

The 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time • January 31, 2016

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun.	Jan.	31	Sunday Masses
Mon.	Feb.	1	No Morning Mass
Tues.	Feb.	2	Thomas Croteau+
Wed.	Feb.	3	Ljubica Georgevic+
Thurs.	Feb.	4	No Morning Mass
Fri.	Feb.	5	Roberto Bautista+
Sat.	Feb.	6	Ken Connolly+
Sun.	Feb.	7	Sunday Masses
Mon.	Feb.	8	No Morning Mass
Tues.	Feb.	9	Marty Panther+
Wed.	Feb.	10	Ash Wednesday Masses at 9 am and 7 pm
Thurs.	Feb.	11	The O'Connor Family
Fri.	Feb.	12	Michael Bacigalupi+
Sat.	Feb.	13	Frank Cook

HOSPITALITY IN SULLIVAN HALL

January 31—The Parent Club Officers from the school will be serving donuts while you go through the School Open House.

February 7—The School Families will be coming in to serve you. As Ash Wednesday is on February 10, consider this as your Mardi Gras donut, or would that be Dimanch Gras. Whatever.

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
Funeral Reception Volunteers: Gini Harmon
 (206) 364-6834
Marriage Help: Retrouvaille (206) 706-2608
Seniors & Friends: Judy Parsons (206) 367-1714
Holyrood Cemetery: (206) 363-8404
Beck's Funeral Home: (425) 771-1234
Harvey Funeral Home: (206) 632-0100
Marian Caskets: (206) 463-6245; mariancaskets.com/

STEWARDSHIP 2015-16

The Sunday Collection through 1/24/2016

Weekly Amount Needed	Last Week's Collection	Needed Year to Date	Actual Given Year to Date	Surplus Year to Date
\$ 15,137	\$ 12,594	\$ 454,110	\$ 476,124	\$ 22,014
Online Giving	# Online Givers		Amount Collected Online:	
	All Funds: 40		\$ 2,075	

