

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove.
- Lk 3:21-22a

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9:00am—3:00pm



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MASS SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS

Monday—Saturday | 8:00am

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday Vigil | 4:00pm

Sunday | 7:00am, 8:30am*, 10:00am,
11:30am

**Masks are required*

CONFESSION

Saturday after 4pm Mass

Sunday after 8:30am Mass

ADORATION

Tuesday 6:30pm,

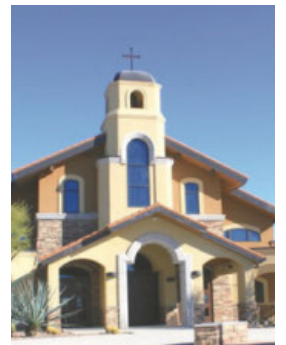
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion

Thursday after 8:00am Daily Mass

OUR MISSION

We are a Roman Catholic Parish nourished by the Word of God and the Eucharist. As a community, we advance spiritual growth through lifelong learning.

Connecting people with God, through authentic relationships to serve the community.



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02 PRAYER & WORSHIP

Mass Intentions

Saturday 1/8

Clalien & Bert Thurmond †, Rhema & Bernard Prochazka †, Edith & Stephen Wierzbinski †, Bernie Hahn †

Sunday 1/9

Thomas Henry Vreeland †, Rudy Villalobos †, Betty Quiroz †, Jason McCutcheon †, Rito Eldo & Isolde Giolli †, Wedding Anniversary of Stan & Elena Wisniewski

Monday 1/10

St. Mark Parishioners

Tuesday 1/11

Fr. Theodore Lobo †

Wednesday 1/12

St. Mark Parishioners

Thursday 1/13

Mary Anne Hunter †, Joseph Keuler Family

Friday 1/14

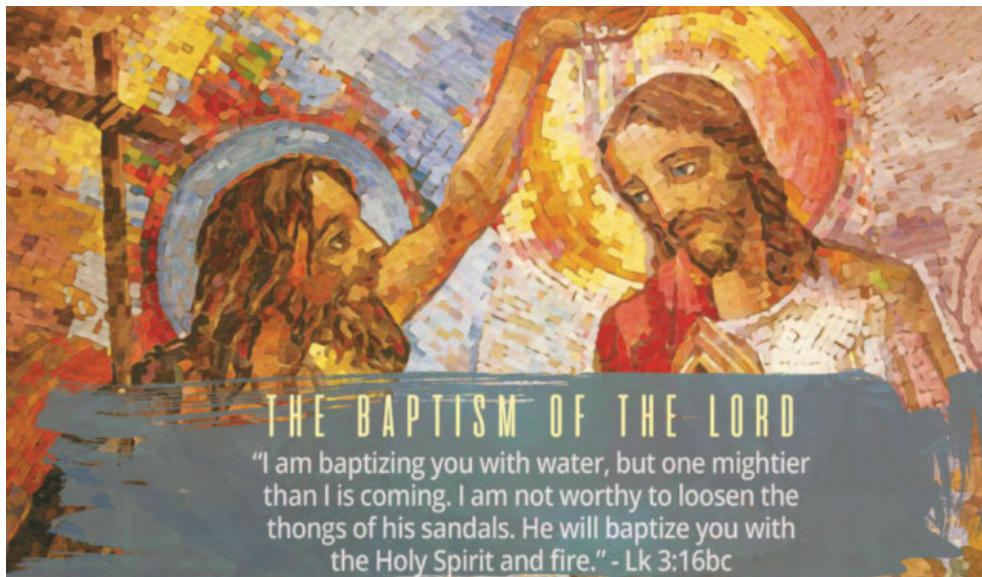
St. Mark Parishioners

Saturday 1/15

St. Mark Parishioners

Sunday 1/16

Fr. Theodore Lobo †, Philip & Michael Montano †



The Public Beginning

By Rev. Rudolf Ofori

We rarely think of Jesus as a beginner, just as we rarely think of Jesus needing help. But in today's feast we celebrate those two things: Jesus makes a big beginning to his ministry, and he receives help in the power of the Holy Spirit.

All the Gospels agree that John the Baptist was very important in the life of Jesus. It is the towering, fearless of John that stands between the hidden life of Jesus and his public ministry. Before Jesus goes to John, he is known by the local people simply as the son of a carpenter, who stays in the small town of Nazareth. After his time with John, Jesus becomes widely known as a wandering preacher with a unique prophetic mission. Clearly, something happened to Jesus while he was with John. He underwent a change that gave his life a new direction.

