

4th Sunday in Advent, December 21, 2014

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph December 28, 2014

Epiphany of the Lord, January 4, 2014

MASS INTENTIONS			
Sun.	Dec.	21	Sunday Mass
Mon.	Dec.	22	No Mass
Tues.	Dec.	23	Claudia Sargent
Wed.	Dec.	24	Genevieve Shelton+
Thurs.	Dec.	25	Christmas!
Fri.	Dec.	26	Alice Rudzenski+
Sat.	Dec.	27	Alexander Jensen
Sun.	Dec.	28	Sunday Mass
Mon.	Dec.	29	No Mass
Tues.	Dec.	30	C.C. Adler+
Wed.	Dec.	31	Kathryn Jensen
Thurs.	Jan.	1	Mary, Holy Mother of God
Fri.	Jan.	2	Mai Nguyen+
Sat.	Jan.	3	Anora Daniel & family
Sun.	Jan.	4	Sunday Mass
Mon.	Jan.	5	No Mass
Tues.	Jan.	6	Cheryl Keiffer+
Wed.	Jan.	7	William Brayer
Thurs.	Jan.	8	Lorraine Schneider
Fri.	Jan.	9	Robert Amundsen+
Sat.	Jan.	10	The Bonicillo Children

Sun.	12/21/14	Annual Santa Breakfast after all Sunday Masses
Mon.	12/22/14	Cub Scouts, 6 pm, Gym
		Family Rosary, 6:30 pm, Church
		Boy Scouts, 7 pm, Cafeteria
Tues.	12/23/14	K of C Officer Meeting
Wed.	12/24/14	Christmas Vigil, 6 pm and Midnight
Thurs.	12/25/14	Christmas Day Masses, 8:30 am and 10:30 am
Sun.	12/28/14	Respect Life Rosary after 9 am Mass, Affirmation of Life Monument north of church
Mon.	12/29/14	Cub Scouts, 6 pm, Gym
		Family Rosary, 6:30 pm, Church
		Boy Scouts, 7 pm, Cafeteria
Thurs.	1/1/15	Mary, Mother of God, 9 am Mass
Fri.	1/2/15	First Friday Mass, 9 am
Sat.	1/3/15	Prayer Vigil at Northgate Planned Parenthood, 10 am
Sun.	1/4/15	Epiphany of our Lord
Mon.	1/5/15	Cub Scouts, 6 pm, Gym
		Family Rosary, 6:30 pm, Church
		Boy Scouts, 7 pm, Cafeteria
		Light Weigh, 7 pm, Sullivan Hall
Tues.	1/6/15	Confirmation, 7 pm, Sullivan Hall
Wed.	1/7/15	Heaven Guild, 11:30 am, Sullivan Hall
		First Penance Meeting, 6:15 pm, School Classrooms
		RCIA, 6:30 pm, Sullivan Hall
Thurs.	1/8/15	Bible Study on Book of Acts, 7 pm, Sullivan Hall

STEWARDSHIP 2014-15				
The Sunday Collection through 12/14/2014				
Weekly Amount Needed	Last Week's Collection	Needed Year to Date	Actual Given Year to Date	Shortfall Year to Date
\$ 15,500	\$ 15,385	\$ 372,000	\$ 346,000	(\$ 26,000)
Online Giving	# Online Givers All Funds: 21	Amount Collected Online: \$ 1,522		
Online Giving is included in the above totals.				



Pastor's Letter:

Merry Christmas....



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Do you want to know the real meaning of Christmas? It's simple! Here's what it's all about:

“Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord.

And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.’

And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying:

‘Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.’”

- The Gospel of Luke, Chapter 2, verses 8-14

Blessings to you all for a joyous Christmas season!

