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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 2, 2018 - First Sunday of Advent

Advent Penitential

Services

- Tues Dec 4 – 7:30pm St. Michael
- Thurs Dec 6 – 7:30pm St. Joseph
- Tues Dec 11 – 7:00pm Sacred Heart
- Wed Dec 12 – 7:00pm Sacred Heart
- Thurs Dec 13 – 7:00pm St. Mark**
- Wed Dec 19 – 7:00pm St. James

SACRAMENTS

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

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION: Baptism is the foundation for all the other sacraments. All parents looking to have their children baptized are required to participate in baptismal preparation program. The next set of classes will be: January 14, 21 & 28, 2019. *To register for baptism classes; please call the Parish Office at 306 764-4637.*

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION: The next meeting for parents and candidates will be Monday, January 7th at 7:00 p.m. in St. Mark Church basement. (plse. use north door)

MARRIAGE: Please allow six to eight months for preparation. Please contact Fr. Jim.

Advent

BE WATCHFUL. BE ALERT

Parish Pastoral Council: Fr. Jim Kaptein, Deacon Brad Taylor, Chairperson Ed Charlebois; Liturgy Lorraine Tremblay; Community Life Elaine Bergen; Finance Randy Malach, Ladies of St. Mark Lucille Danchilla; Knights of Columbus Vic Schaan; Members at-large: Susan Ritthaler, Merle Van Dijck; Responsible Ministry Bernadette Slager; Secretary Darsey Korchinski

Parish Finance Council: Fr. Jim Kaptein, Chairperson Randy Malach, PPC Chairperson Ed Charlebois, Denis Benard, Barbara Timoffee, Jim Watt, Darsey Korchinski

2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal Covenant


We sometimes need to remind ourselves that God has given us all the resources, and we are but stewards of what we have been given. The ability of the Church to be fruitful in today's world is dependent on the willingness of the faithful to nourish the church with our gifts. The **Bishop's Annual Appeal** is well underway. Below are the tallies of pledges that have been made. Please take the time to fill out your pledge. If you haven't received a pledge form; 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	\$10,084.	69	46	\$215
St. James	\$10,127	\$8,100	\$8,675.	25	17	\$324
Diocese	\$425,000	\$465,987	\$271,501.	1573	939	\$296



Weekly Schedule for December 2nd. to 9th. 2018

Sun. Dec. 02	1st. Sunday of Advent 9:00 a.m. Mass St. James 11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mark For All Parishioners Congratulations to Otto Bourdon, Kayde Bouvier, Luka Michel, and Rylee Michel- Sewap who were baptized today. NOTE:Barry Tkachuk receiving Ministry of Acolyte at SacredHeart
Mon. Dec. 03	Fr. Jim's day off Fr. Jim available for a supper invitation.
Tues. Dec. 04	9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mark For Deacon Brad From Carl and Lucille Danchilla 2:00 p.m. Small Faith Gospel Reflection 2:00 p.m. Fr. Jim hearing confessions at Ecole Valois 4:15 p.m. RCIC 5:00 p.m. Fr. Jim celebrating Mass for the Sisters of Presentation 7:00 pm. Fr. Jim hearing confessions at St. Michael
Wed. Dec. 05	7:45 a.m. Fr. Jim celebrating Mass at Rivier 9:00 a.m. Fr. Jim hearing confessions at St. Anne School 2:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry Gathering 7:00 p.m. Advent Mission at St. Joseph Parish 7:00 p.m. Mass at St. James
Thurs. Dec.06	7:45 a.m. Fr. Jim celebrating Mass at Rivier 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mark For Fr. Jim From Don and Marlene Park 9:30 a.m. Fr. Jim hearing confessions at St.MichaelSchool 11:30 a.m. Fr. Jim saying Grace at Army & Navy Veterans Christmas Dinner 2:00 p.m. Pray the Rosary at St. Mark 7:00 p.m. Fr. Jim teaching class at RCIA mtg. 7:30 p.m. St. Joseph Advent Reconciliation Service
Fri. Dec. 07	9:30 a.m. Mass at Carment Court IMO Burnell Maurice From: Robert and Yvonne Maurice 10:00 am. Fr. Jim hearing confessions at HolyCross School
Sat. Dec. 08	5:00 p.m. Mass at Candle Lake
Sun. Dec. 09	2nd. Sunday of Advent 9:00 a.m. Mass St. James 9:45 a.m. St. Mark Responsible Ministry Refresher Video 11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mark For All Parishioners 1:00 p.m. Fr. Jim hearing confessions at St. James Children's Advent Retreat

 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.