While he is with John, Jesus makes his big beginning. As Peter says in the second reading, "Jesus of Nazareth.... Began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism." John was a very important turning point in the life of Jesus - so important that Jesus says of him later: "of all the children born of women, there is no one greater than John" (Luke 7:28). And in the fourth Gospel we are told that the first disciples of Jesus are ex-disciples of John.

In fact, John was so important that some people in the first century thought that he was the Messiah - as Luke tells us in today's Gospel. One of the reasons they thought that was because like many people Jesus went to John to be baptized. Perhaps that is why Luke has the baptism in prison before he tells the story of Jesus' baptism: to assure his readers of the

supremacy of Jesus!

In today's Gospel we heard how after his baptism Jesus is at prayer. The opening of the heavens is a signal for the descent of the Spirit. You can see the Old Testament backdrop for this scene in Isaiah when he writes: "Look down from heaven, look down.... Do not let your compassion go unmoved, for you are our father.... Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down" (63:15-19)

Now Luke celebrates the time when God no longer holds back but rends the heavens to signal the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Jesus is anointed for his prophetic mission by the Holy Spirit, the great enabler, the one who helps people to achieve God's plan. So, Jesus is not alone when he makes his great beginning. He begins his journey in the power of the Holy Spirit and in the love of the Father. He starts out on a difficult road that will eventually lead to an appointment with death.

As we celebrate Jesus great public beginning, we look at our own beginnings. And if some of them look a bit shabby now or half-hearted, we take consolation from the Gospel challenge to begin again. There probably won't be any doves or voices from heaven, but as Gospel people we make our beginnings like Jesus. We are not alone. We make them in the power of the Spirit and in the love of the Father. So let us take courage to face our own road.

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS I HOPE I AM LIKE HIM

“Who is this Christ? Is he like you?”

Perhaps you’ve heard this story, often attributed to the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. A sick man asked her this question, as he marveled at her tireless service to himself and others in the name of someone named Jesus Christ.

“He is nothing like me,” the saint is said to have answered. “But I hope I am like him.”

Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it.

Consider the figure of John the Baptist — a magnificent, towering character even purely from a literary or historical perspective. A martyr who fed on wild locusts and boldly spoke truth to power — a man so great some mistook him for the Messiah.

But why is he great? Because he prepared the way. All his accomplishments and escapades mean nothing if they are taken out of the context of salvation history. He only makes sense relative to Christ — and this is exactly as he wanted it. “One worthier than I is coming,” he insists. And because of that humility and that total embrace of God’s will, he is given one of the greatest honors in the New Testament — he baptizes the Son of God.

Let’s examine our lives in the light of their relativity to Christ. How do we prepare the way? When Christ comes to us, what do we do? How do we leave ourselves open to be actors in God’s plan?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Reflection & Respond

First Reading

The prophet Isaiah was called to bring words of comfort and good news to the beleaguered Israelites held captive in Babylon. How do you minister to those in your life struggling to find God’s presence?

Second Reading

Paul taught Titus that baptized believers are called “to live temperately, justly, and devoutly.” How well do you think you live by this moral and ethical standard?

Gospel

We hear today the account of the baptism of Jesus and God’s words from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” What do you imagine Jesus did (prior to the start of his public ministry) that was so pleasing to God?

Heavenly Father, we pray for...

Mary Ann Sena, Karen Gonzales, David Schultz, Jack Daily, Ivette Camino †, Wayne Elias, Ruth Kieffer, Maggie Wirth, Maria Ruiz, Don Green, Dottie Chemler, Troy Iturralde and Family, Tina and Sam Calello, JO Rasmussen



This Week in Readings & Observances

Readings for the week of January 09, 2022

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

Observances for the week of January 09, 2022

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

Thursday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship

	Regular	Building Fund
12/26/2021	\$49,002.20	\$1,310
12/27/2020	\$40,566.50	\$2,531
CHRISTMAS 2021	\$25,872.94	



04 PARISH NEWS

Our parishioners receive FREE access to all of FORMED's content. Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish to gain access to the library. Here are a couple selections for this week. Just scan the QR Code with your phone to access the content!

Changed Forever: The Sacrament of Baptism by Fr. Mike Schmitz

Fr. Mike Schmitz is one of the leading speakers to young people in the Church today. In this presentation, he explains how Christians truly become sons and daughters of God the Father for all eternity through the Sacrament of Baptism. Following the presentation, there is a bonus segment from Fr. Mike that explains the topics of "Infant Baptism" and "No Salvation Outside the Church."



