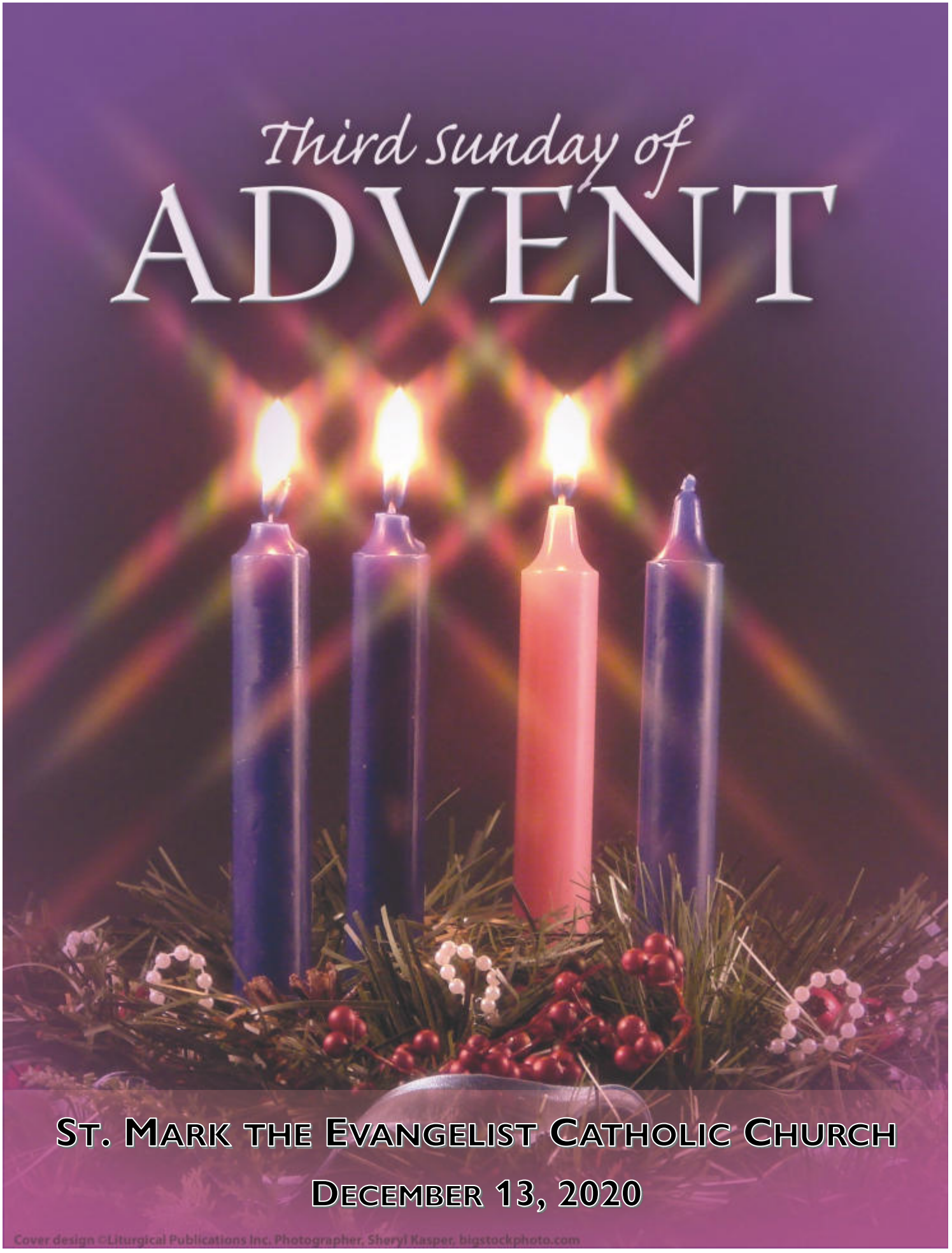

St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church

December 13, 2020

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Mass Times

Streamed Online
Mon-Sat 8:00 am

Sat. Vigil 4:00 pm
Sun. 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 AM

Daily Mass Intentions

† = Deceased

Saturday, Vigil Mass & Sunday, December 13th
St. Mark Parishioners
†Mark Martinson
Humpal Family
†Schaecher Family
†Richard Brown

