

# ST. MARK PARISH

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 Jean Mauvieux

Office Hours : Monday to Friday  
 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

\*(May be closed during weekday Mass)

## **MASS TIMES:**

SUNDAY MASS: **11:00 a.m.**

WEEKDAY MASS: Tues. to Fri. 9:00 a.m.\*

\*See weekly schedule for changes

**Please Note: Effective Jan. 01, 2017**

### **OFFICE HOURS CHANGE**

Tuesday to Friday - 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
 Closed Mondays.

\*(May be closed during weekday Mass)



*Please note:* Parish office will be **closed** Mon. Dec. 26 to Mon. Jan. 02 incl. \*except Thursday Dec. 29 - open 9:00 a.m. to noon

## **Pastors Christmas Message**

From a very young age I have loved Christmas. But as I aged the reason I loved it has changed. As a little boy, it was a day to receive presents. I loved trying to guess what was in them and I loved unwrapping them. When I graduated, I loved returning home and seeing all my friends that I hadn't seen in a year. Over the years I have loved gathering together with my family. As a priest, I love celebrating the birth of Jesus, the one who has given us all hope. It is my most sincere prayer that no matter why you celebrate, the peace that came into the world, on that first Christmas morning, will descend on you and remain with you all year long.

The **Feast of the Holy Family** has been moved to Friday, Dec. 30. To help you celebrate this day, please pray the following prayer.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,

in you we contemplate the splendor of true love; to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer,

authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division;

may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer. Amen.

## **Sunday, December 25, 2016 - Christmas Day** **Sunday, January 01, 2017 - Feast of Mary Mother of God**



**Bishop's Annual Appeal**  
*Stir into Flame the Gift of God in You!*

**October 04 to December 31, 2016**


*Every gift is greatly appreciated!*

***Bishop's Annual Update as of December 21, 2016***

Parish	This years Goal	Amount pledged last year	Amount Pledged to Date	Number Participating last year	Number Participating to Date	Average Pledge Last Year
St. Mark	\$14,659.	\$14,658.	\$12,985.	67	61	\$219.
St. James	\$11,946.	\$11,945.	\$ 8,675.	30	30	\$398.
Diocese	\$425,000.	\$481,724.	\$409,216.	1624	1400	\$297.

If you have already sent in your pledge for the Bishop's Annual Appeal, thank you for your generosity. If you haven't done so yet and are planning to do so, the Appeal Office would like to have all pledges received before December 31, 2016. If you have lost or misplaced your Appeal information, please contact Fr. Jim.

## Weekly Schedule - Dec. 24, 2016 to Jan. 01, 2017

Sat. Dec.24	<b>Christmas Eve</b> 5:00 p.m. Mass in Candle Lake 7:30 p.m. Mass at St. James <b>10:00 p.m. Mass at St. Mark</b> For All Parishioners	
Sun. Dec.25	<b>Christmas Day</b> <b>11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mark</b> For Zachary Cook	
Mon. Dec.26	Fr. Jim's day off.	
Tues. Dec.27	<u>9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mark</u> IMO Annette Lozinsky	From Darsey
Wed. Dec.28	Fr. Jim at a prayer mtg. all day NO MASS AT ST. MARK 7:00 p.m. Mass at St. James	<i>*Plse. Note</i>
Thurs. Dec.29	<u>9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mark</u> IMO Elmer Skalicky From Ladies of St. Mark 2:00 p.m. Fr. Jim at a clergy Christmas party	
Fri. Dec.30	Feast of the Holy Family <u>9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mark</u> For Boris Bissky 50th. Birthday From Mom and family	
Sat. Dec.31	5:00 p.m. Mass in Candle Lake	
Sun. Jan. 01	<b>Feast of Mary Mother of God</b> 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. James <b>11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mark</b> For All Parishioners	



*Welcome to our family of St. Mark Parish.* We would like to get to know you and make you feel at home. If you would like to become a member of our parish family; please complete a registration form available in the church foyer or contact Fr. Jim after Mass or the parish office at 764-4637.

### LOOKING FOR:

Children's Liturgy is in need of a **small bar size fridge** and a **baby monitor**. If you have either of these items; please contact the parish office.