FORMED Now! The Baptism of the Lord

In this FORMED Now! special episode, Dr. Michael Barber sits down to reflect on the Baptism of the Lord, the significance of the words spoken by the Father, and what baptism means in the Church today.



Calendar of Events



MONDAY 10	TUESDAY 11	WEDNESDAY 12	THURSDAY 13	FRIDAY 14	SATURDAY 15	SUNDAY 16
Daily Mass 8:00AM. Church	Daily Mass 8:00AM. Church	Daily Mass 8:00AM. Church	Daily Mass 8:00AM. Church	Daily Mass 8:00AM. Church	Sandwich Squad. 7:45AM. Parish Hall	Mass. 7AM. Church
Divine Mercy Chaplet 8:30AM. Church	Divine Mercy Chaplet 8:30AM. Church	Divine Mercy Chaplet 8:30AM. Church	Adoration 8:30AM. Church	Divine Mercy Chaplet 8:45AM. Church	Daily Mass 8:00AM. Church	Mass. 8:30AM. Church
Level 1 Class. 9AM. Parish Hall	Charismatic Prayer Group. 9AM. Chapel	Spanish Bible Study. 9:30AM. Family Rm		Cactus Comfort. 10AM. Parish Hall		Confession. 9:15AM. Music/Worship Rm
	K-5 Religious Ed. 4:30PM. Parish Hall					Mass with CLOW & Childcare. 10AM. Church
	Moms Group. 4:30PM. Chapel				Rosary. 3:30PM. Church	Mass. 11:30AM. Church
	Adoration & OMPH Devotion. 6:30PM. Church				Vigil Mass. 4PM. Church	
RCIA. 6PM. Parish Hall		Adult Choir Practice. 7PM. Church	Welcome (Mens) Mtg. 7PM. Family Room		Confession. 4:45PM. Music/Worship Rm	Teen Confirmation @4:30PM. Life Teen@6PM. Parish Hall

Thank you for your generosity!

WINNERS

The Knights of Columbus Council 13272 wants to thank everyone who participated in the Jim Click Raffle which occurred between May and November. Through your efforts, \$19,410.75 was raised for the Ultrasound Initiative/Pro-Life Activities!! Of this total, a check for \$17,500 was given to the State Representative of the Arizona Knights of Columbus at the Tucson Men's Conference on November 6 toward the purchase of an Ultrasound Machine. The Ultrasound Machine will be placed at the Living Hope facility in Springerville (vicinity of Show Low). The remaining \$1,910.75 will be used for pro-life activities throughout the Fraternal Year.

Unfortunately, no one in the parish won any of the three grand prizes but here are the results of the raffle which you supported:

- A record \$1,380,700 was raised for 311 charities
- Hamid Hakeemi of Tucson will receive a 2021 Ford Bronco Sport valued at \$35,840 (ticket sold by Tucson Residence Foundation)
- Lynn Spicer-Tucker of Green Valley won the second prize of two plane tickets (ticket sold by The Animal League of Green Valley)
- Nick Rehm of Tucson won the third prize of \$5,000 (ticket sold by Young Life)

Again, your Council cannot thank you enough for supporting this raffle and our Ultrasound Initiative/Pro-Life Activities!! May God Bless You and we hope you had a very Merry Christmas and have a safe, healthy, prosperous and Blessed New Year!



Council 13272 humbly and proudly thanks everyone for their support so that we could help those in need!! Between January 2020 and November 2021, the Council donated \$43,332.75 to the following charities below:

- Knights of Columbus Charities for an Ultrasound Machine \$19,410.75
- Coats for Kids \$ 6,502.00
- Persons with Intellectual Disabilities \$ 4,136.00
- Casa Maria Soup Kitchen \$ 2,000.00
- Seminarian Support (for two Seminarians) \$ 2,000.00
- Fisher House Veterans Support \$ 1,500.00
- Immaculate Heart Academy and Elementary School \$ 1,000.00
- Reachout Women's Center \$ 1,000.00
- Sister Jose Women's Center \$ 1,000.00
- St Joseph Youth Camp \$ 735.00
- Catholic Community Services \$ 500.00
- Christ Child Society \$ 500.00
- Clergy Support \$ 500.00
- Knights of Columbus Charities for COVID Relief \$ 500.00
- Poverello House \$ 500.00
- Primavera Foundation \$ 500.00
- School Sisters of St Francis \$ 500.00
- American Heritage Girls \$ 300.00
- Navarrette Fund \$ 150.00
- American Cancer Society \$ 100.00

TOTAL: \$43,332.75

Thank you again and may God Bless You for all your generosity!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Knights of Columbus of St. Mark Parish reminds you that donations to the CTSO-based KofC Scholarship Fund #1438 is accepting donations through the CTSO Website. If you have an Arizona Tax Liability, PLEASE consider donating to CTSO FUND #1438. Single taxpayers may donate up to \$1,219 and couples filing jointly \$2,435.

