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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2021

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



“Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.” - Lk 21:27-28

PARISH INFORMATION



The Week of November 28

Sunday, November 28 *First Sunday of Advent*

8:30 am, Mass, Church (*Pro Populo*)

After 8:30 am Mass, Boy Scout wreath sale, outside Church

10:30 am, Mass, Church (*Archbishop Etienne & all Clergy*)

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11:30 am, Community Rosary at the Affirmation of Life Memorial

Monday, November 29

9:30 am, Mass, Church (Igmedio Daquil, RIP)

6:30 pm, Boy Scouts, Cafeteria

Tuesday, November 30

No Morning Mass

7:00 pm, St. Gianna Molla Reading Group, Sullivan Hall

Wednesday, December 1

11:30 am, Queen of Heaven Guild, off campus

5:00 pm, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Church

5:00 pm, Confessions, Church

6:00 pm, Benediction & Evening Prayer, Church

6:30 pm, Mass, Church (James Eggerling, RIP)

7:00 pm, Faith Matters, Sullivan Hall

7:00 pm, RCIA, Sullivan Hall

Thursday, December 2

9:30 am, Mass, Church (Ray Fortney, RIP)

2:00 pm, Bible Study, Sullivan Hall

4:00 pm, First Reconciliation Preparation, Sullivan Hall

5:00 pm, Confessions, Church

6:45 pm, Confirmation Preparation, Sullivan Hall

Friday, December 3

9:30 am, Mass, Church (Veronica Olson)

No Evening Confessions

Saturday, December 4

9:30 am, Mass, Church (Eugene Ngai, RIP)

3:00 pm, Confessions, Church

5:00 pm, Vigil Mass, Church (*St. Mark Parish & School Faculty & Staff*)

Sunday, December 5 *Second Sunday of Advent*

8:30 am, Mass, Church (*Pro Populo*)

10:30 am, Mass, Church (*Archbishop Etienne & all Clergy*)

12:00 noon, Princess Angeline, Library

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WHY DO CATHOLICS DO THAT?

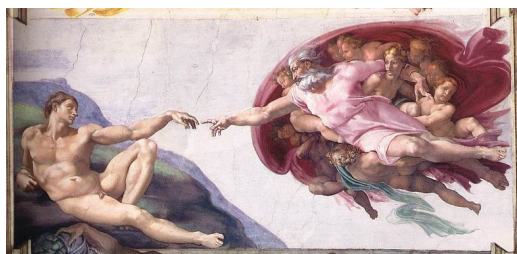
- Father Jacob Maurer

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

Cf. Ps 25 (24): 1-3

The first Collect (opening prayer) of Advent starts with these words: **“Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ”**.

These words speak to an enthusiasm that, in this life, we most often see between children and their parents. A schoolchild running into her mother’s arms after classes, a son racing down the porch steps to embrace his father as he returns home from work, and so on.



Creation of Adam, Michelangelo

In the coming celebration of the Incarnation of the

Word of God, this example is turned on its head: **the Lord is running to us!** And what is implicit in Christ’s Nativity He makes explicit in His teachings to His disciples, particularly as we recall His telling of the story of the Prodigal Son.

The Collect doesn’t end there, because it goes on to invite us to consider *how* we might run forth to meet Jesus: **“with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly kingdom.”**

This season provides many opportunities to reflect on & prepare for Christ’s Nativity. May we as eagerly go to Him as He comes to us.

From the *Book of Blessings*: “The use of the Advent Wreath is a traditional practice which has found its place in the Church



as well as in the home. . . . The candles represent the four weeks of Advent and the number of candles lighted each week corresponds to the number of the current week of Advent. . . . When the blessing of the Advent wreath is celebrated in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another member of the family . . . The lighting of the Advent wreath may fittingly be included as part of the evening meal.”

Additional times for confession are now available at Saint Mark parish during Advent! Starting this Wednesday



and continuing throughout the season (ending on Wednesday, December 23), the sacrament of reconciliation will be available every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evening—this will be in addition to the regularly scheduled Saturday 3-5 pm confession time.

Advent 2021 confession schedule:

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

5:00 pm—6:00 pm

(Wed., Dec. 1, 2021 to Thurs., Dec. 23, 2021)

Notable exception: no confessions Dec. 3



ORDER FOR THE BLESSING OF AN ADVENT WREATH
III. SHORTER RITE

1537 *All make the sign of cross as the minister says:*

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All reply:

Who made heaven and earth.

