

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



## Epiphany

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On the first Sunday of the New Year, we begin by celebrating the Epiphany of Christ. The word epiphany means “manifestation” and so we see the three kings, the three magi or the three wise men acknowledge and manifest the little child Jesus as the Christ, the anointed savior of mankind! As we begin the year 2013, it is also good for us to again take a moment to acknowledge the Lord Jesus as the Christ; our anointed savior, and to give thanks to God for the gift of salvation! We should never take for granted that God has given us a savior, to bring us renewed life now and eternal life in the one to come! May we always see Jesus as the Christ, and know that he came into the world for us; to reconcile us with the Father and make our lives truly joyful and complete. Happy New Year!

In Christ the Lord,

*Fr. David Mulholland*

## *A Word of Thanks*

To all who gave us priests gifts of treats, goodies, Starbucks cards and assorted gifts for Christmas, many thanks for your kindness and generosity! We really appreciate your prayers and support as we grow in faith and love of the Lord here at St. Mark Parish! God’s blessing to you now and always,

*Fr. David Mulholland & Fr. Brian List*

*"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*

Trent Kaivo, friend of the Beattie Family

Suzy Fearn, friend of Janet Abele; Helen Coghlan; Carol Coghlan; Mary Amundsen

Bob Hegamin, friend of Nigel and Cheryl Keiffer; Emily Hemmingson, daughter of Nigel and Cheryl Keiffer

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; 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*

We will pray for you—just call or email the office and tell us what you need.

*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...*

Esther Scarpelli, sister-in-law of Vic Scarpelli

## Thank You...

from your St. Vincent de Paul Society!

Many thanks to all who contributed so generously to our Thanksgiving and Christmas food basket program. Because of your help we were able to supply 65 Thanksgiving families and 79 Christmas families with holiday meals and Christmas gifts for their children. Your generosity was greatly appreciated!



## Imagine a place where you could get...

Bizkits & Gravy, French Toast, Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Fruit Cocktail, Fruit Toppings, Chocolate Chips, Whipped Cream, Fresh Fruit, Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate, Orange & Apple Juice.

All served cafeteria style; ALL YOU CAN EAT; all for the meager price of \$7.00 single or \$20.00 for your immediate family.

Have you died and gone to heaven? No, you just went to one of the Monthly Breakfasts presented by the Knights of Columbus in the cafeteria at St. Mark. Gather your friends, family, and pew mates and make Sundays extra special. **The next KofC Breakfast is January 20!** and you should give it a try. Along with great food, the proceeds go to benefit the many Catholic Charities & Ministries which the K of C support.



**Married and Engaged Couples** Did you know there is a natural and safe method of family planning that is in line with the Church's teaching on marriage? Natural Family Planning is 99% effective, and classes help couples learn to read and interpret their fertility signs. A 3-session class will be held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Everett starting January 13 at 2:00 pm. For more information or to sign up, contact Adrienne and Kirk Wieber at 425-418-3835 or [kirkadrienne@gmail.com](mailto:kirkadrienne@gmail.com) or visit the Couple to Couple League's website at [www.ccli.org](http://www.ccli.org)



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**The Most Reverend J. Peter Sartain,  
Archbishop of Seattle**  
and

**The Office of the Vicar for Clergy**  
Cordially invite you and your parishioners to the  
Mass celebration in Thanksgiving for the life of

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

**Saturday, January 19, 2013  
11:00 AM**

**St. James Cathedral  
804 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

**TOLL FREE (800) 465-6862  
LOCAL (206) 382-4828**

**E-MAIL: [PHILIPT@SEATTLEARCH.ORG](mailto:PHILIPT@SEATTLEARCH.ORG)**

**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](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com)

**Men's Friday night Basketball has been  
cancelled due to lack of interest.**

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



**YEAR OF FAITH 2012  
2013**

***TIDBITS FOR THE “YEAR OF FAITH”...***

**FAQ #13:**

***IF THE TEACHINGS OF VATICAN II ARE NOT THE CAUSE OF THE THEOLOGICAL AND LITURGICAL PROBLEMS WITHIN THE CHURCH TODAY, THEN WHO OR WHAT IS?***

