

# ST. MARK PARISH

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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

## Upcoming Parish Reconciliation

### Celebrations:

Wed. Dec.13 - 7:00 p.m. Sacred Heart

Thurs Dec 14 - 7:00 p.m. Sacred Heart



## Second Sunday of Advent



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.



We are blessed this year to have two Christmas Eve Masses, but this requires more volunteers for the various **Ministries**. If you will be present for the Christmas celebrations, please put your name on the **Sign Up Sheet** in foyer bulletin board. Please sign up as soon as possible for as many Ministries as you are able to assist with. Thank you.

## 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 10, 2017 2nd. Sunday of Advent

## Christmas Mass Schedule 2017

### 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

## 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 | <b>\$13,058.</b> | \$13,057.           | <b>\$15,692.</b>       | 63                        | <b>61</b>                    | \$207.              |
| Diocese  | \$425,000.       | \$454,265           | \$355,077              | 1570                      | 1186                         | \$289.              |

## Weekly Schedule for Upcoming Week

- 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*
- Mon. Dec 11 Fr. Jim's Day Off  
*Fr. Jim available for a supper invitation*
- Tues. Dec 12 9:00 a.m. Fr. Jim hearing confessions at Turgeon  
12:00 noon Advent Video Rectory Downstairs  
1:00 p.m. Small Faith Christian Community prayer time  
2:00 p.m. Fr. Jim at a mtg at the Chancery  
**6:30 p.m. Mass at St. Mark** *plse note time*  
IMO Ted Dearing  
From St. John School Staff  
7:00 p.m. K. of C. Annual Social at St Mark  
7:00 p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart: Feast of Our Lady  
of Guadalupe. Celebrated by Bishop Albert
- Wed. Dec 13 2:00 p.m. Fr. Jim at a Spiritual Care Thank You at  
the Hospital  
2:00 p.m. St. Mark Prayer Shawl Ministry at Rectory  
**5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Mark** *plse note time*  
IMO Sophie Tenaschuk  
From Anne Zdrill and family  
6:00 p.m. Ladies Christmas Pot Luck Supper Mtg.  
7:00 p.m. Fr. Jim hearing confessions at Sacred Heart
- Thurs. Dec 14 9:00 a.m. Fr. Jim hearing confessions at St. John  
**7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Mark** *plse note time*  
IMO Lyle Duffield  
From Ione Loch and Family  
7:30 p.m. Fr. Jim hearing confessions at Sacred Heart
- Fri. Dec 15 Fr. Jim at a prayer mtg all day  
*Fr. Jim available for a supper invitation*
- Sat. Dec 16 4:00 p.m. Congratulations to Cynara, Cheyanne, Caydence,  
Spencer, Dominic and Addie Morin who will be  
Baptized today
- Sun. Dec 17 3rd. Sunday of Advent  
9:45 a.m. Mass at Herb Bassett Home  
For All Parishioners  
**11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mark**  
For Kalum Smith  
From Dad, Mom and Tiana Smith  
Parish Christmas Party after Mass  
*Fr. Jim available for a supper invitation*

**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.

**See you there!**



## MINISTRIES December 17, 2017

### LECTORS

C. & L. Danchilla

### BREAD and CUP

R. & E. Bergen

B. Grezaud C. Laberge

D. Korchinski

### HOSPITALITY

T. Ruzskowski family

### USHERS

O. & S. Kwiatkowski

J. Mauvieux V. Schaan

### CUSTODIAN

L. Holowachuk

### COUNTING TEAM

A. & C. Edwards D. Korchinski

**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.



A huge bouquet of roses and **Thank You**

Carl Danchilla

Claude Dupuis

Marlin Labossiere

Randy Malach

Gene Slager

Ernie Tremblay

for washing and waxing the hall floors. Great Job. Floors look fantastic!

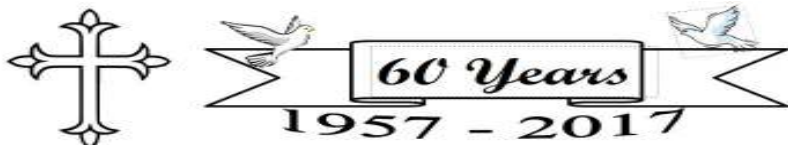
### **2018 Sunday Offertory Envelopes**

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.



Rev. Fr. Clifford Tremblay was pastor from 1992- 2007. He made many spiritual and physical changes to the parish. He promoted hospitality and stood at the entrance for all Masses and welcomed everyone by name with a handshake or a hug if you preferred. We acquired one of the first permanent Deacons (Ed Mcleod) in the Diocese and had the first Parish Administrator (Barb Slack) in the Prince Albert Deanery. He also encouraged the Sacramental Preparation Programs which included the parents. In order for St. Mark Parish to promote welcoming and hospitality, the entrance was totally changed. The crying room was removed and replaced with an elevator. The wall between the entrance and the nave was fitted with the large glass windows and doors. The entrance doors were also glass and side windows installed. This made the area bright and welcoming. The basement, too, was remodelled. Thanks to the generosity of parishioners, the financial loans were paid off in record time.

A huge THANK YOU to the St. Mark Knights of Columbus Council for their generous donation of **\$2600.** toward the purchase of 20 new tables for the hall. May God Bless You!



There will be a basket in the church foyer next Sunday, Dec. 17 to accept your donation for **Christmas flowers.** If you would like to **donate a poinsettia in memory of a loved one;** please bring the plant to the office during office hours prior to Fri. Dec. 22 Thank You.

**THANK YOU** to all those who helped with the **Salvation Army Kettle** at the Co-op grocery store. In the four days we rang the bells, we **raised \$2261.40**



### ***Vocation Corner*** Second Sunday of Advent – B

**A Vocation View:** The cry of the people: "Lord, let us see your kindness". Who will prepare the way of the Lord coming to us today?

**Prayer:** For all those especially chosen by Christ to "prepare the way of the Lord" in their hearts and the hearts of His people as priests, deacons, brothers and consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

**Action:** IN THE MELCHIZEDEK PROJECT, Catholic men meet to prayer about their lives, listen for God's voice, and get serious about answering His call. The Project's handbook, "To Save a Thousand Souls" by Father Brett Brannen, is the ultimate guidebook for discerning a vocation to the Catholic priesthood. Buy the book and read it!

This Sunday until the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent.

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.

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.



| <b>SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS</b> |                |                |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                             | <u>Dec. 03</u> | <u>Nov. 25</u> |
| Envelopes                   | \$ 2251.50     | \$ 1604.00     |
| Loose                       | \$ 158.15      | \$ 164.46      |
| Building                    | \$ 25.00       | \$ 50.00       |

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** 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.

**Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon,** SK is **seeking a full-time** (37.5 hours per week) Coordinator of Evangelization & Catechetics. For an overview of the position please follow the above link. The contact person is Patrick Clarke, Human Resources Manager at <http://hr@saskatoonrcdiocese.com> or 306-659-5835.


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During the Advent Season we are preparing for the coming of Christ, and in doing so we are unwrapping what it means to be a disciple. Part of being a disciple is to pray; to pray for the needs of others and pray for the needs of each other. Please use this or another piece of paper to write your intention, and add it to the purple box provided at Church and we will offer these prayers at Mass.

**During Advent I would like to pray for** (Use additional paper if you need more room) \_\_\_\_\_

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