1538 *One of those present or the minister reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example:*

Brothers and sisters, listen to the words of the prophet Isaiah:

9:1-2, 5-6

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
Upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom
a light has shone.
You have brought them abundant joy
and great rejoicing,
As they rejoice before you as at the harvest,
as men make merry when dividing spoils.
For a child is born to us, a son is given us;
upon his shoulder dominion rests.
They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero,
Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.
His dominion is vast
and forever peaceful,
From David's throne, and over his kingdom,
which he confirms and sustains
By judgment and justice,
both now and forever.**

1539 *A minister who is a priest or deacon says the prayer of blessing with hands outstretched; a lay minister says the prayer with hands joined.*

**Lord God,
your Church joyfully awaits the coming of its Savior,
who enlightens our hearts
and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin.
Pour forth your blessings upon us
as we light the candles of this wreath;
may their light reflect the splendor of Christ,
who is Lord, for ever and ever.**

R: Amen.

PARISH EVENTS & NEWS



The Spirituality of Advent Webinar

Dr. Tim Gray, president of the Augustine Institute and well known Catholic speaker and author, will offer a reflection on the spirituality of the season of Advent. He will focus on how we as Catholics can live the 'preseason' well to be prepared to welcome and receive the greatest gift of peace that God the Father gives us at Christmas: His Son, Jesus.

This Advent study is a free sneak-peek of the Augustine Institute's monthly Mission Circle Webinar Series. The webinar will be Tuesday, November 30 at 11:00 am Mountain Time (which is 10:00 am Pacific Time). There is an option to receive a recording of the webinar instead of attending the webinar in real time via Zoom.

If you have an email address you use for things like on-line shopping, signing-up for store rewards, etc., consider this free webinar. We give this friendly reminder because once the free webinar is signed-up for Augustine Institute will send "offers" for other webinars, books and programs for which they do charge.

Now that you've read the disclaimer, to sign up for the Spirituality of Advent webinar go to, https://augustineinstitute-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_qc479q7wR-9W7MtHioV9nVw

St. Mark Formed Account

Formed is a digital platform that gives you access to video-based study programs, feature films, audio presentations and eBooks: **Much of the content is free.**

The mission of Formed is to help Catholics understand, live and share our faith.

St. Mark parish has an account that you are welcome and invited to use:

1. Go to Formed.org
2. Enter parish code BREQZ9
3. Create your personal profile

Parish Prayer Intentions

For the ill...

Michael Dooly, Frank Lefaive, Katyra Frazier,
Cindy Thorne

For the deceased...

Daily Mass Cancelations

- † Daily Mass at 9:30 am is canceled Monday, December 13
- † Daily Mass at 9:30 am is canceled Saturday, December 25

Community Rosary at the Affirmation of Life Memorial

The next Community Rosary at the Affirmation of Life Memorial will be today, Sunday, November 28 immediately following the 10:30 am Mass.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

"Whenever we do something together, something good, something beautiful, everyone changes. All of us change in some way and this does us good."

~Pope Francis

Share Your Christmas Traditions

We would love to hear about your family's Christmas traditions!

At our house, we have a combination of must-have every single year traditions and trying out new things. The most important tradition is midnight Mass, of course, celebrating the greatest gift of all.

Some of our traditions, like the Lionel train snaking its way around the tree and all over the living room, we are told, must never, ever change. A few types of cookies must be baked every single year. Some newer experiments, like the-it-took-ages-to-make-and-everyone-despised-it mushroom gravy, we are told, must never, ever return.

What about your family or friends? What are some must have or do every year traditions? Or, just for fun, what are some experiments gone awry and are now banished from your celebrations?

Please let us know and we will include some in upcoming bulletins. We promise, no names will be attached to the traditions and experiments (especially those in the mushroom gravy category). We would love to hear from you! Just email Laura in the parish office at laural@saintmark-shoreline.org.

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St. Mark Catholic Classical School Christmas Program

The St. Mark Catholic Classical School Christmas program this year will be Wednesday, December 15 at 7:00 pm in the church. Each grade will sing carols and the seventh and eighth graders will present the Nativity Program.

The school Christmas program returns to our beautiful church this year immediately following Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Evening Prayer.

One Time Daily Mass Time Change

On Wednesday, December 15 only, daily Mass will move from 6:30 pm to 9:30 am due to the school Christmas program at 7:00 pm in the church.