Since 2018, the St. Mark Knights Scholarship fund has provided \$123,895 to registered families of St. Mark Parish. Applicants MUST be registered at St. Mark Parish and the children MUST be registered, or are in the process of registering, in a Catholic School in the Diocese of Tucson. Scholarship applications, financial disclosure forms and Arizona Tax Forms are all available on the CTSO WEBSITE - (www.ctso-tucson.org).

To Donate - Follow these steps:

1. Go to CTSO-TUCSON.ORG
2. Tap Make a my Tax Credit Contribution Now.
3. Tap Contribute Now as a Guest.
4. Complete the on-line form and list your donation amount.
5. Check GENERAL FUND, and REFERRAL #1438.
6. Complete the payment method and submit your form. Applications must be submitted to the St. Mark Parish Office NO LATER THAN 2 MAY, 2022.

If you have an additional Az. Tax Liability, PLEASE consider donating to Catholic Community Services of Southern Arizona. www.ccs-soaz.org/donate/tax-credit. Singles can donate up to \$400 and Married up to \$800.

If you have any questions, please contact CTSO (520-838-2558) or SK John A Alese at jalese211@gmail.com.



**A PRAYER TO OVERCOME
INDIFFERENCE**

All too often, Lord, we turn away from the world's many problems, which seem too big, too complex, or too far away.

Forgive us our indifference.

It is easier, Lord, to see only what is around us: our lives, our homes, our challenges.

Forgive us our isolation.

Help us to see with your eyes: eyes which notice one another and help us understand.

Help us to dream your dream: of communities that reach out and dialogue and where diverse people creatively cooperate.

Help us to be people of solidarity and action, so moved by prayer, encounter, and understanding that peace can become a reality.

Amen.



JANUARY 19-27, 2022

9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.

Join today at www.9daysforlife.com!



**JANUARY 22ND—Day of Prayer for the Legal
Protection of Unborn Children**

SOLIDARITY FOR THE POOR

Reflection and Prayer

Take a moment to think of a particular person you know who is suffering as a result of poverty or economic difficult; think of the person's name, recall his or her face and situation.

Say this prayer for solidarity; ask for the grace to share in the suffering of our brothers and sisters who experience poverty, and for a deeper conviction to work for justice and peace.

Almighty and ever-living God,
 empower your one human family to join hands
 on our journey of faith.
 Send us your spirit of hope,
 so that we may work
 to alleviate human suffering
 and foster charity and justice
 in our world.
 Amen.

In 1 John 3:1, we are reminded to "see what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God." The Church teaches us to encounter others in their diversity and recognize that we are united as one human family. Solidarity invites us to remember that we are all children of God who share in one another's joy and suffering. This is a key component of working together to seek justice for all God's children. Being in solidarity with others lifts us from our individualism and gives us the capacity to work together to overcome poverty.

We are one human family whatever our national, ethical, economical, and ideological differences. We are brothers' and sisters' keepers, wherever they may be. Loving our neighbor has global dimensions in a shrinking world. At the core of the virtue of solidarity is the pursuit of justice and peace. Pope Paul VI taught that "if you want peace, work for justice." The Gospel calls us to be peacemakers. Our love for all our sisters and brothers demands that we promote peace in a world surrounded by violence and conflict.



Poverello House is a Franciscan based day shelter, providing comfort, meals, laundry facilities and clothing to homeless men. They sent us an urgent request for items to assist those "living on the streets" as our weather has turned cold.

Please consider sharing the warmth this winter season by donating: Thermal underwear, warm jackets, gloves and heavy socks. Sizes: M, L, XL new or used.