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 people in this season of Advent":

Lord, may all that we do this day, from morning until night, begin with your inspiration and continue with your powerful help. May our work this day be rooted in love and mercy, that we might love you, and love our neighbors, as perfectly as you love us. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

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.



If you would like to donate a poinsettia plant in memory of a loved one to decorate our church during the Christmas season; please bring the plant to the parish office during office hours prior to Dec. 21 or to church Sun. Dec. 23. Thank You.

We welcome you with the love of Christ, and as your faith community, we invite you to become a more intimate part of our faith community, so that you, too, can realize that
"God is good— all the time."

Fr. Jim's Advent/Christmas Newsletter: If you have not received your letter; please pick one up after Mass in the church foyer.

2019 Sunday Offertory Envelopes Please pick up your set of 2019 envelopes in the church foyer. *Please verify your address information on the label is correct.* If not; please contact the parish office to update Thank You.

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

2018- 2019 Sunday Missals available for Sale in church foyer **\$4.00 each** Please pick up your copy.

**St. Mark Parish
Responsible Ministry
Refresher Video**

If you were unable to attend the Video today, Sunday, Dec. 2nd. there will be another refresher for volunteers in high risk Ministries on **Sun. Dec. 9th. at 9:45 a.m. downstairs in the Rectory.**

If you currently volunteer in these Ministries, or would like more information; please come before Mass to view video.

**MINISTRIES
December 09, 2018**

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Please join fellow parishioners as we gather to **Pray the Rosary** every **Thursday afternoon** at **2:00p.m.** in the church.

SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS

*Our Gifts to God, and
To Our Parish*

	Nov 18	Nov 18
Envelopes	\$1,370.00	\$4,864.00
Loose	\$ 182.40	\$ 200.15
Building	\$ 40.00	\$ 130.00

"No one has ever become poor by giving".

Anne Frank

St. Joseph Parish, P.A. welcomes you for an **Advent evening and reflection** on **Wednesday, December 5th. at 7:00 p.m.** Guest Speaker Professor Chris Hrynkow of St. Thomas Moore College. Dr. Hrynkow will be presenting a talk on the topic of: Creation, Catholicism, and Relationships. This event is open to the public - Free will offering is encouraged.



Bouquets of Roses and
Thanks to:

- ◆ St. Mary Students and Teachers who folded and stuffed Fr. Jim's Advent Newsletters.
- ◆ Tuesday Faith Gathering Group for helping to sort the 2019 Envelope sets.
- ◆ All the volunteers who "rang the bells" for the Salvation Army Kettle drive. In the four days we rang the bells; we raised **\$3,469.05** compared to \$2261.40 last. year. Thank you being a part of this worthy community project.

Many Blessings to Everyone!

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** will once again be 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

Parish Christmas Party: will be held **Sunday, December 16 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 your favorite Christmas dish, or your favorite Pot Luck recipe. Bring extra; to share with those who forget or are unable to contribute to the dinner.

Everyone is invited to participate !

See you there!



Does Advent have a theme?

Advent has always been somewhat confused. It blends together a penitential spirit very similar to Lent, a liturgical theme of preparation for the Second and Final Coming of the Lord, called the Parousia, and a joyful theme of getting ready for the Bethlehem event. Religious traditions associated with Advent give expression to all these themes.

A spirit of expectation begins to pick up momentum: shopping trips, gift wrapping, parties, a different kind of music and song, and an avalanche of decoration. It is obvious that something wonderful is about to happen. In the midst of this swelling excitement throughout contemporary society and culture, worshippers in churches are reminded to be watchful, to repent, to do penance. As a preparation season... It looks forward to the annual celebration of Jesus' birth, both the historical event itself and the saving event of the coming of God in flesh.

"Catholic Customs and Traditions: a popular guide" by Greg Dues

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

Meal Prayer for Advent

Leader: Let us offer God Praise and Thanksgiving.

+ All make the sign of the Cross.

Leader: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation:

in the darkness and in the light,

Blessed are you

in this food and in our sharing.