Confession (beginning at 5:00 pm), Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (beginning at 5:00 pm) and Benediction and Evening Prayer (beginning at 6:00 pm) will all happen as normally scheduled that day.

"Today, may there be peace within you. May you trust God. You are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith. May you use the gifts that you have received and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content knowing you are a child of God. Let this presence settle into your bones and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise, and love. It is there for each and every one of us."

~Saint Theresa

Frequently Requested Numbers

Boy Scouts: Dennis Halpin (206) 365-1971
 Knights of Columbus: Greg Insley (206) 271-4599
 St. Vincent de Paul Helpline: (206) 767-6449
 Queen of Heaven Guild: Sylvia Ebert (206) 419-3115
 Marriage Help: Retrouvaille (206) 706-2608
 Holyrood Cemetary: (206) 363-8404
 Beck's Funeral Home: (425) 771-1234
 Harvey Funeral Home: (206) 632-0100

Annual St. Mark Parish Giving Tree

There is no colorful Christmas tree in the church vestibule adorned with stars once again this year. Many of us loved taking a star or two and had fun shopping for the items but Covid restrictions still make that difficult.

Our usual partners are still in need of our help:

Shoreline Health and Rehab, Park Ridge Care Center, Next Step Pregnancy Center, our dear Carmelite sisters and Providence Regina House all have staff or volunteers who can shop and be elves for us!

Please help if you can: drop a check made out to St. Mark with a notation on the memo line of 2021 Giving Tree, or put cash into an envelope marked 2021 Giving Tree and drop either in the collection baskets on Sunday, or drop either into the slot next to the parish office door, or mail either to the parish office.

You can also make a donation through online giving, just choose **2021 Giving Tree**, here's the link <https://www.osvhub.com/saintmarkshoreline/funds/christmas-giving-tree-2021>.

The elves will do the rest!

Please consider giving to these vital community organizations. All donations are due to the parish office by Monday, December 13

Thank you for all you do to support our community.

Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters, you did for me."

Pray the Rosary with Archbishop Etienne

We can pray the Rosary with Archbishop Etienne anytime convenient for us just by going to the Archdiocese of Seattle's Vimeo at: <https://vimeo.com/424251219>

November 21, weekly stewardship report (fiscal year July 2021-June 2022) St. Mark parish

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Online	# In Person	# Online	Givers
Income							
Last Week	\$16,555	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Year to Date	\$321,100	\$278,857	N/A				

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Returning to in Person Mass

The Archdiocese of Seattle became the first in the United States to suspend in-person Mass in March 2020. At that time, the coronavirus task-force was formed to develop guidance and safety protocols so parishes could safely return to in-person Mass.

Through the huge effort of staff and volunteers we quickly pivoted to live-streaming Mass while all the while planning for a return to in-person. In the summer we did just that with our outdoor Masses. Mass came back into our beautiful church that fall.

We are blessed with not only a beautiful church but a large one: We have room for you.

We know that some people will not come back until they are vaccinated or that they have underlying conditions. Some folks will not come back because they are fearful. All of these reasons are legitimate and people should not feel forced or shamed for not yet returning to in person Mass before they are truly comfortable.

Parishes have a relationship with their parishioners. Like in any good relationship positive, consistent communication is critical. If you are back, we welcome you! If you have concerns, please tell us. You can find the staff here, <https://saintmarkshoreline.org/meet-our-staff/>

The Archdiocese has many social media sites we can use to help stay connected as well, please visit <https://archseattle.org/news-and-events/social-media-channels-for-archdiocese-of-seattle/>

USCCB Website Resources & Events

The USCCB, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, has a website rich in Catholic resources and news. We have the daily readings at our fingertips at <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/051621-Sunday.cfm> but much more.

Click on the Resources tab at <https://www.usccb.org/resources> and find the USCCB's take on legislation, book recommendations, videos to view for free and the archive of USCCB reports going back many years.

Upcoming Grief Group at St. Mark

Grief as a result of the loss of a loved one is not a journey we must take alone. We know that while God doesn't rejoice in our suffering, He is always present in it. Grief changes the way we see ourselves and the world around us and communion (fellowship) with others not only helps us heal but those we journey with as well.

Please consider joining our upcoming grief group. We will meet once a week for about eight weeks. Meetings will begin in early December, appropriately, as Advent is a time of waiting and hope.

