

# St. Mark Parish December 15, 2013

MASS INTENTIONS			
Sun.	Dec.	15	Mass for the People
Mon.	Dec.	16	No Morning Mass
Tues.	Dec.	17	Alice David+
Wed.	Dec.	18	Georgia Stevenson+
Thurs.	Dec.	19	Zsolt Dornay, Sr.
Fri.	Dec.	20	Elsie Demers
Sat.	Dec.	21	Bob & Donna Ramaekers- 50th Anniversary
Sun.	Dec.	22	Mass for the People
Mon.	Dec.	23	No Morning Mass
Tues.	Dec.	24	No Morning Mass
Wed.	Dec.	25	Christmas
Thurs.	Dec.	26	Mike De Santis+
Fri.	Dec.	27	Charles August Baumann+
Sat.	Dec.	28	Ron Eline

STEWARDSHIP 2013-14				
The Sunday Collection through 12/8/2013				
Weekly Amount Needed	Last Week's Collection	Needed Year to Date	Actual Given Year to Date	Surplus Year to Date
\$ 14,560	\$ 20,759	\$ 334,880	\$ 360,515	\$ 25,635
Online Giving	# Online Givers All Funds: 26	Amount Collected Online: \$ 1,978		
Online Giving is included in the above totals.				

Sun.	12/15/13	<b>Simbang Gabi Mass at 11 am with Reception following in the gym</b>
		Religious Ed, Gr. 1-8, 10:05 am, School
		Package Sorting for St. VdeP, 12 pm, Sullivan Hall
Mon.	12/16/13	Boy Scouts, 6 pm, Pastoral Center Chapel
		Cub Scouts, 6 pm, Gym
		Family Rosary, 6:30 pm Church
		Boy Scouts, 7 pm, Cafeteria
Tues.	12/17/13	Respect Life/KofC Christmas Potluck, 6:30 pm, Cafeteria
		Auction Committee, 7 pm, Library
Wed.	12/18/13	Finance Council, 6 pm, Pastoral Center
		School Christmas Program, 7 pm, Gym
		Ladies Guild, 7 pm, Pastoral Center Chapel
Sat.	12/21/13	St. VdeP Food Sorting, 6 am, Gym
Sun.	12/22/13	<b>Annual Santa Breakfast after all Masses—good food and photos with Santa, Gym</b>
		Respect Life Rosary, Affirmation of Lie Monument, after 9 am Mass
Mon.	12/23/13	Cub Scouts, 6 pm, Gym
		Family Rosary, 6:30 pm Church
		Boy Scouts, 7 pm, Cafeteria
Tues.	12/24/13	NO MORNING MASS TODAY

## HOSPITALITY IN SULLIVAN HALL

**December 15**— It's those crazy **Knights** who are running around in a **daze** because they are so busy.

**December 22**—It's the **Annual Santa Breakfast!**

### FREQUENTLY REQUESTED NUMBERS

**Boy Scouts:** Dennis Halpin (206) 365-1971  
**Cub Scouts:** Sean Monahan (608) 234-2931  
**Knights of Columbus:** Michael Gray (206-422-6630)  
 mgray7503@gmail.com  
**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 Committee:** 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

# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## *Gaudete Sunday*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On this Third Sunday of Advent, *Gaudete* Sunday (Sunday of Joy) it would be good to reflect upon some words of our Holy Father Pope Francis, from his first Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium* or “Joy of the Gospel.” As Christians, we are people of joy! As we move through Advent, may that joy shine in our lives of faith for the world around us to see. The Holy Father begins as follows:

“1. The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ joy is constantly born anew. In this Exhortation I wish to encourage the Christian faithful to embark upon a new chapter of evangelization marked by this joy, while pointing out new paths for the

2. The great danger in today’s world, pervaded as it is by consumerism, is the desolation and anguish born of a complacent yet covetous heart, the feverish pursuit of frivolous pleasures, and a blunted conscience. Whenever our interior life becomes caught up in its own interests and concerns, there is no longer room for others, no place for the poor. God’s voice is no longer heard, the quiet joy of his love is no longer felt, and the desire to do good fades. This is a very real danger for believers too. Many fall prey to it, and end up resentful, angry and listless. That is no way to live a dignified and fulfilled life; it is not God’s will for us, nor is it the life in the Spirit which has its source in the heart of the risen Christ.

3. I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unfailingly each day. No one should think that this invitation is not meant for him or her, since “no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord.” The Lord does not disappoint those who take this risk; whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realize that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms. Now is the time to say to Jesus: “Lord, I have let myself be deceived; in a thousand ways I have shunned your love, yet here I am once more, to renew my covenant with you. I need you. Save me once again, Lord, take me once more into your redeeming embrace” .....

You may read the rest of the Holy Father’s text online at [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va).

