



# SAINT MARK THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

JANUARY 8, 2023 | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



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## OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Thursday | 8:30 am - 2:30 pm  
Friday | 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

## MASS SCHEDULE

Video Mass is available each weekend on the Website.

### WEEKDAY MASSES:

**Wednesday** | 12:00 Noon

**Thursday** | 9:00 am

**Friday** | 9:00 am followed by Rosary.

Exposition on First Friday of the Month

**First Saturday of the Month** | 9:00 am

### WEEKEND MASSES:

**Saturday** | 4:00 pm

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

## CHAPEL

Every Day 6:30 am - 6:30 pm

## CONFESSION

Saturday | 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

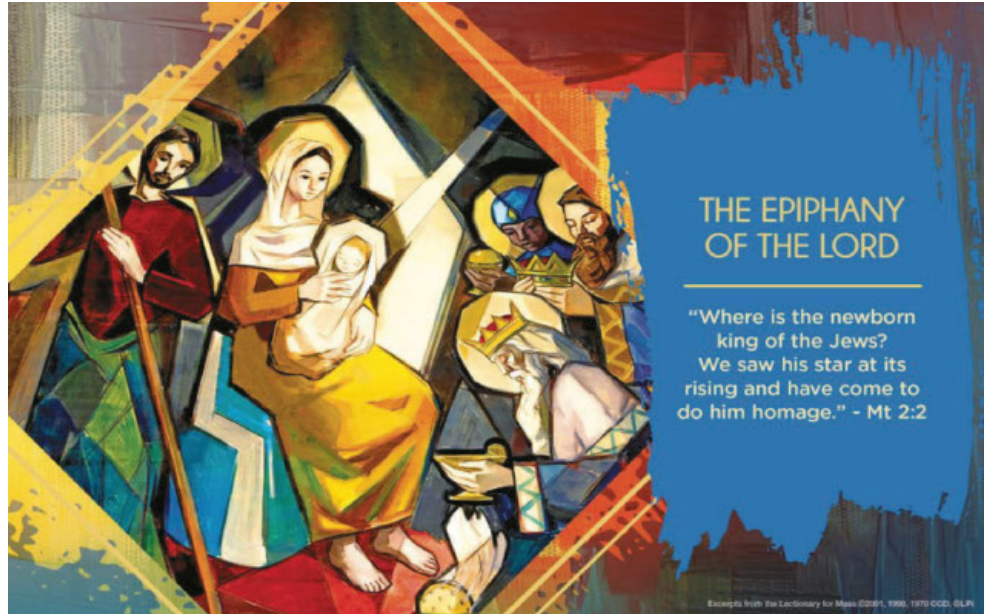
Other | By appointment

## MARRIAGE

Marriage Requirements at least six months in advance: Contact Fr. Sullivan, 205-980-1810, ext. 2 to arrange meeting.

## BAPTISM

Contact the Parish Office at 205-980-1810 ext. 1



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Mt 2:2

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### YOUTH SOCIAL MEDIA

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. All are invited to our **Epiphany Celebration after the 10:30 A.M. Mass today.** On behalf of the entire staff at Saint Mark the Evangelist Parish, I would like to offer thanks for all those who volunteered and gave of their time and talent to make our Advent and Christmas Liturgies so beautiful. I am always in awe with the generosity of our Parish and the willingness of Parishioners to volunteer in various ministries in our Parish. May the Lord bless us all in this New Year.

In our Gospel today, Herod and the Magi offer a study in contrasts. Herod was a man of the political world, fiercely holding onto his power. The Magi were men devoted to finding the King announced by the star, even though they did not know who this King was or exactly where the star would lead them. Herod was a Jew in name but a pagan in all things. The Magi were pagans in name but acted like sincere Jews seeking the One who was the summit of God's Plan for mankind.

