



# ST. MARK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2020**

## THE HOLY FAMILY



The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;  
and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40

# PARISH INFORMATION



## The Week Ahead

### Sunday, December 27

*Sunday Mass, Pro Populo, The Feast of the Holy Family*

8:30 am, Mass, Church

9:30 am, Community Rosary, Affirmation of Life Memorial

10:30 am Mass, Church

### Monday, December 28

*Parish Office Closed*

Daily Mass Canceled

### Tuesday, December 29

*Parish Office Closed*

No Morning Mass

### Wednesday, December 30

*Parish Office Closed*

Daily Mass and Confessions Canceled

### Thursday, December 31

*Parish Office Closed*

Daily Mass Canceled

5:00 pm Solemnity of Mary Vigil Mass, Church

### Friday, January 1 *The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God*

*Parish Office Closed*

10:30 am Mass, Church

### Saturday, January 2

Daily Mass Canceled (Eugene Ngai, RIP)

No Confessions

### Sunday, January 3

*Sunday Mass, Pro Populo, The Epiphany of the Lord*

8:30 am, Mass, Church

10:30 am Mass, Church

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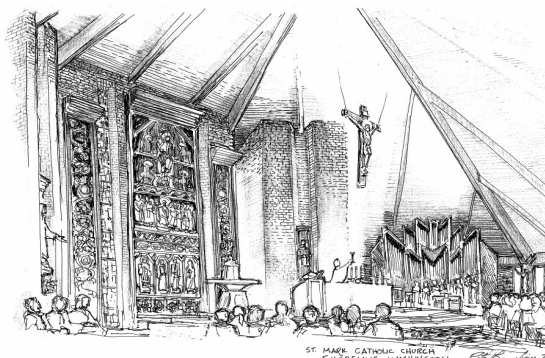
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Stewardship as of December 20, 2020 for  
Fiscal Year July, 2020-June, 2021:

Weekly amount needed: \$17,310

Last Week Collection: Unavailable

Year to date needed: Unavailable

Actual given year to date: Unavailable

Difference: Unavailable

Online Giving:

Total givers: Unavailable

Amount given online: Unavailable



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# WHY DO CATHOLICS DO THAT?

- Father Jacob Maurer

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

*Cf. Luke 2: 16*

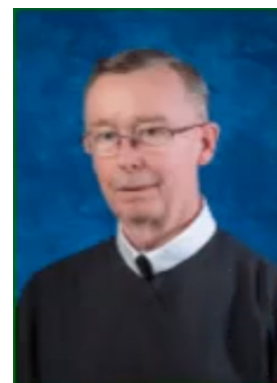
This first Sunday after Christmas is the **feast of the Holy Family**. Though rightly praised, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph do not serve solely as an object of veneration. The Holy Family is a model of God's offer to us all: we too can be members of the family of God.



Joseph - person touched by sin, Mary - a person untouched by sin, and Jesus - a Person in Whom redeemed humanity and divinity is perfectly united. Every condition of humanity is visible in the Holy Family. There is no one who is not welcome. Only one question remains: will we accept the invitation to be part of Jesus' family?

Please join me in welcoming Father Harry Grile, C.Ss.R and thanking him for graciously agreeing to offer Mass at Saint Mark parish today, for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, and the coming Sunday. We are blessed by his presence and I am particularly grateful for his willingness to provide for our community while I am away.

Father Grile is a Redemptorist priest serving out of Sacred Heart parish in Seattle. Ordained in 1968, he has been a priest for just over 50 years.



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On behalf of myself and all of the faculty and staff of Saint Mark parish

## Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!

May the blessings of Christ's nativity be with you now and throughout the coming year



# Mass Schedule for the Christmas Season



## Feast of the Holy Family

Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup> Masses: 8:30 a.m. (no incense) 10:30 a.m. (no incense)

## Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup> Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m. (no incense) *(no 9:30 a.m. Mass)*

Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup> Mass: 10:30 a.m. (no incense)

## Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> Masses: 8:30 a.m. (no incense) 10:30 a.m. (no incense)

**Prayer to St. Joseph**

To you, O blessed Joseph,  
do we come in our tribulation,  
and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse,  
we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you  
to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God  
and through the paternal love  
with which you embraced the Child Jesus,  
we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance  
which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood,  
and with your power and strength to aid us in our  
necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family,  
defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ;  
O most loving father, ward off from us  
every contagion of error and corrupting influence;  
O our most mighty protector, be kind to us  
and from heaven assist us in our struggle  
with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril,  
so now protect God's Holy Church  
from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity;  
shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection,  
so that, supported by your example and your aid,  
we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness,  
and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven.

