

# Third Sunday in Advent • December, 13 2015

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sun.	Nov.	13	Sunday Masses
Mon.	Nov.	14	No morning Mass
Tues.	Dec.	15	Maria & Enrico Crisafulli+
Wed.	Dec.	16	Kelly Ramaekers+
Thurs.	Dec.	17	Matt Reddy+
Fri.	Dec.	18	Art & Donna Rothstein
Sat.	Dec.	19	Arsenio Camacho+
Sun.	Dec.	20	Sunday Masses
Mon.	Dec.	21	No morning Mass
Tues.	Dec.	22	Genoveva Golla Llagas+
Wed.	Dec.	23	Marylee Schaeffer+
Thurs.	Dec.	24	No morning Mass
Fri.	Dec.	25	Christmas
Sat.	Dec.	26	Intentions of St. Mark Parishioners

## HOSPITALITY IN SULLIVAN HALL

December 13—Scouts serving donuts at 7:30 and 9:00 Masses. Simbang Gabi Mass at 11 a.m. with reception following in Gym

December 20—It's the Annual Santa Breakfast after all Sunday Masses. Bring your cameras for a photo with Santa.

## FREQUENTLY REQUESTED NUMBERS

**Boy Scouts:** Dennis Halpin (206) 365-1971

**Knights of Columbus:** Jim O'Sullivan (206) 832-7231

**St. Vincent de Paul:** Mary Kay Snedden (206) 364-7900

**Heaven Guild:** Barbara Arnesen (206) 940-5010

**Ladies Guild:** Lynn Waterson (206) 849-5546

**Funeral Reception Volunteers:** Gini Harmon  
(206) 364-6834

**Marriage Help:** Retrouvaille (206) 706-2608

**Seniors & Friends:** Judy Parsons (206) 367-1714

**Holyhood Cemetery:** (206) 363-8404

**Beck's Funeral Home:** (425) 771-1234

**Harvey Funeral Home:** (206) 632-0100

## STEWARDSHIP 2015-16 The Sunday Collection through 12/6/2015

Weekly Amount Needed	Last Week's Collection	Needed Year to Date	Actual Given Year to Date	Surplus Year to Date
\$ 15,137	\$ 23,485	\$ 348,151	\$ 365,656	\$ 17,505
<b>Online Giving</b>	<b># Online Givers</b> All Funds: 57	<b>Amount Collected Online:</b> \$ 4,603		

## CALENDAR

Sun.	12/13/15	Third Sunday in Advent
		Simbang Gabi at 11 am Mass with reception afterwards in the Gym
		St. Vincent package sorting, noon, Sullivan Hall
		3rd Order of Mary, 1 pm, Parish Center
Mon.	12/14/15	Family Rosary, 6:30 pm, Church
		Boy Scouts, 7 pm, Cafeteria
		Light Weigh, 7 pm, Sullivan Hall
Tues.	12/15/15	Finance Council, 6:30 pm, Parish Center
		Respect Life, 7 pm, Parish Center
		Confirmation, 7 pm, Sullivan Hall
Wed.	12/16/15	School Christmas Program, 7 pm, Gym
		RCIA, 6:30 pm, Sullivan Hall
		St. Gianna Molla Women's Reading Group, 7 pm, Parish Center
Thurs.	12/17/15	First Penance Meeting, 6:15 pm, School
Sat.	12/19/15	St. Vincent Christmas Basket sorting, 6 am
Sun.	12/20/15	4th Sunday in Advent
		KofC Santa Breakfast after all Sunday Masses
		Religious Ed, 10:10 am, School
Mon.	12/21/15	Family Rosary, 6:30 pm, Church
		Boy Scouts, 7 pm, Cafeteria
Tues.	12/22/15	KofC Officer Meeting, 7 pm
Thurs.	12/24/15	Christmas Vigil Masses, 6 pm & Midnight
Fri.	12/25/15	Christmas Day Masses, 8:30 am & 10:30 am



