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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2021

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." - Lk 1:41-42

PARISH INFORMATION



The Week of December 19

Sunday, December 19 *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

8:30 am, Mass, Church (*Pro Populo*)

10:30 am, Mass, Church (*Archbishop Etienne & all Clergy*)

Monday, December 20

9:30 am, Mass, Church (Gregorio Anonuevo, RIP)

6:30 pm, Boy Scouts, Cafeteria

No Grief Group

Tuesday, December 21

No Morning Mass

No St. Gianna Molla reading group

Wednesday, December 22

5:00 pm, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Church

5:00 pm, Confessions, Church

6:00 pm, Benediction & Evening Prayer, Church

6:30 pm, Mass, Church (Ray Fortney, RIP)

No Faith Matters or RCIA

Thursday, December 23

9:30 am, Mass, Church (Vicki Langlot, RIP)

No Bible Study

No Sacramental Preparation

5:00 pm, Confessions, Church

No Confirmation Preparation

Friday, December 24

Parish Office is Closed

9:30 am, Mass, Church (Mercedes Saravia, RIP)

5:00 pm, Vigil Mass for the *Nativity of the Lord*, Church

Saturday, December 25 *Nativity of the Lord*

12:00 Midnight, Mass for the *Nativity of the Lord*, Church

No 9:30 am Daily Mass

10:30 am, Mass for the *Nativity of the Lord*, Church

No Afternoon Confessions

5:00 pm, Vigil Mass, Church (*St. Mark Parish & School Faculty & Staff*)

Sunday, December 26 *Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*

8:30 am, Mass, Church (*Pro Populo*)

10:30 am, Mass, Church (*Archbishop Etienne & all Clergy*)

11:30 am, Community Rosary, The Affirmation of Life Memorial

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WHY DO CATHOLICS DO THAT?

- Father Jacob Maurer

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Savior.

Cf. Is 45: 8

“Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; in holocausts and sin offerings you took no delight.”

Hebrews 10:5-6

To the average faithful Jew, this passage is both familiar and arresting. It is a quote from Psalm 40:7, so the text itself isn't alien. But this text is now being attributed not to the psalmist, but to Jesus. The meaning of the psalm is expanding from the offering of the Levitical sacrifices - offered repeatedly by priests - to the offering of a lasting sacrifice. Moreover, Jesus is both the priest AND the sacrifice.



Jesus is proclaiming the justice of God, which is familiar enough to Jewish faith, but He is also proclaiming the supreme humility of God - that God would sacrifice *Himself* on our behalf.

This seems unthinkable, beyond comprehension - to Jew and Gentile alike, if we are honest!

There is a third element at play here, one that is visible only in light of Christ's resurrection: that the Body that the God has prepared, the Body that God desires - more than holocausts and sin offerings - is the Body of Christ, the Church. This is the true Christmas message: that God ardently desires us - His delight is in you & me, in us being united to Him in Christ's Body! The question is, are we willing to offer the gift of ourselves to Him?

A year ago today, on December 19, 2020, Archbishop Etienne ordained our very own



Deacon Kirk Altenhofen. As he celebrates the one-year mark of his diaconate, we give thanks for his acceptance of the office of charity and service.

We are grateful for his gifts and skills - let us pray that God may abundantly bless him as he begins year two: *ad multos annos!*

With Christmas landing on a Saturday this year, there are naturally questions about fulfilling our obligations to go to a Christmas Mass and Sunday Mass (the feast of the Holy Family). Recalling the requirement that we must attend separate Masses for each obligation, the chart below may prove helpful.

Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)	Holy Family
Obligation may be fulfilled from the evening of Friday, December 24 through Saturday, December 25.	Obligation may be fulfilled from the evening of Saturday, December 25 through Sunday, December 26.
For example, one may attend: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vigil Mass of the Nativity • Mass during the Night (celebrated at any time) • Morning/afternoon/evening Masses on December 25 	For example, one may attend: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Afternoon/evening Masses on December 25 (even though the Mass texts will be for the Nativity) • Morning/afternoon/evening Masses on December 26

This year, because the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (January 1) lands on a Saturday, it is **not a holy day of obligation**.

PARISH EVENTS & NEWS



Fourth Week of Advent: Be Still and Listen

The Virgin Mary exemplifies two essential aspects of the life of faith: the active and the contemplative. The Gospel reading for the Fourth Sunday of Advent finds the newly pregnant Mary in full active mode, traveling “in haste” to the hill country to visit her relative Elizabeth, who is pregnant with John the Baptist.

At the sound of Mary’s greeting, the infant in Elizabeth’s womb leaps for joy, and Elizabeth cries, “Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.”

Mary believed because she heard, and she heard because she listened. She made time to listen for the voice of God in silent, contemplative prayer, and she listened for him in the events of her life, “reflecting on them in her heart” (Luke 2:19).

Amid the bustle and excitement of these final days before Christmas, make time this week to sit in silence and listen for what God is saying to you.

~From, <https://archseattle.org/advent/>

Community Rosary at the Affirmation of Life Memorial

The next Community Rosary at the Affirmation of Life Memorial will be Sunday, December 26 immediately following the 10:30 am Mass.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Even though we will be outside, those attending will wear masks.