Amen.

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Fold in half & cut along the line for  
two double-sided prayer cards



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# PARISH EVENTS & NEWS



## St. Mark School Christmas Pageant

Thank you St. Mark Catholic Classical School for posting the 2020 Christmas Pageant online for us to enjoy wherever we like and as often as we like!

### Jingle Bells

Grades K - 2

<https://youtu.be/T-1usRT1aXg>

### God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

Grades 3 - 5

<https://youtu.be/St7cliQYQ-g>

### Silent Night

St. Mark School Chorale

<https://youtu.be/a6nnsJ323Gc>

### Nativity Play

<https://youtu.be/-uxM9U6fzMs>

*"Whenever we do something together, something good, something beautiful, everyone changes. All of us change in some way and this does us good."*

~Pope Francis

## Archdiocese Website Resources

Have you explored the website of the Archdiocese of Seattle lately? Go to the Home page at [www.seattlearchdiocese.org](http://www.seattlearchdiocese.org) and read Archbishop Etienne's most recent newsletter, then try clicking on Liturgy. From that tab you can find the USCCB daily readings, an excellent FAQ's page and there's much more to explore!

The Catholic Church has a long-standing history of caring for our neighbors next door as well as those we will never meet. Click on the Pastoral Care tab and learn more, or to get involved!

### Parish Prayer Intentions

#### For the ill...

Maxine Dion, Betty Jean Scott,  
Jim & Virginia Helbling, Mary Wittinger

#### For the deceased...

Kirsten James

## Daily Mass & Confessions Cancellations

- † Daily Mass at 9:30 am is canceled Monday, December 28
- † Daily Mass at 6:30 pm is canceled Wednesday, December 30 and confessions are canceled as well
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## In Praise of Family Life

The family exists at the heart of all societies. It is the first and most basic community to which every person belongs. There is nothing more fundamental to our vitality as a society and as a Church. For, in the words of John Paul II, "the future of humanity passes by way of the family". A family is our first community and the most basic way in which the Lord gathers us, forms us and acts in the world. The early Church expressed this truth by calling the Christian family a domestic church.

There may be families who do not understand or believe they are a domestic church. Maybe they feel overwhelmed by this calling or unable to carry out its responsibilities. Perhaps they consider their family too "broken" to be used for the Lord's purposes. But remember, a family is holy not because it is perfect but because God's grace is at work in it, helping it to set out anew every day on the way of love.

*~Excerpted from Follow the Way of Love:  
A Pastoral Message to Families, USCCB, 1994*

## The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

We will have a vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on **Thursday, December 31 at 5:00 pm.**

Mass the day of the solemnity will be **Friday, January 1 at 10:30 am.**

The solemnity is a celebration of Mary's motherhood of Jesus. The title "Mother of God" is a western derivation from the Greek Theotokos which means "God-bearer". On this day we are reminded of the role that the Blessed Virgin played in the plan of our salvation.

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## St. Mark St. Vincent de Paul Society

St. Vincent de Paul wants to thank St. Mark parish for the generous support of the Christmas basket program of 2020. Our St. Vincent de Paul society delivered over 70 packages of food using the services of our North City Safeway grocery store. Your generosity helped our neighbors in need during a special season that is magnified by the challenges of the pandemic.

*“Wisdom of our God most high guiding creation with power and love: Come to teach us the path of knowledge.”*

*~Catholic Relief Services December Reflection*

## Parish Office is Closed This Week

The parish office will be closed from Thursday, December 24 until Monday, January 4. We wish you a joyous Christmas as we celebrate the Nativity of the Lord and we hope you spend quality time with those you love, even if it has to be virtually.