We will be collecting items in our Narthex through January 23rd, and will deliver to **Poverello House of Tucson**—

www.tucsonpoverello.com
 221 E Lee St., Tucson, AZ 85705

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1. Call 911 to make a police report
2. If the abuse happened in any other state, call the Police or Sheriffs Office in the specific area of that state.
3. Call the Victim Assistance Program of the Diocese of Tucson 1.800.234.0344 and/or the Office of Child, Adolescent and Adult Protection at 520.838.2513

Monthly Meetings



MEMBER MEETING
 EVERY 4TH
 WEDNESDAY OF THE
 MONTH AT 6PM IN THE
 PARISH HALL.



COUNCIL MEETING
 EVERY 2ND
 WEDNESDAY OF THE
 MONTH AT 7PM IN THE
 PARISH HALL.

Eternal Rest

*In your hands, O Lord,
we humbly entrust
our brothers and sisters.
In this life you embraced them
with your tender love;
deliver them now
from every evil
and bid them eternal rest.
The old order
has passed away:
welcome them into paradise,
where there will be no sorrow,
no weeping or pain,
but fullness of peace and joy
with your Son
and the Holy Spirit
forever and ever. Amen.*

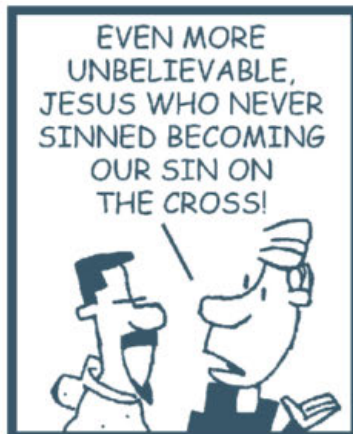
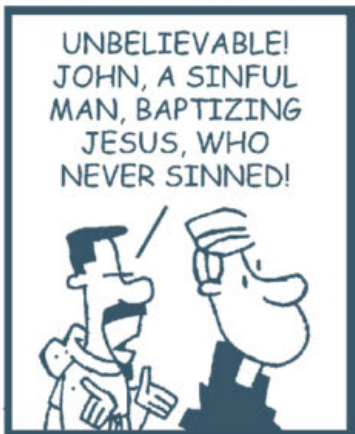




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Pope's Prayer Intention

»January 2022«

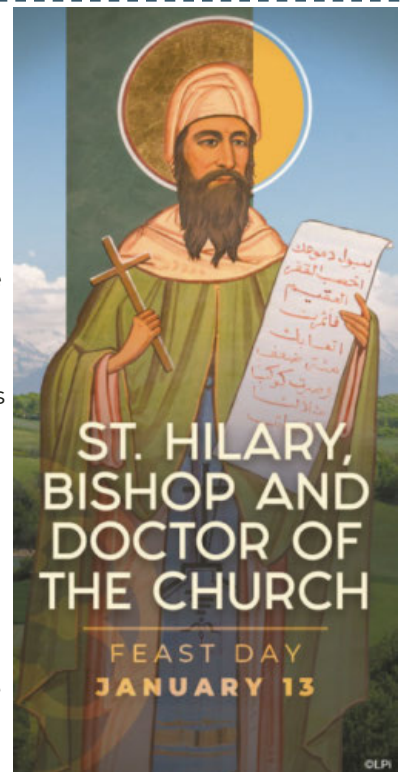
For True Human Fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

»Live the Liturgy«

Jesus stood in line with everyone else and was baptized. There is something incredibly humbling about how this must have played out. Then, God did something truly awesome and inspiring. Through a very gentle and simple action he let the world know about the special relationship He shares with Jesus. That's exactly what is so incredible about our baptisms as well! Through those holy waters God announces to the world the special place we also occupy in His heart. We no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. We do not need to fumble around, tripping over ourselves and wondering why we are even here. The answer has been given. All we have to do is live out the vocation we have received, to live the Gospel in fidelity to our Creator. There is nothing to fear and worry has no place. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor and God is very pleased.





GROWING WITH THE Gospel

CYCLE C

COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Baptism of the Lord • Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

JOHN
MESSIAH
BAPTIZING

WATER
POWERFUL
SANDALS

HOLY SPIRIT
FIRE
JESUS

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H	O	L	Y	S	P	I	R	I	T	O
E	H	A	I	T	O	S	U	F	A	M
J	N	E	G	Y	W	A	T	E	R	E
I	Y	B	E	H	E	U	P	L	M	S
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MISSION

Find out what makes God happy. As a family, read John 15:9-12.

My Mass Checklist

Check here if you blessed yourself with holy water as you entered church.

