

# St. Mark Catholic Church

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*December 7, 2025*

2<sup>nd</sup>

Sunday  
OF ADVENT



## 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

**Bulletin News for December 21st & 28th must be submitted to Bulletin Editor by Wednesday, December 10th**

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**STEWARDSHIP FOR THE WEEK OF 11/30/25**

Offertory	11/30/2025	\$ 15,348.40
Deferred Maintenance	11/30/2025	\$ 180.00
Building Loan Reduction	11/30/2025	\$ 9,770.78
MTD Offertory		\$ 93,258.37
MTD Deferred Maintenance		\$ 1,367.14
MTD Building Loan Reduction		\$ 17,044.83
Total amount owed on building loan as of 10/31/2025		\$ 680,983.66
Monthly Building Loan Payment		\$ 17,200.00

**ADORATION CHAPEL**

Please come in and pray during office hours:

Monday - Thursday 9am - 4pm &  
Friday 9am - Noon

*Mass Intentions*  
**December 8th - 14th**

**Monday, December 8th**

St. Mark Parishioners

**Tuesday, December 9th**

+ Clorinda Santistevan

**Wednesday, December 10th**

Cal Healy & Family

**Thursday, December 11th**

+ Richael Webb

**Friday, December 12th**

+ Teresa Tuyet Nguyen

+ Fr. Hilary

**Saturday, December 13th**

+ Mary Martinez

**Sunday, December 14th**

+ Mary Wilhelmi

+ Linda Antista

St. Mark Parishioners

+ indicates deceased

All others are intentions

**The Story and You™**



Sacred Conversations

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

There are so many ways to waste time on the internet these days, but I can't stop myself from lingering over those heart-warming videos of those inter-species animals playing and cuddling up together.

Here's a cat and dog opening a door, a bear and tiger snuggling, a beautiful bird swimming with a dolphin. What speaks to us, I think, in these anomalies of nature is that the animals seem to delight in getting to know each other, to investigate each other's fur and size and wingspan, without fear of betrayal or attack.

It's that peaceable kingdom, that idyllic and lovely playground where animals frolic instead of preying on each other, which Isaiah promises. Imagine it. In spite of everything we have ever thought, the most terrifying of tigers is actually meant to snuggle contentedly with the sheep in the pasture. Why? Because the tiger is not hungry, and is not hunting among the defenseless lambs for food for her cubs. Take hunger out of the equation, and the Peaceable Kingdom has already arrived.

There might be some memory extraction required. Eagles and fish will need to rethink their relationship. Tigers might need to unlearn what they've known for thousands of years. But oh, what a fun education that would be.

Are humans smart enough to attend this school? Can the most recent—and by far most predatory—arrivals in earth's long history miraculously pull together and save ourselves? Can we, finally, learn to work together to open the locked door, to find comfort in each other, to delight in swimming the seas together? As Advent always asks, "If not now, when? If not us, who?"

How are you helping to bring about the Peaceable Kingdom?

Kathy McGovern ©2019 www.thestoryandyou.com

## December 7, 2025 Second Sunday of Advent

### Family Faith Formation News

Happy Advent Everyone.

*"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."* John1:14

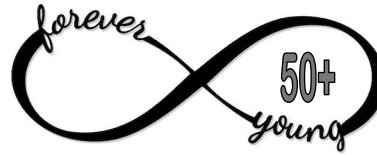


December 14th – Family Activity Day, Las Posadas. Join us from 10:15am to 11:45am. Las Posadas journey outside, singing, potluck and we finish off with a Pinata.

NO Sacrament Class on December 18th

Merry Christmas to all FFF families, from all the Catechists. May your year be blessed.

Welcome back from Christmas Break January 4th



**President:**  
Lois Tochtrop  
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**Dues:** \$10 (single)  
\$15 (couple)

- **BOARD MEETING:** Tuesday, December 9th, 10:00am St. Rose Room / Church.
- **BOOK CLUB:** Tuesday, December 16, 10:00 am, St. Rose Room/Church. Book: *"The Snow Child"* by Eowyn Ivey
- **PARISH GAME DAY:** (Everyone welcome). Wednesday, December 17, 1:00pm, St. Rose Room/Church. Bring your own beverage and a snack to share. Come join the fun!
- **LUNCH/BOCCE:** Mickey's—Cancelled for December.

**\*\*Please note:**

**During inclement weather, check TV if Westminster Public Schools and/or Adams County Dist. #12 schools are closed, or the church has sent a Flocknote and is closed this means all FY activities are also Cancelled. Sign up for Flocknote if you haven't this is the easiest way to be reached! To sign-up for Flocknote: Text StMark to 84576.**

### **Knights of Columbus** **"Keep Christ in Christmas"**

#### **Poster Contest**

Poster must reflect the theme of

**"Keep Christ in Christmas"** theme.

Poster blanks and entry forms available in Gathering Space. Posters must be dropped in box in Gathering Space no later than

**December 14th.**

Judging will take place after all Masses

**December 20th/21st & 27th/28th.**

Winners will be announced on

**January 4th.**

For more information contact

Mark Myers, 303-903-1575.

### **ALONENESS SUPPORT GROUP** **No Meeting in December due to the holidays!**

#### *For Your Reflection*

**Key Passage:** This is the one [John the Baptist] of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." (Matthew 3:3)

**Adult Question:** What do you need to change so that others can learn from watching you that Christ walks among us?

**Child Question:** What could you do so that others will see in you what it means to follow Jesus?

### **Environment Committee** **Christmas Volunteers NEEDED!**

St. Mark's is beautifully decorated for Christmas and it takes many hands to accomplish this feat. We are in need of helpers to assemble Christmas trees, as well as decorate the Church on the weekend before Christmas. Please come and help us on Saturday December 20th (10am) for Christmas tree assembly and Sunday December 21st at 1 pm to complete the decorating for the holiday. Thank you very much for your support and we know that everyone will enjoy this time together.

### **WEEKLY PLANNER FOR DEC 7TH – DEC 14TH**

<b>Sunday 7th</b>	
<b>Monday 8th</b>	Feast of Immaculate Conception—Holy Day Office Closed
<b>Tuesday 9th</b>	10:00am FY Board Meeting/St. Rose 6:00pm OCIA Class/Center
<b>Wednesday 10th</b>	7:00pm Choir Practice / Church
<b>Thursday 11th</b>	
<b>Friday 12th</b>	6:30am That Man is You / Church 9:30am Scripture Class with Fr. Jim / Church
<b>Saturday 13th</b>	
<b>Sunday 14th</b>	

*Solemnity of the  
Immaculate  
Conception  
of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary*

December 8th

**Holy Day of Obligation**

**Masses: 8:30am & 6pm**

**Ministers please  
go online  
and sign up.**



## **2025 SCHEDULE**

### **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

**Masses: 8:30AM & 6:00PM**

### **PENANCE SERVICE**

Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

**6:00PM**

### **CHRISTMAS EVE Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Masses:**

**4:00PM - Children's Mass**

(Christmas Carols begin at 3:30pm)

**6:00PM**

(Christmas Carols begin at 5:30pm)

**10:00PM**

### **CHRISTMAS DAY Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Masses:**

**8:00AM**

**10:00AM**

(Christmas Carols begin at 9:30am)

### **NO DAILY MASS**

Friday, December 26<sup>th</sup>

### **MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

(Holy Day of Obligation)

**Anticipated Mass: Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> 6:00PM**

**Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup> Mass: 8:30AM**

### **PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED**

December 8<sup>th</sup> Holy Day

December 23<sup>rd</sup> thru January 2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas Break  
(re-opens 9:00AM Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>)