Sixteen centuries later, the mystic and doctor of the Church, St. John of the Cross, would reflect on his own life in a way that was like the lives of the ancient Magi as well as the lives of all who seek the Lord. In *"Songs of the Heart...."* John of the Cross wrote, *"I went without discerning and with no other light except for that which in my heart was burning."*

And so, we journey to the Lord. Where exactly are we going to find Him? We really don't know. He may be in marriage. He may be in the priesthood or religious life. He may be in the life of the single determined to spread Christianity. He may be in children and teens. He may be in a career. He may be in our caring for a sick spouse or relative. He may be in the outcast who reaches out for us. He is in all these and countless more places. If we are wise, we will spend our lives seeking Him out, wherever He is. And yes, we might get sidetracked. Yes, we might find ourselves seeking Him in the wrong place, like in the palace of a hypocritical King Herod. We may start a career that is wrong for us. We may have to break a relationship that is unhealthy for us. But if we are attuned to God's Word, He will set us straight and direct us to the course we need to follow. We will all get to our Bethlehem's if we are open to God's call.

At times the journey is difficult. We are called to be moral in an immoral society. We are called to stand for life in a society of death. We are called to embrace the joy of the Lord in a society that exalts in prejudice and hatred. It is easy for us to give up and to give in. It is easy to take the drink that will destroy us, the drug that will dull us. It is easy to go with the flow of an immoral relationship. It is difficult to step away from all this and stay on the path to the Lord. But we can stay on that path. We can, and we must. The world is counting on us completing the journey of our lives. For those who complete their journey reveal to the world the Presence of its Savior. And so, we look towards the great ones who have died, the great ones in our Church, the universal Church and the great ones of the little church of our families - like Saint Mother Theresa, Saint John Paul II, Father James Coyle, Father Andy Sullivan, Father Brian Egan, Father Louis Giardino, or our parents and our grandparents - their lives give witness for us that the Lord is indeed among us.

And we journey, not alone, but guided, guided by an interior star, the voice of the One we love who calls to us deep within ourselves. And we go in the words of Saint John of the Cross *"without discerning and with no other light except for that which our hearts is burning."*

In Christ's Love,  
Fr. Bob

# NEWS AND UPDATES

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We the members and families of Saint Mark the Evangelist, a Roman Catholic Church in the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama, are a Eucharistic community rooted in the Word of God responding to God's call by:

Glorifying God by proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ by word and deed in our daily lives,

Serving one another within and outside the Parish community especially those needing an advocate,

Forming the community spiritually through worship, prayer and education at all stages of life,

Including all, omitting none, with Christ-like love and understanding,

Being good stewards of the gifts given to us and seeking to use them wisely, to live as the body of Christ with Mary, the Mother of God, as our model on our journey of faith.

## FINANCIAL COLLECTIONS

### FOR THE WEEKEND OF 12/25/2022

Weekly Offertory .....\$34,656  
Building Fund .....\$19,506  
Holy Days .....\$9,343  
**Total Collection .....\$63,505**

### YEAR TO DATE

Weekly Offertory.....\$1,149,454  
Building Fund .....\$762,013  
Holy Days.....\$30,956  
**Total Collection .....\$1,942,423**  
**Budget .....\$1,757,332**  
**Parish Debt—New PLC BLDG.....\$3,403,109**  
**Stained Glass Project Donations.....\$169,828**



Faith Direct is an easy and convenient way to give your tithe, see the Bulletin cover for our Faith Direct link. You can also give by dropping off your donation at the Parish Office, mailing to our P.O. Box (see Bulletin cover), or text a dollar amount to 205-318-2640.

**Thank you for your continued generous giving!**

## SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany in which the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. In the spirit of the Magi, please put your gift to St. Vincent de Paul in the Poor Box so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.

## COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

If you or a loved one is unable to attend Mass, but would like to receive Communion, please call the Parish Office at 205-980-1810 extension 6 or email Sr. Margaret Mary Liang at [pastoralcare@stmarkrc.org](mailto:pastoralcare@stmarkrc.org).

## FLOWER DONATIONS

If you would like to donate flowers for the altar, Mary, or Joseph to honor a loved one, please contact Allison Creel at 205-222-0211 or [saintmarksflowers@gmail.com](mailto:saintmarksflowers@gmail.com).