## Pastor's Letter:

## Jubilee of Mercy



*Saint John the Baptist Preaching the Good News*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the Gospel this week, we find John the Baptist fielding all sorts of questions from the anxious crowds. St. Luke then writes, “Now the people were filled with expectations, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ.” Those people are really no different than we are today. We, too, are anxious; fearful, questioning, and full of expectations....about God, our lives and even ourselves. So what did John do? He very simple answered their questions in a direct way. We are then told he “preached the good news to the people.” John sets a very good example for us. Despite all the ideas, thinking and feelings we bring to any situation, but particularly regarding our faith and spiritual lives, we need to get beyond it all; we need to leave behind the “expectations” we have and simply focus on the good news of the Gospel that is presented to us. In short, we need to stop overthinking and overreacting, which creates barriers to God, and receive the good news of the Gospel. What is the good news? It is very simply the merciful love of the Father. The Father greatly desires for us to calm down and receive his love for us. When we begin to let go....it is then that we begin to receive.

Blessings,

*Fr. David Mulholland*

## **A TIME TO HEAL...physically, emotionally, or spiritually**

**Brenda Cordero**, daughter of Stella Bischel; **Sacha Arreola**, friend of Amy Saylor

**Allan Meier**, son of Virginia Meier

**Jim Salmonsens**, brother of Doug Salmonsens; **Jacque Ingram and Mary Devlin-Sage**, friends of Rose Buckley

**Charles Asiedu**

**Jim Roufs and Isaiah Schmitz**, cousins of Nadette Yarbrough

**Herald Householder and Brian Abbott**, friends of Steve Abele; **Anna Marie Epps**, grandniece of Rose Buckley

**Janice Valdez**, friend of Diane Bunce **Carol Bettinger**, mother of Rebecca Anderson

**Sister Anne Cornelia**, sister of Cornelia Miller

## **A TIME TO REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY IN THE MILITARY**

**SN Alexander Thorne, USN**, son of John and AnnaLise Thorne

**1st Lt. Owen Stratton, USA**, deployed overseas, son of Tom and Cory Stratton;

**Andrew T. Kerrick, Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class USAF**, grandson of Connie Hanson

**Ensign Dylan Thomas Jessum, USN**, grandson of Tom and Mary Pat Lord

**PFC Isaiah Thorne, USMC**, son of John and AnnaLise Thorne;

**David Leitzen, SPC, US Army**, nephew of Teresa and Elenor K. Schoen

**Annika Jensen, IT3, USN**, daughter of Paul and Maryjane Jensen

**Taylor Amundsen, USAF**, grandson of Mary Amundsen; **John E. Eaton, S/Sgt USMC**, grandson of Evelyn Combe

**Bryant McDaniel, USAF**, nephew of James and Lynn Ronald; **Michael Angelo Silang, USN**

**Mark Anthony Silang, USMC; Matthew Johnson, USAF**, grandson of Helen Bradley

**Christopher Abele, ITC (SW/IDW) USN**, son of Steven and Janet Abele

**Nathan Keiffer, Airman 1st Class, USAF**, son of Nigel and Cheryl Keiffer

**Zachary Sharp, USAR**, grandson of Nigel and Cheryl

## **A TIME TO MOURN...**

**Mary Rita Thomas**, mother of Bishop George Thomas

"May He support us all the day long, till the shades lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in His mercy may He give us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last."

J. H. Cardinal Newman

## **CHANGES IN THE PRAYER LIST**

We now have a Prayer Intention book in our parish. It can be found in the church on the podium to the left of the Pieta statue (which is just to the left of the main exit doors). This will be a place where you can write down the concerns of your heart, either for your loved ones or for the world at large. We will continue to have the prayer sheet in the bulletin, but the names will appear for a shorter time. If there is an immediate need for prayer that you want in the bulletin, please continue to call or email your request. Even if you do not have a prayer request, please stop by and see what prayers are needed by your parish family.

## ANNUAL YEAR-END PAYMENTS AND DONATIONS

Want to make your Church donation by year-end for tax purposes?

Any payments or new gifts you want credited to the 2015 calendar year for tax purposes need to be in the church office by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Ways to contribute?

- Sunday collection basket or Parish Office mail box
- [www.osvonlinegiving.com/149](http://www.osvonlinegiving.com/149)
- mail to St. Mark Parish, 18033 15th Place NE, Shoreline 98155 (*postmark must be stamped* by Dec 31, 2015 in order to be applied in the calendar year).

