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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. 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

*(May be closed during weekday morning Mass)

December 16, 2018 - Third Sunday of Advent

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve/Day

Saturday December 22

- 5:00 p.m. in Candle Lake

Sunday December 23

- 9:00 a.m. in St. James

- 11:00 a.m. in St. Mark

Monday December 24

- 5:00 p.m. in Candle Lake

- 7:30 p.m. in St. James

- 10:00 p.m. in St. Mark

Tuesday December 25

- 11:00 a.m. St. Mark

Feast of Holy Family

Saturday December 29

- 5:00 p.m. in Candle Lake

Sunday December 30

- 9:00 a.m. in St. James

- 11:00 a.m. in St. Mark

Mary Mother of God

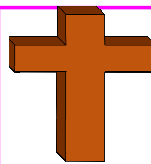
Monday December 31

- 5:00 p.m. in Candle Lake

Tuesday, January 01

- 9:00 a.m. in St. James

- 11:00 a.m. in St. Mark



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.



There is a basket in the church foyer today 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. 21 or to church Dec.23 prior to 11:00 a.m.* Mass. Thank You.

The Food Bank is always in need of food items. During Advent, there will be a collection box in the foyer of the church. Please bring non perishable food items that can be shared with others.

The Knights of Columbus are collecting "Coats for Kids." If you have any winter jackets, mittens and/or toques that your children are no longer wearing; then please bring them to the Church and place them in the box provided.

Christmas Ministry Sign Up: If you are able to; please sign up to assist with the various Ministries during the Christmas season. Please see sign up sheets posted on bulletin board in foyer. Thank you.



2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal Covenant

"What Must We Do... to Build the Kingdom of God?". We are just days away from the end of the 2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal. 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, 2018. If you have lost or misplaced your Appeal information, please see Fr. Jim .

| Parish | This years Goal | Amount pledged 2017 | Amount Pledged to Date | Number Participating 2017 | Number Participating to Date | Average Pledge 2017 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| St. Mark | \$17,308 | \$17,307 | \$11,654. | 69 | 51 | \$215 |
| St. James | \$10,127 | \$8,100 | \$9,075. | 25 | 20 | \$324 |
| Diocese | \$425,000 | \$465,987 | \$343,676. | 1573 | 1153 | \$296 |
| Diocesan Covenant | | St. Mark – \$12,633 | | St. James - \$10,127 | | |



Weekly Schedule for December 16th. to 30th. 2018

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|----------------|---|
| Sun. Dec. 16 | 3rd. Sunday of Advent 9:00 a.m. Mass St. James <u>11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mark</u> For Fr. Jim From Carl and Lucille Danchilla Parish Christmas Party after Mass - <i>Everyone Invited!</i> |
| Mon. Dec. 17 | Fr. Jim's day off <i>Fr. Jim available for a supper invitation.</i> |
| Tues. Dec. 18 | <u>9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mark</u> Birthday Blessings for Rose From Emily 10:00 a.m. Fr. Jim hearing confessions St. Catherine School 2:00 p.m. Small Faith Gospel Reflection 4:15 p.m. RCIC 7:00 p.m. Parish Pastoral Council Mtg. |
| Wed. Dec. 19 | 9:00 a.m. Fr. Jim hearing confessions St. John School 7:00 p.m. St. James Advent Reconciliation Service |
| Thurs. Dec. 20 | <u>9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mark</u> IMO Frank Korycki From Ed Charlebois 7:00 p.m. RCIA |
| Fri. Dec. 21 | 11:00 a.m. Mass at Riverbreeze Home For Fr. Kendrick Beler From Marie Mathers |
| Sat. Dec. 22 | 5:00 p.m. Mass at Candle Lake 7:00 p.m. Trudel Christmas Concert St. James |
| Sun. Dec. 23 | 4th. Sunday of Advent 9:00 a.m. Mass St. James <u>11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mark</u> For All Parishioners |
| Mon. Dec. 24 | CHRISTMAS EVE 5:00 p.m. Mass at Candle Lake 7:30 p.m. Mass at St. James <u>10:00 p.m. Mass at St. Mark</u> IMO of Frank Zdrill From Anne Zdrill and family |
| Tues. Dec. 25 | CHRISTMAS DAY <u>11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mark</u> For Fr. Jim From Ted Ruskowski and family |
| Wed. Dec. 26 | No Mass at St. Mark |
| Thurs. Dec. 27 | <u>9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mark</u> IMO Burnell Maurice From Robert & Yvonne Maurice |
| Fri. Dec. 28 | 10:00 a.m. Mass at Good Shepherd For Fr. Kendrick Beler From Clint and Laura Risling |
| Sat. Dec. 29 | FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY 5:00 p.m. Mass at Candle Lake |
| Sun. Dec. 30 | 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. James <u>11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mark</u> For Deacon Brad From Rodney, Nadine Smith and family |




Samuel Says... In the Advent and Christmas season, we will be having a **special visitor** during our

Eucharistic celebrations. **Samuel, a shepherd from the time of Jesus**, will be beginning our celebrations and speaking about his experience of the birth of Jesus. **Please take a moment to welcome him**, and listen to him, as he helps us prepare for Christmas.