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## READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, January 9

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

### Tuesday, January 10

Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28

### Wednesday, January 11

12:00 p.m. † Kieran Joseph May  
Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39

### Thursday, January 12

9:00 a.m. † Shirley Richey  
Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45

### Friday, January 13

9:00 a.m. † Vivian Norris  
Heb 4:1-5, 11/Mk 2:1-12

### Saturday, January 14

4:00 p.m. Mass † Josephine Richardson

### Next Sunday, January 15

8:00 a.m. Mass † Dennis Grasso  
10:30 a.m. Mass † People of the Parish  
Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

## SYMPATHY

Let us pray to the Lord for all who have Died, especially,  
....Thom Berry, parishioner  
.... Samuel Elliott, son of Bill and Mary Elliott

# NEWS AND UPDATES



2022 Contribution Statements will be available for electronic download at the end of January 2023 via St. Mark's My Own Church site. **Paper statements will not be mailed.** Instructions for electronic download will be forthcoming in January. If you have any questions, please contact Tana Bisch, Bookkeeper at 205-980-1810, ext. 8 or [finance@stmarkrc.org](mailto:finance@stmarkrc.org).



**A Great Opportunity for Lent 2023:** Lead a Small Group---We are gearing up now for Lenten small faith-sharing groups in the parish, and we need new facilitators to coordinate groups. We want to build on the last four years of positive small group experiences at St. Mark. The groups will start the week of February 19 and meet for six weeks, finishing before Holy Week. Facilitator training and resources are available before the groups begin. People will be signing up for groups in February. Sr. Madeline needs to know what day and time you would like to facilitate your group. If you want to offer your home for a small group, but not facilitate, that is a great service too! If interested in

serving in any way, please contact Sr. Madeline by January 18 at [SrMadeline@stmarkrc.org](mailto:SrMadeline@stmarkrc.org) or call her at 205-980-1810, ext 3.



Please Join Us  
For A  
**KNIGHT**  
with a  
*Queen*

A MEDIEVAL ROYAL

*Mother Son Dance*



**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2023**

**5:30 PM - 7:30 PM**

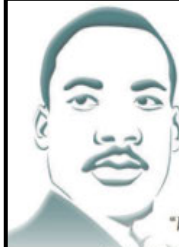
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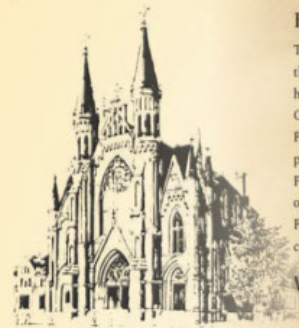


**DR MARTIN LUTHER KING JR PRAYER BREAKFAST**

*"We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools."*

DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM IN ALABAMA | 2023 | BLACK MINISTRY

The Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama commemorates the **Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.** at the **Cathedral of Saint Paul Life Center** on Saturday, January 14, 2023 at 10 a.m.



**FATHER REGINALD D. NORMAN**

The Very Reverend Reginald Norman is a priest of the Diocese of Bridgeport in Connecticut, where he serves as Vicar of the Apostolate of Black Catholics and pastor of Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Wilton. In addition to serving the particular church of Bridgeport, he is also President of the National Association of Black Catholic Administrators. Father Norman is a preacher, mentor, community worker, and lecturer.



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# YOUTH ACTIVITIES

## Parish School of Religion

January 8<sup>th</sup> - PSR Classes Resume

January 15<sup>th</sup> – No PSR, MLK Holiday

January 22<sup>nd</sup> – PSR Classes Resume

January 22<sup>nd</sup> - Confirmation Blessing 10:30 am Mass

## This Weekend in Youth Ministry



<b>EDGE</b>	
SCHEDULE - JANUARY	
1/1	NO YOUTH GROUP New Year's Day
1/8 5-7PM	EDGE NIGHT Break the Ice
1/15 5-7PM	EDGE NIGHT Basecamp
1/22 5-7PM	EDGE NIGHT Gathering Gear
1/29 5-7PM	EDGE NIGHT KoC Free Throw Contest