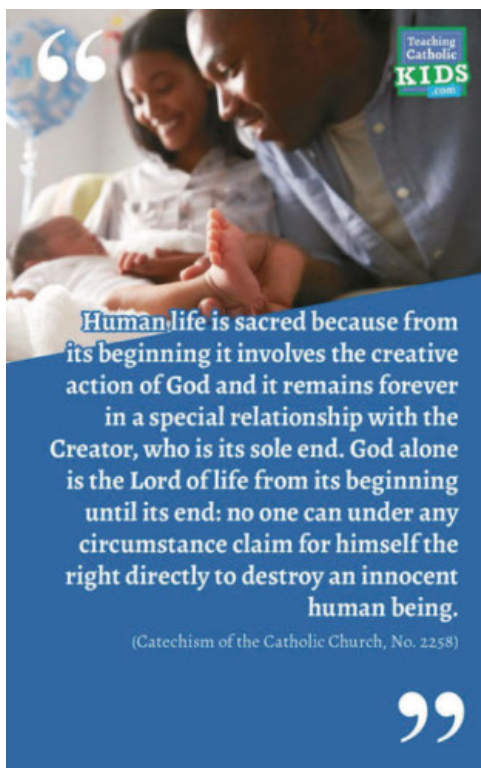
Check here if you joined in the Our Father Prayer today.

How can you show your love for Jesus after Mass today?

What were your special prayer intentions?

What will you do this year?





» Faith Talk for Families « Human Life is Sacred

It might be easy to say “Yep! I agree” to the above teaching, but how do we live that out. If all life is sacred, how do we recognize that in our daily life? We are called as Catholics to recognize the presence of God in each person we encounter.

Questions to talk about at home during meals or at bedtime, or in the car.

- What is one nice thing you can do for someone else today?
- How do we treat those that aren’t “cool,” or socially acceptable?
- How do we recognize the goodness of people with whom we disagree?

Teaching Catholic Kids.Com,
<https://teachingcatholickids.com/faith-talk-for-families-human-life-is-sacred/>

» A Litany for Life «

Lord, love is patient.

Give to the mother who is tempted to abort her child the patience to endure the suffering that will bring forth new life.

Lord, love is kind.

Give to the new father whose friends tell him to abort his child the gentleness, compassion and courage to support his wife and child, protect them from all that could harm them, and sustain them against selfishness and hate.

Lord, love is not jealous.

Remove from all human hearts the temptation to trade human life for advantage, convenience or personal benefit. Deliver us from the expediency that values personal gain and pleasure over the dignity of human life.

Lord, love is not pompous.

Deliver us from the arrogance that sees our needs or wants as superior to the rights of others. Help us to see all our brothers and sisters as worthy of all of our love.

Lord, love is not inflated.

Grant us a share in the humility of your Son, who sought not to be served, but to serve. Help us to see in every human life, rich or poor, young or old, guilty or innocent, a reflection of your image and likeness.

Lord, love is not rude.

Implant a spirit of gentle compassion in the hearts of each of your sons and daughters, Lord, that no person may ever be treated as less than the child of God which you have made them, through the Paschal Death and Resurrection of your only-begotten Son.

Lord, love does not seek its own interests.

Give to all who govern us, Lord, a generous spirit, that our country may not so much seek to be great as to be good, to be rich in possessions as to be rich in mercy, or to be renowned as to be renowned for justice and truth for all.

Lord, love is not quick-tempered.

Grant that by our prudence and patience we might learn to live that sacrificial love by which your Son died for us on the Cross, that all men and women might know our kindness and willingness to love them unto death after the model of our Lord and Savior.

Lord, love does not brood over injury.

Give us the grace of mercy, Lord, that like your Son we might forgive those who sin against us, seeking only their redemption and eternal happiness. Forgive the abortionist who takes the life of an unborn child. Move his heart, grant him the grace of repentance, and give us a full share in your mercy.

Lord, love does not rejoice over wrongdoing.

Help us to seek only the redemption of wrongdoers, Lord, and remove from our hearts all desire for vengeance and hate. Help us to desire not revenge, even for the horrors of abortion, but the repentance and happiness of all your children.

Lord, love rejoices with the truth.

Implant deep within our hearts a sense of the joy of the Gospel of Life, and make us joy-filled evangelists of your great gift of life.

Lord, love bears all things.

When we are insulted or reviled for the sake of the Gospel of Life, give us the courage and the innocence of the children of God. Help us, Lord, to suffer for the sake of your truth, and

never to seek our own good, even in the good work we do.

Lord, love believes all things

Deliver us from every temptation to despair, Lord. When we are discouraged, give us the grace to trust in your mercy and to know that your love is ever victorious, even in the face of darkness, death, and hate.

