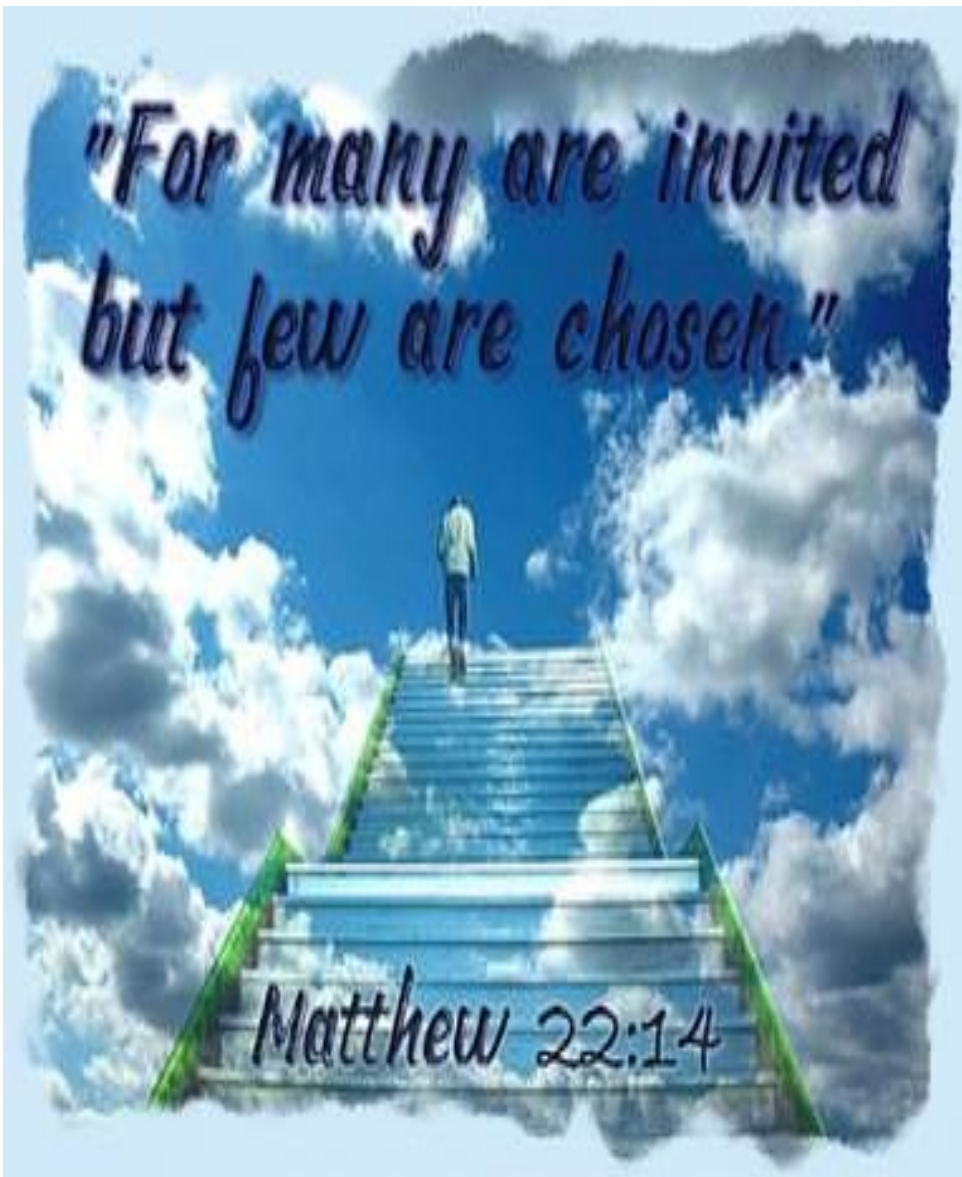


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MISSION STATEMENT:

**We are more than Sunday
Morning.**

**We are worship, service,
and fellowship.**

**We are a community of
Faith.**

All are Welcome!

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday - 5:00 pm

Sunday - 8:30 am

11:15 am

5:00 pm (Creole/French)

Weekday - 12:15pm

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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Times

October 15, 2017

28^e Dimanche Du Temps Ordinaire

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

"We are more than Sunday morning"

Please remember in your prayers: Gloria Palmer, Doris Moss, Henry Isom, Marie Landers, Eleanor Jefferson, Ishmael Jackson, Willa Mae Washington, Tyrone Randell, DeCosta Stroble, Elizabeth Young, Tracey Bultron-Lewis, Myrtle Patterson, Walter Thompson, Rivanna Johnson, Dorothy Allen, Kenny Love, Birdell Cotton, Emma Evans, Muriel William-Young, Rose Jean Jacques, Rose Mandazou, Aubrey Woods, Paul Prevost, Rufus Apará, Shirley Cuevas, Souleymane Porgo, Pearl Rollerson, Debra Woodland-Lee

October Birthdays !!!!!