Monday, December 14th
8:00 am Jake Allen
†Elaine Martinson

Tuesday, December 15th
8:00 am †Charlene Couch

Wednesday, December 16th
8:00 am †Michael McNeil

Thursday, December 17th
8:00 am †Clarence Trausch
†Ed Jenkins

Friday, December 18th
8:00 am Mike McElheny

Saturday, December 19th
8:00 am †Brugman Family

Saturday, Vigil Mass & Sunday, December 20th
St. Mark Parishioners
†Sandy Sutherland
†Juliann Neurauter
†Jason McCutcheon
†Cecilia Bertha
Carmen Melton

Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there And unite myself wholly to you.

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Our Prayer List

Scott Parfrey
Aloysius Riesser
†Sr. Roseann
†Betsy Helen Grinnell
Maureen St. Pierre
Blanche T.
Jacquie, Julie, Hugh G.
Rita West and Family
Mary Ann Senna
Vicki Moore

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SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:
I rejoice heartily in the LORD,
in my God is the joy of my soul. (Is 61:10a)

PSALM:
My soul rejoices in my God. (Is 61:10b)

SECOND READING:
May the God of peace make you perfectly holy
and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body,
be preserved blameless for the coming of our
Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thes 5:23)

GOSPEL:
"I am *the voice of one crying out in the desert,*
'Make straight the way of the Lord.'" (Jn 1:23)

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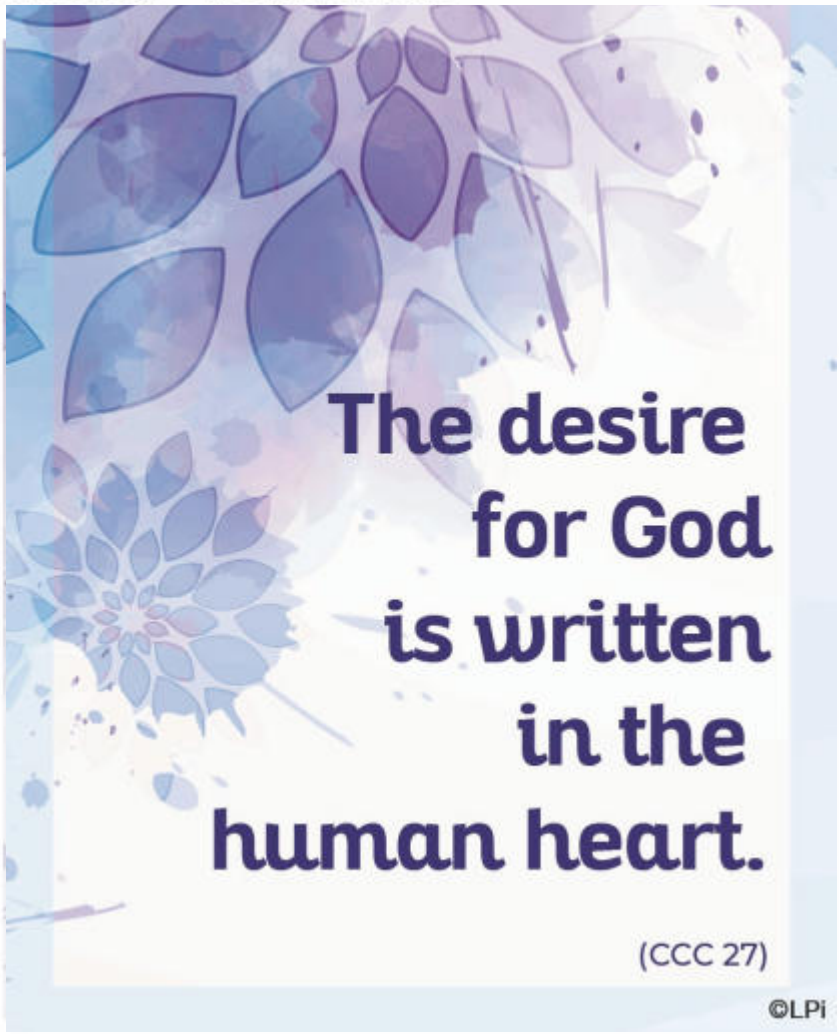
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 13, 2020