Blessed are you as we wait in joyful hope

for the coming of our Saviour.

Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power,

And the glory are yours,

now and forever.

All: Amen.

+ All make the sign of the Cross.



Why is Advent Important! Advent begins the liturgical year for the Church. The beginnings of things usually need some advance preparation, and the liturgical year is no different. One way to approach the beginnings of the Christian life is to look at Christ himself. Advent prepares the faithful through joyful waiting and hopeful expectation for Christ's coming.

Advent begins four Sundays prior to the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas), December 25. While Advent readies us for this joyful anniversary of Christ Jesus' birth, there is more. Advent contains a double purpose. In addition to the Christmas preparations, it also prepares us for the second coming of Christ at the very end of time.

"Companion to the Calendar: Second Edition" by Liturgy Training Publications

**Pope Francis Prayer Intention for the Month of:
December 2018:**

Evangelization - In Service of Peace

That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.



Development and Peace is looking for a **permanent full-time (35 hr/wk) Animator** at the Public Engagement Department. Start time is as soon as possible. Please consult the website <https://www.devp.org/en/jobs/spc-ani-sa-11-18> for more details. Please send a letter of application and CV to rh.hr@devp.org before 4:00pm, Dec 7.

To build community and awareness in our parish, a **Special Theme Mass** will be celebrated once a month for a specific Ministry. Special prayers will be offered for that Ministry; and a follow-up on Sunday morning, with that Ministry giving a short presentation. This month on **Friday, December 14th. at 12:12 p.m.** we will be focus on Children of our Parish. Come out and pray for the children of our Parish.

Have you ever thought about remembering your parish in your will? The line "I bequeath to St. Mark Parish, in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan the sum of \$_____ (specific amount) or _____% (a percentage) of the residue of my estate to be used for its general purposes at the discretion of the Parish Council," will insure that the parish has the resources to serve future generations. Please share your intention to support your Church with your family. Your bequest is a witness to them of the importance of your faith in your life, and sharing this information will assist them in honoring your wishes and your memory in the future.



Vocation Corner ~ First Sunday of Advent – C

A Vocation View: Make your decision to follow Jesus during this Advent Season. Delaying until "one" of these days is "none" of these days. *Follow now.*

Prayer: That all those now discerning their vocations will be alert and responsive to the invitation of Christ, we pray to the Lord.


Action: What opportunity is life offering me, right now, for doing what makes me come joyfully alive?




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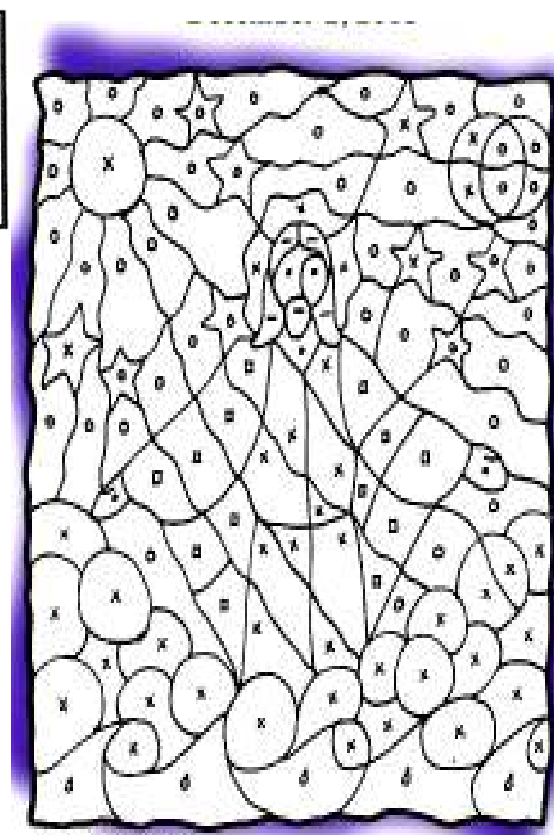
Advent is Here!



**WOULD I
 BE READY
 IF JESUS
 CAME
 TODAY?**

In today's
 Gospel reading,
 Jesus talks about
 what is going to
 happen when He
 comes back at
 the end of the
 world.

Use the code to color in the picture!



The Kids' Bulletin
 First Sunday of Advent
 December 2, 2018

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