

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

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

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. The next set of Baptism Preparation classes will be:

Wednesday evenings Jan. 10, 17, and 24, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. downstairs in Rectory. Please call the parish office to register.

MARRIAGE:

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

Sunday, December 17, 2017 3rd. Sunday of Advent



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.



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.



2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Good News: We have surpassed our financial goal and our participation goal. Thank you for your generosity. The agreement we have with the diocese is that 50% of the amount over our goal is returned to the parish. This will help in the ongoing expenses of the parish. **Once again thank you and Merry Christmas!**

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.	\$16,367.	63	65	\$207.
Diocese	\$425,000.	\$454,265	\$376,395.	1570	1260	\$289.

Weekly Schedule for Upcoming Week

Sun. Dec 17	3rd. Sunday of Advent 9:45 a.m. Mass at Herb Bassett Home For All Parishioners <u>11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mark</u> For Kalum Smith From Dad, Mom and Tiana Smith Parish Christmas Party after Mass - <i>Everyone Invited!</i>
Mon. Dec 18	10:00 a.m. Funeral Mass at St. Mark for the late Ray Erdman
Tues. Dec 19	<u>9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mark</u> IMO Joe Loch From Anne Zdrill and family 12:00 noon Advent Video Rectory Downstairs 2:00 p.m. Small Faith Christian Community prayer time 7:00 p.m. Parish Council Mtg.
Wed. Dec 20	<u>9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mark</u> IMO Sophie Tenaschuk From Ione Loch and family 9:30 a.m. Fr. Jim hearing confessions at Holy Cross School 2:30 p.m. Fr. Jim hearing confessions at SHC for St. Mary students 2:00 p.m. St. Mark Prayer Shawl Ministry at Rectory 7:00 p.m. Fr. Jim hearing confessions St. James, Albertville
Thurs. Dec 21	<u>9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mark</u> IMO Frank Zdrill From Anne Zdrill and Family
Fri. Dec 22	10:00 a.m. Mass at Good Shepherd For Increase in Vocations & Religious Life 7:00 p.m. Fr. Jim attending Christmas concert at St. James in Albertville
Sat. Dec 23	
Sun. Dec 24	4th. Sunday of Advent 9:45 a.m. Mass at Herb Bassett Home For All Parishioners <u>11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mark</u> IMO June and Nadia Gisi From Lee Gisi
<u>Christmas Celebrations</u>	
Sun. Dec 24	7:00 p.m. 1st. Christmas Eve Mass For Birthday Blessings for Noel Durand Granny and family 10:00 p.m. 2nd. Christmas Eve Mass IMO Frank Ruskowski From Maurice and Helen Lafond
Mon. Dec. 25	11:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass For Thanksgiving blessings From a Parishioner
Tues. Dec. 26	Office Closed
Wed. Dec.27	9:00 a.m. Mass For Ruskowski Family Office Closed
Thurs. Dec.28	9:00 a.m. Mass IMO Irene Kuhn From Dale & Linda Harasyn Office Closed
Fri. Dec. 29	9:00 a.m. Mass For Increase in Vocations

Parish Christmas Party:

TODAY Sun. Dec. 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. **EVERYONE INVITED**



The **deadline for making a 2017** donation to the parish will be Fri. Dec. 29 at 11:00 a.m. in order to be included on your 2017 tax receipt. Darsey will be in her office on Dec. 29 - 9:30 to 11:00 and will accept your donations until then. Thank You.

Our prayers and condolences to the families of *Doreen Lukowich and Ray Erdman* who recently passed away.

May They Rest
in Peace.



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.

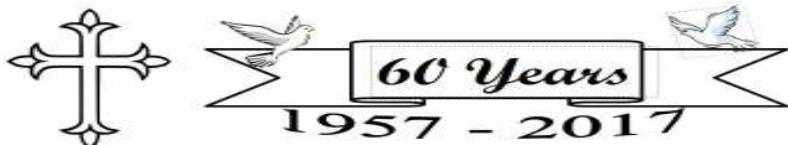
2018 Calendars and Advent Booklets:

Please pick up your *complimentary* copy in church foyer.