## PERPETUAL ADORATION

Perpetual Adoration, ongoing at St. Mark parish for over 25 years, is the practice of praying in front of the exposed Blessed Sacrament. It is a meaningful way to strengthen your prayer life and deepen your personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Please consider sacrificing one hour of your week to be with our Lord and Savior. We currently have the following hours open:

**Tuesday: 6-7 am, noon-1pm, 2-3 pm**

**Thursday: 7-8 pm**

**Friday: 11 am –noon**

**Saturday: midnight-1 am**

## SAVE THE DATE – MARCH FOR LIFE 2016

Get ready to join us in Olympia on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 for the Washington State March for Life. We will have buses leaving from St. Mark on that morning. Join us for a faith-filled experience as we stand with others who support the dignity of all human life and encourage our state elected officials to do the same. Sign ups will start next month.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Knights will be selling Christmas-themed cards after all Masses. Please support them as they put Christ back in Christmas.

**PARISH OFFICE** If you need to drop something at the parish office after hours, there is a mail slot by the downstairs door on the south end of the Pastoral Center, the two-story building at the back of the campus. Contribution envelopes, Tuition, Registration forms, etc.

## Mission Statement

for our parish:

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” - Matthew 28:19-20

## Vision Statement

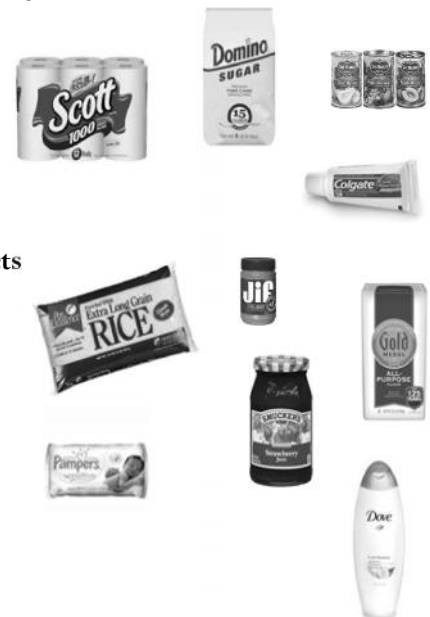
for our parish:

“They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers. Awe came upon everyone and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles... they ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.” - Acts 2:42

## “HELP!” SHOUTS ST. VINCENT

What do these products all have in common? These are things that are most needed for our pantry:

diapers size 5 and 6  
baby wipes  
paper towels  
toilet paper  
laundry soap  
dish soap  
bar soap  
shampoo  
cleaning products  
toothpaste

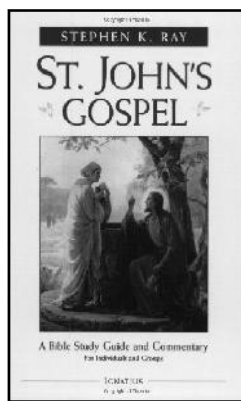


canned fruit  
peanut butter  
jelly  
bags of rice  
bags of beans  
sugar  
flour

The next St. Vincent Collection Day is January 5-6, 2016! PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY.

## BIBLE STUDY RETURNS IN JANUARY

The beloved disciple, St John, was a special witness to the greatest events in history. He was the only person present at all three of the key events in the life of Christ: the Transfiguration, the Crucifixion, and the Resurrection. In addition to this, he cared for Holy Mother Mary for the remainder of her earthly life, giving him countless opportunities to glean from her wisdom. Further, he was the only person ever taken up in the spirit into heaven, before the throne of God, and shown the coming victory of good over evil at the end times. Finally, he was the only author in the New Testament who was proclaimed a prophet by an archangel according to the Word of God. All this makes the Gospel of St John a true blessing... the inside-story of Jesus Christ as revealed by God to His prophet, the beloved disciple. Please join us as we study this most profound, yet mysterious, of all the Gospels.



Our bible study of the Gospel of St John will begin on Thursday, January 7, from 7 to 9 pm in Sullivan Hall, and will meet each Thursday until early June. For the first class, you will need to bring your bible and order our study guide: *St John's Gospel, A Bible Study Guide and Commentary* by Stephen K. Ray. You can order this from Amazon or through your local Catholic bookstore. Please read Chapter One of the Gospel and Chapters 1a & 1b from the Stephen Ray book before the first class. The book is currently selling

for under \$15 from Amazon (under \$12 for the Kindle version), and appears to be in high demand, so you should order soon. The retail list price is \$19.95.