Sunday:	3rd Sunday of Advent
Monday:	St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday:	4th Sunday of Advent



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REFLECT

FIRST READING
Isaiah shares his understanding of his prophetic call and his experience of the Lord as a God of justice and compassion. As we continue in the season of Advent, what new spiritual insights are you discovering?

SECOND READING
Paul encourages the Thessalonians to be thankful to God and be active in their newly found faith in Christ by following his moral imperatives. How are you putting your faith into practice during this Advent?

GOSPEL READING
John tells us that the religious leaders in Jerusalem questioned the identity of John the Baptist, wondering if he was the Messiah, Elijah, or the Prophet who Moses prophesied would come. John the Baptist responds in humility, with a clear sense of his own call. Do you humbly accept God's call in your life?

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass

12:00 PM
2:00 PM
4:00 PM
6:00 PM
8:00 PM

Christmas Day Mass

Midnight
7:30 AM
9:30 AM
11:30 AM

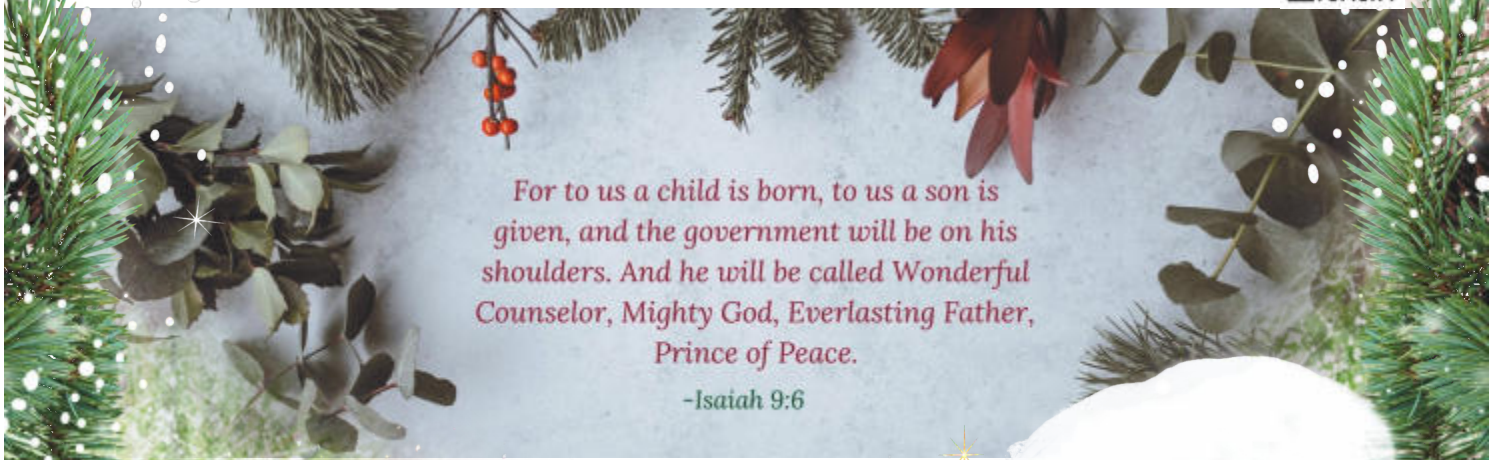
Maximum capacity for each Mass is 250 people.

Listen

Listen to Mass from the parking lot. Tune your car radio to 87.5 to hear the Mass celebrated during any of the times listed above, and you may join us for Communion at the end of Mass.