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

Father Jim's inspirational and moving Sunday Homilies

are now on our web site. If you would like to read Father's Homily; or if you missed Sunday Mass, please go to our web site: www.stmarkparish.com and view Father's Homily under the "Homilies" tab.



As you may have noticed in past bulletins we have been sharing some of the history of St. Mark. We will continue this 60th Anniversary Corner until May 28, 2018. **We are asking parishioners to share a memory or an impression of yours about the parish.** Some of you have been here many years and some of you are new. Maybe you want to share the reason you decided to become a member of St. Mark. Hopefully we get enough memories to keep our anniversary corner filled every week until the month of May. You can write your memory at home, put it in an envelope marked “**memory**” and place it in the collection basket. It can be 100 words or less. We also ask that you give us permission to use your name.

Does anyone have some trivia to share about the building or activities about the parish? Please include these as well. Hopefully we hear from you.



A Bouquet of Roses and THANK YOU to Ladies of St. Mark for their generous donation of **TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS** to our Parish. May God Bless your Generosity.



There is a basket in the church foyer today 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 or to church Dec.24 prior to 11:00 a.m. Mass Thank You.

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 **Christmas card**. His address is: St. Joseph Seminary; 9828 84 Street NW; Edmonton, AB; T6A 0B2.

The ALPHA Course is an **evangelistic** course which seeks to introduce the basics of the **Christian faith** through a series of talks and discussions. It: 1) Provides a clear way to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to people from all walks of life. 2) Helps lead people to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, within the context of the parish. 3) Covers the basic Christian truths shared by all traditions. 4) Is a very effective form of evangelization. An introduction to the Alpha Course will be offered at St. Mark, 7:00pm Thursday evenings, starting Jan 4.



SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS

	Dec. 10	Dec. 03
Envelopes	\$1775.00	\$ 2251.50
Loose	\$ 196.15	\$ 158.15
Building	\$ 540.00	\$ 25.00

Vocation Corner Third Sunday of Advent – B

A Vocation View: There was a man _____ sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the Light, so that through this person all people might believe. Is your name in the Gospel today?

Prayer: That men and women called by the Lord to be messengers of His Word as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life will zealously proclaim the good news of salvation, we pray to the Lord.

Action: DID YOU KNOW...”Brothers” live in Religious Communities. They take vows and promise to use their talents to serve God wherever the Community decides they are needed. Brothers are not ordained.

The parish has purchased **new tables** for the basement. The **old tables** will be put up for sale. The price will be between **\$10 - and \$25 dollars** depending on the condition. Please contact Randy Malach if you would like to purchase one 980-7939.

3rd 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.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES – Other Parishes

Sacred Heart Cathedral

December 24 - 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass, English
6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass, English
8:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass, French
12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass, English
December 25 - 11:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass, English
January 01 - 9:30 a.m. New Year's Day Mass, French
11:00 a.m. New Year's Day Mass, English

St. Mark Parish

December 24 - 7:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass
December 25 - 11:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass
January 01 - 11:00 a.m. New Year's Day Mass

St. Michael Parish

December 24 - 8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass
December 25 - 11:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass
January 01 - 9:30 a.m. New Year's Day Mass

St. James-Albertville

December 24 - 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass
January 01 - 9:00 a.m. New Year's Day Mass

St. Joseph - Candle Lake

December 24 - 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass
December 31 - 5:00 p.m. New Year's Eve Mass

St. Mary - Christopher Lake

December 24 - 9:30 p.m. Christmas Day Mass
January 01 - 11:00 a.m. New Year's Day Mass

Our Lady of Czestochowa

December 24 - 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass
December 25 - 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass
December 31 - 10:00 a.m. New Year's Eve Mass
January 01 - 10:00 a.m. New Year's Day Mass


Sisters of the Presentation of Mary

December 24 - 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass

Working on your TALENT ???

There will be an opportunity for you to sell your "talents projects" at our parish breakfasts - **Sun. Jan. 7 and Feb. 11.** If you would like to reserve a table for one or both of these Sundays to sell your goods to other parishioners; please contact the parish office and a table will be reserved for you.

Prayer Shawl Ministry - regular Wed. 2:00pm meeting **cancelled** for Dec. 27. The Ministry is accepting donations of yarn and large gift bags.

