



SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2021

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



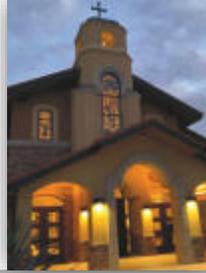
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Streamed Mass Times

Daily Mass
Mon-Sat 8:00 am

Saturday Vigil
11:00 am

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

† = Deceased

Saturday, Vigil Mass & Sunday, January 24th

All St. Mark Parishioners, and especially our married St. Mark Parishioners consecrating their marriages to St. Joseph

†Doug McConnell †Gilberto de los Santos
June Torrerros

Monday, January 25th - 8:00 am

†For the deceased members of the deArrieta & Gallagher Families

Tuesday, January 26th - 8:00 am

†Sue and Dave Martini Ken and Mary Strzalka

Wednesday, January 27th - 8:00 am

†Shari Gaunt †Gregory Palmer

Thursday, January 28th - 8:00 am

Jacob Thomas Baptismal Anniversary
of John DeLuna

Friday, January 29th - 8:00 am

Phil Hernandez

Saturday, January 30th - 8:00 am

†Nellie Cuestas

Saturday, Vigil Mass & Sunday, January 31st

St. Mark Parishioners
†Joseph Sparacino †Joseph Atanga
†Patrick DiFonzo

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURY

JANUARY 10TH REPORTING

Regular Collection \$22,342.50
Last year's collection \$23,328.63
Building Fund \$2,599.00



OPEN POSITION

St. Mark Child Care and Little Tots Program, **Job Title: Little Tots/Child Care Teacher**

Scan the QR Code to find the job description and apply today.

Indoor Mass Suspension in effect through February 5, 2021

This weekend, we will celebrate Sunday public Mass outside in the courtyard. Mass will not have music or a homily and should last between 20-25 minutes. Communion will be distributed right after Mass.

You may stand or sit in the courtyard (bring your own chairs). Please maintain a safe social distance (6ft +) between other families in the courtyard. If you prefer to stay in your vehicle, you may listen to Mass by tuning your car radio to station 103.7FM.

Saturday—Outdoor Mass at 3:30 pm
Communion and Confession available after Mass until 4:15 pm

Sunday—Outdoor Mass at 9:30 am and 10:30 am
Communion and Confession available after Mass until 11:00 am

OUR PRAYER LIST

Phil Patula
†Nellie Cuestas
Elizabeth Blue



David Allen
Kitty L.
Han Yang

SUNDAY'S READINGS



FIRST READING:

When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way,
he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them;
he did not carry it out. (Jon 3:10)

PSALM:

Teach me your ways, O Lord. (Ps 25)

SECOND READING:

For the world in its present form is passing away. (1 Cor 7:31)

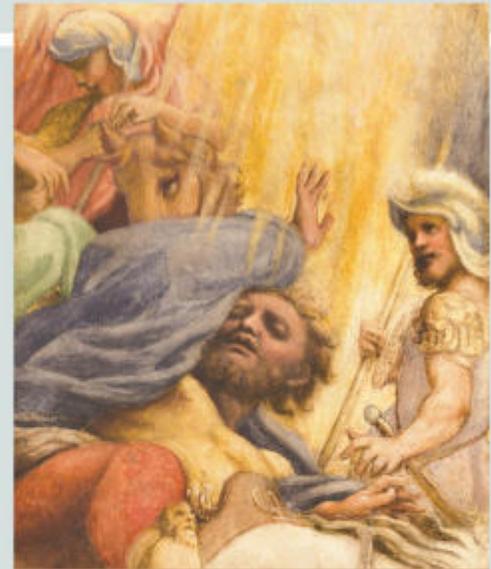
GOSPEL:

The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel. (Mk 1:15)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 24, 2021

- Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
- Tuesday: Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
- Wednesday: St. Angela Merici, Virgin
- Thursday: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Saturday: BVM
- Next Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week



THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE

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REFLECT

FIRST READING

Although initially reluctant to be one of God's prophets, Jonah was ultimately successful in getting the Ninevites to repent of their sins. When do you find yourself resisting God's will?

SECOND READING

In trying to awaken a sense of spiritual urgency, Paul taught the Corinthians that Christ's return was imminent and that, "time is running out." How can a sense of urgency aid one's spiritual life?

GOSPEL READING

In Mark's account of the call of the first disciples, Simon (Peter), Andrew, James, and John immediately answer Jesus' call to follow him. How would you describe your response to Jesus' call in your life?