Watch

Watch Mass at home. We will be streaming the 4:00 PM Vigil and the Midnight Mass LIVE. Watch on our website, Facebook page, or YouTube Channel. Scan the QR code with your phone camera to access our Mass online.



LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

What gives you joy? Joy is discovered when we connect with something or someone very deeply and experience a dimension of ourselves that material or secular possessions cannot bring. Joy is stumbled upon when we see our newly born child for the first time, get caught up in the vastness of a mountain landscape, and are led out into infinity gazing at an ocean's horizon, or being lovingly present with someone when they are vulnerable and in need. Joy is a profound experience that in its uniqueness grounds us in ultimate truth. Did you know that all authentic, profound, and memorable moments of joy mirror the eternal joy we desire from God? We can have glimpses of this eternal Divine joy as we embark upon our earthly journey, mirrored in our human connections with joy, but experienced directly during moments of deep prayer. God is the joy of my soul. Ponder those intense words! You will know moments of true and real joy by paying attention to your response to the experience. You will find yourself rejoicing and saying thank you.

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Our parish is grateful for your continued support at this time. Thank you!

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT ©LPi

Planning for the Future

Thanks to your generosity St. Mark paid off the mortgage on our parish church in June.

I hope you feel a sense of communal accomplishment. As we enter once more into the season where sharing our blessings is paramount in our minds and hearts, we would like to ask you again to please consider making a special tax-deductible gift to St. Mark as one of your annual year-end holiday traditions for our building fund. This year has been so hard, but we still have to prepare for our parish's future. A new hall and classrooms are an important part of our planning. This parish will continue to grow and we need to invest in a hopeful future.

To do this you can give through online giving at stmarkov.com, write a check with the notation "Building Fund" and place it in the basket at Mass, or mail that check to St. Mark Parish at P.O. Box 68650, Oro Valley, AZ 85737.

In Loving Memory

Hans F. Geres

1949 - 2020

Hans F. Geres, 71 passed away on November 25, 2020, due to pancreatic cancer. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis, and preceded in death by their two children, Laura and Mary. Three surviving siblings are Charles Geres (Toni), Micheal Geres, and Sonja Grosch (Larry), son-in-law Charles Pippins, and two grandchildren, Branden and Grace Pippins. Born in Bremen, Germany, he grew up as an Army brat until joining the US Navy in 1968.

He served at multiple duty stations in the US and overseas, initially as a Navy Corpsman and later as a Navy Physician Assistant. While stationed at Oak Knoll Naval Hospital, Oakland, CA in 1970 he met his future wife, a Navy Nurse who took charge and changed his life for the better.

He retired from the US Navy in 1993; and in 1994, moved to Tucson, AZ where he continued to work as a Physician Assistant until his second retirement in 2013. He enjoyed airplane modeling, running, hiking, traveling, wine, and dark chocolate.

Viewing and funeral service will be held at St Mark The Evangelist Catholic Church on December 12th at 10:30 AM viewing, 11 AM funeral. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Make-A-Wish Foundation or charity of your choice.

CASA MARIA SANDWICH COLLECTION

This week we have reached 20,284 Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwiches! In addition, this is week 33 for the Sandwich Squad. Their dedicated volunteers have provided 6,600 sack lunches which equates to 13,200 sandwiches.

Please keep up the good work! The need is still great, especially during the holidays. Since many Churches are closed due to COVID-19, the volunteers/sandwiches have decreased drastically.

We ask you to use gloves and clean work surfaces. Use individual zip lock sandwich bags and place these back into their loaf bags, not boxes. The sandwiches are handed out individually.

Currently, drop-off for the sandwiches is in front of Church Tuesday and Friday between 7:30 and 11:00 am only. Anything outside these days and times will be unattended. Updates as necessary will be posted on Flocknote.

We are so blessed to have such generous parishioners. If you have free time during the Holidays, please try a family activity of making sandwiches.

