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MASS TIMES:

SUNDAY MASS: **11:00 a.m.**

WEEKDAY MASS: Tues. to Fri. 9:30 a.m.

*See weekly schedule for changes

Sunday, February 25, 2018
First Sunday of Lent

All God's Creation is Very Good!

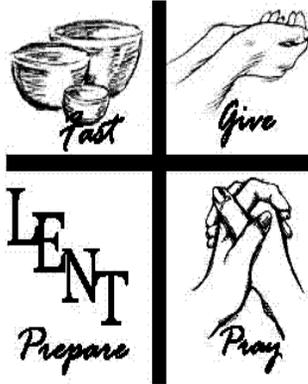
Please join us for informed prayer and prayerful action on preservation of Creation in solidarity with Christians in Suriname. On the first Friday of March each year, Christians of many traditions gather for the WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, a prayer movement that invites us to enrich our faith experience with the experience of Christians from other countries and cultures and to bring hope to women touched by injustice.

The World day of Prayer will be held Friday, March 2 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Mark Church.



Women's World Day of Prayer

Please come out and join us as we gather with every nation on



The Season of Lent

Conversion is accomplished in daily life by: gestures of reconciliation, concern for the poor, the exercise and defense of justice and right, admission of faults to one's brethren, fraternal correction, revision of life, examination of conscience, spiritual direction, acceptance of suffering, endurance of persecution for the sake of righteousness. Taking up one's cross each day and following Jesus is the surest way of penance. CCC #1435

Lenten Penance Practices

Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving are the three traditional ways of entering into the Lenten Season. We should all strive to enter this season with these in mind. However, nothing we do should be entered into with a spirit of self torment. Rather because we are preparing for the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord, we should be entering into these practices in a spirit of Self Sacrifice. Our penances should never be to the extent that they become a penance for those around us.

We can choose a penance which will deprive ourselves from something, thereby raising our hunger for the Lord; and we can choose one of the following:

- Option 1 - Fasting once a week.
- Option 2 - Abstain from eating meat on Fridays.
(Strongly suggested by the Church)
- Option 3 - No television on certain days, or the whole of Lent.
- Option 4 - No coffee, sweets, etc. and donate that money to the poor.
- Option 5 - Social Media Fast (Fasting from texting, email, facebook etc.

Or we can undertake a penance which will add to what we are already doing: thereby putting our faith into action. With this in mind perhaps we undertake one of the following options:

- Option 1 - Make a point of spending quality time everyday with your family, or someone you love.
- Option 2 - Special prayers before or after meals, or in morning and evening.
- Option 3 - Attend one weekday Mass per week.
- Option 4 - Take on a new devotion during Lent- Stations of the Cross, Adoration, Scripture Reading, Rosary.
- Option 5 - Visit someone in the hospital, or someone confined to their home.
- Option 6 - Volunteer your time to a charity.
- Option 7 - Campaign for Social Justice
- Option 8 - Spend time in Prayer or Spiritual Reading
- Option 9 - Ask your pastor, "Is there anything I can do?"
- Option 10 - Use your own imagination.

"Your Father who sees all that is done in secret will reward you." (Mt. 6:4)