<b>HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE</b>	
January	
1/1 6:30-8:30 pm	No Youth Group New Year's Day
1/8 6:30-8:30 pm	Game Night
1/15 6:30-8:30 pm	Known pt. 1 The Heart of Prayer
1/22 6:30-8:30 pm	Known pt. 2 Vocal Prayer
1/29 6:30-8:30 pm	KoC Free Throw Contest

# LITURGICAL LIFE

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE	Saturday January 14 4:00 PM	Sunday January 15 8:00 AM	Sunday January 15 10:30 AM
<b>ORDINARY MINISTER OF COMMUNION</b>	Deacon Phil Boettcher	Deacon Phil Boettcher	Deacon Phil Boettcher
<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF COMMUNION</b>	JoAnne Rixey, Sharon Zaleski, Barbara Dayton, Kristin Sessions, Ramsey Sessions	Annamarie DiCihara, Keith Pflaum, Jose Marrero, Shaun McPhail	Mary Folsom, Steve Clancy, Susan Webb, Phillip Troha, Brian Lynch, Paul Albano
<b>USHERS</b>	Ray Morin, Pat Kantaris, Connie Barnett	Chris Moore, Michael Rall	Wayne Gwaltney, Charles Boyd, George Juneman, Luke Perrigo, Brandon Moseley
<b>LECTOR</b>	Dolorene Sackman - 1 Cathy Johnson - 2	Michael Matlock - 1 Donna Francavilla - 2	Bill Webb - 1 Sr. Madeline - 2
<b>MASS COORDINATOR</b>	Mike and Pat Kantaris	Jodie James	David and Eleanora Castagnetta
<b>GREETERS</b>	Kathy Brotherton, Rae Sarver	Anthony and Diane Cuicchi	Bill Comensky, Richard and Mary Folsom
<b>ALTAR SERVER</b>	Elizabeth Zaleski, Evelyn Douglass, John Reid Douglass	Ethan Lee	Kathryn Lynch, Ashley Folsom, Sydney Driggers
<b>ALTAR LINENS</b>	JoAnne Davis		
<b>CANTORS</b>	Cynthia Brown	Tom Membrino	Matt Stewart

## ANCHOR COMMUNITY RESPITE MINISTRY

Anchor Community Respite Ministry based at Asbury United Methodist Church provides fellowship and stimulation to people who are living with memory loss due to dementia or stroke. Anchor operates every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Asbury's campus.

### A typical day at Anchor is structured in the following way:

- 10:00-10:30: Arrival, Coffee, Socialization, Table Time (puzzles, word searches)
- 10:30-11:00: Physical Fitness (balloon volleyball, bowling, chair yoga)
- 11:00-11:30: Lemonade & Brain Fitness (trivia, brainstorming, creative writing)
- 11:30-Noon: Activities/Games (guest speakers, bingo, wheel of fortune)
- Noon-12:30: Family-Style Meal (lunch and dessert)
- 12:30-1:00: Physical Fitness (stretching, dancing)
- 1:00-1:30: Art (painting, coloring, crafting)
- 1:30-2:00: Music (singing, guest musical performances)

The memory-loss program gives care partners a break each week to run errands, visit with friends, and rest. Care partners can participate in a monthly support group (which meets the first and third Thursday of each month) to share ideas and concerns with other care partners, as well as learn more from memory loss professionals. Care partners are invited to call and schedule a tour of the Respite Care Center prior to enrollment.

### Volunteer Opportunities:

You don't need any special skills to volunteer at Anchor, just a willingness to love and be a friend! Volunteer opportunities include:

- Set-up and/or clean-up
- Serve as a companion to participants
- Prepare, serve and clean-up lunch
- Perform (i.e. music, drama, dance, storytelling)
- Lead an easy art or craft class
- Organize and maintain activity supplies
- Assist with administrative duties

Please take the time to consider volunteering or participating in this wonderful community ministry. [Asburyham.org/anchor](http://Asburyham.org/anchor)

# NEWS AND UPDATES

## Annual Respect Life Mass and Witness for Life

Saturday, January 14, 2023

Respect Life Mass · Bishop Steven Raica

9:00 AM · Cathedral of St. Paul

2120 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. N, Birmingham, AL

Prayer Vigil and Witness for Life

10:45 AM · Planned Parenthood

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