## Nine Days For Life This January

At every stage and in every circumstance we are held in existence by God's love. The presence of an illness, disability or other challenging situation never diminishes the value of a human life. God does not call us to perfection of appearance or abilities but to perfection in love. Christ invites us to embrace our own lives and the lives of others as true gifts.

**Nine Days for the Protection of Life** is a novena beginning on January 21. Each day will be accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. For more information, and to get involved, please visit <https://pro-life-activities.lpages.co/9-days-for-life-2021-english/>

## The 2021 Calendars Have Arrived

The 2021 calendars have arrived courtesy of Beck's Tribute Center.

They are available in the parish office Monday-Thursday from 8:30 am until 4:00 pm; except when the office is closed for the Christmas holiday.

After Sunday masses parishioners can also pick up a calendar from one of the volunteers in the church vestibule as long as they last. Thank you Beck's!

## St. Mark Parish Faith Matters Program

Faith Matters will return Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at 7:00 pm (following the 6:30 Mass) **online only**. Our topic will be The Epiphany. Everyone is welcome, please join us! Contact Deacon Kirk Altenhofen in the parish office with any questions.

## Monthly Community Rosary at the Affirmation of Life Memorial

This month our community Rosary opportunity will be today, the Feast of the Holy Family, Sunday, December 27 after the 8:30 am Mass at the Affirmation of Life Memorial. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend (face coverings are required).

## Sisters Against Human Trafficking

Sisters Against Human Trafficking is a collaboration of over 100 congregations of Catholic sisters dedicated to offering education, supporting survivor services and engaging in advocacy to eradicate modern-day slavery. They work to inform the public, prevent the assault on human dignity and assist survivors to live fulfilling lives while striving toward a world without slavery. Their core values include: belief in the inherent dignity of each human being; commitment to those who are poor and vulnerable; establishment of right relationships to promote the common good; defense of the basic rights of workers; solidarity with one another and the willingness to enter into another's joys and sorrows. The sisters invite us to share these values and join them in their work. For more information please go to <https://sistersagainstrafficking.org/about/>

### Frequently Requested Numbers

Boy Scouts: Dennis Halpin (206) 365-1971

Knights of Columbus: Greg Insley (206) 271-4599

St. Vincent de Paul Helpline: (206) 767-6449

Queen of Heaven Guild: Sylvia Ebert (206) 419-3115

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## Unity is not easy. Unity requires give and take.

**A**s a local Church, unity is more than one goal among many. Unity is essential to our mission. The prayer of Jesus for his disciples on the night before he died was that we might be one: "I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me" (John 17:20-21). The effectiveness of our witness depends on our unity. Nowhere is that unity more important than in our celebrations of the Eucharist.

Unity is not easy. Unity requires give and take. As Pope Benedict XVI has written, "Union with Christ is also union with all those to whom he gives himself. I cannot possess Christ just for myself; I can belong to him only in union with all those who have become, or who will become, his own. Communion draws me out of myself towards him, and thus also towards unity with all Christians." The intimate sharing with Christ we experience when we participate in the Eucharist and receive Holy Communion is not strictly between God and myself, because the Mass is not an individual devotion but a communal prayer. For this reason, our celebrations of the Eucharist should be marked not by individual expressions of piety, but by unity.

The singing, the spoken responses, and the postures we take during the Mass — standing, bowing, kneeling — are important signs of that unity, and more: They can actually help build the unity we seek.

Archbishop Paul D. Etienne

*The Work of Redemption: Eucharistic Belief and Practice in the Archdiocese of Seattle*

Read the whole pastoral letter at [NWCatholic.org](http://NWCatholic.org)

## The Saints and the Eucharist

Pray, then, come and join this choir, every one of you; let there be a holy symphony of minds in concert; take the tone all together from God, and sing aloud to the Father with one voice through Jesus Christ, so that he may hear you and know by your good works that you are indeed members of his Son's Body. A completely united front will help to keep you in constant communion with God... Let no one be under any illusion; a man who excludes himself from the sanctuary is depriving himself of the bread of God, for if prayer of one or two individuals has such efficacy, how much more powerful is that of the bishop together with his whole church.



