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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

*(May be closed during weekday morning Mass)

Sunday, February 04, 2018
5th. Sunday - in Ordinary Time



Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, February 14

9:30 a.m. St. John School at St. Mark

All parishioners invited

7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Mass at St. Mark

We will be praying the
Way of the Cross at
St. Mark on Fridays,
during Lent at 7:00 p.m.
beginning Fri. Feb. 16.



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

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
Monday, February 5 at 7:00 p.m. Please use north hall door.

MARRIAGE:

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

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the
Sick next Sunday February 11, in conjunction with the
World Day of the Sick. There will be a Chicken Soup and
Sandwich lunch in the hall after Mass. Please be sure that
all those who would like to be anointed have a ride that day.
If you know of someone who cannot possibly make it to
Mass, be sure to contact Fr. Jim and he will go with you to
their home.

Are You Working on your **TALENT PROJECT ???**

Need some help selling your project?

Next Sunday, Feb. 11 during soup and sandwich lunch, there
will be an opportunity for you to **sell your "talents projects"** If
you would like to reserve a table to sell your goods to other
parishioners; please contact the parish office (*before Thursday*
February 8) and a table will be reserved and set up for you.



Everyone - please support fellow parishioners in their
Talent Projects.

Weekly Schedule for Upcoming Week

Sun. Feb. 04 8:00 a.m. Fr. Jim replacing Fr. Matthew at the Cathedral
 9:45 a.m. Mass at Herb Bassett Home For All Parishioners
11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mark
 IMO Tracy Nguyen
 From Don and Marlene Park

Mon. Feb. 05 Fr. Jim in Edmonton for a mtg. at the Seminary
 7:00 p.m. Sacramental Preparation mtg. in church basement

Tues. Feb. 06 Fr. Jim in Edmonton for a mtg. at the Seminary
No Mass at St. Mark
 Small Faith Christian Community Cancelled

Wed. Feb. 07 Fr. Jim in Edmonton for a mtg. at the Seminary
No Mass at St. Mark
 2:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry Rectory downstairs

Thurs. Feb. 08 Fr. Jim in Edmonton for a mtg. at the Seminary
No Mass at St. Mark
 7:00 p.m. ALPHA Series evening Rectory downstairs

Fri. Feb. 09 9:30 a.m. Mass at Sherman Towers
 IMO Mary Brady and Family
 1:30 p.m. Fr. Jim at a Deanery mtg
 6:00 p.m. Fr. Jim at Catholic School Gala

Sat. Feb. 10 5:00 p.m. Fr. Jim celebrating Mass for Sisters of Presentation

Sun. Feb. 11 8:00 a.m. Fr. Jim replacing Fr. Matthew at the Cathedral
 9:45 a.m. Mass at Herb Bassett Home For All Parishioners
11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mark
 IMO Ray Erdman
 From Louis and Elizabeth Zdrill
 Anointing of the Sick at All Masses today
 Chicken soup and Sandwiches after Mass in Hall
 2:00 p.m. Fr. Jim at Anointing of the Sick celebration at
 Sacred Heart Cathedral

Fr. Jim available for a supper invitation



Welcome to our family of St. Mark Parish. 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 family; please complete a registration form available in the church foyer or contact Fr. Jim after Mass or the parish office at 306 764-4637.

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 downstairs. Everyone welcome.

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February 11, 2018

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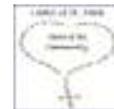
Ladies of St. Mark

Our Motto

“heart of the community”

**Next Meeting Feb. 07
 at 7:00 p.m.**

*New members
 welcome to join!*



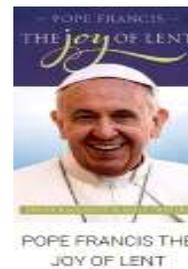
St. Mark Music

Ministry Practice

Tues. Feb. 06

from 7:00—8:00 p.m.

New members always welcome!

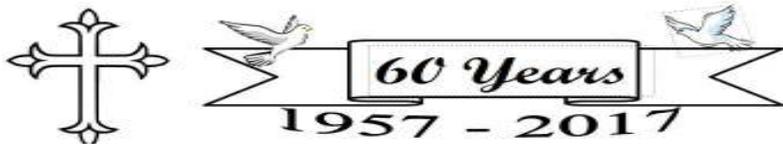


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SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS

*Teach us to give and
 not count the cost.
 St. Ignatius de Loyola*

	Jan. 28	Jan. 21
Envelopes	\$ 1065.00	\$ 1308.00
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Building	\$ 50.00	\$ 125.00



Memory

I remember St. Mark in the beginning when it was in the basement. The altar area was where the table storage is now, and of course - no elevator. When it was time for Communion, everyone knelt down at the altar area in front of a short railing with our hands in front of us in prayer mode. The railing had a satin cloth attached to it and we would cover our hands with it before we received Communion. It was very special. When Fr. Raczynski performed the Consecration, he did so with a raspy voice and could be heard everywhere. All this was in the very early 50's, and it was then that I would have made my First Communion. The only Confirmation I can remember was my sister's and her beautiful white dress. I also remember singing in the choir loft, with some of the St. Mark's school students. I think it was Christmas and I felt like an angel. I would have been about eight years old and I believe it was the Grand Opening of the new St. Mark. A lot of time went by and for many reasons St. Mark was in the background. But for the past 30 or more years, my husband Ron and I have made St. Mark the centre in our lives.

submitted by....Elaine Bergen, St. Mark Pray For Us

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 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 in foyer.