“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

Parish Prayer Intentions

For the ill...

Michael Dooly, Frank Lefaive, Katyra Frazier,
Anne Gregory

For the deceased...

Eduarda Labao

Robert Cooper

John Meyers

Daily Mass Cancelations

- † Daily Mass at 9:30 am is canceled Saturday, December 25 (See attached Christmas Season schedule)
- † Daily Mass at 9:30 am is canceled Monday, December 27
- † Daily Mass at 6:30 pm is canceled Wednesday, December 29
- † Daily Mass at 9:30 am is canceled Thursday, December 30
- † Daily Mass at 9:30 am is canceled Saturday, January 1 (See attached Christmas Season schedule)
- † Daily Mass at 9:30 am is canceled Monday, January 3

Become a School Reading Volunteer

A long time ago, in a school not so far from here (St. Mark Catholic Classical School), a Reading Volunteer Program was formed. It thrived, well loved by volunteers and students alike, until interrupted by the pandemic.

Our Reading Program will return in January and we have room for more volunteers!

We meet on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 am in the school library for announcements and begin reading with the students at 9:15. We finish reading with our four students at 10:45, which gives us approximately 20 minutes with each student. The total time commitment is just under two hours a week.

We must show proof of vaccination, fill out a Volunteer Background Check Request form and complete the Safe Environment Program with the Archdiocese of Seattle, currently available online. We will wear our masks and practice social distancing.

Even if you have never volunteered in the school before, sharing the magic of books, and helping to form life-long readers, is a joy for all involved. This program has been a win-win for the students and the volunteers.

Be a part of the restoration of this cherished St. Mark tradition! If you have any questions, or want to sign up to volunteer, please call Janet Abele at (206) 818-2396 or Barbara Fortney at (206) 715-1450.

Thank you for considering this much treasured St. Mark tradition.

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From Our St. Vincent de Paul Society

The St. Mark Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society wants to extend a huge thank you to our parish for their donations and prayers for our Christmas giving program this year. Because of your generosity, we were able to bring gift cards to over 70 families that included 285 individuals, the majority of which are children. We also want to thank the students of Bishop Blanchet High School who took our three largest families and delivered food and Christmas gifts to them. We pray that you will all experience a blessed Christmas and a happy and healthy new year.

O'Dea High School Open House

Is your family considering a Catholic high school for your son? Come to O'Dea on Wednesday, January 5, 2022 and learn about the tradition and the brotherhood that is O'Dea and how they prepare young men to be men of character, faith and service. For more information please go to <https://www.odea.org/admissions/open-house/>

2022 Calendars Have Arrived

The 2022 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 Mass parishioners can also pick up a calendar in the church vestibule as long as they last. Thank you Beck's!

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
 Marriage Help: Retrouvaille (206) 706-2608
 Holyrood Cemetary: (206) 363-8404
 Beck's Funeral Home: (425) 771-1234
 Harvey Funeral Home: (206) 632-0100

Archbishop Murphy Open House

If your family is looking for a Catholic high school in the north end consider Archbishop Murphy High School in south Everett. The mission of Archbishop Murphy is to nurture the full development of the gifts that God has given each student, foster service as an outgrowth of faith and to value diversity. The next open house is Tuesday, January 4, 2022. For more information please go to <https://www.am-hs.org/admissions/visit-us>

Holy Names Academy Open House

Is your family considering a Catholic high school for your daughter? Holy Names Academy inspires young women to excel in life with confidence and courage, to advocate for justice and to lead with integrity. Visit the Holy Names Academy open house on Tuesday, January 4, 2022. Reservations are required. For more details please go to <https://www.holynames-sea.org/admissions/winter-open-house/>

Knights Free Throw Championship

The Knights of Columbus are bringing the Free Throw Championship back to St. Mark Catholic Classical School on Saturday, January 15 beginning at 10:00 am in the school gym. The event is open to all parish boys and girls between the ages of 9 to 15.

Registration forms are available in the school office and are due, back to the school, by January 10. A Knight will be available in the vestibule after all Sunday Masses December 18 and 19 to answer questions or help your student sign up. For more information, or if you have any questions, please contact St. Mark Knights of Columbus Youth Director John Anderson at (206) 235-2181.

December 12, weekly stewardship report (fiscal year July 2021-June 2022) St. Mark parish

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Online	# In Person	# Online	Givers
Income							
Last Week	\$16,555	\$11,540	(5015)	\$5,068	108	77	185
Year to Date	\$397,320	\$340,320	(56,952)				

Mass Schedule for the Christmas Season



The Nativity of the Lord

Friday, December 24th Mass: 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 25th Masses: 12:00 Midnight, 10:30 a.m.

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 25th Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 26th Masses: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Friday, December 31st Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 1st Mass: 10:30 a.m.

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 1st Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m.

