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MASS TIMES:

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

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

*See weekly schedule

Office Hours: Tues to Fri. 9:30 am to 2:00 pm



Good News! This year will be the first year in 23 years that Fr. Jim has only one parish in which he will celebrate Christmas Eve. Parishioners have mobilized

to insure that there will be **two Christmas Eve Masses** -the traditional one at 10:00 p.m. and an earlier one at 7:00 p.m. Please note that this will necessitate **twice as many Ministries**, and so if you are going to be around please offer your services.



1st.
 Sunday
 of
 Advent

SACRAMENTS

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

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION:

We are asking all parents who want to have their children Baptized to participate in a three evening preparation program. *Please call the parish office to register.*

MARRIAGE:

Please allow six to eight months for preparations. Please contact Fr. Jim.

Sunday, December 3, 2017 1st. Sunday of Advent

Christmas Mass Schedule 2017

Parish Reconciliation

Thursday, December 7 - 7:00 p.m. Reconciliation Service

Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24 - 11:00 a.m. 4th. Sunday of Advent

- 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass

- 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass

Christmas Day:

Monday, December 25- 11:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass

New Years Eve

Sunday, December 31 - 11:00 a.m. Feast of the Holy Family

New Years Day

Monday, January 01 - 11:00 a.m. Solemnity of Mary

Upcoming Parish Reconciliation Celebrations:

Tuesday	December 5 -	7:30 p.m.	St. Michael Parish
Wednesday	December 6 -	7:30 p.m.	St. Joseph Parish
Thursday	December 7 -	7:00 p.m.	St. Mark Parish
Wednesday	December 13 -	7:00 p.m.	Sacred Heart
Thursday	December 14 -	7:00 p.m.	Sacred Heart

2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

The **Bishop's Annual Appeal** is in full swing. It supports the many programs and ministries that impact the lives of individuals and families. (i.e.) Catechism and Sacramental Preparation for youth and adults, Marriage Preparation, Liturgy, Social Justice, Catholic Family Services, Vocations and those working in Indigenous Ministry. ***Our main objective is to get all people participating***, if you can only give a dollar that is okay, it is not the quantity, it is the quality. To those who have already sent in their pledges THANK YOU. If you need an envelope, please see Fr. Jim immediately.

Bishop's Annual Appeal
Are you willing...to commit yourself to working in the Lord's Vineyard?
Oct. 1 - Dec. 31, 2017
Every gift is greatly appreciated!

Parish	This years Goal	Amount pledged 2016	Amount Pledged to date	Number Participating 2016	Number Participating to date	Average Pledge 2016
St. Mark	\$13,058.	\$13,057.	\$15,492.	63	58	\$207.
Diocese	\$425,000.	\$454,265	\$337,712.	1570	1116	\$289.

Weekly Schedule for Upcoming Week

- Sun. Dec 03 First Sunday of Advent
9:45 a.m. Mass at Herb Bassett Home
For All Parishioners
11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mark
For Arnold and Clara Edwards
From Rodney, Nadine, Tiana and Kalum Smith
Fr. Jim available for a supper invitation
- Mon. Dec 04 Fr. Jim's Day Off
Fr. Jim available for a supper invitation
- Tues. Dec 05 **9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mark**
Health of Family From Darsey
12:00 noon Advent Video Rectory Downstairs
2:00 p.m. Small Faith Christian Community gathering
7:00 p.m. Music Ministry Practice
7:30 p.m. Fr. Jim hearing confessions at St. Michael
- Wed. Dec 06 9:00 a.m. Fr. Jim hearing confessions at St. Anne
2:00 p.m. St. Mark Prayer Shawl Ministry at Rectory
7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Mark
In thanksgiving From a Parishioner
- Thurs. Dec 07 **9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mark**
IMO Sophie Tenaschuk
From Ladies of St. Mark
9:30 a.m. Fr. Jim hearing confessions at St. Francis
7:00 p.m. St. Mark Reconciliation Service
- Fri. Dec 08 **9:30 a.m. Mass at Sherman Towers**
For Increase in Vocations and Religious Life
10:00 a.m. Fr. Jim hearing confessions St. Michael School
6:00 p.m. Fr. Jim at K. of C. Supper
- Sat. Dec 09 Pray for all those travelling in the next few weeks
- Sun. Dec 10 2nd. Sunday of Advent
9:45 a.m. Mass at Herb Bassett Home
For All Parishioners
11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mark
For Tiana Smith
From Dad, Mom and Kalum Smith
Fr. Jim available for a supper invitation

MINISTRIES December 10, 2017

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2018 Sunday Offertory Envelopes

Please pick up your set of 2018 envelopes in the church foyer. Please verify information on the label is correct. If not; please contact the parish office to update Thank You.

2018 Calendars and Advent

Booklets: Please pick up your complimentary copy in church foyer.

2017-2018 Sunday Missals \$4.00 each available in foyer.

