

# ST. MARK PARISH

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**Pastor: Fr. Jim Kaptein**

**Deacon:** Brad Taylor

Secretary Treasurer: Darsey Korchinski

Caretaker : Jean Mauvieux

## **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

## **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.**

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION** - next session will be Monday, January 8 at 7:00 p.m. Please use north hall door.

### **MARRIAGE:**

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

*Please note:* Parish office will be **closed** Mon. Dec. 25 to Mon. Jan. 01 incl. **\*except open Fri. Dec. 29- open 9:30a.m. to noon**



Most Rev. Albert Thévenot M. Afr., Bishop of Prince Albert and Staff

Christmas Greeting, can be found at: <https://www.padiocese.ca/bishop-s-monthly-pastoral-letters-a> in English and French.

## **Christmas Mass Schedule 2017**

### **Christmas Eve**

Sunday, December 24- 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

**Sunday, December 24, 2017  
and Sunday, December 31, 2017**

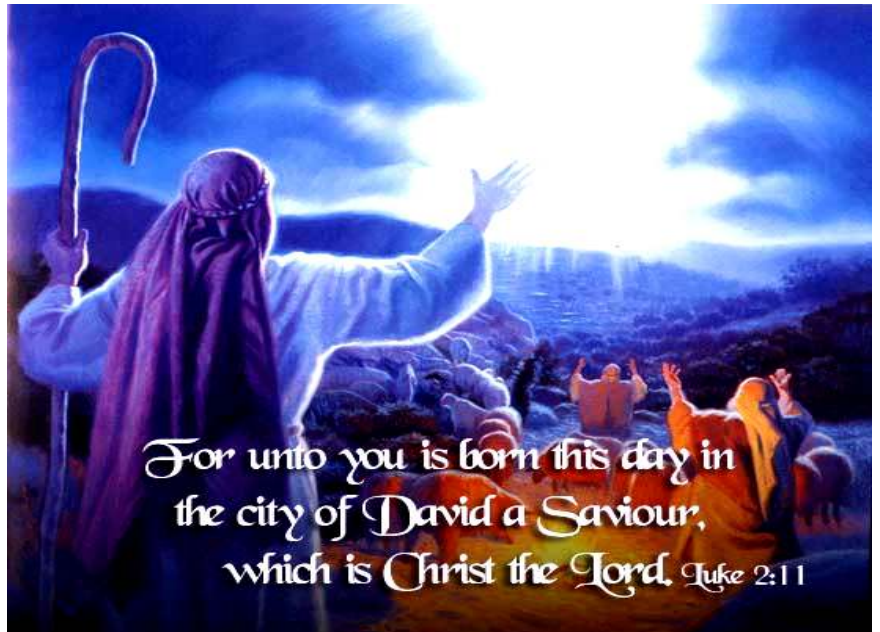


### **Parish Pastoral Council:**

Fr. Jim Kaptein, Deacon Brad Taylor, Chairperson Ed Charlebois, Lorraine Tremblay, Elaine Bergen, Lucille Danchilla, Brian Falconer, Randy Malach, Bernadette Slager, Jayne Boulet, Erika Rybinski, Karen Chamberlain, Darsey Korchinski

### **Parish Finance Council:**

Fr. Jim Kaptein, Chairperson Randy Malach, Denis Benard, Gene Slager, Barbara Timoffee, Jim Watt, Darsey Korchinski



## Weekly Schedule for Upcoming Weeks

Sun. Dec 24 4th. Sunday of Advent  
 9:45 a.m. Mass at Herb Bassett Home For All Parishioners  
**11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mark**  
 IMO June and Nadia Gisi From Lee Gisi

### Christmas Celebrations

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 Office Closed  
 For Thanksgiving blessings From a Parishioner

Tues. Dec. 26 Fr. Jim spending time with this family. Office Closed

Wed. Dec. 27 **9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mark** Office Closed

For Ruskowski Family  
 10:00 a.m. Fr. Jim socializing with the seminarians  
 and priests of the diocese all day

Thurs. Dec.28 **9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mark** Office Closed  
 IMO Irene Kuhn From Dale & Linda Harasyn

*Fr. Jim available for a Supper Invitation*

Fri. Dec. 29 **9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mark**

For Increase in Vocations  
 Fr. Jim attending Permanent Deacon Christmas celebration

Sat. Dec. 30 *Fr. Jim available for a Supper Invitation*

Sun. Dec. 31 Feast of the Holy Family  
 9:45 a.m. Mass at Herb Bassett Home For All Parishioners  
**11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mark**  
 80th. Birthday Blessings Ted Ruskowski  
 From Ted and family Ruskowski

Mon. Jan. 01 Feast of Mary Mother of God  
**11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mark**

For New Year Blessings From a Parishioner  
*Fr. Jim available for a Supper Invitation*

Tues. Jan. 02 **9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mark**  
 IMO Ron Lavoie From Yvette and family

Fr. Jim enjoying time at Watrous all day

Wed. Jan. 03 **NO Mass at St. Mark**  
 Fr. Jim enjoying time at Watrous all day

Thurs. Jan. 04 **9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mark**  
 Health of family From Darsey

9:45 a.m. Fr. Jim at a Deanery Mtg  
 7:00 p.m. First ALPHA Series evening Rectory basement