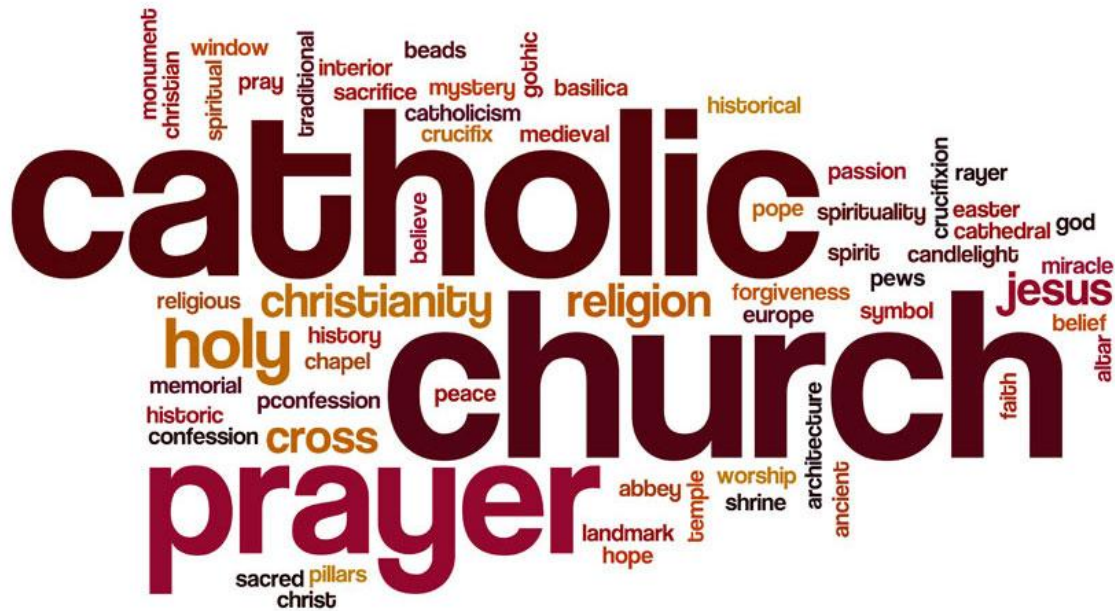
CALENDAR

Mon.	2/1/16	Family Rosary, 6:30 pm, Church
		Boy Scouts, 7 pm, Cafeteria
		Light Weigh, 7 pm, Sullivan Hall
Tues.	2/2/16	Confirmation, 7 pm, Gym
Wed.	2/3/16	Heaven Guild, 11:30 am, Sullivan Hall
		First Communion Class, 6:15 pm, School
		RCIA, 6:30 pm, Sullivan Hall
		St. Gianna Molla Women's Group, 7 pm, Parish Center
Thurs.	2/4/16	Bible Study, 7 pm, Sullivan Hall
Mon.	2/8/16	Family Rosary, 6:30 pm, Church
		Boy Scouts, 7 pm, Cafeteria
		Light Weigh, 7 pm, Sullivan Hall
Tues.	2/9/16	St. Vincent de Paul, 7:30 pm, Library
Wed.	2/10/16	ASH WEDNESDAY Masses at 9 am and 7 pm
		St. Gianna Molla Women's Group, 7 pm, Parish Center
Thurs.	2/11/16	Bible Study, 7 pm, Sullivan Hall
Fri.	2/12/16	Soup Supper, 6 pm Cafeteria
		Stations of the Cross, 7 pm
Sun.	2/14/16	Third Order of Mary, 1 pm, Parish Center
Mon.	2/15/16	Family Rosary, 6:30 pm, Church
		Boy Scouts, 7 pm, Cafeteria
		Light Weigh, 7 pm, Sullivan Hall
Tues.	2/16/16	School Registration Mtg., 7 pm, Gym
		Confirmation, 7 pm, Sullivan Hall
Wed.	2/17/16	1st Communion Class, 6:15 pm, School



Pastor's Letter:

Jubilee of Mercy



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The following is part one of a two part article written by Fr. Dwight Longenecker that I found interesting, and thought you would too. Part two will be coming next week.....

“At a priest’s conference not long ago the speaker quoted some statistics. Christians of different traditions were asked percentage wise how important evangelization was to their understanding of the Christian faith:

Mainline Protestants answered 60%. Evangelical Christians answered 85%. Catholics said 3%.

We Catholics skate around this one, muttering catch phrases like “The New Evangelization” and we trumpet the few evangelization enterprises that are going on, and we self-righteously quote St Francis (who never actually said it) “Preach the gospel at all times. Use words if necessary.”

There are some very clear reasons why Catholics don’t evangelize, and they are difficulties that run right to the foundation of our understanding and practice of the faith.

There may be more reason than these, but here are ten I can think of. (PS: I’ve saved the biggest and the worst for last....)

1. Cultural Catholicism - A lot of American Catholics regard their religion like Jews do. It's something you're born into. They scratch their head at the idea that someone would convert to Catholicism. "What, you mean you chose to be Catholic?" This is because they're Polish or Irish or Italian or Lebanese or French. They're Catholic in their bloodstream. It's something you are, not something you do so much. I remember encountering a French woman in South Carolina who wanted her baby baptized. I asked her what parish she went to. She looked at me with bewilderment. "But I am French! It is different in France! Nobody goes to church, but we are very Catholic!" Cultural Catholics never imagine that they should evangelize. "So I'm supposed to make you an Italian?" You see what I mean.

2. Over Sacramentalization - That's just a long word way of saying that Catholics put sooo much emphasis on the sacraments that it is difficult for many of them to see that in and through and below the sacramental system is a genuine encounter of the person with Jesus Christ, risen ascended and glorified. Because you have to be a Catholic to receive the sacraments of Holy Communion and confession, and because for so many Catholics that is the only way to practice their faith, the sacraments actually keep them from evangelizing. "I can't bring my Baptist neighbor to Mass. She wouldn't know what was going on and besides, she can't come forward for communion anyway." This is a good point. If you invite a neighbor or family member to Mass then tell them they can't receive the Lord the whole exercise is likely to collapse into them feeling excluded.

3. RCIA - What is that? A company that used to make electronics? The whole RCIA system is often cumbersome and user-unfriendly. If you have someone who is interested in becoming a Catholic you have to tell them about RCIA which starts in the fall (so what do you do when they come in April?) and goes through for months until Easter. Meanwhile Pastor Bob at the local Protestant church says, "Come to church. Sign up. You're in." Proper catechesis is necessary, but a more creative and flexible approach would help.

4. Church or Jesus? - Too many Catholics confuse evangelization with getting people to join the Catholic Church. The primary task of evangelization is meeting people where they are introducing them to Jesus Christ. It is possible to do this without bringing in the Catholic Church with its whole devotional and sacramental system. It is possible to talk to someone in need and say, "You need to get right with God. You need to say, 'Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God have mercy on me a sinner!'" That's the first step." After they make that decision they can start to attend church and learn about the sacramental system and how to continue their relationship with Christ as a Catholic. The reason so many Catholics have a problem with this is because they are unsure whether they themselves have ever had that fundamental, rock bottom, first step conversion transaction.