Fr. Jim's Advent/Christmas

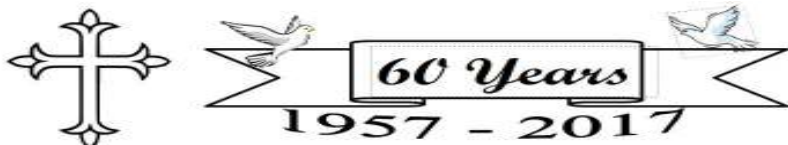
Newsletter: available to all parishioners. Please pick up your copy in the church foyer after Mass. Please verify your address is correct, if not; please contact the Parish Office.

Parish Christmas Party: will be held **Sunday, December 17** after Mass. All parishioners are invited to share a **Pot Luck** dinner and enjoy an old fashioned Christmas party with special food, Christmas Carols, and of course a visit from St. Nick. We are encouraging parishioners to share favorite Christmas dish, or your favorite Pot Luck recipe.

See you there!



We will be handing out the **Vocations Cross** during the Advent and Christmas seasons and ask you to **pray for Vocations** in the upcoming week. Please see the sign up sheet on church bulletin board or talk with Elaine Bergen if you would like to take the Cross home and pray for vocations.



Rev. Fr. Gaeten Deschamps was pastor from (1983-1986). Fr. Deschamps established the first Parish Council at St. Mark. Before that, working with the Pastor was a group called trustees who were all men. They were elected for a two year term. Fr. Deschamps also got the Ladies of St. Mark to reorganize; there were 25 ladies. He loved to join the ladies as they prepared lunches and held their perogie and cabbage roll work bees. Fr. Deschamps hired the parish's first full time secretary Elaine Bantle.

Rev. Monsignor Ulinski (1986-1992) had a strong belief in social justice. He was instrumental in starting the program Share- A Meal which later joined with the food bank. He hired Shirley Ruszkowski as St. Mark's first Pastoral worker. The back wall of the Sanctuary was redone with the brick and wood you see today. He also commissioned from Poland the two paintings of St. Mark our patron saint.

Presently, there are four seminarians for the diocese. **Our parish has been asked to adopt Kendrick Beler**. We are asking all parishioners to send him a card thanking him for choosing to follow the call of Christ. Let him know you will be praying for him and that you look forward to his ordination. His address is: St. Joseph Seminary; 9828 84 Street NW; Edmonton, AB; T6A 0B2.



St. Joseph Parish has an opening for a Pastor's Assistant. This position is 60 percent of full time. The person would have experience in sacramental formation and office systems operation and perform other duties as assigned by the Pastor. For more information, please contact St Joseph Parish Office at 306764-4942 or email st.josephschurchpa@sasktel.net

Prayer Shawl Ministry - The Ministry meets downstairs in Rectory every **Wednesday, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.** to Pray, knit/crochet Prayer Shawls. All yarn, needles and hooks are provided....*we need the talents God has blessed you with and your prayers.*

If you knit/crochet; but are unable to attend the meetings, you may create Prayer Shawls at home. Please contact Parish Office for more information and to pick up yarn.

The Ministry is accepting donations of yarn to create Shawls. Due to allergies, only synthetic yarn, not wool can be used. You may bring your donations to church or to the parish office during office hours.

Please contact the Parish Office for more information



Catholic Family Services - 'Live Free for a Year' Raffle. Win \$1000. a week for 52 weeks. Tickets \$100. each. A \$1000. Christmas bonus draw and monthly \$500. bonus draws. Tickets are available at St. Mark Parish Office or CFS office or call 306 922-3202.



A huge bouquet of roses and **Thank You** to everyone who contributed to making this year's **bazaar such a big success!** To all who helped make turkey pies, cabbage rolls and donated baking and other items, your time and efforts are greatly appreciated. Over **\$6500.** was raised and the teamwork for this day was amazing!

St. Mark Music

Ministry Practice

**Tues. Dec. 05
from 7:00—8:00 p.m.**

New members always welcome!



During Advent, St. Mark Parish will be **collecting food** for the **Food Bank.** Please bring your non-perishable food items to the Church and place them in the box provided.

The Knights of Columbus are happy to assist people to attend Mass. If you would like to attend Mass, but are unable to drive or do not have transportation available, the **Knights of Columbus will provide taxi service at no cost to you.** Please phone Garfield Hendrix at 306-763-8584. He will call the cab company to arrange the pick-up places, times and payments. This helps all parishioners live out the gospel values.

SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS

Teach us to give and not count the cost.
St. Ignatius de Loyola

	Nov. 25	Nov. 19
Envelopes	\$ 1604.00	\$ 1612.00
Loose	\$ 164.46	\$ 193.95
Building	\$ 50.00	\$ 425.00




The **Knights of Columbus** will once again be collecting **"Coats for Kids."** If you have any winter jackets that your children are no longer wearing; then please bring them to the Church and place them in the box provided.




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In the season of Advent, we are preparing for the coming of Christ. As we do so, we will be following our theme "Unwrapping what it Means to be a Disciple." Part of discipleship is to offer our prayers for the needs of ourselves, others and the world. We are asking you to write down any intentions you might have and place them in the special purple box labeled "**Prayer Intentions.**" This box will be carried up by the prayer leader at the time of the General Intentions, and offered as part of our prayer. They will then be laid in the crèche scene as part of our décor. Feel free to add as many intentions as you desire, use any extra paper you need.

During Advent I would like to pray for: (Use additional paper if you need more room) _____

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