We strive to do the Work of God to serve the poor and those in need in our parish and greater Tucson community. We work as a team to facilitate assistance to various agencies through donations of financial resources, items or time. Here is the 2020 Annual Report:



- * Casa Alitas – 31 30-gallon Bags of items
- * Hearing Aid/Eyeglass collection – 3 large boxes
- * Pio Decimo – 10 30-gallon bags of clothing
- * World Care Adaptive Medical Equipment – 186 items
- * Reachout – 8 30-gallon bags of items
- * Sister Jose Clothing – 121 30-gallon bags, 10 lap pads from Cactus Comfort Ladies, \$5
- * Poverello House Clothing – 57 30-gallon bags
- * Giving Tree
 - * Casa de los Niños - 75 gift cards, 829 gifts
 - * Wilson School Project – 80 gifts
 - * Casa Maria – \$1,800
 - * Poverello House - \$1,245

- * Reachout - \$2,100
- * Sister Jose - \$2,955
- * Casa de los Niños & Wilson School – Back to School – 70 Backpacks, 972 items
- * Youth on Their Own – Restock the Pantry – 1,663 items
- * Casa Maria Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwiches – 22,341 Sandwiches & 654 other items
- * Casa Maria Sandwich Squad – 7,600 Lunch Bags, 15,200 Sandwiches & Monetary Donations



Follow us with our 2021 yearly projects, pandemic restrictions permitting:

- February* – Adaptive Medical Equipment
- March* – Clothing and hygiene products for Poverello House for men and Sr. Jose Shelter for women
- July* – Back to School supplies and Backpacks for Casa de los Niños and the Wilson School Project
- November & December* – The Giving Tree

We thank you for your ongoing generosity and the dedicated volunteers who made this possible. We look forward to a blessed 2021.

The Works of Mercy Council

Once again, our St. Mark parishioners were extremely generous for the Giving Tree. This was a record-breaking year despite the pandemic.

Our first year with the Wilson School Project netted 80 gifts donated by the Mothers Group. These gifts assisted seven children in need. Most touching was a family who adopted 4 blind children into their existing family of 3 children.

The Giving Tree donated 829 gifts to benefit Casa de los Niños families. The gifts were distributed the same days we delivered them.

Monetary donations, totaling \$8,100, were also made to the following agencies. These donations mostly were from envelopes secured from the Giving Tree. Online donations from parishioners who could not state they were members of St. Mark are not included as the agencies had no way to track such donations to St. Mark:



- Casa Maria – \$1,800
- Poverello House - \$1,245
- Reachout - \$2,100
- Sister Jose - \$2,95

If you would like to get involved with St. Mark's Works of Mercy council, you can visit smarkov.com/works-of-mercy

LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK



"Repent, and believe in the gospel." Some type of honest and sincere repentance is necessary for any type of authentic growth and maturity. We have to come to the realization, unless we are happy wallowing in immaturity and superficiality, that the way we have been doing things is not the best or the healthiest. There isn't a human being alive who hasn't acted foolishly or erratically at the cost of almost losing a treasured relationship. "Why did I act that way?" is a question we often ponder after some reflection and enlightenment. Faith works the same way. Stumbling through life and bumping up against meaninglessness, a person can begin to see that something significant is missing. They see that there is merit to a relationship with God and an embrace of faith. Before these can take root, sincere sorrow for past wrong doing, missed opportunities, errors in judgment, and short sightedness is necessary. Repentance is necessary. Then having realized that we were walking in darkness, we can rejoice that by God's grace we now see the light.

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CONSISTS NOT ONLY
IN ACCEPTING THE
TRUTH OF GOD'S
WORD, BUT IN
PERSEVERING IN IT.

- ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

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Celebrate the Gospel of Life

O Mary,
bright dawn of the new world,
Mother of the living,
to you do we entrust the cause of life:
Look down, O Mother,
upon the vast numbers
of babies not allowed to be born,
of the poor whose lives are made difficult,
of men and women
who are victims of brutal violence,
of the elderly and the sick killed
by indifference or out of misguided mercy.
Grant that all who believe in your Son
may proclaim *the Gospel of life*
with honesty and love
to the people of our time.
Obtain for them the grace
to *accept that Gospel*
as a gift ever new,
the joy of celebrating it with gratitude
throughout their lives
and the courage to bear witness to it
resolutely, in order to build,
together with all people of good will,
the civilization of truth and love,
to the praise and glory of God,
the Creator and lover of life.



Joannes Paulus II
— *Evangelium Vitae*

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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.

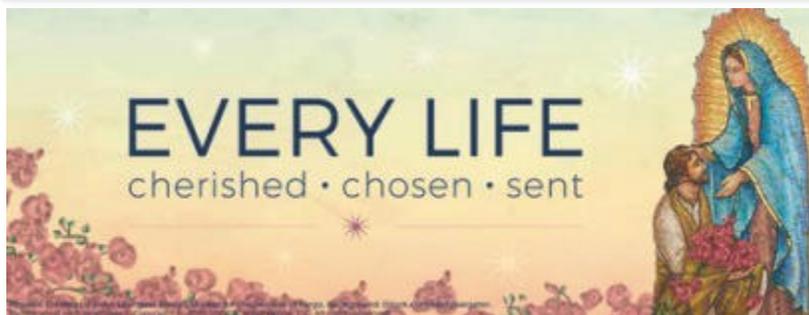
For those already afflicted,
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.
Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

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.



