

St. Mark Catholic Church

December 16, 2012 Third Sunday of Advent

Sun.	Dec.	16	Missa Pro Populo
Mon.	Dec.	17	No Mass
Tues.	Dec.	18	Souls in Purgatory+
Wed.	Dec.	19	Zsolt Dornay
Thurs.	Dec.	20	Steven Storey
Fri.	Dec.	21	Patrick Flynn+
Sat.	Dec.	22	Dorothy Pinney
Sun.	Dec.	23	Missa Pro Populo
Mon.	Dec.	24	No Morning Mass
Tues.	Dec.	25	Christmas Day
Wed.	Dec.	26	Marie Warner+
Thurs.	Dec.	27	Martha Vox+
Fri.	Dec.	28	Ron Eline
Sat.	Dec.	29	C.C. Adler+

STEWARDSHIP				
The Sunday Collection as of 12/9/2012				
Weekly Amount Needed	Last Week's Collection	Needed Year to Date	Actual Given Year to Date	SHORTFALL Needed Now!
\$ 15,094	\$ na	\$ na	\$ na	(\$)
Online Giving	# Online Givers	Amount Collected		
	All Funds: na	Online: \$ na		
Online Giving is included in above totals.				

Sun.	12/16/12	Simbang Gabi Mass, 11 am, followed by reception in Gym
		St. V de P Package Sorting, 12 pm, Sullivan Hall
Mon.	12/17/12	Family Rosary, 6:30 pm, Church
		Boy Scouts, 7 pm, Cafeteria
Tues.	12/18/12	Respect Life Pot Luck Dinner, 7 pm, Sullivan Hall
Wed.	12/19/12	Finance Council, 6:30 pm, Pastoral Center
		Parish School Christmas Program, 7 pm, Gym
		RCIA, 7 pm, Library
		Confirmation Class, 7 pm, School
Thurs.	12/20/12	Al Chapman funeral, 10:30 am, Church
Fri.	12/21/12	Men's Basketball, 7 pm, Gym
Sat.	12/22/12	St. Vincent de Paul food sort, 7 am, Gym
		Christmas Tree set-up, 10 am, Church
		Sr. Server Practice, 2 pm, Church
Sun.	12/23/12	Santa Breakfast after all Sunday Masses
		Respect Life Rosary, 9:10 am, Affirmation of Life Monument

HOSPITALITY IN SULLIVAN HALL

December 16—Doughnuts at 7:30 & 9 am—but the **Simbang Gabi Mass** at 11 am is the best choice!

December 23—It's Santa! It's Santa! Annual **Knights of Columbus** Santa Breakfast.

December 30—No doughnuts are scheduled at this time, unless you want to volunteer. 206-364-7900

FREQUENTLY REQUESTED NUMBERS

Boy Scouts: Dennis Halpin (206) 365-1971
Cub Scouts: David Hogle (425) 744-7292
Knights of Columbus: Jim O'Sullivan (206) 533-0007
St. Vincent de Paul: Duke Dungan
 (206) 364-7900 ext 150
Heaven Guild: Barbara Arnesen (206) 940-5010
Ladies' Guild: Lynn Waterson (206) 849-5546
Funeral Committee: 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

Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, who inspires and perfects our faith!



Third Sunday of Advent
Gaudete Sunday

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Third Sunday of Advent is traditionally known as *Gaudete* Sunday. *Gaudete* is the Latin word for “rejoice!” As we approach the feast of Christmas, we are called by the Church to rejoice in the joyful anticipation of the Lord’s incarnation. This is made clear in our readings. The Prophet Zephaniah proclaimed: “Shout for joy, O daughter Zion! the Lord is in your midst, a mighty savior; he will rejoice over you with gladness.” St. Paul told the Philippians to “rejoice in the Lord always, I shall say it again, rejoice!” And in the gospel, St. John the Baptist prepared the way for the Lord by “exhorting [the people] in many other ways, [and] he preached good news to the people.” I have no doubt that the people rejoiced, because they flocked to the Jordan to be baptized by John. We too have much to rejoice about. Our savior, the Lord Jesus, fills our hearts with His goodness and truth! His grace is His gift to us, that we might have life and have it abundantly. Thanks be to God for such a gift! Rejoice in this gift, always!