Fr David Mulholland

A TIME TO HEAL...PHYSICALLY, EMOTIONALLY, OR SPIRITUALLY

Claudia Sargent; Dennis Meehan, brother of Harriet Miller; **Don Dadula; Pablo Torres, Jr.**, brother of Julie Sylvester
Diane Murphy, friend of Diane Bunce; **Angela Zamberlin**, niece of Rose Buckley
Bob Brancale, son of Anne Brancale; **John Schumaker**, friend of Janet Abele; **Brenda Cordero**, daughter of Stella Bischel; **Bruce Carr**
Patrick Buckley, brother of Bill Buckley; **Loraine Hoag**, mother of Jay Hoag; **Kari Stockholm**, friend of Julie Bandy
Bienvenido Mendoza, father of Flordeliza Atieneza; **Lynn Waterson**
Kristin Cornuelle and Leland Stamm, members of the Lombard Family; **Earl Sherman**, father of Mark Sherman
Annette and Rod Fischer; David Dato; Alan Schneider, brother of Bob Schneider
Sara Erickson, friend of Janet Abele; **Jean Calderon and Carlene Sy**, friends of Julie Bandy; **Lori Tamayo**, friend of Zeny Manaloto;
Elenor K. Schoen; Charles Shipley; Dorothy Munson; Donna Barlett, mother of Sheila King
John Arnesen, son of Barbara Arnesen
Jeanne Connell; Bernard Koslosky; Elsie Demers; Carol Bettinger, mother of Rebecca Anderson
Mary Massey, Franky San Nicholas, and Francisco Naputi, niece, nephew, and brother-in-law of Joan Naputi
Emilio Gonzalez, grandson of Marsha Gonzalez; **Stephanie Hartung; Christopher Lasher**, friend of Janina Pacunski
Makenzie Garlock, friend of Steve and Janet Abele; **Hugo Draye; Scott Halfrich; Mary Schantz**
Ursula Skinner, friend of Jim and Barbara Doughty
Vivian Russ, aunt of Janet Abele; **Laura Alamillo; Ernesto Ladrido**, friend of Julie Bandy; **Noral Kofer**, friend of Janet Abele
Audi Edwards; Scott Strandberg, brother of Stephanie Hartung; **Frank Martinez**, father of Claire Becker
Pat Butler, cousin of Vicki Russell; **Jeff Cornwell; Marta Cady**, sister of Kathy Keck
Ann Marie Kurtz, mother of Lisa Haynes; **Dolores Strandberg**, mother of Stephanie Hartung
Willis Parsons, son of Judy and Loren Parsons; **Patricia Arntzen; Holly Weller**, daughter-in-law of Dennis and Joanne Weller
Peter Ansberry, friend of Candyce Ochoa; **Maria Shafer; Elvin Dick**, father of Sidd Dick; **Dan Hine**
Solar Seeklander, great-nephew of Diane & Lee Lutovsky
Robert Glancy, Sr.; Todd Munger and Lourdes Martin, friends of Julie Bandy; **Charlene Loback**
Shannon Northrup, niece of Lee and Diane Lutovsky; **Noah Amundsen**, grandson of Mary Amundsen
Doris Sykes; Danilo Taliman, Roger Carasco, and Myra Manlangit, friends of Julie Bandy
Greg McBride; David Brancale, son of Ann Brancale; **Jennifer Osburn; Rhonda Stegall-Webb**, friend of Paul Jensen
Vicki Russell; Nicole, Patrick, and Logan Shepard, granddaughter and family of Ted & Harriet Miller
Bill Clark, son-in-law of Cornelia Miller; **Gloria Abiang**, mother of Pauline Cruz; **Dorothy Scholze**
Marie Dunlap; Tom Friedel; Cindy Stendera Gould, daughter of Bertha Stendera
Sam and Don Glasnovich, nephews of Cherie and Todd Chapman
Walker Chapman, nephew of Cherie and Todd Chapman; **Marty Liwag**, friend of Maria Arntson
Isidro Bandy; Dorothy Holm, sister of Veronica Rains; **Randy Rains**, son of Veronica Rains; **Ann Gordon**
Riliegh McConaughy, great granddaughter of Betty Robeson; **Rena Britz; Joaquin Naputi**
Cherie Chapman; Mary Olson; Darlene English

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

David Leitzen, SPC, US Army, grand-nephew of Mrs. Elenor Loarie Schoen, and nephew of Teresa and Elenor K. Schoen
Darryl W. Bradshaw, US Coast Guard, nephew of Paul and Maryjane Jensen
Annika Jensen, 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
Raynor Wales, US Army, friend of Mary Amundsen
Christopher Abele, IT1 (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 Keiffer

A TIME TO MOURN...