2017 Income Tax Receipts are available. Please pick up your receipt in the church foyer.

Please contact the parish office if your mailing address needs to be updated.

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 **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.

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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry - Do you want to knit or crochet at home?

If you knit/crochet; but are unable to attend the meetings, you may create Prayer Shawls at home. All yarn, needles and hooks are provided....*we need the talents God has blessed you with and your prayers*. Please contact Parish Office for more information and to pick up yarn.

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

The Ministry is accepting donations of cash or yarn to create Prayer Shawls. Please contact the Parish Office for more information

***Vocation Corner* Fifth Sunday of the Year – B**

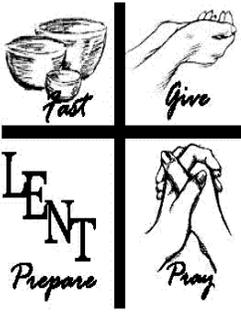
A Vocation View: The afflicted Job in the Old Testament thinks that his life is like dust in the wind; his restlessness depicting the sorrow and sadness afflicting society today. Are we prepared for the task ahead? "To heal the broken-hearted, to bind up all their wounds." How do you choose to respond?

Prayer: That all Catholics will recognize that they are entrusted with the commission to pray for vocations and so beg the Holy Spirit to guide the deep searching of all who are discerning their vocations in Christ, we pray to the Lord.

Action: DID YOU KNOW..... offering up one's suffering and trials is a wonderful form of prayer?

Staff Appreciation St. John School

The education of our children is the greatest gift we can offer them. It will enable them to grow into mature Christians and mature citizens. The responsibility of this endeavor has been put on the shoulders of teachers and staff in the various schools. The **Week of February 11 to 17** has been designated as **Staff Appreciation Week**. Please take a moment to either phone the school, or better yet drop in with a gift and let them know you appreciate all that they are doing.



Lent around the corner

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 should 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)

Our Vision

An inviting faith community with active participation of all members.

Our Mission

St. Mark Parish is a Christian Catholic Community that responds to the call of Jesus by living and sharing the gospel values.



Our Values

We believe in:

Meeting the spiritual and social needs of all parish members by the exemplifying values, principles, beliefs and faith of Christ. Continuing the redemptive act of Christ by proclaiming the good news.

Reverence





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.

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.

The **Annual Saskatchewan Pro-Life Convention** will be **April 13 and 14**. Mark your calendars and plan on joining them for a dynamic weekend, where we will delve into the beauty of life, especially at it's final stages, and learn real ways to accompany the most vulnerable of society.

**Sacred Heart Cathedral
C. W. L. Thriftshop
1401 - 4th. Ave. West
10:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.**

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**Everyone is welcome to
"shop and donate"**

We are home to those in need.

10th. Annual Prince Albert Catholic Education Foundation Gala and Silent Auction. Friday February 9 at St. Joseph Parish Hall. **Come Celebrate Mardi Gras** with us. Please call Jean @ 306 764-4099 or 306 961-5662 for tickets.

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.

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).

Three Little Boys

A couple had three little boys, ages 5,6 and 9, who were excessively mischievous. The three were always getting into trouble and their parents could be assured that if any mischief occurred in their town their three young sons were in some way involved. The parents were at their wits end as to what to do about their sons' behavior. The mother had heard that a clergyman in town had been successful in disciplining children in the past, so she asked her husband if he thought they should send the boys to speak with the one of the elders of the church. The husband said, "We might as well. We need to do something before I really lose my temper!"

The elder agreed to speak with the boys, but asked to see them individually. "Where is God?"

The boy made no response, so the clergyman repeated the question in an even sterner tone, "Where is God?"

Again the boy made no attempt to answer. So the clergyman raised his voice even more and shook his finger in the boy's face, "WHERE IS GOD?" At that the boy bolted from the room and ran directly home, slamming himself in the closet.

His younger brothers followed him into the closet and said, "What happened?"

The older brother replied, "We are in BIG trouble this time. These people have lost God and they think its our fault!"

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At the end of today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells Simon that they will go to the nearby villages to preach. Can you find your way through the maze to the nearby village?



Like Jesus, we also need to spend time with God. Even if we are always doing His work, like helping people or studying His truths, we still need to take some time to talk with Our Father in Heaven. Starting today, take a few minutes every day to go to a quiet place and talk with God.



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