Poverty does not take a holiday!

Thank you!

Food Drive Update

We had an **OUTSTANDING** response to our Fall Drive-Thru Food Drive for ICS.

At our spring collection we gathered 1,824 pounds of food and we challenged all of our parishioners to beat that collection amount.

This fall we collected 2,930 pounds of food!

Thank you for your warm hearts and generosity!

GIVE HOPE!

Partner this season with IMPACT and St. Marks to stabilize families and bring joy to many!

The St. Mark Knights of Columbus invite you to share Hope and Joy this Season with your generous donation of the gift of food and other much needed items to help the most neediest.

Collections will take place after all mass **December 19th and 20th**. Drop off boxes can be found in the courtyard near the statue of St. Mark.

This Season's Greatest Needs

Canned Soup
Canned Meat
Canned Vegetables
Canned Tomatoes
Dry Pasta
Diapers size 4 or 5

For more information or to become a member of St Mark Knights, please visit tinyurl.com/StMarkKOC

WE HAVE GREAT NEWS

The Individual Tax Credit limits have increased!

The amount you can now contribute to Arizona's Catholic Tuition Support Organization (CTSO) has increased. If filing as a single taxpayer you can give up to $1,183, and a married couple filing jointly can contribute up to $2,365, and you, the donor can receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit off your Arizona tax liability. Visit www.ctso-tucson.org to make an online contribution.

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A Season of Giving HOPE through the Catholic Foundation

December 7, 2020

By Elizabeth Bollinger,

Executive Director of the Catholic Foundation

We're all trying to figure out what the holidays look like this year. Whether that's keeping old traditions alive, finding new ways to celebrate or taking time to rest and reflect. For the Catholic Foundation we are focusing on making sure that every parish in our Diocese has access to Emergency grants and funding through our HOPE (Helping Our Parishes Endure) Campaign. To date $154,486 has been disbursed to our parishes however, the need is so much greater.

As you reflect on your year end giving we encourage you to make a gift today to the HOPE Campaign by visiting www.cathfdn.org/hope and help sustain our parishes during this pandemic. Immaculate Heart of Mary in Somerton has been one of the recipients of the Hope Campaign .

PRAYER TO END THE PANDEMIC

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,
Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.
We fly to you today as your beloved children.
We ask you to intercede for us with your Son,
as you did at the wedding in Cana.
Pray for us, loving Mother,
and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones,
the protection of your holy angels,
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.
For those already afflicted,
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.
Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.
In this time of trial and testing,
teach all of us in the Church to love one another
and to be patient and kind.
Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land
and to our hearts.
We come to you with confidence,
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,
health of the sick and cause of our joy.
Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,
keep us in the embrace of your arms,
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus.
Amen.

Celebrate this holiday season with *Farm Fresh Citrus,* and help the Knights of Columbus support Casa Maria soup kitchen and the Ultrasound for Life initiative.

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- Enjoy California Navel Oranges! Their sweet taste can be attributed to the growing climate of the San Joaquin Valley in Central California. This seedless fruit is juicy, full of flavor, and easy to peel. Depending on the size and availability each 20lb box holds either 44 or 48 oranges.
- Enjoy Texas Rio Star Grapefruit, a truly "GREATFRUIT"! Unlike most grapefruit, the Texas Rio Star has a deep red body and is sweet to the taste. Grown in the semi-tropical climate of the Gulf of Mexico's Rio Grande Valley, this thin-skinned fruit is so delicious you can peel it and eat it like an orange! Depending on the size and availability each 20lb box holds either 20, 24, or 28 grapefruit.

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Kids Corner

READ THE GOSPEL & COLOR

People noticed John the Baptist. He loved God, and he used words honestly. He really wanted to help people change and grow closer to God. He stood out as someone really different and special. People came from all around to hear him and learn about him. When people asked him questions, he pointed them to Jesus.

PRAYER

Jesus, help me to be different because I love you.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Ask a friend if he or she is ready to meet Jesus.

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