
ST. MARK CATHOLIC CHURCH

APRIL 3, FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
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STONE



“Let the one among
you who is without sin
be the first to throw a
stone at her.”

JOHN 8:7

PARISH INFORMATION



The Week of April 3

Sunday, April 3 *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

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

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

12:00 noon, Princess Angeline, Library

Monday, April 4

No 9:30 am Mass

2:00 pm, Prayer Team, Church

6:30 pm, Boy Scouts, Cafeteria

6:30 pm, Family Rosary, Church

7:00 pm, Grief Group, Sullivan Hall

Tuesday, April 5

No Morning Mass

7:00 pm, St. Gianna Molla Reading Group, Sullivan Hall

Wednesday, April 6

11:30 am, Queen of Heaven Guild, Church then Sullivan Hall

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 (*Delores de los Santos, RIP*)

7:00 pm, Faith Matters, Sullivan Hall

Thursday, April 7

9:30 am, Mass, Church (*JoAnn Petersen, RIP*)

2:00 pm, Bible Study, Sullivan Hall

4:00 pm, Sacramental Prep, Sullivan Hall

No 5:00 pm Confessions

6:45 pm, Confirmation Prep, Sullivan Hall

Friday, April 8

9:30 am, Mass, Church (*John Rae, RIP*)

10:00 am, Stations of the Cross, Church

11:00 am, Funeral Mass for Robert Petersen, Church

5:00 pm, Confessions, Church

6:30 pm, Stations of the Cross, Church

Saturday, April 9

9:30 am, Daily Mass, Church (*Kelly Levitt, RIP*)

3:00 pm, Confessions, Church

3:30 pm, Bible Study, Sullivan Hall

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

Sunday, April 10 *Palm Sunday*

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

10:30 am, Blessing of the Palms & Procession, Gym

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

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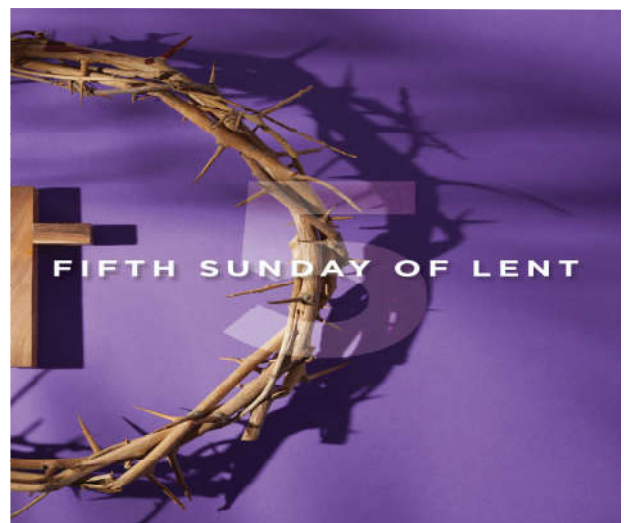
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St. Mark Parish Website

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St. Mark Parish Location

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WHY DO CATHOLICS DO THAT?

- Father Jacob Maurer

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

Cf. Ps 43 (42): 1-2

Today's gospel of the woman caught in adultery has special meaning for those steeped in the Old Testament prophets and the history of God in punishing sin. In particular, **Ezekial 16** comes to mind - a parable of infidelity.

In it, the Lord speaks to His people Israel of how He adopted them from nothing, lifting them up as a people particularly His own in a unique and wonderful covenant. And then they turned away from Him, laying out His gifts to serve in prostitution of both a physical and spiritual kind.



For this, God rightly judged them worthy of punishment and condemnation. But through Ezekial, He

promises not just punishment, but a re-establishing of His covenant and forgiveness.

What was a parable in the Old Testament of God's plan for His chosen people is now extended to all through Christ. The seems too good to be true: **nothing is unforgivable!**

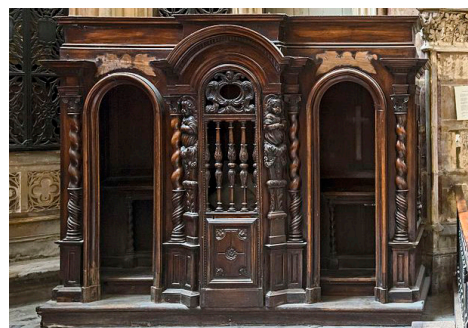
Would that the scribes and Pharisees had asked for mercy! By refusing to admit their own sins, they could not receive the gift Jesus freely offered to the woman caught in adultery - that He offers to us. May we respond by opening ourselves to receive the forgiveness for our sins, that we also might go and sin no more.