Please call or email Laura in the office with any questions, to sign up or for more information (206) 364-7900, laural@saintmarkshoreline.org.

Consecration to the Holy Family

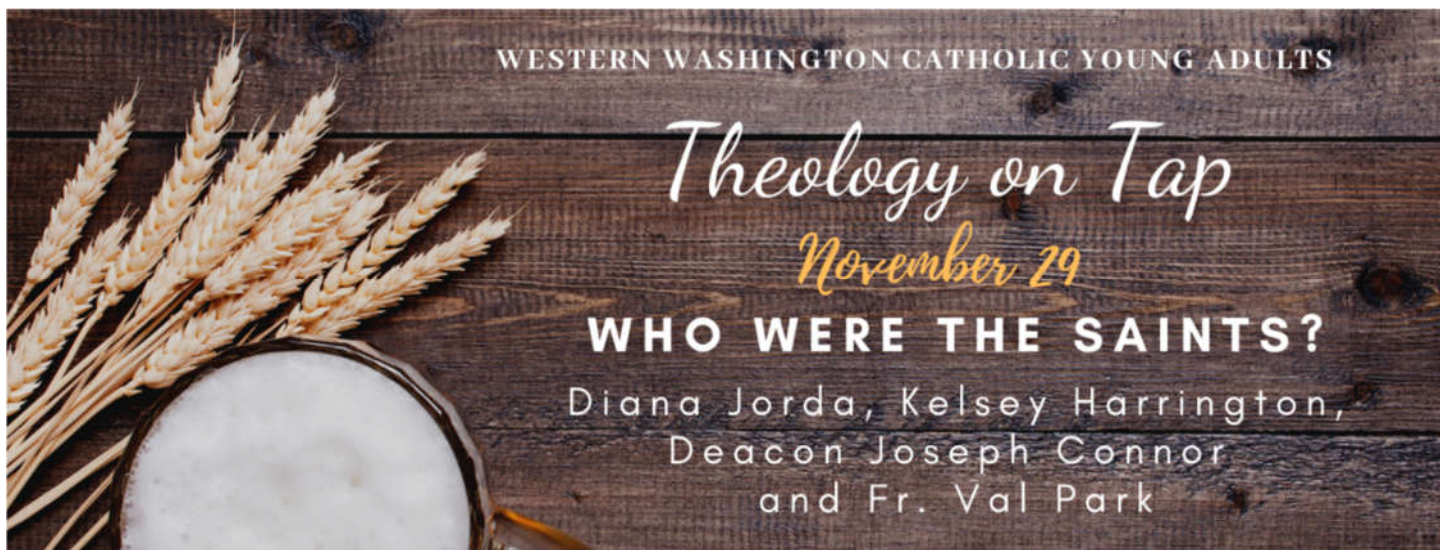
In December our Knights of Columbus will once again support the parish in the Novena for the Holy Family as part of their continuing commitment of Faith in Action. How can we prepare? The word consecration literally means association with the sacred and as such it requires a much larger commitment than simply reciting a prayer. To receive the full benefit of intercession from the Holy Family one must cleanse the body, mind and soul. Some simple steps can help us intentionally prepare for the Novena.

- 1) Discuss the importance of this as a family.
- 2) Each member is encouraged, if appropriate, to receive the sacrament of reconciliation.
- 3) As a family, intentionally choose something to abstain from; this helps us discipline our minds and hearts to refrain from secular activities and be more focused on God.
- 4) Prepare for the commitment you are making. The family is *consciously choosing* to be a beacon of light of God's love through his Church.

