St. Mark Catholic Church

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MASS SCHEDULE:
Saturday - Anticipated Mass 5pm
Sunday - 7:30, 9:00 & 11:30am

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE:
Monday - Friday - 8:30am
CONFESSIONS: Saturday 3:30pm - 4:30pm
or by appointment

Bulletin News for January 8th must be submitted to Tricia Palko by Wednesday, December 28th

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Tuesday:	1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Wednesday:	1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:36-40
Friday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Saturday:	1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Sunday:	Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

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CHRISTMAS

There must be thirty distinct characters in the Christmas story, but I find myself drawn to St. Joseph more and more. Does it seem to you that he is everywhere?

More Christian shrines are dedicated to him than any man besides Jesus. I wonder why. He doesn't speak a single word in scripture. He doesn't have to. He is overshadowed by the Holy Spirit in his dreams, and, like that young Joseph in Egypt 1600 years earlier, he trusts that God is speaking to him through them. That trust saves the Child, and you and me, and will, in the fullness of time, the world.

St. Joseph the Worker. That's the image that most of us know. Jesus is called "the carpenter's son" (Matthew 13:55,) and that image has made its way into art of all ages. We see him working with wood, but "carpenter"---*tekton*----may also have been someone who works with stone. There weren't a lot of trees in Nazareth, but there was a large rock quarry just three miles away. Joseph and Jesus may, in fact, have worked on the large Roman city, Sepphoris, very close to Nazareth, a city largely constructed of stone, as were most of the homes in the region. Interesting, but not at all why we love St. Joseph. We love him because of his quiet strength, his protection of Mary and the Child, his wisdom in discerning how God is acting in his life. We love that, BEFORE Gabriel told him of the virginal conception of Jesus, he had already decided to divorce her quietly, lest she fall prey to the Orthodox readers of Deuteronomy 22: 13-17, and be killed. Love him.

St. Joseph, we need you. Please dream a new world for us this year.

What would you like to ask St. Joseph this Christmas?

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Please pray for our Sick - Prayer is powerful!

John Walter, Mable Sierra, Steve Stretz, Patrick Hemken, Gene LeBorne, Zuvilla Ramirez, Jacob Goetz, Dorothy Teribury, Frank Jaime, Theresa Woytek

Prayers for the sick will stay in the bulletin for **4 weeks**
Contact Parish Office 303-466-8720 to add names to the list.

Our Parish Family

Rest in Peace:
Agapito Abeyta

Stewardship for the week of 12/11/22

Offertory	12/11/2022	$ 21,904.14
Deferred Maintenance	12/11/2022	$ 1,045.00
Building Fund	12/11/2022	$ 637.00
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MTD Offertory		$ 44,760.96
MTD Deferred Maintenance		$ 1,970.00
MTD Building Fund		$ 3,387.00
Total amount owed on building loan *as of 10/31/2022*		$1,390,570.54
Monthly Building Loan Payment		$ 17,200.00

Have you Moved or Changed your Phone Number? It is almost time for annual tax documents. Correct addresses and phone numbers are crucial information in the church database. Please make sure the parish office has correct information on file.

Building Fund Donations - We still need your help!
If you would like to help lower the debt of the Building Loan - donations are always appreciated and welcomed, **any amount at any time.** Please pick-up a pink labeled envelope from any of the book racks or label envelope clearly for "Building Fund" and place in the offertory basket or mail to the office. Are you aware that you can also make donations online? Go to online giving at **www.saintmarkcc.org**, click on donation - select Building Fund. Every penny counts!

Electronic Giving for Christmas

We encourage you to donate online. There are multiple options available, you can schedule a one-time donation or set up a weekly or monthly recurring contributions. If you are currently giving on a weekly or monthly basis, you will no longer have to write checks or prepare envelopes. Even when you travel, illness, or other circumstances prevent you from attending Mass, St. Mark will continue to receive your contribution on an uninterrupted basis. To become an electronic giver, visit our website **www.saintmarkcc.org**, click on the Online Giving button on the home page, and create your secured account. For more information please contact Tricia at 303-466-8720 or email **t.palko@saintmarkcc.org**

Weekly planner for Dec. 25th - Jan. 1st

Sunday 25th	**Masses: 8:00am & 10:00am**
Monday 26th	**OFFICE CLOSED**
Tuesday 27th	**OFFICE CLOSED**
Wednesday 28th	**OFFICE CLOSED**
Thursday 29th	**OFFICE CLOSED**
Friday 30th	**OFFICE CLOSED**
Saturday 31st	**Mass: 5:00pm**
Sunday 1st	**Masses: 7:30am, 9:00am & 11:30am**

2022 Schedule

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
Saturday, December 31st
5:00pm Anticipated Mass
Sunday, January 1st
MASSES: 7:30am, 9:00am & 11:30am

PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
Christmas Break
December 23rd thru January 4th
(re-opens 9:00am January 5th)

It's a season to give
It's a season to love
It's a season to share
God's love for you and me.
St. Mark would like to thank
all the parishioners and visitors for joining us this year.
Our doors are always open and all are welcome!

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Eternal God, the hope of all humankind,
you gave us the greatest gift of all in
your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Son of God, you came as God's Light to
shine brightly in the darkness of minds
and hearts; bathe our world in your light.

Jesus Christ, Word made flesh, make a way for
the Good News of your Kingdom to reach every
home, every heart, everywhere.

Protect and preserve the labourers who
courageously declare the glory of your Gospel
throughout the world. Provide for their every
need and be their strength and joy.

Be the comforter, defender and provider
of the poor, the helpless, the cold,
the hungry, the orphaned, the weary,
the oppressed, those persecuted for
their faith in you, the sick, those who mourn,
the aged and the little children.

Reveal yourself to those who do not
know your immense love.

Bless those who rejoice at your coming!

Glorious Lord, we join our voice to the heavenly
host and say: Glory to God in heaven, and on
earth peace to those on whom His favour rests!
Amen..

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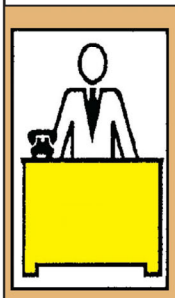
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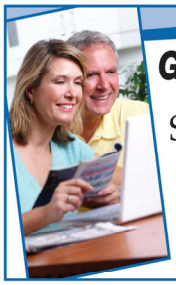
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