Rod Belcher, stepfather of Barbara Fortney
Patricia Shinstrom, friend of Joan and John White
Meg Tierney, friend of Veronica Olson
Estrella Palileo, aunt of Veronica Dato
Orencio Duyungan, brother of Lita Nelson

To the men and women who work as Sacristans, to the Guilds who pray for us, to the Catechists of our Religious Education (CCD) program, to the parishioners who help out on grounds and building projects, to the workers from St. Vincent de Paul who deliver to the needy, to those who serve and clean up after funeral receptions, to the parishioners who volunteer in the school, to the unseen angels who pray for us all, to the party animals who help us to ExperienceStMark, to the parishioners who work for Social Justice, to the parishioners who fold letters, lick envelopes and stuff bulletins, to the faithful counters, to the "church mice" who clean the Sanctuary and arrange the books, to our parish Marriage Advocates, to the Extraordinary Ministers of Communion at Mass, to the St. Mark Gabriel Project Angels, to the young men who serve as Acolytes and Senior Servers, to those who generously donate to the Giving Tree, to the Bible Study Catechists, to the Flower Ladies who grow and arrange our flowers, to the parishioners who serve on our parish committees, to the adorers in our chapel, to the ladies who clean our altar linens, to the young people who serve as altar servers, to those who pray for our families at the Family Rosary, to the parishioners who read during Mass, to the families who present the Simbang Gabi Mass and reception; to the men who are ushers, to our school students, to all the Catechists involved in Sacramental preparation, to those who cook for our funerals, to the Extraordinary Ministers who care for the homebound, to the parishioners who host coffee and doughnuts, to the gallant men of the Knights of Columbus, to the choirs who sing for us at Mass, to the parishioners who cook and serve for our Sacramental events, to the parishioners who work hard to remind us to Respect Life, to the teams who prepare the engaged and walk them down the aisle, to the numerous unsung heroes whose names have been omitted from this list.....to all who help to make St. Mark a parish home for all of us....

Fr. Mulholland, the Parish Staff, and the School Faculty and Staff wish to Thank You most heartily!

May God Bless you in the New Year!

PARAPHRASE OF 1 CORINTHIANS 13

If I decorate my house perfectly with plaid bows, strands of twinkling lights and shiny balls, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another decorator.

If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of Christmas cookies, preparing gourmet meals and arranging a beautifully adorned table at mealtime, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another cook.

If I work at the soup kitchen, carol in the nursing home and give all that I have to charity, but do not show love to my family, it profits me nothing.

If I trim the spruce with shimmering angels and crocheted snowflakes, attend a myriad of holiday parties and sing in the choir's cantata, but do not focus on Christ, I have missed the point.

Love stops the cooking to hug the child. Love sets aside the decorating to kiss the spouse. Love is kind, though harried and tired. Love doesn't envy another's home that has co-ordinated Christmas china and table linens. Love doesn't yell at the kids to get out of the way. Love doesn't give only to those who are able to give in return, but rejoices in giving to those who can't. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails. Video games will break, pearl necklaces will be lost, golf clubs will rust, but giving the gift of LOVE will endure.

~ author unknown

DO YOU NEED OUR PRAYERS? We have a place in our bulletin for you to request prayers for your intentions: either for help when you need healing, or to share your joys, sorrows, concerns, etc. Email your requests to lindas@saintmarkshoreline.org. To pray for one another is what makes us a true community.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Thank you to those who have already fulfilled your Annual Catholic Appeal pledge! If you would like to help maximize our Annual Catholic Appeal Rebate this year for our parish project, please check if your employer has a Matching Gift program. Once your gift has been paid in full, you can apply for the match per your employer's instructions. The Annual Catholic Appeal, Archdiocese of Seattle, is a tax-exempt organization under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Tax ID # 91-0778147. Call 206-382-4274 if you have any questions. Mailing address: Annual Catholic Appeal, PO Box 14964, Seattle 98114

WHEN SOMEONE SAYS, 'WHY DOESN'T GOD

do something about it?' The answer is, He did. He sent you. Why do you think you are here?' There is always something to do, even if it is a small thing, *little and unnoticed by the world*. You have not been created in vain. You have your work in this life, you have a calling that no other person can perform in the same way as you.

