

SAINT MARK THE EVANGELIST PARISH

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St. Mark's the Evangelist Parish was founded as a mission on January 1, 1986. On April 25, 1988 St. Mark's was raised to the status of a parish.

During the next few years the parish grew and its ministries expanded. In 1999 serious planning began for the building of a church. Through much effort and support, a large gathering space and new office space were completed and dedicated in 2002.

St. Mark's Church stands as a visible sign of the faith of the community of believers who worship here and call St. Mark's home. St. Mark's has always been a family-centered faith community and families large and small have been welcome.

ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE

The winged lion is the traditional symbol for our Patron Saint, the evangelist Saint Mark, for three primary reasons. At the beginning of his Gospel, Saint Mark presents "a voice of one crying out in the desert," as if the roar of a lion (Mark 1:3), calling for conversion and necessary preparation in welcoming Jesus into the world and our lives. The winged lion also is used to represent Saint Mark because his Gospel reveals Jesus as the Lion of the Tribe of Judah. Finally, the wings of the lion represent the revelation, from the very beginning of the Gospel according to Saint Mark, of "Jesus Christ [as] the Son of God" (Mark 1:1); the wings signify a connection to the Divine, or, indeed, the Divine itself.



The meaning and significance of this particular depiction of the winged lion for Saint Mark Parish reveals that our parish family is alive and vibrant, strong and on the move, like Jesus in the Gospel.

ST. MARK – OUR PATRON – PRAY FOR US