



ST. MARK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021

THE HOLY FAMILY



He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

PARISH INFORMATION



The Week of December 26

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

Monday, December 27

Parish Office is Closed

No 9:30 am Mass

No Grief Group

Tuesday, December 28

Parish Office is Closed

No Morning Mass

No St. Gianna Molla reading group

Wednesday, December 29

Parish Office is Closed

No Exposition, Confessions or Evening Prayer

No 6:30 pm Mass

No Faith Matters or RCIA

Thursday, December 30

Parish Office is Closed

No 9:30 am Mass

No Bible Study

No Sacramental or Conformation Preparation

Friday, December 31

Parish Office is Closed

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

5:00 pm, Vigil Mass, *Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God*, Church

Saturday, January 1 *Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God*

No 9:30 am Daily Mass

10:30 am, Mass for *Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God*, Church

3:00 pm, Confessions, Church

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

Sunday, January 2 *The Epiphany of the Lord*

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

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

12:00 noon, Princess Angeline, Library

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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.

Luke 2: 16

Merry Christmas! From all of us at the parish and school offices to you and your loved ones, we wish you many blessings - especially in the form of time with loved ones - as we celebrate the Nativity of the Lord, the feast of the Holy Family, and the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

Whenever Christmas lands near the weekend, we find ourselves a bit compressed, liturgically speaking. The Sunday of the octave Christmas is Holy Family, which lands the day after Christmas this year. And instead of having some time between the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Saturday, January 1st), we immediately jump into the celebration of the Epiphany!

While this makes for some long weekends of celebration, they are nonetheless worthy of our attention. We're not simply marking an anniversary of distant historical figures - we're recalling and entering into the mystery of our own adoption into the family of God. We're joining in the birthday of our Lord and brother, praising the goodness of His mother and our mother, rejoicing in the gift of His family and ours, and proclaiming the revelation of Him to the world.

That's a lot to do in just four celebrations! May we take advantage of these holy days, allowing God to fill them and us with grace and joy, so that we may proclaim with the Holy Family, the shepherds, the magi, and the angels the coming of Christ.



The Adoration of the Shepherds, Pieter Bout

PARISH EVENTS & NEWS



Community Rosary at the Affirmation of Life Memorial

The next Community Rosary at the Affirmation of Life Memorial will be today, 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.

From the Carmelite Sisters

“Dear Fr. Maurer and The Knights of St. Mark Parish, Thank you so much for your faithful remembrance of our community. This year, as in so many years past, we were the grateful recipients of so many groceries. Our storeroom shelves are well stocked, thanks to you; not to mention our walk-in freezer which now happily houses delicious Northwest salmon which we will enjoy for quite some time.

God bless you and your families during this Christmas season and throughout the new year.

-United in prayer and gratitude, Your Carmelite Sisters.”

USCCB Website Resources & Events

The USCCB, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, has a website rich in Catholic resources and news. We have the daily readings at our fingertips at <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/051621-Sunday.cfm> but much more.

Click on the Resources tab at <https://www.usccb.org/resources> and find the USCCB’s take on legislation, book recommendations, videos to view for free and the archive of USCCB reports going back many years.

Parish Prayer Intentions

For the ill...

Michael Dooly, Frank Lefaive, Katyra Frazier,
Anne Gregory

For the deceased...

Daily Mass Cancelations

- † 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 can create a Safe Environment (via Virtus) profile here, <https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/> 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.

PARISH EVENTS & NEWS



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.

Thank You for Supporting the 2021 St. Mark Parish Giving Tree

Thank you St. Mark parish! We collected over \$7,800 for the 2021 Giving Tree.

Our partners: Providence Regina House, Shoreline Rehab, Park Ridge Care Center and Next Step Pregnancy Center do so very much to support families, children, pregnant women, their babies and the elderly and the vulnerable in our community.

Our donations will also help to support our dear neighbors-the Carmelite sisters.

“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters, you did for me.”

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
 Holyhood Cemetary: (206) 363-8404
 Beck's Funeral Home: (425) 771-1234
 Harvey Funeral Home: (206) 632-0100

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. For more information, or if you have any questions, please contact St. Mark Knights of Columbus Youth Director John Anderson at (206) 235-2181.

Upcoming Ladies Guild Meetings

Princess Angeline - All Catholic women are invited to our January 2 meeting in the portable library just north of the school. We will be collecting baby items for Next Step Pregnancy Services and planning future events. Our next crafting day will be Saturday, January 15 at 1:00 pm in Sullivan Hall. Call Sherrill at for more information at (206) 432-7180.

Queen of Heaven Guild - Will meet Wednesday, January 5 at 11:30 am in Sullivan Hall to pray the Rosary, plan strategic support for various good causes and enjoy socializing. We help to build community at St. Mark and we welcome new members. Please bring your rosary and your good ideas. For more information please call Sylvia at (206) 419-3115.

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!