Mass Schedule for the Christmas Season



Wednesday, December 24— Christmas Eve

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

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

Thursday, December 25— Christmas Day

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

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

Sunday, December 28—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)

Thursday, January 1—Mary, Mother of God

Mass: 9:00 a.m. (no incense)

Sunday, January 4—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)



First Friday Perpetual Adoration

First Friday Perpetual Adoration will be in the Church Sanctuary on Friday, January 2 after the 9 AM Mass. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at the conclusion of the Liturgy, and adoration will continue through the evening hours to the next morning. Anyone wishing to participate in adoration is welcome in the Church any time. If you are a regularly scheduled Friday Adorer, your hour will take place in the Church. This will continue every first Friday of each month. Questions? Contact Veronica Olson (206-364-7900). No registration necessary.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING NEXT SUNDAY?

If you enjoyed the Christmas Masses, please remember that we do this all year long, and we would love to have you join us!

If you are non-Catholic, or have questions about either returning to the Catholic faith or updating Sacraments, please call Molly Gallagher in the Parish Office at 206-364-7900 or email her at stmarkoutreach@gmail.com

ST. MARK CONFERENCE

November, 2014 MONTHLY PARISH REPORT

# of families in St. Mark helped by St. V de P.....	59
# of individuals helped by St. Mark St. V de P.....	132
families/individuals referred	18/48
Thanksgiving Baskets (families)	93
Thanksgiving boxes to Carmelites	6

Cash Expenditures

Rent.....	\$ 460
Light	562
Bank Fee	34
Turkeys	275
Fresh Food/Rx.....	1,908
Clothing.....	185
Transportation for job inter	50
<u>Total Expenses:</u>	<u>3,650</u>

Income Received

Meeting collections	\$ 62
Poor Box Donations.....	91
Envelope Collection	5,984
Pass through from parishioner.....	50
Donations for Baskets.....	415
<u>Total Income</u>	<u>6,601</u>
<u>Net</u>	<u>\$2,951</u>

In-kind Assistance

Boxes of food.....	16
Religious Pamphlets, etc.	24
Bags of food/supplies given out.....	54
Bags of diapers	4

Given to clients: 4 bags of women's clothing; Safeway gift cards; box of baby food; socks; 7 St. mark Volunteers helped move furniture, clothing and household of a parishioner to a new apartment home.

Please feel free to donate anytime during the month in the collection basket, or for non-perishable foods, the basket in the vestibule. January 3-4, 2015 is the next monthly St. Vincent collection. Please give generously to your brothers and sisters in need. **We always need cereal, toilet paper, and cleaning supplies.**



NEWS

FULCRUM: It costs \$6,400 to educate just ONE child at St. Mark Parish School. If you are not currently paying \$534 monthly for the duration of the year, a Fulcrum grant can help you and the school! Please apply TODAY! It is the Fulcrum Foundation's mission to make Catholic schools accessible for families in need of financial assistance. *A Fulcrum tuition assistance grant provides \$1,071 towards a student's tuition.* Grants are distributed annually to students in grades kindergarten through twelve and are awarded on a financial need basis.

PARENT CLUB NEWS: We have had a fun and adventurous first half of the school year, and are SO THANKFUL for each and every one of our St Mark families for such a wonderful turnout for our events and fundraisers. This month, Marion Hogle, our esteemed treasurer, was able to write a check to the school for **\$10,000!!!** We met and beat our goal, folks. Give yourselves a hand!!!
JANUARY 15, Thursday 7pm-8:30pm: PARENT CLUB MEETING & FAMILY GAME NIGHT!

SPEECH TOURNAMENT AND ROBOTICS COMPETITION: St. Mark students competed in the Blanchet Speech tournament this past weekend. Congratulations to Gian Rodrigues who received the team inspirational award and to Cameron Stark who was a finalist in the Junior Expository category. In addition, we want to commend the **Robotics Team** after their tournament on Sunday. They received highest marks in Inspiration, Teamwork, and Gracious Professionalism and were noted for being a "well balanced team".