Luc Claude Akaha	Michael Joseph
Christina Arrington	Sean Dixon
Tenkodogo Fatou	Je-Ann Balderas
Rosario Bikele	Harison Yamgogo
Houessinoiv Djenny	Gaudiosa Enriquez
Bernard Enriquez	Karen Evans
Lois Fentress	Jessica George
Mary Harwell	Abel Carrasquillo
Robyne Heath-Carrasquillo	Divya Hill-Sobti
Sr. Anastasia Duma	Melik Lee
Maritza Lumpris	Judith McLawrence
Mathilde Mekinda	Nubia Murray
Deogracias Bado	Norma Peek
Yameeogo Pierre	Paula Hercule
Elijah John	LaVonte Robinson
Bernardino Obiang	Skye Lowe
Miriam Sutherland	Charles Sykes
Serge Tchouza	Sr. Maristela Testa
Tiffany Thomas	Fatimata Tuyna
Jean-Paul Uwiduhaye	Cristel Waterman
Lena Waterman	Lana Waterman
Valarie Watson-Weeks	Kyra White
April Zachariah	Olivia Begoume



"The Scheduling of Masses"
Masses are now available!
The Diocese Stipend is \$15.00.

Letters and cards to Fr. Freddy are to be addressed to St. Mark Parish, 65 W 138th Street, NY, NY 10037 or brought to the parish office.

The initial work for the new ramp and bathroom has begun. Contribution balance to date is \$64,000.00
 Your support is appreciated!

October is the month dedicated to the Holy Rosary. The rosary will be said before the 8:30 Mass every Sunday in October. As we pray, let us also remember the 100th Anniversary Celebration of Our Lady of Fatima.

Volunteers are needed for our parish food pantry. The pantry is open – Saturdays 10am– 1pm– **Please Help!** There is a special need for the assistance of males on Thursdays.

Show Your St. Mark Pride

T-Shirts, Sweatshirts and Baseball Caps
Order NOW!
See Office for Details

December 9th: Church trip to the National Museum of African American History and Culture. Adults \$110 & Children \$100. Please see flyer or Robin Lockett for details

Payments are now being taken for the Sight & Sound Production of "Jesus" on April 21st. Please see flyer or Gloria Jones for details.

Payments are accepted in the office Tuesday - Sunday from 10:00am to 5:00pm

**THE SCRIPTURE– October 15, 2017
Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Times**

Reflection on the Scriptures for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The scripture passages that are read on this 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time focuses on God's invitation to all who are hungry and thirsty. Psalm 23 reminds us that "God prepares a table before in the sight of our enemies." We are being asked to respond to God's invitation. Many times, we say that we want to listen to God and go wherever he leads us. However, we are often preoccupied by our own worries and concerns and say that God's invitation is always there so we go and do our "own thing." There is always thing we must do. However, the mark of a Christian is to hear God's voice and listen to it. God is inviting us to a feast today, how would you respond? Would you say, "I am so tired and I worked all week and today is my only "day off"" or would you say, I have a friend's birthday party to get ready for and can't do anything else today." Did we forget who gave us that job? Did we forget who has been our friend when no one else could help us? Did we forget the second and third chances we have received by His grace? Shouldn't we be grateful that we have been included on the guest list at all?

Every week we are invited to welcome table of the Lord. People of every race, language and culture are being called to share in the one banquet of God's redeeming grace. We are all strangers and guests of the Lord. We are called to witness and proclaim Christ's presence in a world where people hunger and thirsts for what is right. St. Paul himself was one of those invited and who did not respond. God did not give up on him.) Are there "urgent matters" in our lives that prevent us from accepting God's invitation? Paul had a very prominent job. He fought against the Church. His sight was taken away leaving him hungering and thirsting for a better way. God's invitation to him remained open. God changed Saul's name to Paul. Paul's sight was restored. He was blind no more. People saw him as a late comer to the feast but he was ready. He came to the Feast of the Lord. He was dressed in the garment of humility and love of God's name. What garment (not material but spiritual) will you wear as you come to the Feast? For this reason, St. Paul writes, "Brothers and sisters: I know how to live in humble circumstances; I know also how to live with abundance. In every circumstance and in all things, I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need. I can do all things in him who strengthens me. Still, it was kind of you to share in my distress." (Philippians 4:12-14)

St. Paul gives us the secret to responding to God's invitation. The secret is knowing that it is from God that we receive our strength. With God as our Shepherd we have all that we need. (Psalm.23) Finally today's scriptures allow us to receive Paul's blessing to the people he loves so much. "My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father, glory forever and ever. Amen.

A very big thank you to Ms. Dorothy McWhite for all her help and hard work with the Pierre Toussaint Scholarship Fund Dinner

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On Saturday, October 28th at 10am, there will be a meeting for the Hospitality, Men of Commitment and Food Pantry with Fr. Jean-Pierre at the church. Please ensure that there are at least two representative from the food pantry at the meeting given that the pantry is working on Saturday.

Trustees

Avis Thomas
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