At the 11:00 Mass we will celebrate the annual *Simbang Gabi* Mass here at St. Mark. *Simbang Gabi* literally means “night worship,” which was the traditional Filipino custom of rising in the pre dawn hours for Mass in the nine days before Christmas. In early days, lanterns were used to light up the churches. Today, *Simbang Gabi* Masses take place at all hours all over the local areas. You can easily pray this novena at parishes in our area. The complete list of Mass times and locations is in the vestibule of the church. We are pleased to have this wonderful celebration at St. Mark, with a special Filipino choir singing for our own *Simbang Gabi* Mass!

In Christ the Lord,

Fr. David Mulholland

"To everything there is a season and a time for every affair under the heavens."

Ecclesiastes 3:1

A time to heal...physically, emotionally, or spiritually

Lynn Chapman; Abby Marie Sullivan, newborn granddaughter of Mike and Linda Sullivan
Bob Hegamin, friend of Nigel and Cheryl Keiffer; **Emily Hemmingson**, daughter of Nigel and Cheryl Keiffer
Janine Zambrano Johnson and Julie Nelson, Jan & John Zambrano's daughters
Shirley Steele, mother of Andrew Steele
Arlene Timms, longtime friend of Joe and Marylee Schaeffer
Jan Zambrano; John Zamberlin, brother of Rose Buckley; **Rena Britz**
Robert Roberts, uncle of Rebecca Anderson; **Joaquin Naputi**
Sheila Alipayo, niece of Cora Slechter; **Kathy Turner**, friend of Cathy Henricks
Dorothy Pinney; **Carol Monahan**, mother of Hugh Monahan; **Lynn Waterson**
Corinne Zamberlin, sister-in-law of Rose Buckley
Robert Schultz, father of Lynn Schultz; **Lori Fitzsimmons**, aunt of Jeff Olson
Sam Rains, husband of Veronica Rains; **John Holmes**, friend of Ted & Harriet Miller
Cherie Chapman; **Maribel Santos**;
Charles Fitzsimmons, grandfather of Jeff Olson; **David Hall**, friend of Veronica Olson
Joyce Koslosky; **Gloria Rodgers**, friend of Julie Bandoy-Langlie;
Isidro and Juanita Bandoy; **Hugo Draye**; **Esther Scarpelli**, sister-in-law of Vic Scarpelli;
Rose de Santis, sister of Vic Scarpelli
Darlene English; **Dorothy Holm**, sister of Veronica Rains
Leonard English, brother of Darlene English; **Patty Alberts**
Don Glasnovich, nephew of Cherie and Todd Chapman; **Consuelo Frodsham**; **Rosemarie Rochlitzer**;
Marie Dunlap; **Mary Olson**; **Helen Murphy**; **Carmen McMahan**, sister of Anita Schultz

A time to rejoice and pray without ceasing

A time to remember those who serve our country in the military

Alex Keiffer, USAR, son of Nigel and Cheryl Keiffer
Zachary Sharp, SFC, grandson of Nigel and Cheryl Keiffer
Aaron Collins, Sgt, grandson of Bernard and Joyce Koslosky
Christopher Abele, IT1 (SW/IDW) US Navy, son of Steven and Janet Abele
Raynor Wales, US Army, friend of Bob and Mary Amundsen
Matthew Johnson, US Air Force, grandson of Helen Bradley
Mark Anthony Silang, USMC, deployed
Michael Angelo Silang, USN
Richard Johnson, PFC, US Army, Afghanistan, family friend of Todd and Cherie Chapman
Bryant McDaniel, Air Force, Iraq, nephew of James and Lynn Ronald
John E. Eaton, S/Sgt USMC, grandson of Evelyn Combe

A time to mourn...

Al Chapman

The deadline to submit articles for the upcoming week's bulletin is noon on the Monday before publication. Anything submitted after that may not appear in the Sunday bulletin.