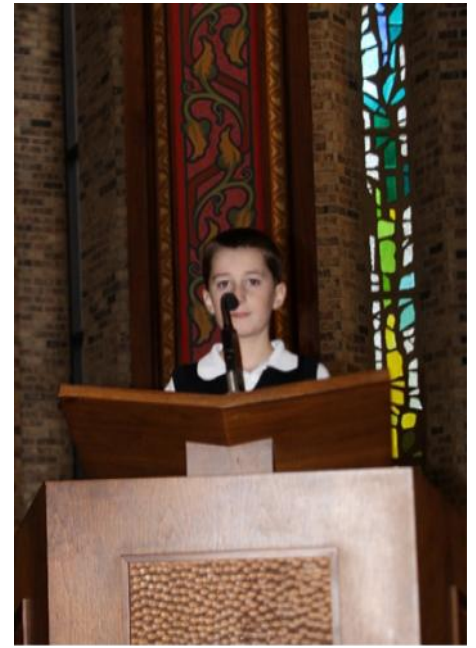
SCRIP NEWS: SCRIP is an easy way to support St. Mark School. You purchase gift cards and St. Mark School receives a percentage of every purchase. We have over 50 merchants' gift cards in stock at school for you to purchase. You can pick-up an order form from Mrs. Recabarren in the front office, or you can go to the St. Mark Website and view the information about SCRIP. The order form is available there, too. We fill SCRIP orders Monday and Thursday mornings. Send in your order form to school with payment. It will be ready at the end of the day for pick-up, or we can send it home with your child. We also sell SCRIP after the 5:00 pm, 9:00 am and 11:00 am masses on the weekend.

January 25, 2015
St. Mark Parish School Open House
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM



MINISTRY SUNDAY

Ministry Sunday expands the involvement of our children in the liturgy.



Once a month the students will be given a wonderful opportunity to be involved in church ministries. Every first Sunday of the month a class hosts coffee and donuts in Sullivan Hall. On these same Sundays the students will be involved in the Mass as well. The students will be in uniform and will greet parishioners as they come to Mass, serve as lectors, bring up the offertory gifts, and hand out bulletins at the end of Mass.



*"Once upon a time"
Saint Mark Parish Auction
April 18, 2015*

*Come be
our
guest!*



Hello,

My name is Eámaer McGuigan. I was born in Ireland and first came to Seattle when I was 18. I was brought up Irish Catholic and have always loved the spirit of community which I have found at Saint Mark Parish. I have been a parishioner for nearly 8 years and am in my sixth year of being your Saint Mark Preschool teacher. Over the years I have watched so many dedicated parishioners and school parents devote so much of their time and energy to take care of our wonderful parish that I felt it is was my turn to give back and that is why I stepped up to co- chair this year's parish auction.

My name is Katie (Kane) Knifong, co- chair of the Parish Auction this year. I have been in this parish all my life and, as my daughter is now attending Saint Mark School, I would like to contribute in any way I can to help our school thrive for a long time to come.

So far we our 'fund-an-item' goal this year is for:

- . Purchase of new reading curriculum for K-Grade 3

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- **DONATE AN ITEM, ACTIVITY, CAR, CONDO RENTAL, TIME SHARE, ETC. or**
- **DONATE MONEY**

All items should be in their original packaging. Please call us for ideas or send us a check made out to Saint Mark School Auction and we will be happy to pick something for you!

- **ATTEND OUR AUCTION EVENTS**

Gala night is Saturday April 18, 2015, fancy, formal and fun. Tickets are \$60 each.

The Family Night Auction is free to attend on Wednesday April 15, 2015. There will be a new fun event for the kids, food to purchase and, of course, plenty of wonderful items to bid on.

Thank you to all those who have already donated to the Fund-an-Item and the Parish School Penny Drive. Your generosity has been overwhelming.

Call us today to receive your invitation to
Saint Mark Parish's "Once Upon a Time" Gala Auction 2015

And, feel free to call either of us with any questions you may have. Thank you for your time, and may you and your family have a wonderful, blessed Christmas,

Katie and Eámaer

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MARCH FOR LIFE

We are once again signing up St. Mark parishioners and friends for the annual March for Life event in Olympia on Tuesday, January 20, 2015.

