



Partners in Ministry Meal Ministry Guidelines/Procedures

*Let all guests who arrive be received as Christ, because He will say: "I was a stranger and you took Me in"
(Mt 25:35). And let due honor be shown to all....*

Please read this carefully, as there have been recent changes - even if you are a returning "krewe"!

- **Provide a hearty main dish, a vegetable, a fruit or a salad, bread, and dessert for 150-175 servings. St. Mark's provides plates, napkins, utensils, cups and a drink.**
- **Please phone kitchen coordinator Laura in advance of your arrival (504) 344-4884 - preferably several days in advance. A short conversation about your planned menu would be very helpful to St. Mark's volunteers that are in the kitchen every week. This conversation will let you know what time it would be best to arrive, but plan on arriving with prepared food no later than 9:30 - earlier if food requires any preparation or heating through. The kitchen is functional, but limited in many ways - best to discuss details in advance.**
- **Upon arrival, St. Mark's volunteers will assist with line setup, and will free your volunteers up to attend service. There is a natural break in service after the sermon and anthem, and your volunteers should return to the kitchen to begin plating at that time. If your group is larger than ten, the entire group is not needed in the kitchen until service begins, as space is limited.**
- **The more we can help you with your setup and plating, the more you and your krewe will be able to interact with our congregants and those you are here to serve in the name of Christ.**

Volunteer Roles and Responsibilities

Food plating – 5-10

Serving in sanctuary– 4

Serving at the door – 2

Kitchen clean up – wash pans used, clean spigots in tea dispensers, wipe surfaces, empty steam table of liquid, wipe serving trays and carts clean.

Sanctuary clean up (look for things that have been placed under the pew rather than in the trash, and sweep or mop up any spills)

Garbage removal to the trash can at the corner of North Rampart and Governor Nicholls.

Please note that St. Mark's is located at the edge of the French Quarter where there is only street parking – we do not have a parking lot. You may unload in front of the church but will need to allow time to find a parking place. Be careful to park no closer than 20 feet from the curb, and watch for Bus Zones, No Parking signs and Passenger Unloading signs.

***If you would like to contribute in other ways, consider bringing socks as well. Plastic bags are always welcome and needed. Please don't give anyone cash while serving - we likely have a better understanding of how to support folks. If you have a monetary contribution to make, you can coordinate that with Brett Buck or Cory Sparks - they can make sure it is put to its best and highest use.**

Thank you for your commitment to service through Christ. We appreciate all you do for our congregation, for New Orleans, and for those who are less fortunate than ourselves.