



St. Mark

April 25

Who was St. Mark?

St. Mark was a significant figure in early Christianity and is traditionally identified as the author of the Gospel of Mark. He played a crucial role in spreading the teachings of Jesus and is mentioned in the New Testament. According to historical accounts, Mark was a companion of the apostles Peter and Paul during their missionary journeys.

Mark's importance lies in his role as a scribe and interpreter for the apostle Peter. It is believed that the Gospel of Mark is based on Peter's accounts of Jesus' life and teachings, making it one of the earliest written records of the Christian message. Mark's Gospel emphasizes the actions and deeds of Jesus, portraying Him as a powerful and compassionate figure.

St. Mark is celebrated and honoured with a feast day on April 25th. This day is dedicated to commemorating his contributions to the early Christian community. The feast day serves as an opportunity for us to reflect on Mark's role in preserving and disseminating the Gospel message.

On the feast day of St. Mark, various traditions and activities may take place to honour his memory. Christians may attend special church services, including liturgies and prayers that focus on Mark's role in the development of the Gospel narrative. Additionally, some communities may engage in charitable acts or outreach activities as a way of embodying the compassionate spirit found in Mark's Gospel.

An interesting fact about St. Mark is the tradition that associates him with the city of Alexandria, where he is said to have established the Church of Alexandria. This church became a major center of early Christianity, and St. Mark is venerated as its founder. The Coptic Orthodox Church, which traces its roots to the ancient Christian community in Alexandria, holds St. Mark in high regard.

St. Mark is celebrated for his pivotal role in recording the Gospel of Mark, providing a valuable account of Jesus' life and teachings. His feast day is an occasion for reflection and commemoration of his contributions to the early Christian community. The association with Alexandria and the establishment of the Church of Alexandria adds another layer of significance to his legacy within Christian history.

[St. Mark CES Website](#)

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Quotes by St. Mark

"Do not become a disciple of one who praises himself, in case you learn pride instead of humility."

"Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.'"

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

Prayer

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit;

Dear St. Mark, disciple and evangelist,

You who diligently recorded the words and deeds of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Guide us in our journey of faith.

As you accompanied the apostles Peter and Paul,
Inspire us to be faithful companions on our Christian pilgrimage.

Strengthen our hearts to deny ourselves, take up our crosses
And follow the path of discipleship with unwavering commitment.

May the Gospel you wrote continue to be a source of inspiration,
Leading us to love God with all our hearts and our neighbours as ourselves.

Grant us the grace to serve others selflessly,
Imitating the example of Jesus, whom you proclaimed.

St. Mark, intercede for us in our times of need
And help us to remain steadfast in our faith, even in the face of challenges.

Amen.

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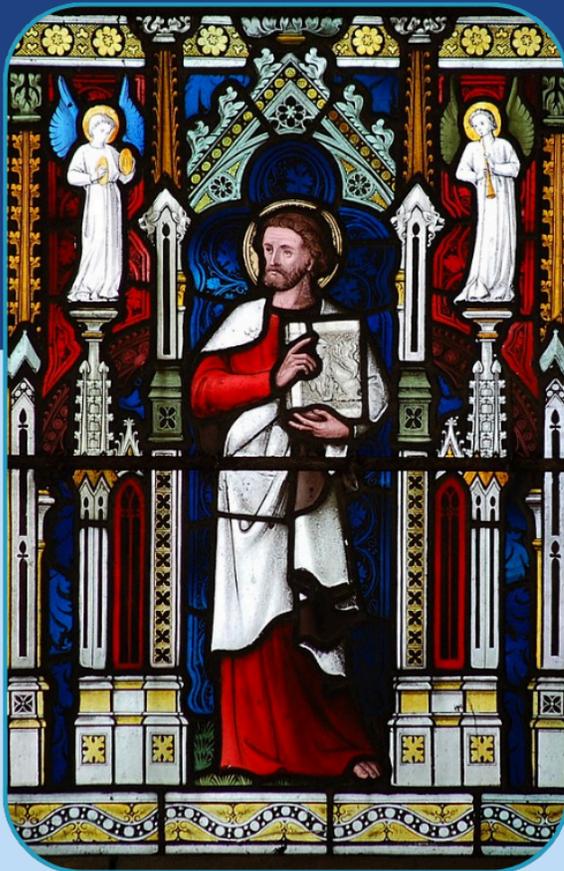
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April 25

SCHOOL LOCATION:
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