As in the past few years, we will first attend the Mass for Life and then to the Capitol steps in Olympia for the March for Life rally.

Buses will leave from the St. Mark parking lot at 7:30am and return around 3pm.

Please e-mail us your name, contact info, including e-mail and phone number (in case of inclement weather), how many seats you will be reserving, and any additional names as well. My home number is 425-776-0320 if you wish to call instead. Do not call the parish office - please call us as we are the ones coordinating this event.

There is no required payment for this trip, however, there will be a free will offering on the buses so we hope to have everyone join us! It is on a first-come, first-serve basis, with St. Mark parishioners getting priority seating.

The Mass for Life takes place at St. Martin's College in Lacey (Archbishop Sartain will be celebrating) prior to the March for Life, and the buses will take us to and from the Mass and the March in Olympia. We should return to St. Mark Parish around 3pm. Don't forget to dress warmly and bring a lunch.

Make your voices heard in supporting those in government whom are Pro-Life and let the media and those government representatives of ours who are not there **know that we have a large, active Pro-Life contingent out there who cannot be ignored!**

So avoid any parking hassles, save some gas money and join your fellow Pro-Life neighbors from nearby and across the state of Washington by participating in the largest yearly gathering on the Capitol steps in Olympia. We are marking the 42nd Anniversary of Roe v. Wade this year.

God Bless you all and if you cannot make it please keep the event in your prayers.

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425-776-0320

HEAL YOUR MARRIAGE

Is your marriage everything you (and God) want it to be? Take some time to reflect on your marriage this Advent season. If you feel a sense of sadness or disillusionment, you are not alone. Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-v) can help. Every marriage deserves to be healed and to thrive as a covenant of life and love. For confidential information about, or to register for our upcoming program beginning **January 23-25, 2015** call **206-706-2608** or visit our website at **www.HelpOurMarriage.com**

FAITH FORMATION NEWS!

Bible Study returns on January 8!

Our Bible study class will re-start on January 8, and will meet each Thursday from 7-9 pm in Sullivan Hall, ending on June 18. Our course will study *the Acts of the Apostles*, the story of the birth of the early church, written by St. Luke. The class consists of viewing a DVD of the weekly lesson taught by Dr. Jeff Cavins of the Great Adventure Catholic Bible Study program, and then small group discussion of the weekly readings, based on the class notebook. To order the notebook, go to:

<http://ascensionpress.com/t/category/study-programs/catholic-bible-study/adult-bible-study/acts>

and order the "*Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom Study Set*" for \$29.95. If you have questions, contact the class leader:

Claude Golden (claude.golden@gmail.com).

RCIA for Children – Is your child above the age of 7 and not baptized? For information on classes for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Children please contact Molly Gallagher in the Parish Office.

Interested in Becoming Catholic? – The Rite of Christian Initiation classes are every Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm. Drop in to learn more about what it means to be Catholic or contact Molly Gallagher at the Parish Office for more information.

Confirmation–The classes are on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7 pm in Sullivan Hall. Contact Molly Gallagher for more information

First Penance – Classes are every Wednesday evening at 6:15pm in the 2nd grade classroom.

St. Gianna Molla Women's Group – Are you an adult woman in love with her faith? Would you like a place to know, share, and love your Catholic faith with other women? Come for discussion, prayer, and study about the faith as we walk through a deepening of hearts. Contact Molly in the Parish Office for more info.

Molly:
206-364-7900 mollyg@saintmarkshoreline.org

"From Mary we learn to surrender to God's Will in all things. From Mary we learn to trust even when all hope seems gone. From Mary we learn to love Christ her Son and the Son of God!" ~Pope John Paul II



INFANT BAPTISMS

Our next two Infant Baptisms and Preparation classes for children ages newborn-7 years old are coming up soon in 2015. The following is the current schedule:

Baptism Preparation Sessions:

Saturday, January 10, 2015

Saturday, April 11, 2015

Communal Celebration of Baptism (outside of Mass)

Saturday, January 17, 2015

Saturday, April 18, 2015

The Baptism Preparation Session and Baptisms are celebrated after the 9 AM Saturday daily Mass. The registration forms and further information can be found on the parish website. If you have any questions or need to receive the forms via email, please call or email Veronica Olson at the parish office (veronicao@saintmarkshoreline.org | 206-364-7900).