 **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.

Joseph Hieu Trung Do, a seminarian who is staying with Fr. Jim; is in the process of learning English. He desperately needs someone whom he can converse with. If you are someone who has a few hours free each week, and would like to help him; please contact Fr. Jim so he can line up a regular time when the two of you can meet.



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.

Development and Peace is seeking a **temporary full-time** (35 hours/week) **Catholic Schools Program Officer** at the In-Canada Programs Department, in either Saskatoon or Regina. Those interested are requested to send a letter of application and a CV by 4:00PM on Dec13th, 2017 to rh.hr@devp.org



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.



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

Friday, Dec 22 at 7:00pm, the Trudel family will be hosting their annual **Christmas Concert** in Albertville. No cover charge, but a collection will be made for the Ronald McDonald Family Room in Prince Albert. Please bring a food item for the Food Bank.



A little boy set out to meet God. He thought it could be a long trip to where God lives so he packed his suitcase with Twinkies and a six-pack of root beer and started his journey.

When he had gone about three blocks he met an old man. He was sitting in the park just staring at some pigeons. The boy sat down next to him and opened his little suitcase. He was about to take a drink from his root beer when he noticed that the old man looked hungry so he offered him a Twinkie.

The elderly gentleman gratefully accepted it and smiled at the lad. His smile was so pleasant the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered him a root beer. Again, he smiled at him. The boy was delighted! They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word.

As it grew dark, the boy realized how tired he was and he got up to leave, but before he had gone more than a few steps, he turned around, ran back to the old man, and gave him a hug. He gave him his biggest smile ever.

When the boy opened the door to his own house a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him, "What did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "I had lunch with God." But before his mother could respond, he added, "You know what? He's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!"

Meanwhile, the old man, also radiant with joy, returned to his home. His son was stunned by the look of peace on his face and asked, "Dad, what did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "I ate Twinkies in the park with God." Before his son responded, he added, "You know, he's much younger than I expected."

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. People come into our lives for a reason, a season, or a lifetime. Embrace all equally! — *author unknown*

Are you tired of the same old thing at Christmas -- Using money you haven't earned to buy things people don't need, to impress people you don't like. Why not try something different like buying something for a family through the charity CHALICE. One of the choice gifts is a pair of goats. It will provide both milk and income. Please go to www.chalice.ca/ways-to-give/gift-catalogue to see what is possible.



Community Christmas Dinner

December 25th 2017

1:00pm to 5:00pm

St. Mary High School

380-14th Street West

Prince Albert



EVERYONE IS WELCOME

AND IT IS FREE!!

Food deliveries are provided to seniors and those whom have reduced mobility by calling (306) 940-4241 or (306) 960-7825

Please reserve your ride by December 24th at (306) 960-7825 or (306) 940-4241

Or

For a ride Christmas Day, Call (306) 960-7825 or (306) 961-9520

For Volunteering and donations please call Isabelle at (306)763-4630 or (306) 980-7794 Leave message if no answer!

The Christmas Mass on TV

For those who cannot make it to church, please join the Catholic Community this Christmas. Watch the Daily TV Mass:

Christmas Eve on VisionTV at 6:00 pm PT/ 7:00 pm MT/ 8:00 pm CT
yesTV at 9:00 MT (Alberta Only)

Christmas Day at 8:00 am and 12:00 pm ET on VisionTV
11:00 pm ET on Salt + Light

You can also watch on the web at www.dailytvmass.com

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New Members OR Update for Current Members

Welcome to our family of St Mark. 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 please feel free to fill out the form below and give it to our pastor, Fr Jim Kaptein after Mass, or place it into the collection basket where it will be picked up, or drop off at the parish office.

Name (s): _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ Phone Number (s) _____

Marital Status: _____

Names of children & Date of Baptism: _____

Please check one:

New Parishioner _____ Current Member Change of Address: _____ Other: _____

I want to use a Sunday Collection Envelope: Yes _____ No: _____


If yes, new unassigned boxes of envelopes are available at the church entrance or at the church office.

I want to use Automatic Withdrawal: Yes _____ Thank you for the information and taking the time to complete this form.


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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) _____