Tenebrae or the **Service of Shadows** is a service patterned after the Liturgy of the Hours, particularly *matins* (night prayer) and *lauds* (morning prayer). In it, we reflect on the darkness & sorry of the death of Jesus.



The service is divided into sections called *nocturnes*, each with psalms and readings. The fifteen candles - lit before the service begins - are put out after each prayer until just one remains. The service concludes with the *strepitus* - a loud noise signifying the closing of the tomb - and all depart by the light of the lone remaining candle. Come join in our tenebrae service on April 13 at 7 pm.

There are still several confession opportunities - though this week's schedule is modified (see below). Especially if it has been a long time - come to celebrate God's merciful love!



Upcoming confession opportunities:

- Wednesday, April 6 - 5 pm - 6 pm
- Saturday, April 9 - 3 pm - 4:30 pm
- Wednesday April 13 - 5 pm - 6 pm

PARISH EVENTS & NEWS



Daily Mass Cancellations

† Daily Mass at 9:30 am is canceled Monday, April 4

How is the Lectionary arranged?

The Lectionary is arranged in two cycles, one for Sundays and one for weekdays.

The Sunday cycle is divided into three years, labeled A, B and C. 2022 is Year C. In Year A, we read mostly from the Gospel of Matthew. In Year B, we read the Gospel of Mark and chapter 6 of the Gospel of John. In Year C, we read the Gospel of Luke. The Gospel of John is read during the Easter season in all three years. The first reading, often from the Old Testament, reflects important themes from the Gospel reading. The second reading is often from one of the epistles, a letter written to an early church community. These letters are read semi-continuously. Each Sunday, we pick up close to where we left off the Sunday before, though some passages are never read.

The weekday cycle is divided into two years, Year I and Year II. The Gospels for both years are the same. During the year, the Gospels are read semi-continuously, beginning with Mark then moving on to Matthew and Luke. The Gospel of John is read during the Easter season. For Advent, Christmas, and Lent, readings are chosen that are appropriate to the season. The first reading on weekdays may be taken from the Old or the New Testament. Typically, a single book is read semi-continuously, some passages are not read, until it is finished and then a new book is started.

The year of the cycle does not change on January 1, but on the First Sunday of Advent which is the beginning of the liturgical year.

In addition to the Sunday and weekday cycles the Lectionary provides readings for feasts of the saints and for common celebrations. ~USCCB

Parish Prayer Intentions

For the ill...

Jim Miller, Daniel Kaopuiki, Patrick Bennett,
Sherrill Dungan, Christine Kimmel Jovanovich

For the deceased...

Robert Petersen

What's the difference between a Bible and a Lectionary?

A Lectionary is composed of the readings and the responsorial psalm assigned for each Mass of the year (Sundays, weekdays, and special occasions). The readings are divided by the day or the theme (baptism, marriage, etc.) rather than according to the books of the Bible. Introductions and conclusions have been added to each reading. Not all of the Bible is included in the Lectionary. Individual readings in the Lectionary are called pericopes, from a Greek word meaning a "section" or "cutting." Because the Mass readings are only portions of a book or chapter, introductory phrases, called incipits, are often added to begin the Lectionary reading, for example, "In those days," "Jesus said to his disciples," etc..

~USCCB

Upcoming Ladies Guild Meeting Queen of Heaven Guild

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, April 6th. Please note that Sullivan Hall is not available until 12:30 pm due to a school event so **we will meet in the church nave at 11:30 to pray the Rosary.** Our brown bag lunches will follow in Sullivan Hall followed by our meeting. Please call Sylvia with any questions at (206) 419-3115.

Countryside Donuts

Have you popped over to the cafeteria after Sunday Mass for donuts yet? If you have you know. They are delicious! Countryside Donuts is the purveyor of our delicious Sunday donuts. They are conveniently located just over in Mountlake Terrace, <https://countryside-donut-house.business.site/>.

North Seattle Faith & Light Chapter

Do you know a Catholic living with physical and/or mental challenges?