May God bless you all in this season of joy!

*Fr David Mulholland*

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

**Laurel Quinn**, niece of Mildred Stevens

**Shannon Northrup**, niece of Lee and Diane Lutovsky; **Anacorita Toniza Clark**

**Genevieve Shelton; Jerry Shoemaker**, father of Jeanine Marek; **Noah Amundsen**, grandson of Mary and Bob

**Pat Hoskins**, friend of Marie Trainer

**Danilo Taliman, Kayleen McDonald, Roger Carasco, and Myra Manlandit**, friends of Julie Bandy

**Brad and Rex Desgroseillier**, brothers of Jean Hunter; **All Those Affected by Typhoon Haiyan**

**Abraham and Lilda Jimenez**, parents of Amelia Yapjoco; **Cliff Townsend**

**Greg McBride; Alexis Heisel**, niece of Janet Abele; **David Dato**

**David Brancale**, son of Ann Brancale; **Jennifer Osburn; Dorothy LeFaive; Carolyn Apodaca**

**Frank Martinez**, friend of the Apodaca and Ardiente Family

**Jeanne Connell; Rhonda Stegall-Webb**, friend of Paul Jensen; **Vicki Russell**

**Patrick and Nicole Shepard & their newborn son**, granddaughter and family of Ted & Harriet Miller

**Richard Ronald**, brother of James Ronald; **Dale Cramer**, friend of Cornelia Miller; **Bill Clark**, son-in-law of Cornelia Miller

**Dorothy Scholze;**

**Pat Pethigal; Gloria Abiang**, mother of Pauline Cruz; **Mike Harb; Greg Asuncion**, nephew of Darrel Olvena;

**Marie Dunlap; Tom Friedel;**

**Cindy Stendera Gould**, daughter of Bertha Stendera; **Ruben Gonzalez; Elmer Dalisky**, friend of Cheryl Keiffer;

**Bob and Betty Robeson; Marcy Teichman**, friend of Cheryl Keifer; **Kim Moss**, niece of Lee & Diane Lutovsky

**Virginia Helbling**, sister of John Favero; **Maria Gabrielle Bongalon**, daughter of Fidel Bongalon; **Bob Amundsen**

**Kim Menzer**, friend of Rebecca Anderson; **Sam and Don Glasnovich**, nephews of Cherie and Todd Chapman

**Walker Chapman**, nephew of Cherie and Todd Chapman; **Hugo Draye; Marty Liwag**, friend of Maria Arntson

**Isidro Bandy; Dorothy Holm**, sister of Veronica Rains; **Randy Rains**, son of Veronica Rains: **Ann Gordon**

**Maribel Santos; Riliegh McConaughy**, teenage great granddaughter of Betty and Bob Robeson

**Jerry Hirsch**, brother-in-law of David Latta; **Suzy Fearn**, friend of Janet Abele

**Helen Coghlan; Carol Coghlan; Jan Zambrano; Rena Britz; Joaquin Naputi**

**Kathy Turner**, friend of Cathy Henricks; **Dorothy Pinney; Carol Monahan**, mother of Hugh Monahan

**Lynn Waterson; Robert Schultz**, father of Lynn Schultz; **Cherie Chapman; Mary Olson**

**Darlene English; Consuelo Frodsham**

**A TIME TO REJOICE; A TIME TO SHARE YOUR BURDENS;  
AND A TIME TO PRAY WITHOUT CEASING**

Please pray for those parishioners who are seeking employment.

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

**Alex Keiffer, SFC**, son of Nigel and Cheryl Keiffer

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

**Aaron Collins, Sgt**, grandson of Bernard and Joyce Koslosky

**Christopher Abele, IT1 (SW/IDW) USN**, 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**

**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

**Taylor Amundsen, US Air Force**, grandson of Bob and Mary Amundsen

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

**Darryl W. Bradshaw, US Coast Guard**, nephew of Paul and Maryjane Jensen

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

**A TIME TO MOURN...**

Please pray for all those whom have no one to pray for them.

## RESPECT LIFE

### FIVE MORE WAYS TO BE PRO-LIFE:

16. Show your children pictures of unborn babies.
17. Spiritually adopt a prisoner on death row.
18. Love your children.
19. Love other people's children.
20. When a couple suffers a miscarriage, mourn with them.

(Source: [www.piercedhands.com/100-ways-to-be-pro-life/](http://www.piercedhands.com/100-ways-to-be-pro-life/) )

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### SAVE THE DATE! - 2014 MARCH FOR LIFE

The Respect Life Committee has started taking reservations for the parish buses traveling to the 2014 March for Life in Olympia on Tuesday, January 21. We will plan to leave at 7:30 AM to attend Mass at St. Martin's University before going to the capital for the rally. Buses will return us to the parish by 3 pm. A sign up sheet is located in the vestibule. Make your plans today to join us and sign up soon to ensure your seat on the bus!

