friday 9:30 AM; Saturday: 3:30-4:30 PM; Sunday: 8:30-9 AM, 10:30-11 AM

Rosary: Daily after 10 AM Mass (except funeral Masses)

SACRAMENTS

Detailed information about Sacraments and Sacramental preparation can be found at onestrongfamily.org/sacraments or by contacting the Parish Center.

BAPTISMS are celebrated on the 3rd Saturday of every month at 10 AM (exceptions for holidays or major parish events). You must register for Baptism at least one month before your desired date. If this is your first child being baptized in the Catholic Church a Baptism preparation class is needed at least two months before the Baptism takes place.

SACRAMENTAL MARRIAGE preparation must begin at least six months prior to your wedding date. Weddings are most often celebrated on Saturdays at 2 PM.

IF YOU KNOW OF A CATHOLIC WHO IS HOMEBOUND and would like to receive weekly Communion or have their confession heard, please contact the Parish Center to learn more about our Homebound Ministry.

RECEIVING THE EUCHARIST: All are welcome to join us in worship at the Church of Saint Mark. Nevertheless, because the Holy Eucharist is the real Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, the reception of Holy Communion is reserved to those Catholics who are in full moral and doctrinal communion with the Catholic Church, are not conscious of any grave unconfessed sin, and who have kept the Eucharistic fast of one hour.

PRO ECCLESIA SANCTA



The Church of Saint Mark is served by the priests, brothers, and sisters of Pro Ecclesia Sancta, which is an institute of consecrated life founded in Lima, Peru in 1992, whose members dedicate themselves to living and promoting the universal call to holiness in the Church. Their motto is *ad maximam trinitatis gloriam*. Everything “for the greatest glory of the Holy Trinity.”

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