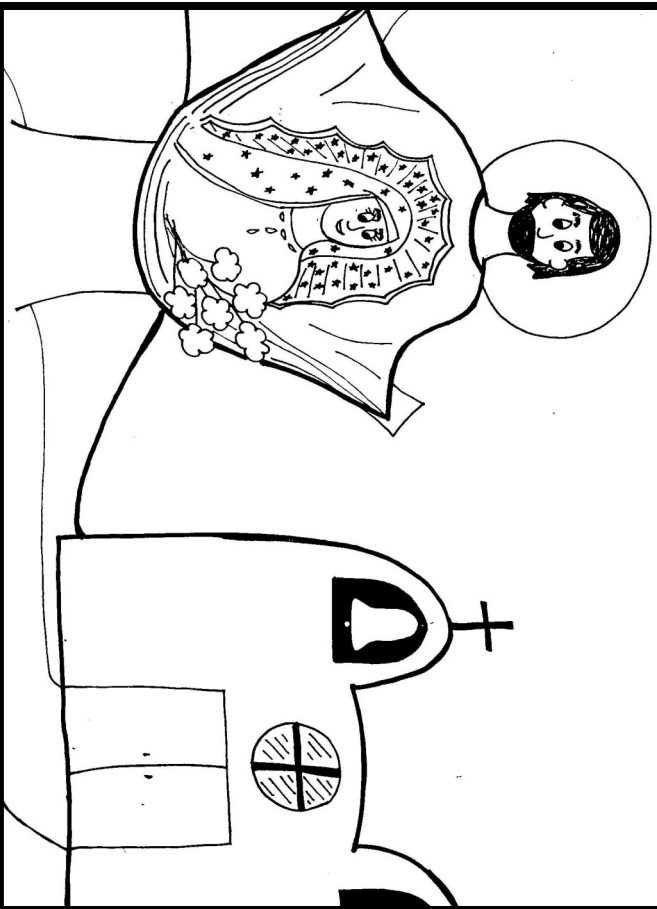
Sunday, January 2nd Masses: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

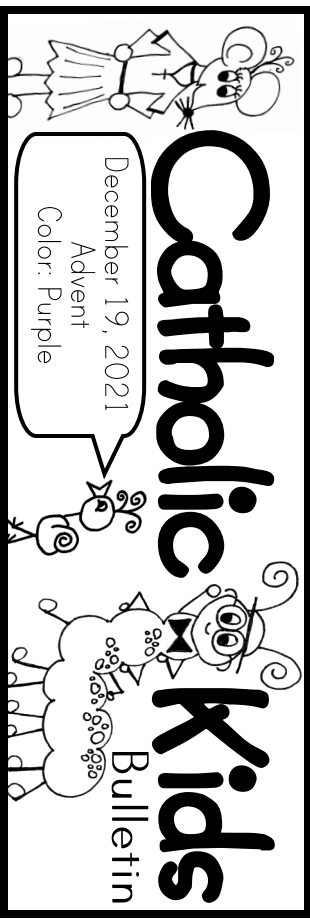
Saint Juan Diego

Mary, the Mother of Jesus, appeared to Saint Juan Diego and asked him to build a church. Saint Juan Diego asked the bishop for help to build the church, but the Bishop wanted proof that Juan Diego had seen Mary. Mary told him to pick roses for the Bishop. This doesn't seem special—but it was snowy outside. Roses don't grow in the snow!

Saint Juan Diego carried the roses in his tilma, his coat. When he showed the roses to the bishop, there was a beautiful picture of Mary on his tilma! That picture is a special image of Mary called...

Our Lady of Guadalupe



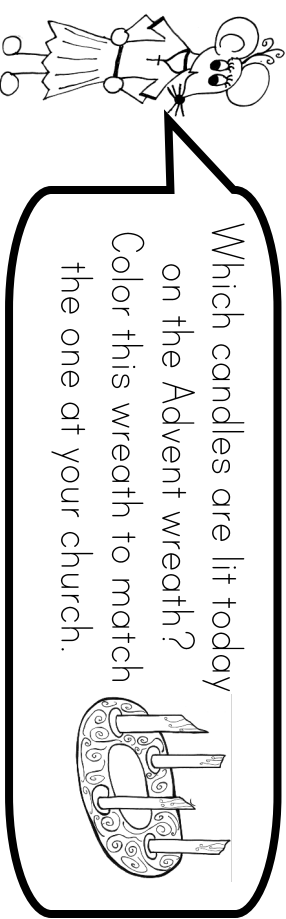


Catholic Kids

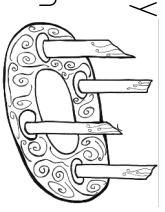
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December 19, 2021
Advent
Color: Purple

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WPALANDOWKWELSHALLPEKAV	us see your
	face and we
	shall be saved.
	LETUSSEEOURFACE



Which candles are lit today _____
on the Advent wreath?
Color this wreath to match
the one at your church.





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
Consecration Saturday, December 18th
Novena Runs Through Sunday, December 26th**



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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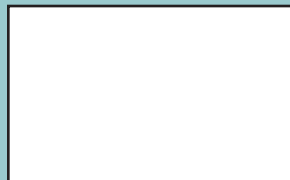
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