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### YEAR ROUND PRAYER VIGILS

Although the 40 Days for Life campaigns are held twice a year, abortions happen every day in our community. Striving to serve the unborn and their mothers, the local chapter of Helpers of God's Precious Infants prayerfully pray at local Planned Parenthood mills most Saturdays all year long. Their next local vigil is Saturday, December 21 in Seattle. Join them for 7:30 am Mass at St. Mary Magdalen in Everett (8717 7<sup>th</sup> Ave SE) before praying at the Planned Parenthood in Everett (32<sup>nd</sup> / Hoyt). [www.seattlehelpers.org](http://www.seattlehelpers.org)

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### DID YOU KNOW?

You can buy a brick in honor or memory of a loved one or family member and have it placed in front of the Affirmation of Life Memorial – located on the north end of the parish property outside the Adoration Chapel. Forms are available on the rack in the vestibule of the church on the wall to the left of Sullivan Hall. What a wonderful Christmas gift and way to support life!

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### PATIENTS RIGHTS COUNCIL

<http://www.patientsrightscouncil.org/site/> - Group committed to the principle that you have the right to know all the facts about the critical issues of life, death, and assisted suicide.

## CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS URGENT HELP NEEDED

Our SVdP conference still has **32 families**, ranging in size from 1-3 people, who have requested a Christmas basket. If you can help out by donating a box of food that would make a Christmas dinner for one of these families, please call Jean or Maria. Your box will need to be delivered to the gym at 8 am on Saturday, December 21.

Questions about the baskets? Ask Jean Hunter@ 206-261-2447 or yakimababe@msn.com or Maria Sanchez@ 206-546-2273.

**All Christmas Baskets must be delivered to the gym as early as possible on Saturday, December 21.**



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### FIRST BANS OF MARRIAGE

Michelle Acheson and Matthew Pitt

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### 2013 STEWARDSHIP DONATIONS TO ST. MARK

Still need to make your 2013 Stewardship donation by year-end for tax purposes?

Planning on donating Stock or contributing through a Charitable fund or IRA\*?

Any new gifts or payments you want credited to the 2013 calendar year for tax purposes needs to be in the Parish Office by December 31. If mailing in the payment, the *postmark must be stamped* by Dec 31, 2013 in order to be applied in the calendar year.

\*The provision that allows donors 70 ½ or older to donate as much as \$100,000 a year from their IRA directly to eligible charities without having to include any of the transfer as part of their gross income is still available this year. The transfer must be made directly from the IRA to the organization. Please see your accountant for details.

**“The Eucharist, although it is the fullness of sacramental life, is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.”**

“Evangelii Gaudium” (The Joy of the Gospel)  
Pope Francis



We are excited to introduce two simple resources from Lighthouse Catholic Media to help you on your spiritual journey! We invite you to sign up for ...

"Study the Gospels in a Year"

AND/OR

"Read the Catechism in a Year":

## FREE DAILY READINGS

Signing up is easy. Go to these links:

Catechism: <http://flocknote.com/catechism>, Gospels: <http://flocknote.com/gospel>

add your email, and start receiving your daily reading of the Gospels (plus footnotes, commentary, and more from the *Ignatius Press Study Bible*) or an excerpt from the YOUCAT (an accessible, official Catechism of the Catholic Church in Q&A format).

After a year, you will have journeyed through all the Gospels and/or read the whole Catechism! The emails began on December 9th, but it's never too late to sign up!

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## OREMUS PRAYER GROUP CDs

If you have borrowed the cds from the Oremus prayer group, please return them asap to Veronica in the parish office. We need them back!

## EXCERPT FROM THE EVIDENTIAL POWER OF BEAUTY

(This is from an article by Archbishop Chaput and was quoted in the Advent Mission talk by Sr. Miriam James.)

Creation is more than an accident of dead matter. It's a romance. It has purpose. It sings of the Living God. It bears his signature.

First, the most powerful kind of witness doesn't come from a classroom or pulpit. It doesn't need an academic degree or special techniques. Instead, it grows naturally out of the lives of ordinary people – parents and spouses and friends; people confident in the love that God bears for them and eager to share it with others; people who know the world not as a collection of confused facts but as a symphony of truth and meaning.

Second, nature is *sacramental*. It points to things outside itself. God speaks and creation sings in silence. We can't hear either if we're cocooned in a web of manufactured distraction, anxiety and noise. We can't see the heavens if our faces are buried in technologies that turn us inward on ourselves. Yet that's exactly what modern American life seems to promote: a restless and relentless material appetite for "more," that gradually feeds selfishness and separates each of us from everyone else.

