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# San Marco

April 25

## Who was San Marco?

Saint Mark, also known as San Marco, holds a significant place in Christian history as one of the four Evangelists who authored the Gospel of Mark in the New Testament. Tradition identifies him as John Mark, a companion of the apostles Peter and Paul. His Gospel is considered one of the earliest and provides a unique perspective on the life, teachings and miracles of Jesus Christ.

Saint Mark is especially important in the Christian tradition due to his role in spreading the Gospel and establishing the Christian community in Alexandria, Egypt. According to tradition, he became the first Bishop of Alexandria, contributing to the growth of Christianity in the region.

The feast day of Saint Mark is celebrated on April 25th in the Western Christian tradition and on May 8th in the Eastern Orthodox Church. This day is dedicated to honouring his life, teachings and contributions to the early Christian Church. The celebration often includes religious services, processions and readings from the Gospel of Mark.

In his honour, Christians may participate in special prayers, attend church services, and reflect on the teachings of the Gospel of Mark. Some communities also engage in charitable outreach in line with the Gospel's emphasis on love and service.

An interesting fact about Saint Mark is the winged lion, his symbol. This symbol is derived from Mark's Gospel, where he describes John the Baptist's voice "crying out in the wilderness," likening it to a roaring lion. The winged lion has become an iconic representation of Saint Mark and is often used to symbolize his Gospel.

Saint Mark, also known as San Marco, played a crucial role in the early Christian Church as an Evangelist and the author of the Gospel of Mark. Celebrated on his feast day, he is honoured for his contributions to spreading the Christian message and establishing the faith in Alexandria. Christians commemorate Saint Mark through religious services, prayers and reflections on his Gospel, embracing the symbolism of the winged lion associated with his legacy.

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## Quotes by San Marco

*"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."*

*"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."*

*"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength."*

## Prayer

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

O Saint Mark, Evangelist and faithful disciple of Christ,

As you penned the Gospel bearing your name,  
You shared the Good News with passion and zeal.  
Guide us, we pray, in our journey of faith,  
That, like you, we may boldly proclaim the message of salvation.

Saint Mark, patron of Alexandria and writer of the sacred words,  
Intercede for us before the throne of grace.  
Help us to embrace the teachings of Christ,  
To serve others with love, and to be steadfast in our faith.

May your example inspire us to follow the path of discipleship,  
To repent when needed, and to believe in the nearness of God's kingdom.  
As we honour you on this day, we ask for your prayers and guidance,  
That we may live lives pleasing to God and be a light to those in darkness.

O Holy Saint Mark, hear our petitions and present them to our Lord.

Amen.

## Patron Saint of:

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Notaries

Egypt

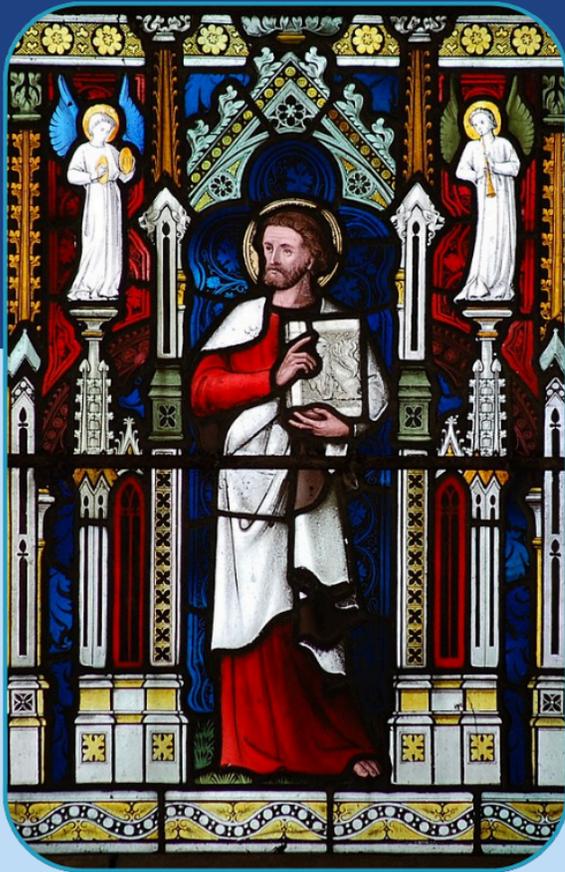
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**SCHOOL LOCATION:**  
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