**Filing Cabinet**—2 drawer legal size. Plse. contact Fr. Jim or the Parish Office.

**Baby food Jars** approx. 20 to 30 for Holy Water. Please bring to church or parish office. Thank you.

## Weekly Schedule—Dec. 31, 2016 to Jan. 08, 2017

Sat. Dec.31	5:00 p.m. Mass in Candle Lake	
Sun. Jan. 01	<b>Feast of Mary Mother of God</b> 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. James <b>11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mark</b> For All Parishioners	
Mon. Jan. 02	Fr. Jim's day off.	
Tues. Jan. 03	<u>9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mark</u> For Emily Bissky	From Greg & Theresa Smith
Wed. Jan. 04	<u>9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mark</u> For Increase in Vocations and Religious Life 7:00 p.m. Mass at St. James 7:30 p.m. Video series "Into the Heart" at St. James	
Thurs. Jan. 05	<u>9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mark</u> For Zachary Cook	From His Family
Fri. Jan. 06	<u>9:30 a.m. Mass at Carmen Court</u> For Health of Family 10:00 a.m. Fr. Jim at a mtg. in Chancery Office	<i>*Plse. Note time and location</i> From Darsey
Sat. Jan. 07	5:00 p.m. Mass in Candle Lake	
Sun. Jan. 08	<b>Feast of Epiphany (Baptisms at Mass)</b> 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. James <b>11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mark</b> For Zachary Cook	From His Family Continental Breakfast Downstairs following Mass



**A Bouquet of Roses** to Lorraine Tremblay and Décor Committee:  
Randy Malach  
Clint and Laura Rissling  
Myron, Jennifer, Landon,  
Colin and Jadon Sosnowski  
Ernie Tremblay  
for the beautiful festive décor.

The deadline for making a 2016 donation to the parish will be Thurs. Dec. 29 at 12:00 noon in order to be included on your 2016 tax receipt. Darsey will be in her office on Dec. 29 and will accept your donations till noon. Thank You.



## SACRAMENTS

### RECONCILIATION:

Before Weekday Mass or please call Fr. Jim to book appointment.

### BAPTISMAL PREPARATION:

Baptism is the foundation for all the other sacraments. All parents looking to have their children baptized are required to participate in a baptismal preparation program. The next set of Baptism classes will be Thursdays Jan. 19, Jan. 26 and Feb. 02, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. To register for baptism classes; please call the Parish Office.

### MARRIAGE:

Please allow 6—8 months for preparations. Please contact Fr. Jim.

### MINISTRIES—Jan. 08, 2017

#### LECTORS

D. & A. Buettner

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### SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS

*Our gifts to God and our gifts  
to our Parish*

	<u>Dec. 18</u>	<u>Dec. 11</u>
Envelopes	\$1526.00	\$1355.00
Loose	\$ 195.80	\$ 274.23
Building	\$ 125.00	\$ 90.00
<i>"..for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7)</i>		



### COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

December 25 1:00 p. m. to 5:00 p.m.

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calling 306-763-9378

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The Roman Catholic Diocese of Prince Albert is looking to hire a **fulltime receptionist** at the Pastoral Centre. The main responsibilities include: welcoming and greeting all visitors and phone calls, computer knowledge, and strong organizational skills. For a more detailed job description contact Louis Hradecki at 306-922-4747 ext. 233 or officeprogramsgr@padiocese.ca. Please pray that the right person comes along.

### Upcoming Events

Wed Dec 28 - Fr. Jim at a Prayer mtg all day

Thurs Dec 29 - Fr. Jim at a Clergy Christmas Party afternoon/evening

Fri. Dec 30 - Feast of the Holy Family

Sun. Jan 08 - Epiphany, **Continental Breakfast following 11:00 Mass**

Mon Jan 09 - Feast of Baptism of the Lord (Final Day of the Christmas Season)

Mon Jan 09 - Sacramental Prep for Eucharist/Confirmation resumes

Jan 18 to 25 - Christian Unity Week

Sun Feb 12 - Anointing of the Sick during Mass, Chicken Soup & Sandwich after Mass

MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS!

**Ronald McDonald Family Room Volunteers Needed** - Parkland Health Region and Ronald McDonald House Charities have opened a Family Room in the Pediatric Unit of the Prince Albert Victoria Hospital, providing an oasis for families and patients. They are searching for volunteers who will greet and assist families, help coordinator family programs and activities, re-stock supplies and do some light housekeeping. Thorough training will be provided for the 3 hour volunteer shifts. If interested, contact Nadia Balytska at 306-930-5422 or nbalytska@rmh.sk.ca or Volunteer Services at 306-765-6010 or volunteers@paphr.sk.ca.



### Stewardship Corner

#### **December 30 - Feast of the Holy Family**

*"Over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts." Colossians 3:14-15*

Jesus is God's ultimate gift of love to us. The countless other blessings that God showers upon us are nothing compared to the gift of His only Son. And the only appropriate way for us to respond to such generous love is with our own generous love.


Make a point of spending some family time together, just enjoying each other's company.




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**The Kids' Bulletin**  
Christmas Day  
December 25, 2016





WHY DO YOU THINK GOD CAME INTO THE WORLD AS A POOR,  
AND TINY BABY WHEN HE COULD HAVE COME AS A POWERFUL  
KING? JESUS BECAME LITTLE SO THAT HE COULD SUFFER WITH  
US AND SO WE COULD LOVE HIM AS SOMEONE LIKE OURSELVES.  
HOW CAN YOU SHOW YOU LOVE JESUS TODAY ON HIS BIRTHDAY?

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Bethlehem to see Baby Jesus.



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