Lord, love hopes all things.

As we trust in your infinite love, O Lord, give us the trust that comes from the Gospel, and help us to cling to that sure and certain hope that for those who love God all things come to good.

Lord, love endures all things.

In the face of death, destruction, and a culture of death, never let us lose sight of the beauty of the face of your only-begotten Son, Our Lord, who suffered the torments of his Passion and Death for the sake of our sins. Let us trust that through his Passion we will have the strength to do your will and to carry each cross that comes our way for the glory of God and the love of his little ones.

Lord, love never fails.

When the crusade for life seems unending and our latest initiatives have failed, when our hearts are filled with sadness or anger or fear, come to our aid, O Lord, and give us the assurance that you are ever with us, that your mercies will not end, and that you, our Creator and our God, will bring victory to all who seek to love as you have commanded them.

Based on 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:8a
Uscsb.org/prayers/litany-life

Saint Story of the Week
St. Hilary of Poitiers January 13

Born a pagan, St. Hilary (c. 315 – c. 367) studied philosophy and the meaning of life, eventually making his way through the bible. He became a convert and was appointed bishop of Poitiers in 353. Sometimes referred to as the Hammer of the Arians, St. Hilary defended the Nicene Creed against a popular heresy, Arianism. He was exiled to Phrygia for opposing Roman emperor Constantius II, who preferred the heresy which denies Christ's divinity. From Phrygia St. Hilary fought with his pen, zealously writing against the heresy.

Eventually he was allowed to return to Poitiers, but did so by a circuitous route, preaching against Arianism all the way. St. Hilary was likely the first writer of hymns in the West, his writings on the Trinity, Psalms and Gospel of Matthew survive today. St. Hilary was created Doctor of the Church, a title given to those who provided important contributions to theology and doctrine, in 1851 by Pope Pius IX.



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 \$1,219, and a married couple filing jointly can contribute up to \$2,435, and you, the donor can receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit off your Arizona tax liability. Brochures are in the vestibule or visit www.ctso-tucson.org to make an online contribution.



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Report of St. Mark's Financial Position for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year

December 2021

Fellow Parishioners,

Herewith you will find the details of our 2020/2021 year end fiscal position. We wanted to share the good news with you. It was a very difficult year for all our parish families as well as our parish "family", those working for the parish as well as all the wonderful volunteers that make our parish so special. A blessed thank you goes out to Father John and Father Rudy for their spiritual guidance as well as Father John's special attention to the shepherding of our flock in very trying times.

As we look back at a year well lived in the St. Mark family, we especially thank our parishioners for their continuing support of the parish and all that it provides. We are building up a reserve for future expansion of our facilities when construction might make economic sense.

The best to you all for all your support and heartfelt contribution to the life of our parish.

Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet)

Assets: St. Mark Assets include cash in our savings account, representing a three-month reserve of ongoing expenses, cash in our General checking account, provided by Offertory collections, and utilized for operating purposes, a Restricted checking account funded by pledges and Building Fund donations to be used only for debt reduction, and Other Restricted Cash to be used only for purposes specified by the donors. The other primary Asset is the value of our land, buildings and equipment.

Liabilities: represent the amounts we owe others or are for specific earmarked purposes. Liabilities include the current balance of the loans, and the remaining amounts to be expended for specified purposes from the Other Restricted cash donated by generous parishioners.

Equity: is the amount Assets (what we own and have on hand) exceeds Liabilities (what we own).

Statement of Activities (Income Statement)

Revenues: includes Contributions, Grants & Bequests which covers various offertory contributions; Fees for Service is comprised of Religious Education and Little Tots fees and other contributions generated from Mass intentions, Weddings, and Funerals; Activity revenue includes fundraising and Candle donations; Investment Income covers building fund interest; Flowers and Decorations and Religious Ed-Other fundraising are as titled, and tracked independently.

Expenses: is comprised of Employee compensation and benefits. Personnel Residency includes our Priest's meals, utilities, and phone. Office Administration includes office supplies, internet, phone, postage, copier maintenance, and support, computer maintenance and support, compliance fees and bank fees, and travel expenses; Property Support Costs include, utilities, insurance for the entire property, consumable supplies, building equipment, repairs, and contract cleaning services. Program and Curriculum Expenses are for Liturgical expenses, Sacramental expenses, Choir and Music, Religious Education and other education expenses and Instructional Materials. Professional and Outside Services include pest control, landscape maintenance, and IT / acoustic consultations; Assessments is made up of Chancery Assessment based on Offertory collection, Priests Assurance Association, Priests Salary subsidy, and Catholic Schools Assessment.