For more information, contact the class leader, Claude Golden, [claude.golden@gmail.com](mailto:claude.golden@gmail.com), or call 206.362.2105.

## IS YOUR MARRIAGE IN TROUBLE?

Are you considering separation or divorce? Are you losing hope? There is hope – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-v ) can bring reconciliation and healing to seemingly hopeless marriages. You are not alone. For confidential information about, or to register for our upcoming program beginning Jan 22-24, 2016 call 360-671-6479 or visit our website at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).

## GABRIEL PROJECT

Please continue praying for our parish's Gabriel Project. This four-year-old apostolate ministers to women facing crisis pregnancies. We are all called to be Christ to others. Pregnant women can request assistance by calling 888-926-2643.

**WE HAVE RECEIVED DONATIONS** to our School Endowment Fund in memory of Kelly Ramaekers, Edward A. Rogner, Robert Amundsen, Rene Pineda, Charles Combe, Bill, Dorothy, and Jeremy Ogle, Serapion Arquillano, Father Norris, Margaret Osgood, Dorothy McCool, Rollie Blanchette, Dan & Doris Staber, Robert & Winona Wartinger, Wanda Jensen, Kenny Jensen, Maribel Taguba Santos, And in honor of the 3 & 4 year olds in preschool, and in celebration of the anniversary of Rufino and Dory Isip. We want to acknowledge and *thank* everyone who regularly contributes to the Endowment Fund at St. Mark Parish School. (Each month you have the opportunity to increase the St. Mark School Endowment through the gold envelope included in your parish envelope pack.

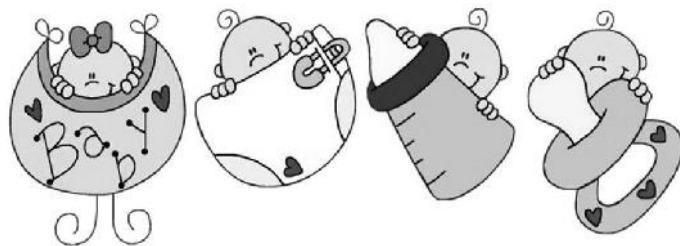
“Do not indulge in dreams of having what you have not, but reckon up the greatest of the blessings you do possess, and then thankfully remember how you would crave for them if they were not yours.”

Marcus Aurelius, *Meditations*

## GIVING TREE

Giving Tree items are due no later than TODAY. The gifts will be delivered to the homes during this week, and any packages that come in late may not see the person for whom the gift was purchased. St. Vincent de Paul gifts will be sorted in Sullivan Hall starting at noon today.

## SPIRITUAL ADOPTION BABY SHOWER – SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2016



Please join the Respect Life Committee after all the Masses on Sunday, January 10 in Sullivan Hall at a baby shower to celebrate the conclusion of our 2015 Spiritual Adoption prayer. We will be accepting baby shower gifts and donating goods to a local pregnancy center

## PRECAUTION 101

While doing your holiday shopping...or even when you are in Mass, please consider taking the remote to your garage door opener with you. If someone breaks into your car, your remote just gave them the keys to the house.

## *Mass Schedule for the Christmas Season 2015*



### Tuesday, December 8 ~ Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

Masses: 9:00 a.m. (no incense) & 7:00 p.m. (incense)

### Thursday, December 24 ~ Christmas Eve

Christmas Vigil Mass: 6:00 p.m. (no incense)

Christmas Mass at Midnight: 12:00 a.m. (incense)

### Friday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day

Christmas Mass at Dawn: 8:30 a.m. (no incense)

Christmas Day Mass: 10:30 a.m. (incense)

### December 26-27 ~ Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m. (no incense)

Sunday Masses: 7:30 a.m. (no incense)

9:00 a.m. (incense) & 11:00 a.m. (incense)

### Mary, Mother of God

\*\*\*First Time\*\*\* Thursday, December 31 Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m. (no incense)

Friday, January 1 Mass: 9:00 a.m. (no incense)

### Sunday, January 3 ~ Epiphany of our Lord

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m. (no incense)

Sunday Masses: 7:30 a.m. (no incense)

9:00 a.m. (incense) & 11:00 a.m. (incense)