5. Social Gospel - A lot of Catholics think the church's primary way of evangelizing people is by helping them. It's true that an important aspect of evangelization is social welfare. Feeding the hungry, housing the homeless, healing the sick, bringing justice to the oppressed—all of that is good stuff and must not be neglected. It is also a powerful witness to the authenticity of the Catholic message. However, just doing that isn't enough. We need to give people the Bread of Life as well as a sandwich. Many Catholics would never breathe a word about their faith, but are busy in the soup kitchen. Soup kitchen is good. Actively sharing the faith is also good and necessary.

Next week, Part II.....

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

Patty James, friend of Philip Grandaw; **Vernon Bergstrom**, brother-in-law of Philip Grandaw
Carol Bettinger, mother of Rebecca Anderson; **Barbara Arnesen**
Karen Connell, sister of Michael Connell; **Hugo Draye; John Burdett**
Noah Lovett, grandson of Cindy Schneider; **Margaret Dotsch**, mother of Michelle Dotsch
Jay Danson, brother of Judy Parsons
Bill Buckley; Dean Daniels; Armand Foz; Anna Marie Epps, grandniece of Rose Buckley

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 1st 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...

"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 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.

BIBLE STUDY ON ST. JOHN'S GOSPEL

Our bible study of the Gospel of St John meets each Thursday at 7 pm through early June. 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. For more information, contact the class leader, Claude Golden, claude.golden@gmail.com, or call 206.362.2105.

MONDAY NIGHT ROSARY

The Monday night Rosary at St. Mark now includes the recitation of The Divine Mercy Chaplet, a prayer we will say during the Year of Mercy.

Please join us for the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet every Monday night at 6:30 pm. Families are encouraged to attend.

RACHEL'S CORNER: Hope and Healing After Abortion

Call Valerie: 1-800-822-HOPE (4673) We can help you on a Rachel's Vineyard™ retreat.

The next retreats: March 4-6, 2016 Seabeck WA or April 15-17, 2016 Stanwood WA

You are loved with an everlasting Love! Project Rachel is a program of Catholic Community Services.

HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE:

Pray to end abortion during Lent. The Spring campaign of 40 Days for Life starts Feb 10th (Ash Wednesday). St Mark's parish participates every Wednesday during the campaign, by spending time in prayer at Everett Planned Parenthood (1509 32nd St.). Sign up for your prayer time by contacting Judy Zawacki at jazzy66ster@outlook.com, or at 40daysforlife.com/everett or on the 40 Days for Life poster in Sullivan Hall.

Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves.' - Proverbs 31:8

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:

Tue 6-7AM

Tue 2-3PM

Wed 7-8AM

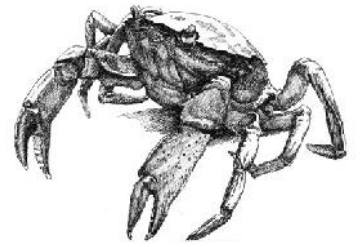
Wed 5-6PM

Sat 12:01AM-1AM

SAVE THE DATE...

**Knights of Columbus
Crab dinner on
February 27!**

**Tickets are on sale after all
Masses.**



QUEEN OF HEAVEN GUILD MEETING

Guild Ladies, don't forget that this Wednesday is your guild meeting. Come at 11:30 for the rosary and lunch and fellowship. Barbara was unable to get the postal cards in the mail, but she doesn't want you to forget. This meeting is open to all ladies who would like to attend.



From its earliest days, the development, research, and promotion of the pill were built on lies-lies which continue today. Women are irreparably harmed by those lies. Children are killed by those lies. And society hangs in the balance because America has not been told the truth. Learn more at ThePillKills.org

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



SCHOOL NOTES

We have kicked off our St. Mark Parish School Annual Drive campaign! Keep your eyes open for donation envelopes in the pews and arriving in the mail.

Our school is our largest ministry, and the Annual Drive helps Bridge the Gap between the cost of educating our children and tuition received, allowing us to keep Catholic education affordable!

HELP SAVE LIVES

FEBRUARY 10 - MARCH 20

Join the worldwide movement to protect mothers and children

From February 10 — March 20, our city will join with hundreds of other cities for 40 Days for Life, a life-saving campaign made up of three components:



PRAYER & FASTING



COMMUNITY OUTREACH



PEACEFUL VIGIL

40 Days for Life is a peaceful pro-life effort ... and 675,000 volunteers in 607 cities across 32 nations have taken part. With God's help, 40 Days for Life has seen **11,165** babies saved from abortion, **127** abortion worker conversions, and **64** closed abortion centers. Pray and get involved, and **YOU** can help save lives!

Everett 40 DAYS FOR LIFE:

Vigil location: Everett Planned Parenthood:
1509 32nd St, Everett WA 98201

Vigil Day for St. Marks: Wednesdays

Local contact: Judy Zawacki –
jazzy66ster@outlook.com

Learn more ... and get involved:

40daysforlife.com/everett



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