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Two hours have come open in the adoration chapel. Please consider if you can commit on a weekly basis to cover **Monday 2-3PM or Monday 11PM-midnight**. These are timely openings given Advent, a period when we would all do well to keep our thoughts turned to Christ instead of the commercial distractions of the secular "holiday season". To help us focus on what is truly important at this time of year, here is a fitting word from the ever insightful Archbishop Fulton Sheen: "Neither theological knowledge nor social action alone is enough to keep us in love with Christ unless both are preceded by a personal encounter with Him. Theological insights are gained not only from between two covers of a book, but from two bent knees before an altar. The Holy Hour becomes like an oxygen tank to revive the breath of the Holy Spirit in the midst of the foul and fetid atmosphere of the world."

Adoration Coordinator, Mat Connolly: 206-465-0710

RESPECT LIFE

January 22, 2013 will mark the 40th anniversary of Roe v. Wade – the federal ruling that made abortion legal? Did you know there is actually a website that uses Planned Parenthood's own statistics to track the number of abortions that have occurred in our country? Did you know since 1973 that American women have aborted almost 56 million babies?

Source - Guttmacher Institute, 2011, August. Facts on Induced Abortion in the United States. <http://www.numberofabortions.com/>

"When the final judgment comes ...You will have no advocates; you are there alone standing before God and a terror will rip through your soul like nothing you can imagine. But I really think that those in the pro-life movement will not be alone. I think there will be a chorus of voices that have never been heard in this world but are heard beautifully and clearly in the next world and they will plead for everyone who has been in this movement. They will say to God, "Spare him because he loved us." And God will look at you and say not, "did you succeed?" but "did you try?" Henry Hyde

RESPECT LIFE cont.

Prayerful Witness Continues... The Helpers of God's Precious Infants prayerfully witness in front of local abortion sites as a weekly ministry all year. Please join them. Also, continue to pray for the change of hearts of those who are exposed to this public, prayerful witness. Pray for parents of unborn children considering abortion. Pray that our country will return to its founding principle that all human life is sacred, from conception to natural death. To join this effort, contact Matt Ulrich at: mgulrichpl@gmail.com or visit www.seattlehelpers.org

March with us for Life this January 22!

Be sure to mark your calendar for Tuesday, January 22 – the March for Life in Olympia. Buses will leave at 7:30 am and return by 3 pm. There will be more information in December on signing up to ride a bus to Olympia. Watch for information in this column and posters in the vestibule.

Have you had an abortion or know someone who has? The next Project Rachel retreat will be February 8-10, 2013. To register or for more information, call Valerie at 1-800-822-HOPE (4673). Know that you are loved with an everlasting Love! Project Rachel is a program of Catholic Community Services.

Got Life? Want to get more involved in the culture of life at St. Mark? Join the parish Respect Life Committee for its December meeting on Tuesday, December 18 at 7 pm. This month we are having a potluck. Please call Michelle Dotsch for more information at 206-949-5502.

Last Confessions before Christmas will be on Saturday December 22 from 8 -8:45 am and 3:30-4:30 pm.



It's time to have your picture taken with Santa...

Where can you enjoy Bizkits & Gravy, French Toast, Ham, Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Fruit Cocktail, Fruit Toppings, Chocolate Chips, Whipped Cream, Fresh Fruit, Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate,

Orange & Apple Juice, *and, a picture, too?*

The K of C Santa Breakfast is December 23! Mark your calendar and bring your relatives and friends. Along with great food, the proceeds go to benefit the many Catholic Charities & Ministries which the K of C support. Price is \$10/single or \$25 immediate family—**credit cards accepted.**

You Can Help Your Marriage – Give each other the gift of healing your marriage this Christmas – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. For confidential information about or to register for the February program beginning with a weekend on February 1st-3rd, 2013 call [206-706-2608](tel:206-706-2608) or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

Reminder to St. VdeP Christmas Food Baskets Sponsors A reminder to everyone who has already generously signed up to sponsor a family for Christmas: Please don't forget to bring us your food baskets Saturday, December 22 between 7:00 and 8:30 am in the Gym. Any questions? Call Jean Hunter at [206-261-2447](tel:206-261-2447). Thank you!

