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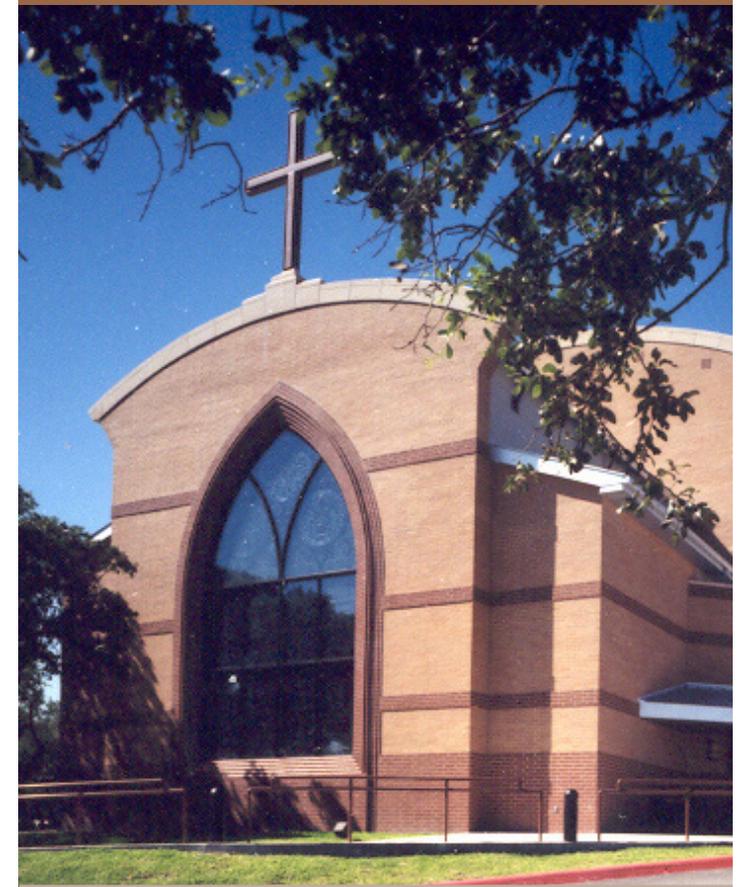
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HISTORY OF ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST PARISH

Our Mission: *To spread the good news of Jesus Christ to all God's people by word and action.*

The formation of St. Mark the Evangelist Parish began in the spring of 1976 when Rev. Thomas Murphy accepted the responsibility of serving as the first pastor of the newly planned parish. Father Murphy was ordained in Ireland in 1966 and had previously served as the Assistant Pastor of St. Thomas More in San Antonio.

Ground-breaking was held in February 1979 with over 600 families registered in the parish. When the church building was dedicated the following December, over 800 parishioners, priests and clergy, were in attendance.

Over the next nine years, Father Murphy served the community of St. Mark with Theresa Berg as the pastoral director. This model of collaborative ministry was one of the first in the Archdiocese of San Antonio. During this time, the parish grew in spirit, physical size, and population.

After serving for 12 years at St. Mark's and the celebration of his 25th anniversary as a priest, Father Murphy was reassigned as pastor of St. Peter Prince of the Apostles here in San Antonio. In 1988, Rev. Sean Garrett † was assigned as our new pastor. Father Sean came from St. Helena Church in Helena, Texas where he built the first church there. In November of 1991, Father Sean Garrett transferred to serve in the Diocese of Tallahassee.

Rev. Kevin Ryan (now Msgr. Kevin Ryan) was ordained in Ireland in 1970. He served 10 years as pastor of St. Rose of Lima, which he founded in 1981, and where he built a community and church.

Fr. Ryan, who likes to be called Father Kevin, became the third pastor of St. Mark. He brought with him a vision of a parish, which closely resembled the collaborative style of ministry that had begun in 1976. A strong ministerial team is now serving the St. Mark parish. This team represents the sharing of gifts of the laity and the clergy side by side.

The St. Mark the Evangelist parish community has grown from approximately 2,600 families to almost 4,500 families. Seven years in planning and development, a new building sanctuary was built and came to its completion in January of 2000. Seating 1,500 individuals in its main sanctuary, St. Mark's has the highest seating capacity among Catholic churches in San Antonio.

Although St. Mark's is a large parish, we are always ready to welcome new members and to encourage newcomers to take ownership in and serve the community as their gifts direct. We want to be a sign of the Kingdom of God in San Antonio's North Side and a light to our larger community of San Antonio with our many ministries.

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