There were several events which need to be considered. These will be addressed over the next few weeks. First, during the initial stages of Vatican II, Pope John XXIII had decided to remove the topic of artificial contraception from the council’s concern. He believed it better that he should be the one to either reaffirm or reject the Church’s historical teaching on the matter, but only after first being advised by a special commission that would present their opinion on the matter. Unfortunately, John XXIII died before he was able to make any official declaration. Pope Paul VI became the next pope, and because he continued this special commission, many within the clergy and the laity saw this as a sign that Pope Paul VI might actually consider artificial contraception as morally permissible for Catholics. Nearly three years after the final session of Vatican II ended, the long-awaited decision by the pope was released. And so, on July 25, 1968, Pope Paul VI released the encyclical, *Humanae Vitae*, which means “of human life”. His encyclical reaffirmed the centuries-old traditional teaching of the Church, condemning the use of artificial contraception, and confirming it as an intrinsically immoral act, and thus, never permissible. This greatly angered many within the Church, including prominent Catholic theologians who believed it was time to allow artificial contraception as morally permissible. Both lay and clerical theologians then began to publicly state how it was still possible for “birth control” to be morally permissible. This provided an atmosphere of both confusion and disobedience among the people of God, which manifested the further problem of *authority* within the Church.

*(To be continued...)*

**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.

For those of you who have a smartphone/iphone, Lighthouse Catholic Media has a new RSV-CE Bible app that appears to be really good. It is FREE, and if you download the app, you can enter a Promo Code (101718) and win a free gift – not sure what that gift is. Here is their website detailing the app: <http://www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/bibleapp>.

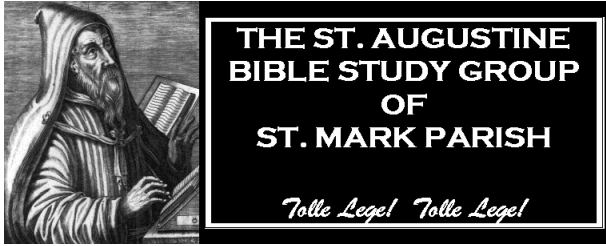
***Are you or someone you know interested***

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.

ST. MARK CATHOLIC CHURCH – OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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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)*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

GENDER:  Male  Female

PREFERENCE:  a.m.  p.m.

AGE RANGE:  18 - 35  36 - 45  
 46 - 55  56 +

BIBLE LEVEL:  None  Some  
 Average  Advanced

SPECIAL NEEDS REQUEST:  Child Care (not a guaranteed service)  Handicap Accessibility  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:  Babysitting  Group Facilitator  
 Hospitality  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

IF YOU WISH TO MAKE A **DONATION** TO HELP PERPETUATE OUR BIBLE STUDY PROGRAM, YOU MAY ATTACH A CHECK TO THIS FORM, OR DELIVER IT TO THE OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION AT THE ADDRESS ABOVE.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY		
DONATION DATE	DONATION CASH AMOUNT	DONATION CHECK AMOUNT



December 31, 2012

St. Mark Catholic Church  
18033 15th Avenue NE  
Shoreline WA 98155

To: The St. Mark Conference of St. Vincent de Paul and the Parishioners of St. Mark Catholic Church

I was a victim of domestic violence with the father of my children. This forced us into immediate homelessness. I had my baby while staying in a shelter. Then a few months later I had a serious medical complication and was hospitalized for a few weeks. This was not only traumatic for me, but very much for my children. They had to live with strangers because I had no immediate family to help us.

This year was a very challenging, uncertain and dark storm filled with giant waves I rode this year with my babies.

And then the Lord blessed us with permanent low income housing this past November with the King County Housing Authority (I had been on the waitlist for 3 years). I was so happy to finally have a home again for my two children, but I did not have the financial means to celebrate with them for the holidays.

I called St. Vincent de Paul for holiday assistance for Thanksgiving and Christmas. When one of your parishioners brought us food for Thanksgiving, we were very surprised. My children and I were filled with joy to have a beautiful dinner with your help. And I want to thank you for making that day a memorable one forever.

For Christmas, we also received gifts that were much needed. My children received beautiful jackets that will keep them warm because they both needed a good winter coat. My oldest child was so happy to proudly wear the jacket right away. And both children love the toys and clothes given to them. You made our Christmas very blissful and special.

So I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for making the end of this year just joyful, comforting, and bright. I cried with happiness and will always remember you for all that you did for me and my children. And someday I hope, when I get back on my feet, to give that gratitude back to someone else in need.

May the Lord bless you with joyful surprises as well!

Happy New Years!