Advent & Christmas Dates

Sunday, December 16—**Simbang Gabi Mass** with Reception following in Gym, 11:00 am Mass

Monday, December 24— **Christmas Eve**
Christmas Vigil Mass, 7 pm, no incense
Midnight Mass, 12:00 am, incense

Tuesday, December 25— **Christmas Day**
Mass 8:00 am, no incense
Mass 10:00 am, incense

Sunday, December 30—**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph**

Saturday, December 29, 5:00 pm, no incense

Sunday, December 30, 7:30 am no incense

Sunday, December 30, 9:00, & 11:00 am, incense

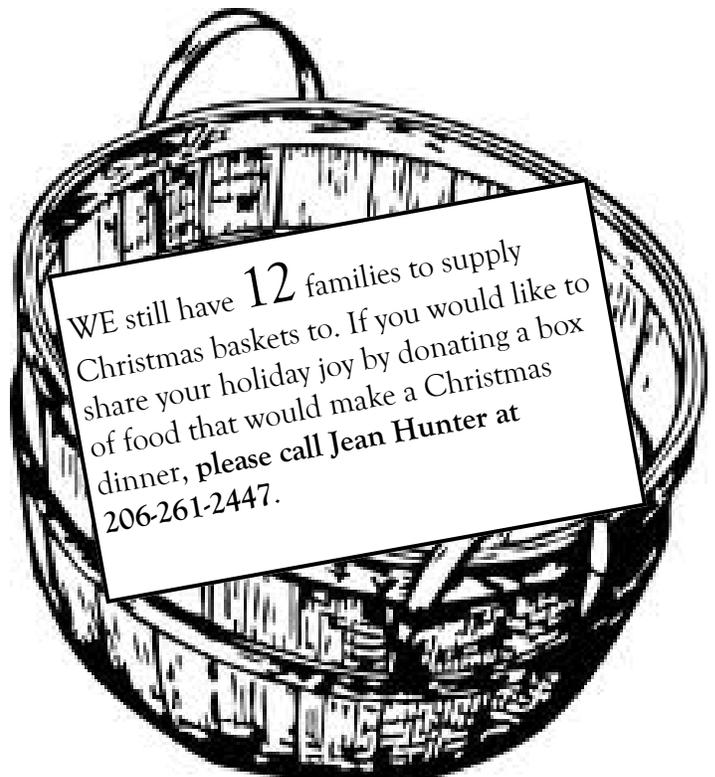
Tuesday, January 1—**Mary, Mother of God**
Mass 9:00 am, no incense

Sunday, January 6—**Epiphany of our Lord**

Saturday, January 5, 5:00 pm

Sunday, January 6, Mass 7:30 am, no incense

Sunday January 6, Mass 9:00 & 11:00 am, incense



Give Christmas dinner food to St. Vincents! They can always use extra canned goods for the Christmas baskets. Put your sack of non-perishable groceries in the wicker basket to the left of the main Sanctuary doors.



If you would like to help defray the cost of our Christmas decorations, please put a check or cash in a well-marked envelope and drop it in the contribution basket at Mass or at the Parish Office. This is one of the few times in the year that we purchase flowers—by far the majority of our flowers are grown just for us by St. Mark Parishioners, who also design our lovely floral decorations. Just take a look at the bare altar during Advent and remember how beautiful it will be when you come to Christmas Mass. Thank you.

We have received a donation to our School Endowment Fund in memory of Richard T. Furlong. We want to acknowledge and *thank* everyone who regularly contributes to the two Endowment Funds at St. Mark Parish School. Each month you have the opportunity to increase the St. Mark Parish School Endowment through the gold envelope included in your monthly parish envelope pack.

You get mail...

My dearest Friend,
How are you? I just had to send a note to tell you how much I care about you. I saw you yesterday as you were talking with your friends. I waited all day hoping you would want to talk with me, too. I gave you a sunset to close your day and a cool breeze to rest you—and I waited. You never came. It hurt me, but I still love you.

I saw you sleeping last night and longed to touch your brow so I spilled moonlight upon your face. Again I waited, wanting to rush down so we could talk. I have so many gifts for you. You awoke and rushed off to work. My tears were in the rain.