December 19, 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	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Year to Date	\$398,975	n/a	n/a				

Mass Schedule for the Christmas Season



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

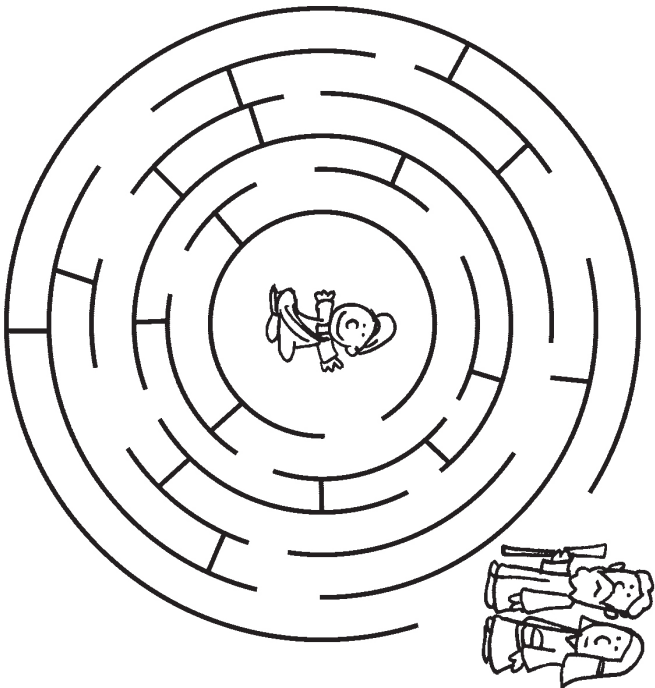
Saturday, January 1st Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m.

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



PUZZLE

Help Mary and Joseph find Jesus.



MISSION

Help visitors to your church feel welcomed. As a family or as a class, make cards for visitors, asking them to come back.

GROWING WITH THE *gospel*

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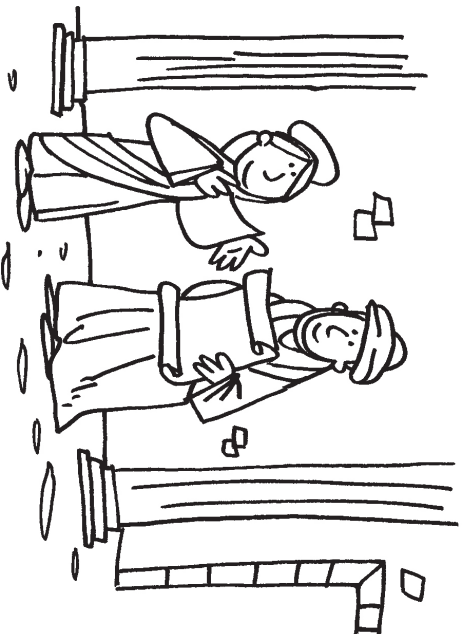
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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



BECAUSE VIBRANT
CHURCHES MATTER

Holy Family • Luke 2:41-52



GOSPEL

When Jesus traveled to Jerusalem as a 12-year-old young man, he felt completely at home in the Temple. He enjoyed talking to the teachers about his Father in heaven. His questions and his answers showed how much he loved God.



PRAYER

Dear God, help me to feel at home in my church like Jesus did.



DRAW

Draw a picture of yourself learning about God with your teacher.

Calling all parishes:

One Parish

One Prisoner

Experience mutual transformation!

Start the One Parish One Prisoner program at your parish

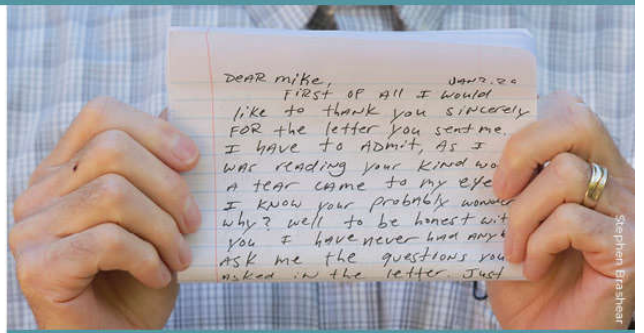
Did you know that there are roughly the same number of incarcerated people in Washington state as churches? Imagine if each of our churches agreed to enter into relationship with just one person in prison.

One Parish One Prisoner is a re-entry model that matches parishes with an incarcerated person for their mutual transformation. A relationship of trust is built through letter writing and prison visits. And when the time comes, this person will find the embrace of an entire parish community who already knows them and can assist with the many obstacles to re-entry.

Is your parish ready to encounter Christ and be transformed? We can equip parishes with orientations, online learning modules, ongoing consultation, meeting structures, resources and materials. Please join this growing movement!

“I received an amazing letter back from Leroy that brought tears to my eyes. I have never been so moved by any letter, from anyone. My eyes and heart are opening to a whole segment of our society which I have only regarded with fear in the past.”

Sarah, parish team member



I love this One Parish One Prisoner idea! Compassion is not a relationship between 'healer' and 'wounded,' but a covenant between equals.”

Father Greg Boyle,
founder of Homeboy Industries

Read more about it:

archseattle.org/ministries/outreach-ministries/criminal-justice-ministry/

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Partnership with Underground Ministries:

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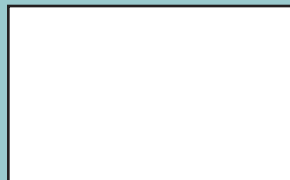


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