A new North Seattle Faith & Light Group is forming to serve parishioners, and their families, with physical and/or mental challenges. Social activities and faith events will be organized by the members of this newly formed Faith & Light chapter. For information about the upcoming planning session please contact Kim Burkhardt at St. John's parish, kburkhardt@stjohnsea.org.

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Funeral Mass Announcement

Funeral Mass for

Robert Petersen

Friday, April 8 11:00 am

Mass will be in person & live streamed.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul rest in peace. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Knights of Columbus Easter Egg Hunt Returns to St. Mark

The Knights of Columbus will bring back the annual St. Mark parish Easter Egg Hunt this year! The hunt will follow the 10:30 am Mass on Easter Sunday, April 17.

To make this happen the Knights need our help!

Please drop-off wrapped candy at the parish office anytime Monday through Friday (if after hours just drop your candy donations on the wooden bench next to the door.

Thank you Knights and St. Mark parish!

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

Fraudulent Emails & Texts Alert

We have once again received reports of both staff and parishioners receiving email or text messages claiming to be from parish staff requesting that the recipient reply to the message and send gift cards. In all cases someone had set up a fake address (either a phone number or the free email service Gmail).

We have also received reports of emails promising to reimburse parishioners via Western Union who had been caught in past scams. These messages are scams designed to steal from you.

Father Maurer would never make such a request, nor would any parish staff

If you receive such an email or text do not reply to it!

- Block the sender.
- Do not provide personal or bank information.
- Before making a donation electronically of any kind, attempt to verify the legitimacy of the organization.
- Be cautious of emails claiming to contain pictures in attached files, as the files may contain viruses.
- Do not click on links contained within an unsolicited email or text.
- Do not provide personal or financial information to anyone who solicits contributions: providing such information may compromise your identity and make you vulnerable to identity theft.

If you think you may have inadvertently given your personal information to a scammer contact your bank and local authorities immediately.

The Federal Trade Commission has a useful website on email, telephone and mail scams: <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0003-phishing>.

Please know that the Saint Mark parish database has not been compromised in any way. The email addresses and phone numbers used by the scammer were listed on our website, available to anyone online, or they were from archived issues of our bulletin, also available to anyone.

March 27, 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	\$13,006	(3,549)	\$9,289	83	74	157
Year to Date	\$645,645	\$534,453	(111,192)				

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April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is here and along with it the 40th annual National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Throughout the Gospel Christ calls upon His followers to care for the most vulnerable among us, especially the children. Our faith calls for us to uphold the value of human life and the dignity of the human person. The protection of children is the responsibility of the entire Church.

Recent statistics tell us one out of every four girls and one out of every six boys are sexually abused before they turn 18 years old.

Reaching out to all victims and survivors of abuse is critical in bringing hope, healing and the love of Christ. We all can play a role in victim outreach by believing a victim or survivor who trusts us with their story, offering support, compassion and prayers to those who have been abused and helping them to connect with resources.

Help discerning what constitutes abuse can be found at: <https://www.seattlechildrens.org/about/community-benefit/child-abuse-neglect/>

Family Law/CASA Washington provides many resources for coping with all aspects of dealing with abuse from reporting, navigating the legal processes and counseling and healing: <https://www.familylawcasa.org/helpful-resources/dv/dv-victim-resources/>



St. Mark Catholic Classical School Lion's Fund Updates

As of March 30 the Annual Lion's Fund was at \$101,000. There was a donor willing to match, dollar for dollar, for every dollar donated over the \$100,000 mark up to a maximum gift of \$10,000 and St. Mark, you did it! Thank you. We are getting closer to our goal.