The protection of life is a sustained prayer intention of the Church, and in particular of the Knights of Columbus. St. Mark Council 13272, Our Lady of the Rosary, remains firmly committed to defending the right to life of every human being – from the moment of conception to natural death. The nine days of sustained prayer continues to build up a culture of life in our parishes, homes and wider community.

By reflecting on these teachings and calling upon the help of Our Lady for nine days, we can deepen our commitment to the Gospel of Life and support the most vulnerable through prayer.



To join in the novena prayers, visit
<https://tinyurl.com/Novena4Life>

Or scan the QR Code
with your phone's camera app



It was a normal day by all accounts, but John just wasn't feeling himself. He was a little lightheaded and out of sorts. Later in the afternoon, he experienced a sharp pain in his chest and arm. Quick thinking and action brought John to the emergency department with a diagnosis of a significant heart attack. Surviving this ordeal, he found himself face to face with his cardiologist, having an honest conversation about things that needed to change. "I came close to death," John found himself thinking. Then came the remorse. He was a young man with a loving wife and children who were very close to facing life without him. John found himself with intense sorrow for living an unchecked and self-indulgent life that almost brought him to his demise. He wanted to change.

We all have our wake-up calls. We have experiences and encounters that force us to really think twice about choices we have made and directions we have taken. Often, we find ourselves looking at those we have hurt square in the eye and wallowing in our foolishness. We regrettably realize that we have allowed our needs to lure us



into making some cruel mistakes. We impulsively say things and flippantly do things that reveal our unredeemed and unhealed self. It is a self we stumble over and try to tame but can't quite seem to master and control. Help!

We spin our wheels, naively thinking that we will somehow, perhaps through persistence, get ourselves unstuck. But, we don't. We just get out of the car, feeling very helpless, and ignorantly look at the mess we got ourselves into. Did we ever think to ask someone for help? Or, taken the advice of One who is wiser and avoid this route altogether? "Come after me," are words that Jesus says to all of

us. In order to heed his invitation, we must leave our ego-self behind and follow.

When we really see and understand the freedom, peace, justice, and love he offers, we find ourselves with such sorrow in our hearts for how foolish and silly we have been. All the misguided choices and sinful actions come full view and we see how risky our random impassioned behaviors really have been. Repentance is beautiful. When done with a sincere and contrite heart, it directs us to the glory that can be ours, ignites us with the challenge of living a life in service of others and reminds us that all is well.

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Adaptive Equipment Collection

by Works of Mercy Council

GIVE TO THOSE IN NEED

- ◇ *Are you aware that people are returning to their homes from hospitals and care facilities who need adaptive or medical equipment or medical supplies to maintain safety and independence every day?*
- ◇ *Some return home in a weakened state and cannot stand up without assistance from a chair, let alone stand up from a regular height toilet.*
- ◇ *Some may live independently or live with a spouse who is unable to assist.*
- ◇ *Some persons may not be able to afford hearing aids or eyeglasses, or personal hygiene/medical supplies.*

We Care (formerly World Care) is an organization that loans out equipment and provides supplies to anyone at no cost! We Care loans out the donated items free of charge to those in need. Examples of items to donate are: wheelchairs, walkers, bedside commodes, shower chairs, raised toilet seats, walker trays, bed rails, reachers, sock aides--anything that can help a person be safe at home. Tax-deductible receipts will be available from We Care for all donations.

Please take a look in your storage spaces to see if you have stored an adaptive/medical device or hygiene/medical supplies that could be made available to a person at no cost. We also collect hearing aids and eyeglasses that will be recycled and given to those in need. Please sanitize all equipment before dropping it off.

**On the weekend of February 13th and 14th,
before or after weekend Masses in the courtyard,
St. Mark will collect any adaptive healthcare equipment, medical equipment,
and personal hygiene/medical supplies for We Care.**

Examples of items to donate:



St. Mark's parishioners' response to this need and nearby churches' response has been remarkable in the past. Please donate. Others need your help. God Bless you for your generosity!



A Daily Prayer for The Year of St. Joseph

*This prayer will be recited during
every Wednesday Mass in 2021.*

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our afflictions, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant

protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.



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The Fight of Faith equips and enables men to engage in the cosmic, spiritual battle raging in our day. Biblical identities will emerge to inspire heroic lives of service to a calling greater than ourselves. Uncover the ultimate truth that sheds light on all things: God's own identity. Fight the good fight of faith to win an imperishable crown of glory. Join us for fellowship and faith Jan we via Zoom. All men are welcome. Join 25K+ men in the US!

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after Outdoor Mass (11am).



Kids Corner

READ THE
GOSPEL &
COLOR



There's a colorful envelope addressed to you on the kitchen table. You see it's from your friend. You open it and find a party invitation inside. You parents say you can go! When Jesus invited Peter, Andrew, James and John to come along with him, they were just as excited to go. Jesus was the Savior and a good friend. They couldn't wait!

PRAYER

Jesus, I thank you for inviting me to spend time with you.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus wants you to come to his home in heaven. Make a party invitation from Jesus to you. Use this invitation as a bookmark in your Bible.

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