Net Operating Income: represents Net Income excluding Restricted Revenue, Restricted Expense and Interest Expense, effectively the amount of Revenue less Expense used for operating purposes. Our Net Operating Income for 2020-2021 was \$267,215 vs. \$89,760 the previous fiscal year.

Restricted contributions from Pledges and Gold envelopes are to be used for loan payments and expenses specified by the donor for specific purposes.





Saint Mark Roman Catholic Parish - 2020-2021



Statement of Financial Position

As of June 30, 2021

ASSETS

Bank – General	\$ 493,906
Bank – Restricted	\$ 240,243
Land, Buildings, Equipment	\$ 14,041,940
Accounts Receivable – Pledge Revenue	\$ 421

Total Assets **\$ 14,776,511**

LIABILITIES

Payroll Liabilities	\$ 22,252
Vendor & Other Liabilities	\$ 24,417
Special Collections – Restricted	\$ 7,137
Custodial Funds - Individuals & Groups	\$ 18,272

Total Liabilities **\$ 72,078**

Equity **\$ 14,704,432**

Total Liabilities & Equity **\$ 14,776,511**

Statement of Activities

Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2021

REVENUES

Contributions, Grants & Bequests	\$ 1,303,526
Fees For Service	\$ 71,813
Activity Revenue	\$ 8,661
Investment Revenue	\$ 195
Flowers & Decorations	\$ 2,374
Religious Ed - Other Fundraising	\$ 2,007

Total Revenues **\$ 1,388,576**

EXPENSES

Employee Compensation	\$ 442,262
Employee Benefits	\$ 110,565
Personnel Residency Expense	\$ 19,904
Office Administration & Travel	\$ 66,863
Property Support Costs	\$ 180,504
Program or Curriculum Expenses	\$ 70,190
Professional and Outside Services	\$ 51,557
Assessments	\$ 179,516

Total Expenses **\$ 1,121,361**

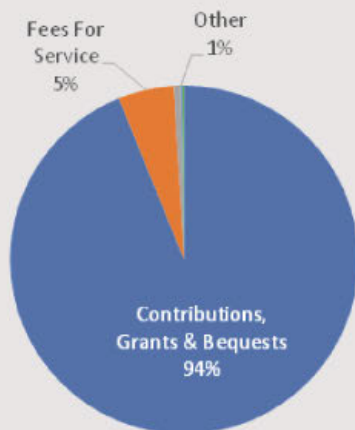
Net Operating Income **\$ 267,215**

Restricted Contributions \$ 181,311

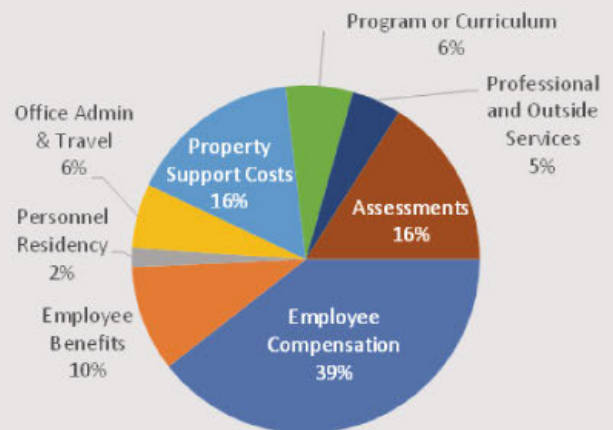
Bankcard Reward Earnings \$ 649

Net Income **\$ 449,175**

St Mark Revenue - FY 2020-2021



St Mark Expenses- FY 2020-2021



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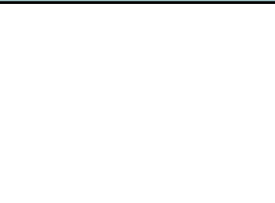


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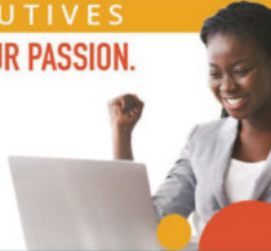
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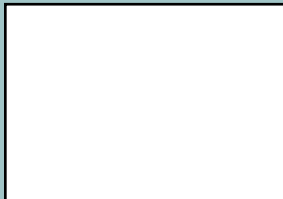
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