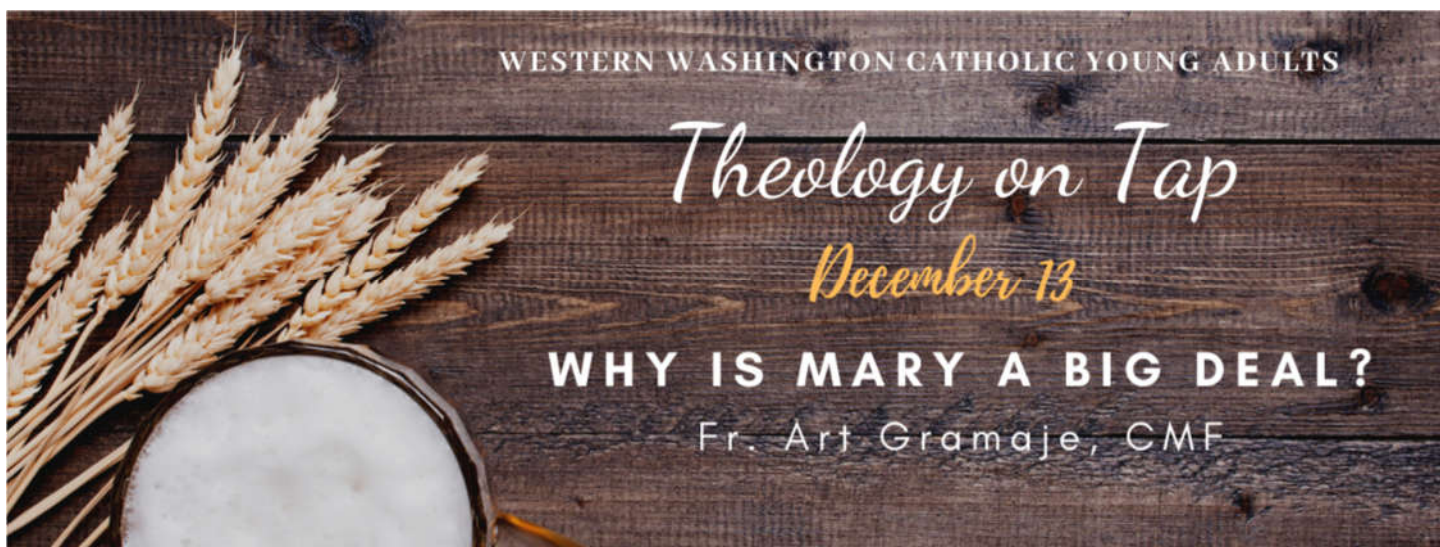
"Love is shown by little things, by attention to small daily signs which make us feel at home. Faith grows when it is lived and shaped by love. That is why our families, our homes, are true domestic churches. They are the right place for faith to become life, and life to grow in faith."

~Pope Francis, World Meeting of Families, Philadelphia, 2015

Theology on Tap programs are for young Catholics across the Archdiocese and are sponsored by Western Washington Catholic Young Adults. For more information, or to RSVP, go to [Theology on Tap: Panel - Archdiocese of Seattle \(archseattle.org\)](#) or email Ana Bailey at ana.bailey@seattlearch.org



Who were the saints? Explore this question with panelists including Deacon Joseph Connor and Father Val Park tomorrow, Monday, November 29 at 7:00 pm at Kells Irish Restaurant & Bar, 1916 Post Alley, Seattle.



Why is Mary a big deal? Enjoy an evening with Father Art Gramaje on Monday, December 13 at 7:00 pm while exploring this question at Kells Irish Restaurant & Bar, 1916 Post Alley, Seattle.

As of October 25, 2021, King County requires proof of full vaccination status or a negative Covid test for indoor dining at restaurants and bars. See current guidelines here [King County to require proof of vaccination or negative test for many outdoor and indoor events and establishments to address COVID-19 spread - King County](#)

Join Archbishop Etienne and Bishop Elizondo
for the 24th Annual Commissioning Mass

Simbang Gabi

December 11 | 11am
St. James Cathedral

Livestream @ArchdioceseofSeattle



Join Archbishop Etienne, Bishop Elizondo and other Catholics from around the Archdiocese of Seattle for this festive, colorful and prayerful Advent celebration.

This Filipino tradition ushers in Simbang Gabi, a novena of nine Masses meant to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary.

It started in 1587 when the crowds at Mass on the days before Christmas were overflowing from the church so the prior of the San Agustin Acolman Convent, on the island of Luzon, Philippines, asked the Pope's permission to hold the services outdoors. The request was granted, and Simbang Gabi became a Filipino tradition.

This celebration will take place indoors on Saturday, December 11, at 11:00 am in St. James Cathedral. We can also watch the live stream at [St. James Cathedral, Seattle \(stjames-cathedral.org\)](http://St.JamesCathedral,Seattle(stjames-cathedral.org))

For more information please contact Deacon Carl Chilo at (206) 382-4824 or carl.chilo@seattlearch.org

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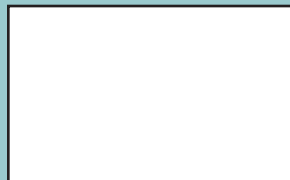

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