Weekly Schedule for Upcoming Week

- Sun. Feb. 18 9:45 a.m. Mass at Herb Bassett Home For All Parishioners
11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mark
 IMO Ray Erdman
 From Anne Zdrill and family
 4:00 p.m. Fr. Jim at the Rite of Election at Sacred Heart
- Mon. Feb. 19 Fr. Jim's day off
- Tues. Feb. 20 **11:00 a.m.** Funeral for Calvin Basaraba
 2:00 p.m. Small Faith Christian Community
 7:00 p.m. Parish Pastoral Council Mtg
- Wed. Feb. 21 **9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mark**
 For Valerie Weber From Darsey and family
 12:00 noon St. Mark Lenten Lunch and Video in Rectory
 mtg. room
 2:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry Rectory mtg room
- Thurs. Feb. 22 12:00 noon City Wide Lenten Lunch at Calvary United
6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Mark ***plse. note time*
 IMO Lawrence Brochu
 From Pat and Stafford Brochu
 7:00 p.m. ALPHA Series evening Rectory mtg room
- Fri. Feb. 23 10:00 a.m. Mass at Good Shepherd Villa
 IMO Mary Brady and family
 Special Day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace
 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross at St. Mark
- Sat. Feb. 24 9:00 a.m. to Extended Deanery mtg at
 3:00 p.m. Sacred Heart Cathedral
- Sun. Feb. 25 9:45 a.m. Mass at Herb Bassett Home For All Parishioners
11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mark
 IMO Denis Bonneau
 From Marc and Jacquie Bonneau

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February 25 2018

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Our prayers and condolences to the family of *Calvin Basaraba* who recently passed away.

May He Rest
 in Peace.



**St. Mark Parish
 Lenten Reconciliation
 Thursday March 15
 at 7:00 p.m.**

SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS

*Our gifts to God and
 our gifts to our Parish*

	Feb. 11	Feb. 04
Envelopes	\$ 1085.00	\$ 1917.00
Loose	\$ 243.00	\$ 164.60
Building	\$ 35.00	\$ 625.00

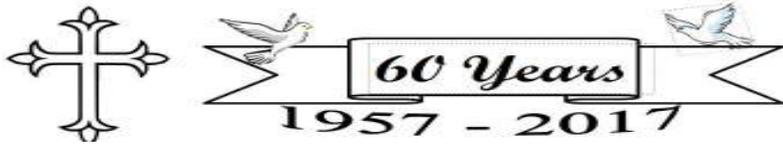


During Lent and the Easter Season; we will be handing out the **Vocations Cross** at the end of Mass, and asking you to **pray for Vocations** in the upcoming week. If you would like to be a parishioner that prays for vocations, please see Elaine Bergen or *sign up sheet* on bulletin board in foyer

St. Mark Lenten Lunch - On the Wednesdays during Lent (beginning February 21 to March 28), Fr. Jim will be hosting a **Faith Education** session. It will be from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. Bring a sandwich, something to share and an open heart. It will be in the St. Mark rectory meeting room. **Everyone invited.**

We will be praying the **Way of the Cross** at St. Mark on Fridays, during Lent at **7:00 p.m.** beginning Friday February 16. All are invited to come pray.





Evolution of St. Mark Ladies Groups over the past 60 plus years

In 1947 there were two ladies groups. The English ladies group was called the Ladies Auxiliary and the Polish ladies group was called the Ladies Altar Society. The English group changed its name to the Ladies of St. Ann but the Polish Group kept their same name.

On March 5th 1958, Mrs. Boileau formed the Catholic Women’s League of Canada at St. Mark, better known as the CWL. Their official opening celebration was May 25th 1958. In 1961, the CWL held a candle-light ceremony where 65 St. Mark ladies pledged and re-pledged themselves to uphold the objectives of the CWL. Around 1970, Fr. Raczynski disbanded all the ladies groups at St. Mark.

In 1983 when Fr. Deschamp became the pastor of St. Mark he formed the Ladies of St. Mark with Shirley Ruskowski as the first President. This name still exists today with very active members who continue to raise money for the parish along with baking donations from parishioners for the bazaar and spring bake sales.

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 classes will be: **Wednesdays April 16, 23 and 30, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. downstairs in Rectory.** Please contact the Parish Office to register.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION - next session will be **Mon. Feb. 26 at 7:00 p.m.** Please use north hall door.

MARRIAGE:

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

The **Lenten Deanery Retreat** will be held at **St. Joseph Church**, on Mon / Tues, **Feb 26 / 27**, from 7:00pm to 8:30 pm. The presenter is Sister Teresita Kambeitz. All are welcome.