GABRIEL PROJECT

Please continue praying for our parish's Gabriel Project. This 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.

GOT LIFE?

Consider joining our parish Respect Life Committee. Monthly meetings are typically the third Tuesday of each month in the Parish Center chapel at 7 pm. Check it out and see if God is calling you to this parish ministry.

ROSARY FOR LIFE 4TH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

Please join the Respect Life Committee and Knights of Columbus in saying a Rosary for Life at the Affirmation for Life memorial on Sunday, December 28. We begin at 10:10 am, after the 9 am Mass.

YEAR ROUND PRAYER VIGILS...

Abortions happen every day in our community. Striving to serve the unborn and their mothers by giving them lifesaving choices, the local chapter of Helpers of God's Precious Infants prayerful pray at local Planned Parenthood locations most Saturdays all year long. Contact Helpers of God's Precious Infants at www.seattlehelpers.org for more details check out the "Come Pray With Us" link.

LINKS FOR LIFE

Healing the Culture

an organization dedicated to helping spread the message of life
<http://healingtheculture.com/>

Sacred Heart Radio – 1050 AM

<http://www.sacredheartradio.org/>

Patients Rights Council

<http://www.patientsrightscouncil.org/>

PRC is committed to the principle that you have the right to know all the facts about the critical issues of life, death, and assisted suicide. Few issues are as important as the compassionate treatment and care for those who are most vulnerable.

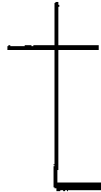
LifeNews.com

<http://www.lifeneews.com/>

Reliable online source for current events pertaining to life all over the world.

“The only differences between the Herod of old and the Herods of today are in the weapons used and the number of victims. Herod used swords and spears to kill the Holy Innocents. Today’s Herods use abortion, “The Pill” and other chemical weapons; whereas Herod killed a relatively small number of babies, today’s Herods have butchered literally hundreds of millions . . . with no end in sight!”

-Msgr. Ignacio Barreiro-Carámbul



Project Rachel

Hope and Healing ~ After Abortion

Do you suffer from feelings of guilt, grief, anger or depression from a past abortion experience?

Do you feel alienated from your faith or wonder if God's love and forgiveness can really be for you?

Does it feel as though no one understands or cares?

Join us on a journey of emotional and spiritual healing from abortion.



Neither Do I Condemn You

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™ 2015

March 6-8

Contact: Valerie 1-800-822-HOPE (4673)

Completely Confidential

The Rachel's Vineyard™ healing retreat is sponsored by Project Rachel Western Washington, a program of Catholic Community Services. You need not be Catholic to participate.
www.hopeafterabortion.com



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OF WESTERN WASHINGTON

2014 STEWARDSHIP DONATIONS TO ST. MARK

Still need to make your 2014 Stewardship donation by year-end for tax purposes? Any new gifts or payments that you want credited to the 2014 calendar year for tax purposes need to be in the Parish Office by December 31. If mailing in the payment, the *postmark must be stamped* by December 31, 2014 in order to be applied in the calendar year.



Knights of Columbus



If you are interested in helping those in need, serving your parish, growing in your faith and protecting your family, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you.

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THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen's books, tapes, homilies, retreats, and television series have inspired countless souls all over the world. This digitally-mastered presentation combines classic recordings of his timeless reflections on the meaning of the Incarnation of Jesus, mixed with Gregorian Chant and seasonal music. It is sure to become a family favorite!

CD available in the vestibule.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK/HOMEBOUND/ HOSPITAL VISITS

Please call the parish office to inform us of an illness or hospitalization of a parishioner or family member. Privacy laws prohibit hospitals from releasing information to clergy about hospitalized church members without the specific consent and request of the patient or their immediate family.

A **HUGE** thank you to all who answered the plea for extra funds for St. Vincent de Paul. The outpouring was amazing—one of those Aha! moments that bring tears to your eyes. If you weren't able to bring your donation to the office, you can put it in the collection basket or mail it in. Just mark it as for St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you over and over. Hopefully you were able to see all of the beautiful items in Sullivan Hall that were donated for the Giving Tree this year. This parish is truly blessed with generous people.

Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.

WHEN WE TEACH OUR CHILDREN to be good, to be gentle, to be forgiving, to be generous, to love others, to regard this present age as nothing, we instill virtue in their souls and reveal the image of God within them. This, then, is our task: to educate both ourselves and our children in godliness; otherwise what answer will we have before Christ's judgment seat? St. John Chrysostom

WHERE THANKS ARE DUE...

If you are in the Shoreline Safeway, please stop by and thank the bakery people for the great job they do of serving us. They often go out of their way to make things work for us. Please tell them thanks.

We now have our 2015 calendars. **Beck's Funeral Home** has supplied them to us at no cost. This year Becks is the sole sponsor of the calendars; without them we would have had to purchase our own. Please give them a call or drop them a line to tell them how much you appreciate this wonderful service.

If you are reading this...Without the wonderful companies who advertise on the last page, there would be no bulletin. Through their advertising dollars, the **Catholic Printery** furnishes us with our bulletin at absolutely no cost. Please take a moment and thank at least one of these companies by your patronage, a phone call or a note.



SCRIP/GIFT CARD NEWS

Thank you for purchasing SCRIP gift cards for the Parish Giving Tree from the school scrip team. The sales this month have increased and we have some new patrons. Please continue to purchase gift cards from the scrip program in the future.

The Scrip schedule for the next weeks is as follows:

Saturday, December 20th, 5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, December 21st, 9:00 & 11:00 Masses

Sunday, January 4th, 9:00 & 11:00 Masses

Thank you for your support and we wish our wonderful Parish Community a very Blessed Christmas.

The Scrip Team

Scrip is an easy way to support St. Mark School. You purchase gift cards and St. Mark School receives a percentage of every purchase. We have over 50 merchants' gift cards in stock at school for you to purchase plus numerous grocery store and specialty market cards. Do your holiday food shopping with St. Mark SCRIP.

Today's highlights—Gift Giving Ideas

Here are some local merchants that we have in stock:

Bath & Body Works \$25

Gymboree \$25

JC Penney \$25

Macy's \$25

Ross Dress for Less \$25

Target \$25

Toys R Us / Babies R Us \$20

AMC/Loew's Cineplex \$25/Gold Tickets 9.50

Regal Cinemas \$25

Rite Aid \$25

Walgreens \$25, \$100

Lowe's Home Improvement \$25

PS: St. Vincent de Paul will always accept scrip cards for grocery stores or merchandise stores. Drop your cards off at the parish office or in envelopes in the collection basket.

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.

WE HAVE RECEIVED DONATIONS to our School Endowment Fund in memory of Dorothy McCool, Bob Robeson, Kali Fuda, Bob and Margaret Segle, Charles Combe, John Hopfinger, Robert Amundsen, Consuelo Frodsham, Wanda Jensen, Sister Eleanor, Kenny Jensen, Bill Ogle, Dorothy Ogle, Jeremy Ogle, Margaret Osgood, Robert and Winona Wartinger, Rene Pineda, Rollie Blanchette, and Dan & Doris Staber. And, in honor of the 6th Birthday of Dylan Siyangco, the Wedding Anniversary of Rufino and Dory Isip, the children of St. Mark Parish School, a wish for safe travel for Aurea Silang, and Linden Anderson. 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.

Your gift to the Endowment Fund at St. Mark funds the future of the school. Money you give today creates a lasting legacy. *Thank you!*

EASY PEASY WAY TO DONATE

Now it's even easier to donate to the church. Go to stmarkshoreline.org and sign up for online giving. Simply click on "online giving." Then, enter the needed information and submit. You will get an email with a verification link to finish setting up your account. If you do not see the email, check your spam folder. It's that simple to give anytime and from anywhere using a computer, smart phone, or tablet. Easy for you—easy for the Parish Office.

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:

Monday: 7-8AM

Tuesday: 12:01-1AM (early Tuesday morning)

Thursday: 2-3AM and 3-4AM

Saturday: 3-4AM