Third and finally, every experience of real beauty leads us closer to three key virtues: *humility*, because the grandeur of creation invites awe and lifts us outside ourselves; *love*, because the human heart was made for glory and joy, and only the Author of life can satisfy its longings; and *hope*, because no sadness, no despair, can ultimately survive the evidence of divine meaning that beauty provides.

If the world we see taking shape around us today in the name of a false freedom often seems filled with cynicism, ugliness, little blasphemies and sadness, we need to ask why. And then we need to turn our hearts again to the God of beauty – Augustine's "Beauty so old and so new" — who created us, who sings his longing for us in the grandeur of the world he made, and who renews our souls.

God lives in the summer rain, the stars in the night sky, the wind in the leaves of the trees. He speaks to us through a creation alive with his love. We need to be silent, and watch and listen. And then we need to join in nature's symphony of praise.



## Matthew, the King and his Kingdom

### St. Mark Bible Study

>> Beginning January 2, 2014 <<

The time of Christ is a period of history unlike any other that humanity has experienced. For thirty-three years the Creator of the Universe lived among men. He was born, suffered, and died, all for the sake of our salvation. He established a New Law of mercy and love, founded a visible Church, and instituted the sacraments to confer upon us the grace of salvation. And all of these extraordinary events have been recorded for us in the Gospels.

*Matthew: The King and His Kingdom* is a Catholic Bible study that presents the Gospel account in a way that brings the history of Christ to life. Witness for yourself how Jesus fulfills the promises and prophecies of the Old Testament. Experience how Christ demonstrates His authority and Divinity through his miraculous ministry. And recognize the power and importance of The Church, the Mass, and the Sacraments established by Christ.

Join us for *Matthew: The King and His Kingdom* at St. Mark Catholic Church in Shoreline, beginning Thursday, January 2, 2014 from 7-9 pm in Sullivan Hall, and continuing every Thursday through June 12, 2014. For more information contact the class leader: Claude Golden ( [claudef.golden@gmail.com](mailto:claudef.golden@gmail.com) ), 425-269-4682.

The class will consist of viewing a DVD of the weekly lesson taught by Dr. Jeff Cavins, director of the Great Adventure bible study program, and then small group discussion of the weekly readings, based on the class notebook.

To order the class notebook, go to the website below and order the "Matthew, the King and His Kingdom" Study Set for \$29.95. Please order in time to have the notebook prior to the first meeting on Jan. 2.

<http://ascensionpress.com/products/matthew-the-king-and-his-kingdom-study-set>

The Maker of all human beings (GOD) is recalling all units manufactured, regardless of make or year, due to a serious defect in the primary and central component of the heart. This is due to a malfunction in the original prototype units code named Adam and Eve, resulting in the reproduction of the same defect in all subsequent units.

This defect has been identified as "Sub-sequential Internal Non-morality," more commonly known as SIN, as it is primarily expressed.

Some of the symptoms include:

- Loss of direction
- Foul vocal emissions
- Amnesia of origin
- Lack of peace and joy
- Selfish or violent behavior
- Depression or confusion
- Fearfulness
- Idolatry
- Rebellion

The Manufacturer, who is neither liable nor at fault for this defect, is providing factory-authorized repair and service free of charge to correct this defect.

The Repair Technician, Jesus, has most generously offered to bear the entire burden of the staggering cost of these repairs. There is no additional fee required. The number to call for repair in all areas is: P-R-A-Y-E-R.

Once connected, please upload your burden of SIN through the REPENTANCE procedure.

Next, download ATONEMENT from the Repair Technician, Jesus, into the heart component.

No matter how big or small the SIN defect is, Jesus will replace it with:

- Love
- Joy
- Goodness
- Peace
- Faithfulness
- Patience
- Gentleness
- Kindness
- Self control

Please see the operating manual, the B.I.B.L.E. (Best Instructions Before Leaving Earth) for further details on the use of these fixes.

**WARNING:** Continuing to operate the human being unit without correction voids any manufacturer warranties, exposing the unit to dangers and problems too numerous to list, and will result in the human unit being permanently impounded. For free emergency service, call Jesus.

**DANGER:** The human being units not responding to this recall action will have to be scrapped in the furnace. The SIN defect will not be permitted to enter Heaven so as to prevent contamination of that facility. Thank you for your attention!

P.S. Please assist where possible by notifying others of this important recall notice, and you may contact the Father any time by 'Knee mail'!

## *Mass schedule for the Christmas Season*



### Tuesday, December 24— Christmas Eve

Christmas Vigil Mass: 7 p.m. (no incense)

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

### Wednesday, December 25— Christmas Day

Christmas Mass at Dawn: 8:00 a.m. (no incense)

Christmas Day Mass: 10:00 a.m. (incense)

### Sunday, December 29—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)

### Wednesday, January 1—Mary, Mother of God

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

### Sunday, January 5—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)