Please, if you have not already and are able, donate to the Annual Lion's Fund. **Any amount brings us closer to our goal of \$150,000.** Checks can be made out to St. Mark School Lion's Fund and sent to the parish office or dropped off at the school. We can donate securely online at <https://www.osvhub.com/saintmarkshoreline/funds/annual-school-drive-lion-s-drive>. *Thank you and Go Lions!*

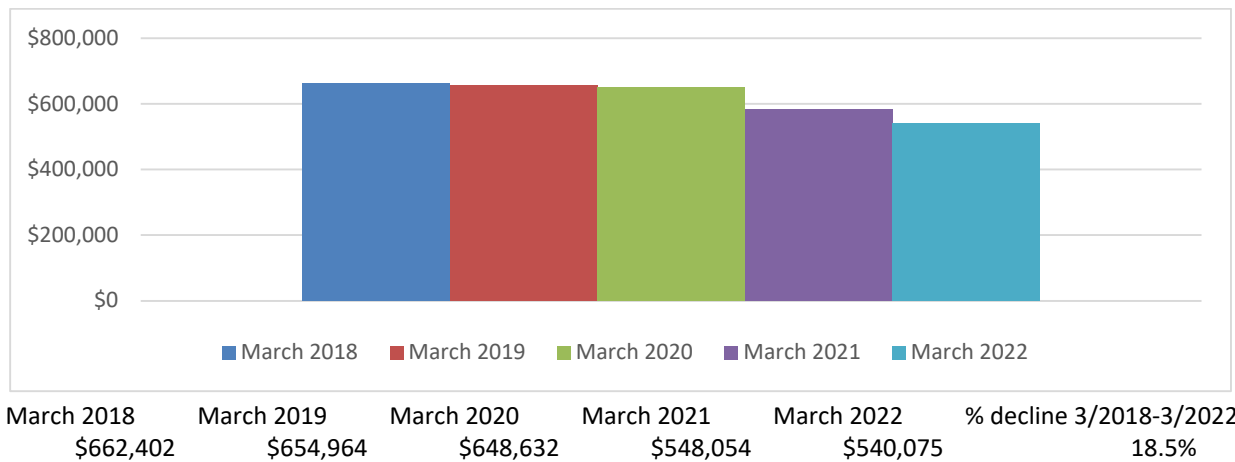


Note to March/April 2022 Bulletin Financials - Parish financial update

Bulletin Financial Report

In recognition that, due to a combination of COVID-19 effects, budgetary considerations, and the desire to continue a volunteer-based choir, we reduced the annual liturgy budget by \$46,510, which was previously budgeted for paid cantors. This result in a decrease in the “weekly amount needed” by \$895, from \$16,555 to \$15,660. This reduces the annual amount needed from \$860,860 to \$814,320. This will first be reflected in the chart at the bottom of Page 2 of the 4/3/2022 parish bulletin, titled March 27th, weekly stewardship report (fiscal year July 2021-June 2022).

Year-to-date Sunday Offertory History, March 2018 – March 2022*



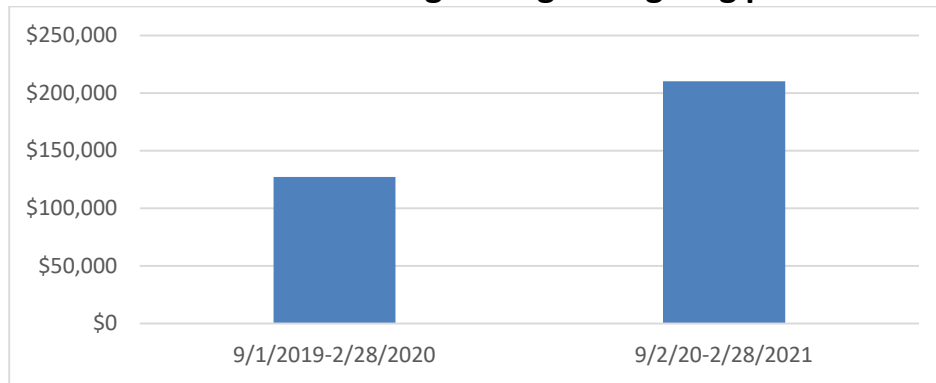
*Offertory restriction began mid-March 2020, and in-person Mass was restricted from March of 2020 to December of 2021, and as expected parish income was negatively impacted by the drop of attendance from the pandemic.

Payroll Protection (PPP) Loans

On March 20, 2020, President Trump signed into law the “Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act”. The CARES Act, among other things includes provisions related to refundable payroll tax credits, deferment of employer side social security payments, etc. It also appropriated funds for the Small Business Administration Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans, that are forgivable in certain situations to promote continued employment. Most parishes (with their schools) applied for and received PPP loans from this program.