Vocation Corner First Sunday of Lent – B

A Vocation View: Lent: the springtime of the soul. A time to make a new covenant with God, develop new signs of our relationship with our Creator. Go into your own desert and discover your calling.

Prayer: That the generous lives of those who preach that the kingdom of God is at hand, will invite our young people to consider a vocation to the priesthood or the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

Action: DID YOU KNOW... “Sisters” are women religious who also have taken traditional religious vows but are engaged in active ministries among the public? They usually live in a convent.

Building on the success of the Fall Diocesan Pastoral Council, there is a follow-up **Extended Deanery meeting** on **Saturday, February 24** at Sacred Heart Cathedral from **9:00am to 3:00pm**. These meetings will help deepen our understanding of what it is to be **Intentional Disciples of Christ**. Reminding us that **we have been called and sent to bring his Good News to the World around us**. It is our own personal relationship with Christ that will give us the strength, of the Spirit, to go forth and be the missionary disciples of the Lord. Please let either Fr. Jim or Darsey know if you are interested in attending. (306 764 4637).

The **Annual Diocesan Charismatic Conference** will be **Saturday, March 3** at **St. Michael Church** (1505–13th Street W), from **8:30a.m. to 6:30 p.m.** It will include talks by John Connelly and Christy Dupuis, Adoration, Reconciliation, Mass and Praise and Worship. Adults \$30, ages 12-18 \$10 and families \$50.00. Please submit the registration form available in the foyer of your church early.

Pope Francis on February 4, 2018, announced a **special Day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace** to be held **February 23, 2018**. *In the face of the tragic protraction of situations of conflict in different parts of the world, I invite all the faithful to a special Day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace next February 23, Friday of the First Week of Lent. We will offer it in particular for the populations of the Democratic Republic of Congo and of South Sudan.*

The Holy Father’s announcement came after the Angelus, prayed in St. Peter’s Square with a crowd estimated at 20,000



You are invited to attend
ST. MARK ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, March 11 after Mass
Join us in recognizing our ***VOLUNTEERS!***
Complimentary Hot Lunch Served.
Come share your ideas for your parish!

TALENTS FOR SALE

Parishioners have requested another opportunity to sell their Talents Projects.

Talents for Sale - March 11

If you would like to reserve a table; please contact Darsey at the Parish office 764-4637 prior to March 8.

Parishioners: Please come prepared to shop down *Talent Avenue* and support fellow parishioners in their projects

Is your talent Painting - walls?

We require someone to do some painting in the Rectory. If you are able to offer your talent; please see Fr. Jim or Randy Malach or contact the parish office.



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. The Alpha Course is being offered at St. Mark, 7:00 p.m. Thursday evenings in rectory meeting room. Everyone welcome.

Prayer Shawl Ministry - A request for a Prayer Shawl can be made by contacting Fr. Jim or Darsey at the parish office .

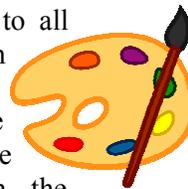
Shawls are given freely to anyone in need. Shawls are offered as a gift to bring healing, strength, courage, comfort and prayers. If you are able to; donations are welcomed and greatly appreciated to keep this Ministry strong and ongoing. Please indicate "Prayer Shawl Ministry" if using your Sunday envelope.

The Ministry meets in Rectory *meeting room* **every Wednesday, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.** to Pray, knit/crochet Prayer Shawls.

Please contact Darsey at the Parish Office if you would like to create Prayer Shawls at home. Yarn is provided.

The Vocations Commission has instituted a **Vocations Awareness Poster Contest**. Entries must be into the Diocesan Office, no later than Wednesday, March 28th (Roman Catholic Chancery Office, ATTN: Vocations Commission, 1415 - 4th Ave West, Prince Albert, SK, S6V 5H1). **Prizes will be awarded.**

Contest open to all students in Prince Albert Diocese. For more details see the entrance form in the church foyer or talk to Fr. Jim.