St. Ignatius of Antioch  
(c. 35-107)

## For Reflection

What unites me with my parish community—with my Catholic family throughout the world?

What gets in the way of unity in the Church today?

Are there ways I can be an instrument of unity in our increasingly polarized world?



*Knights of Columbus Fr. Theodore P. Sullivan Council 11217*

**The Knights of Columbus invites St. Mark Parish to participate in the  
Consecration to the Holy Family  
Preparation Saturday, December 26<sup>th</sup>  
Consecration Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup>  
Novena Runs Through Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**



**Before praying the Consecration to the Holy Family:**

- ◆ Discuss the importance of this consecration as a family.
- ◆ Encourage family members to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation regularly.
- ◆ As a family, be intentional about fasting. As our physical bodies are drawn to things of the world, it is strongly encouraged to abstain from something that you normally do or consume. Fasting helps to discipline our minds and hearts to refrain from secular activities and be more focused on God.
- ◆ Prepare for the commitment you are making. Consecration to the Holy Family is not a single event. You have chosen a way of life for your family. You and your family are consciously choosing to be a beacon of light of God's love through His church.

(See prayer next page)

## Consecration to the Holy Family Prayer:

### **Lord Jesus,**

you lived in the home of Mary and Joseph in Nazareth.

There you grew in age, wisdom and grace  
as you prepared to fulfill your mission  
as our Redeemer.

We entrust our family to you.

### **Blessed Mary,**

you are the Mother of our Savior.

At Nazareth you cared for Jesus  
and nurtured him in the peace and joy of your home.

We entrust our family to you.

### **Saint Joseph,**

you provided a secure and loving home for Jesus and Mary,

and gave us a model of fatherhood  
while showing us the dignity of work.

We entrust our family to you.

### **Holy Family,**

we consecrate ourselves and our family to you.

May we be completely united  
in a love that is lasting, faithful  
and open to the gift of new life.

Help us to grow in virtue,  
to forgive one another from our hearts,  
and to live in peace all our days.

Keep us strong in faith, persevering in prayer,  
diligent in our work, and generous toward those in need.

May our home, O Holy Family,  
truly become a domestic church  
where we reflect your example in our daily life. Amen.

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!*

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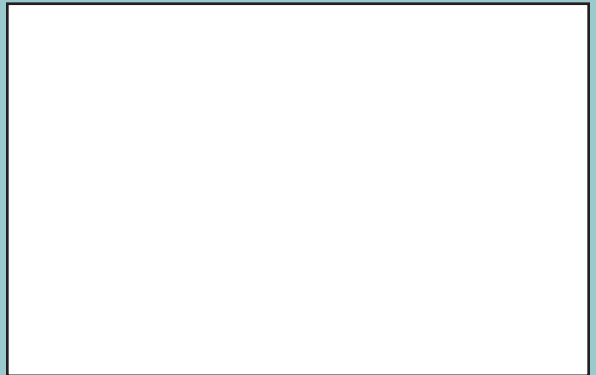
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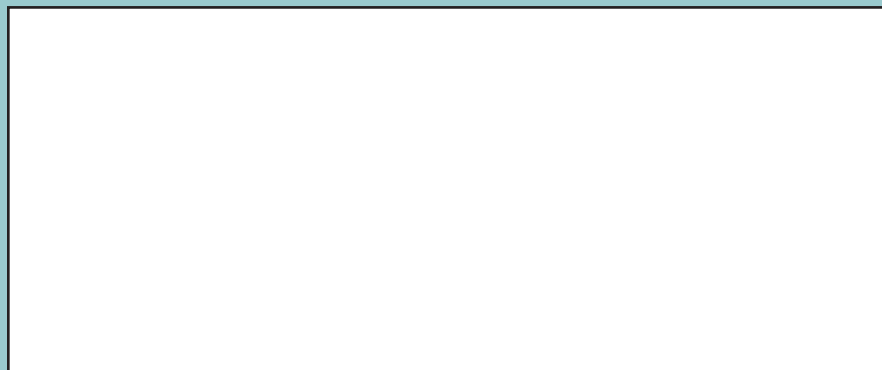
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