Saint Mark Parish applied for and received two PPP Loans. The 1st was for \$212, 054 - in May of 2020 (\$83,421 attributed to the parish and \$128,633 attributed to the school). The 2nd was for \$212,100 in February of 2021 attributed to the parish and school in same ratio as the first. The first loan has been fully forgiven, and the 2nd loan is expected to be fully forgiven and the forgiveness application is in process. These PPP loans have helped the parish and school to maintain employment and services. It is also worth noting, that our paid cantors mentioned above were paid “compassionate pay” from March of 2020 – through the beginning of July 2020.

Increased Online Giving through our giving platform



Parishioners have generously stepped up to “give online” during the COVID shutdowns and restrictions.

In the 6 months from 9/1/2019-2/28/2020 (pre-pandemic), \$141,011 was given to all funds, with \$127,157 to “Stewardship/Donations to Parish”. In the 6-month period from 9/1/2020-2/28/2021 (during the pandemic), \$275,527 was given to all funds, with \$210,239 to “Stewardship/Donations to Parish”, an increase of over 65% to the stewardship/donation category.

While we encourage parishioners to continue to donate online, for the many benefits to both parishioners and the parish, we also expect an increase in offertory donations as we re-introduce the practice of passing the collection baskets during Mass. Additionally, the collection basket may be used by anyone at any time, even if also giving “online”. Our online giving page can be found at <https://www.osvhub.com/saintmarkshoreline/funds>.

In summary, despite the impacts of the Coronavirus shutdown and restrictions, Saint Mark Parish has been very careful with its spending and cash reserves, and the parish is in good financial condition. In addition to the influx of PPP monies, we received a significant bequest which came at a very critical time. This is a reminder of how important it is to consider your parish in your estate planning. Notwithstanding these positive notes, we recognize that our offertory donations, which are the primary basis of our budget process have declined significantly since before the impact of Covid19. It is our hope and prayer that as parishioners continue to return to Mass that these will begin to trend upward again and that, God willing, we as a parish community may grow and re-commit to prayer, faith, and participation in the life of our parish on a day-to-day basis.