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 note or 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.

*Pre-addressed envelopes for all four seminarians are available on bulletin board



St. Joseph Seminary, in Edmonton, is hosting a **"Come and See"** weekend on **March 9-11, 2018.** If you are interested in discovering what it is to be a seminarian, and being called by God in a special way.....this is the weekend for you. You will experience: The Eucharist, Community Life, Testimonials and Fellowship. For more information **please contact Fr. Jim Kaptein** (Vocation Director for the Diocese) at 764-4637.

The Booklet *'The Importance of Planning: Catholic Funerals for Families'* is available in the foyer. This very informational booklet was prepared by the Diocese of Prince Albert Liturgy Office. Please help yourself.

The Annual Saskatchewan Pro-Life Convention will be April 13, 14. Mark your calendars and plan of joining them for a dynamic weekend,

The **Sisters of the Presentation of Mary** are offering a **Personal History Weekend Retreat**, in Saskatoon, on Feb. 23-25 for young Catholic men and women 19 years and older. Through reflection, writing and prayerful discernment, let yourself be led through a process of exploring your gifts, your dreams, your relationships and see how God is inviting you to move forward in discipleship and holiness. To register call Sr. Lucie 306-244-0726 (or cell 306-260-0450).



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St. Mark Council #5543 will conduct a membership drive after Mass on March 4 Please consider joining our council. For more information, visit Supreme Knights of Columbus; KofC.org, www.pa-knights.ca, or contact Eugene Slager at geneslager@sasktel.net or phone 306-764-3620

Have you ever thought about remembering your parish in your will? The line *"I bequeath to the Parish of St. Mark, 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.

Catholic Family Services - 'Live Free for a Year' Raffle. Win \$1000. a week for 52 weeks. Tickets \$100. each . A \$1000. Monthly \$500. bonus draws. Tickets are available at St. Mark Parish Office or CFS office or call 306 922-3202.

Bishop Thévenot's Monthly Video and Letter - Available on the website at: <http://padiocese.ca/our-diocese19/bishops-monthly-letter-and-video.html>



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A Family Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of our family. Enlighten our hearts and minds that we may live more fully this vocation to love.

In our daily life and work, may we reflect the self-giving love which you,

O Father, eternally show with your Son and the Holy Spirit.

Let your love be evident in the peace that reigns in our home

and in the faith we profess and live.

May our family always be a place of generosity, understanding, forgiveness and joy.

Kindly give us the wisdom and courage to be witnesses to your eternal design for the family;

and grant that the Holy Family of Nazareth may always guide our path to holiness as a family.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer composed by Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, Supreme Chaplain.

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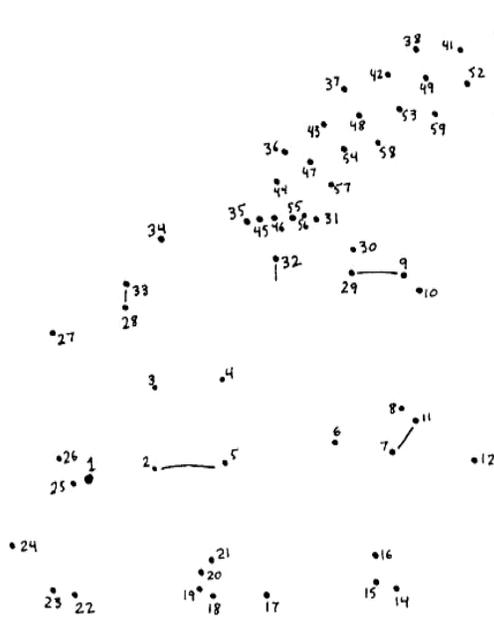
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What was the story mentioned in today's first reading
that talks about God washing away the sins of the
world and making a covenant with His people?
Connect the dots to find out what the story was about!



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