Samuel says, "Say this prayer for all those preparing to celebrate Christmas"

Lord, teach me to be generous.
Teach me to serve you as you deserve;
To give and not to count the cost,
To fight and not to heed the wounds,
To toil and not to seek for rest,
To labor and not to ask for reward,
Save that of knowing that I do your will.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

Our prayers and condolences to the family of *Theresa Bird* who recently passed away. 
May She Rest in Peace.



A huge **THANK YOU** to **Ladies of St. Mark** for their generous donation of **\$7,000.**
May God Bless You!

The **deadline for making a 2018** donation to the parish will be **Friday December 28 at 11:00 a.m.** in order to be included on your 2018 tax receipt. Thank You.

Please note: **Parish Office will be CLOSED** from Mon. Dec. 24 to Tues. Jan. 2nd. incl. Fr. Jim will be checking phone messages. Darsey enjoying Christmas with her family.

The **Children's Liturgy Ministry** is having a meeting on **Saturday, January 19 from 10:00am – 12:00noon**. We are asking all those parents/guardians who have children participating in this Ministry to **please attend**, as we will be discussing the future of the Children's Liturgy Ministry at St. Mark. **Please mark you calendars.**

Please Note the following will be **CANCELLED** for the weeks of Dec. 16 to Jan. 05.
No Thursday Rosary Prayer
No Wednesday Prayer Shawl

On behalf of P.A. East Central History Book Committee, producers of our history book, "*Chances, Challenges, Cherished Memories*", Thank You Mrs. Beatrice Ruskowski for donating the rock to which our cemetery plaque was attached. Also thanks to Father Jim and St. Mark Knights of Columbus for attaching our plaque to the rock, transporting and placing it in St. Mary Cemetery, approximately twelve miles east of Prince Albert. Helen Placsko

Thank you to all parishioners for your generous donations to the Ladies of St. Mark Tea and Bazaar. Thank You to everyone who came out and enjoyed our tea and supported us.

Next Sunday will be a two week bulletin from Sun Dec. 23 to Sat. Jan. 5.


| SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Dec 09 | Dec 02 |
| Envelopes | \$1,179.00 | \$2,812.00 |
| Loose | \$ 146.55 | \$ 233.40 |
| Building | \$ 230.00 | \$ 370.00 |

Save the Date! World Youth Day is in Panama from Janu22nd to 27th, 2019. As part of our Diocesan response to the Synod on Youth in Rome on, "Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment", we will be having a **WYD@Home** event, on **Sat. Jan 26, 1:30 to 9:00pm, at St. Joseph Parish in PA, for ages 15 and up**. This will be an opportunity to join those in Panama in Spirit and Prayer. The event promises to be an **action-packed day of fun, faith and discernment**. It will feature guest speaker Mike Landry from Edmonton, the National Evangelization Team, as well as praise and worship music from some of our own talented youth. We will also be **live streaming with Pope Francis** and young adults from around the world in Panama! **Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Albert at 5:00pm**. Supper is included. There is **no charge** for this event as it is sponsored by the Bishop's Annual Appeal. **Registration Packages** are available at your parish office. **For more information** please feel free to call Dave McQuaid at (306) 441-5897 or Brian Bauche at (306) 220-0025

Host Families needed
NET (National Evangelical Team) a Catholic Youth Movement of young adult missionaries, will be visiting our Diocese from **Jan. 18 to 28, 2019**. We ask that you prayerfully consider billeting two or more dynamic, faith-filled NET team members for one or more of the mentioned days. Please call Michelle at the Diocese office (306) 922-4747, ext. 228, or e-mail to ecassis-tant@padiocese.ca

Restorative Justice Ministry is all about God's mercy, forgiveness and reconciliation being revealed through, Jesus Christ, the Prisoner .
When a crime happens in our community, whether a break and enter, a theft, drunk driving offense, domestic abuse and or assault or even a murder...
♦ How will we as a faith community of intentional disciples of Jesus Christ, respond by providing pastoral care and support to the victims of the offense as well as the one who has caused the harm?
♦ How will we embrace our calling to be an intentional community of disciples by embracing Restorative Justice practices as a Ministry of reconciliation, mercy and forgiveness?
♦ If you are feeling called to explore this Ministry further then please contact Deacon Brad Taylor - Restorative Justice Coordinator. 306-960-3112 (cell) restorativejustice@padiocese.com


COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER
December 25 - 1:00 p. m. to 5:00 p.m.
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EVERYONE WELCOME
Food deliveries provided to seniors and to those who have reduced mobility by calling 306-940-2369, 306-940-4241 or 306 940 4622
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 **Vocation Corner ~ Third Sunday of Advent – C**
A Vocation View: Have you ever asked: "What ought I do?" Simply, tell the Good News to people. Nothing else matters.
Prayer: For men and women called by the Lord to be messengers of salvation as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, that Christ's peace will guard their hearts and minds as they proclaim the good news of salvation, we pray to the Lord.
Action: Being a disciple means being constantly ready to bring the love of Jesus to others, and this can happen unexpectedly and in any place: on the street, in a city square, during work, on a journey. *Evangelii Gaudium, "The Joy of the Gospel" (127)*


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The Kids' Bulletin
 Third Sunday of Advent
 December 16, 2018
*God sent Saint John the Baptist to prepare
 the people for the coming of Jesus.
 What did he say when some of the people
 thought that he might be the saviour?
 Look in the mirror to find out!*
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How can we be like St.
 John the Baptist and
 show other people the
 way to Jesus?

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