Fri. Jan. 05 9:30 a.m. Mass at Carment Court

Sat. Jan. 06

Sun. Jan 07 Epiphany  
 9:45 a.m. Mass at Herb Bassett Home For All Parishioners  
**11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mark**  
 IMO Frank Ruskowski From St. Mark K. of C  
 Brunch in Hall following Mass. *Everyone invited.*

Mon. Jan.08 Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. End of Christmas Season



**A Bouquet of  
 Roses and a Huge  
 THANK YOU**

to everyone who  
 helped make our  
**Parish Christmas Party  
 a huge success:**  
 Elaine Bergen and committee,  
 everyone that contributed the  
 delicious food,  
 all the volunteers that  
 set up and cleaned,  
 K. of C.  
 and - **St. Nick**



**A Bouquet of  
 Roses and**

Huge **THANK YOU**  
 to Lorraine Tremblay  
 and Décor Committee for the  
 beautiful festive décor.



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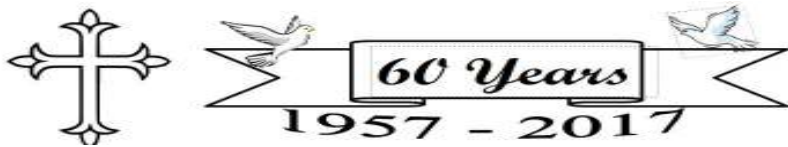
to Bobby Ruskowski  
 and staff of  
 Ruskowski Enterprises  
 for keeping our parking lots and  
 driveways clear of snow.



We will be handing  
 out the **Vocations Cross**  
 during the Advent and  
 Christmas seasons and ask you  
 to **pray for Vocations** in the up-  
 coming 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.

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.

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.



### List of Upcoming Anniversary Events

- January-May: submit memories and trivia for the bulletin.
- January – May: submit decade timeline data to make posters for the basement.
- March 11<sup>th</sup> 2018 at the Annual Meeting, Fr. Jim will have a quiz about St. Mark Parish
- April 25<sup>th</sup> 2018 we will celebrate the feast of St. Mark with a 7:00pm Mass and have coffee and potluck dainties afterward. There will be a fun quiz about St. Mark the saint/person.
- May the 6<sup>th</sup> 2018 we will have a group photo taken of everyone at Mass that day.
- May 27<sup>th</sup> 2018 we will celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary when the church was dedicated. Fr. Maurice Fiolleau will represent Bishop Albert Thévenot and celebrate Mass. We will have a few activities and surprises that day which we will reveal as the day draws closer. We will display our decade's timeline in the basement. Be sure your name is on it so all parishioners are represented.

### Timeline Coming Soon

In January, we will be handing out a form on which, we will gather information from you to compile a list of events the parishioners of St. Mark have celebrated here over the last 60 years. Based on the information handed in, we will be making a list of these wonderful events for each decade and displaying it in the basement of St. Mark Church. The categories will include when you became a member of the Parish or celebrated the following: received any of the sacraments, joined the Knights of Columbus or the Ladies of St. Mark, became an Altar Server, or served as a member of Parish Council or the Finance Council. If you have another event that was important to you, feel free to share. Please include members of your family who may have been members of the Parish but no longer belong to St. Mark. We look forward to hearing from you in January.

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 or letter.** 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 in rectory basement. Everyone welcome.



### MINISTRIES January 07, 2018

#### LECTORS

C. & E. Bantle

#### BREAD and CUP

C. & L. Danchilla

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L. Tremblay

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#### CUSTODIAN

E. Charlebois

#### COUNTING TEAM

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### COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

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

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### SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS

	<u>Dec. 17</u>	<u>Dec. 10</u>
Envelopes	\$1560.00	\$1775.00
Loose	\$ 231.30	\$ 196.15
Building	\$ 55.00	\$ 540.00



### Parish Epiphany Breakfast

Sunday - Jan. 07, 2018 after Mass

*Everyone welcome!*

### Working on your TALENT ???

This will be an opportunity for you to **sell your "talents projects"** at the breakfast. If you would like to reserve a table to sell your goods to other parishioners; please contact the parish office and a table will be reserved and set up for you.




### Vocation Corner - Christmas

**A Vocation View:** Christmas the promised fulfilled. God comes to dwell among His people. Before the Second Coming of Jesus, the world needs people like you to continue His work. Are you ready?


**Prayer:** That Catholic families will pray for, and nurture, the gift of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life from among their children, we pray to the Lord.

**Action:** THE CALL TO VOCATION is a call to follow Jesus – which can be done via married life and the single life as well. Often people are reluctant to share their feelings regarding their call, a natural response. Prayers help here as well.


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English translation  
Dear St Mark Parish  
Good morning,  
I wish you Merry Christmas 2017 and every  
good wish for the New year.  
Let God in is infinite love keep you safe, your  
desire and your dreams, your God come true in  
2017.  
Translated by: Roselene Bialka God Bless you!



**Children's Liturgy Gold Box** All money donated to the "Gold Box" at the foot of the altar, is used to sponsor a child through Chalice in Haiti - 8 year old Elie Diadora grade 3- who recently wrote to say *Merry Christmas and thank You.*

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