-Todd Chapman, Pastoral Assistant of Administration and Stewardship

HOLY WEEK



Holy Wednesday

Confessions at 5:00 pm

Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 5:00 pm

Benediction at 6:00 pm

Daily Mass at 6:30 pm

Tenebrae Service at 7:00 pm

Holy Thursday

Morning Prayer at 9:30 am

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 6:30 pm

Good Friday

Morning Prayer at 9:30 am

Stations of the Cross at 10:00 am in the Church

The Passion Play at 11:15 am presented

by the 8th Grade in the Church

Tre Ore 12 noon in the Church

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 6:30 pm

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil

Morning Prayer at 9:30 am

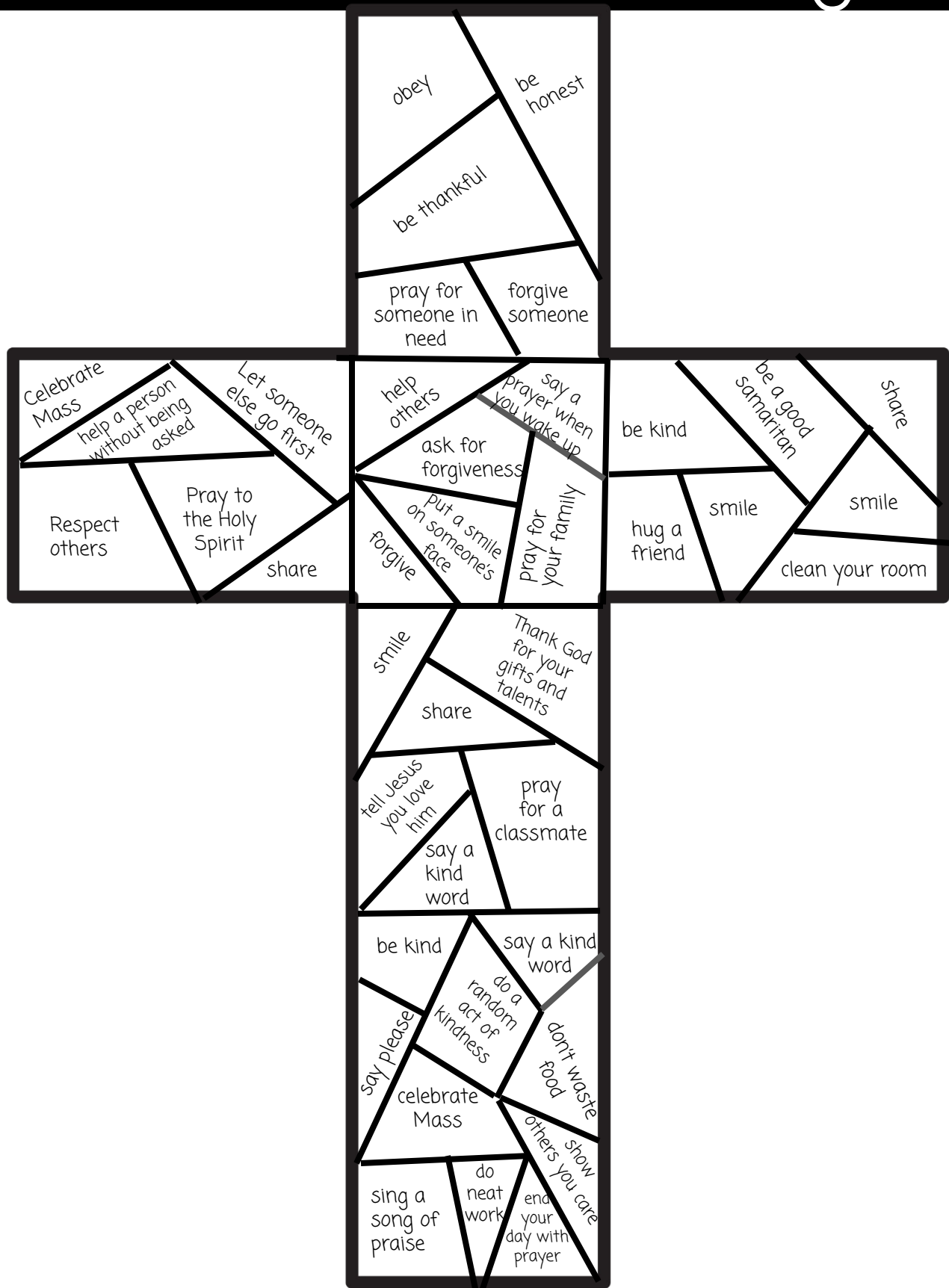
The Great Easter Vigil at 8:30 pm

with Sacraments of Initiation for the Elect and Candidates

Easter Sunday

Holy Mass at 8:30 am, 10:30 am

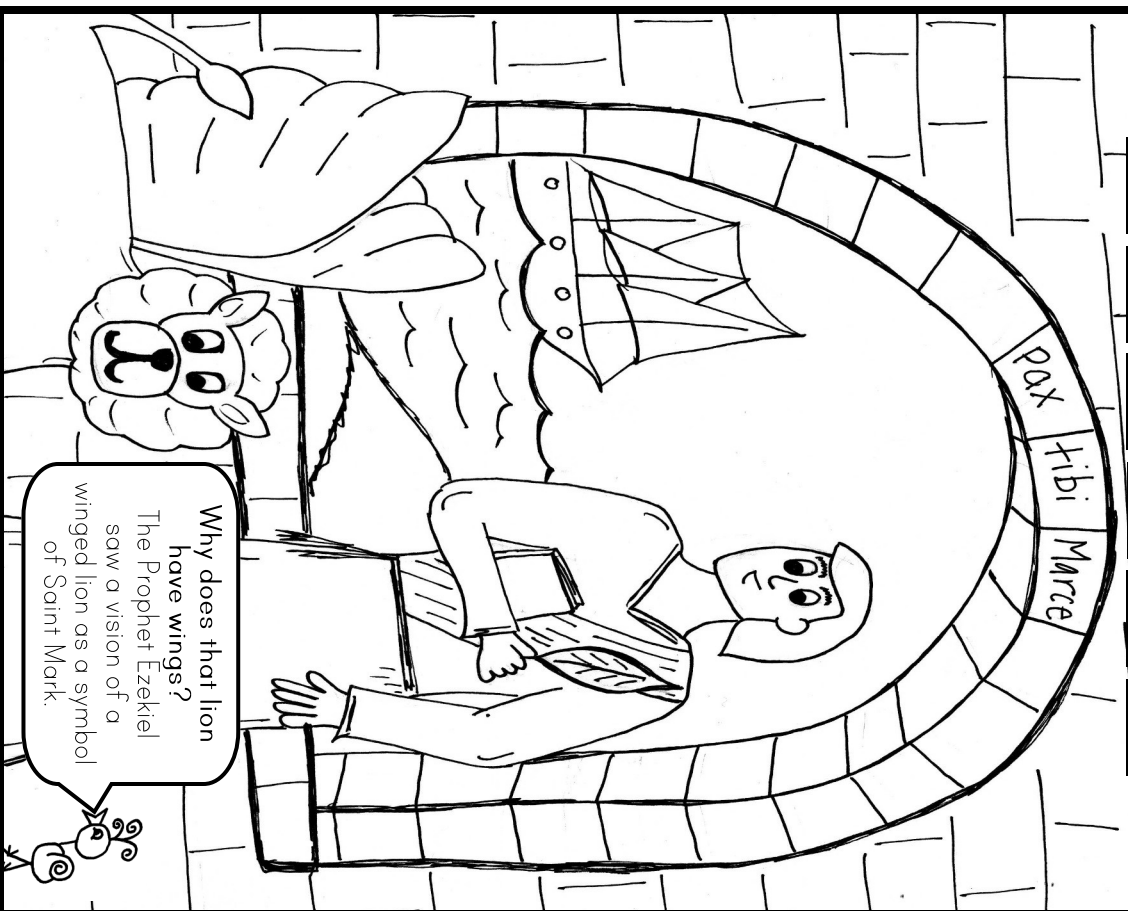
Lent is for Loving



I am with you always

Saint Mark the Evangelist

Saint Mark wrote the Gospel of Mark about Jesus' life.
Pax tibi Marce means, "Peace be with you, Mark my Evangelist."



Why does that lion have wings?
The Prophet Ezekiel saw a vision of a winged lion as a symbol of Saint Mark.

Catholic Kids Bulletin



April 3, 2022
Lent
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B P O F P R E D E M P T I O N L

With the Lord
there is mercy
and fullness
of redemption.

B O M E R C Y A P A N D O W F U L L N E S S O W

B K W T H E R E P A I S O W K

If you have struggled with your Lenten goals, this is a good time to start again with your fasting, prayer, and almsgiving.



PROMISE TO PROTECT



PLEDGE TO HEAL

BELIEVE IN THE POSSIBILITY OF HELP AND HEALING. THERE IS HOPE.