If you would only listen to me! I love you! I try to tell you in blue skies and in the quiet green grass. I whisper it in leaves on the trees and breathe it in colors of flowers, shout it to you in mountain streams, give the birds love songs to sing. I clothe you with warm sunshine and perfume the air with nature's fragrance. My love for you is deeper than the ocean, and bigger than the biggest need in your heart.

Ask me. Talk with me. Please don't forget me. I have so much to share with you!

I won't hassle you any further. It is your decision. I have chosen you and I will wait—because I love you.

Your Friend,
Jesus

Please consider an end-of-the-year donation to our parish!

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Mark December 19 at 7 pm as a time to enjoy a great holiday program put on by our Parish School. It will bring back memories of your own Christmas Pageant.



TIDBITS FOR THE "YEAR OF FAITH"...

FAQ #11:

IN WHAT WAY IS THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IMPORTANT, VIS À VIS THE SACRED LITURGY?

One of the main themes of the Second Vatican Council was "to encourage whatever can promote the union of all who believe in Christ; [and] to strengthen whatever serves to call all of humanity into the church's fold." (*Sacrosanctum Concilium, para. 1*). It would be quite contrary for one to assert a conclusion that, within these lines, the Church was allowing *any* action which *seemingly* may promote such unity. God, and so, the Church, would never condone an act by us that would violate divine truth. We must, therefore, be cautious in those subjective acts which we propose or set into motion, without first discerning the objective ethical/moral implications of those acts. It resides within such "first steps", if you will, that the individual must seek to reconcile his/her desires with the one desire of God—that we come to a knowledge and a love for Him which ever-more keeps us in communion with Him, both during our mortal life on Earth and after. It is the very mystery of the hypostatic union—that is, the eternal Word's assuming of human nature—which our redemptive reconciliation was achieved for all mankind. This ontological integration of the invisible with the visible, bridged (and continues to bridge forever more) the gap which now allows all of us to sacramentally participate in the beatific vision here on Earth. Where does this participation reside? In the liturgy of the Mass. But who, within reason, would attempt to share in this eternal communion, without heeding the words of St. Paul who told us to first "examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup."? (1 Cor 11:28)

A FAMILY PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF FAITH

***O God our Father,
in Jesus you call all Christian families and homes to be signs of living faith.
By the light of the Holy Spirit,
lead us to be thankful for the gift of faith,
and by that gift may we grow in our relationship with Jesus, your Son,
and be confident witnesses to Christian hope and joy to all we meet.
In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.***



Infant/Child Baptisms:

The Sacrament of Baptism gives us what we need most - a relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ. We await your call to meet us for preparation. Contact the Faith Formation Office.



Check out our display of CDs in the vestibule of the Church. Cost of each CD is \$3.00.

7 Pillars of Catholic Spirituality-Matthew Kelly
Have you ever felt disillusioned about your faith and filled with doubt? Matthew Kelly will take you on the adventure of a lifetime designed to help revitalize your spiritual life. Bold, practical, and inspiring, he will help you rediscover the true meaning of life as expressed in the seven pillars of authentic Catholic spirituality.

Are you or someone you know interested

in becoming fully initiated into the Catholic Church? Please contact the Faith Formation Office for information on the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) Class. This may be the biggest investment you have ever made in your life. Don't delay! Call Andrew Steele at 206-364-7900. Class sessions are every Wednesday evening from 7:00pm - 9:00pm in the Parish School Library.

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THE BIBLE **TIMELINE**: THE STORY OF SALVATION

WHEN?

Every *Thursday* evening for 24 weeks, beginning *January 10, 2013*, from *7:00pm – 9:00pm*

WHERE?

St. Mark Catholic Church in *Sullivan Hall* (within the Church building)

COST?

It is **FREE** to attend!

BOOKS?

We will *not* have materials on-hand for you. The cost of the “Study Kit” for participants is \$44.95 (plus s/h). You will need to purchase the “Study Kit” directly from this website: <http://ascensionpress.com/products/the-bible-timeline-the-story-of-salvation-new-version-2-dot-0-study-kit>. Please order this “Study Kit” as soon as possible.

REGISTRATION FORM

(Submit this form to the Faith Formation Office)