Your local Victim Assistance Coordinator is available to help you or anyone who has been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church. We will listen to your needs and support you. We will help you make a formal complaint and arrange a personal meeting with the bishop, or his delegate, if desired. We encourage you to come forward and speak out.

The Victim Assistance Coordinator in your (arch)diocese/eparchy is:

Denise Aubuchon, CHRO

1(800) 466-7762





**April 7, 7:00 p.m. at St. James Cathedral, 804 Ninth Avenue
Seattle**

Join Archbishop Etienne for the Chrism Mass and the blessing of the holy oils which will be used in the administration of the sacraments at Easter and throughout the archdiocese for the year.

These holy oils include oil of catechumens, the oil of the infirm and holy chrism.

The bishops and all the priests of the Archdiocese join in this Mass and renew their priestly promises during the liturgy. The deacons also participate. We can join in person at the Cathedral, or on Vimeo here, [Chrism Mass on Vimeo](#) or on Facebook here, [Archdiocese of Seattle - Home | Facebook](#)

Throughout the Bible, various references indicate the importance of olive oil in daily life. Oil was used in cooking, particularly in the making of bread, that basic food substance for nourishment; as a fuel for lamps; and as a healing agent in medicine. Also, with oil the Jews anointed the head of a guest as a sign of welcome, beautified one's appearance and prepared a body for burial.

~The Catholic Exchange

All are welcome to join us for this beautiful liturgy.



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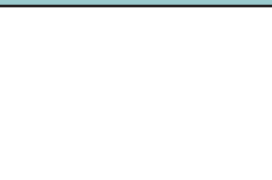
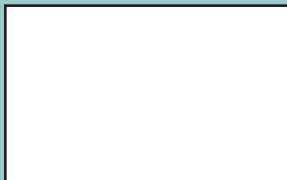
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