



ST. MARK & MT. CALVARY Parishes



DECEMBER 26, 2021

HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY

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DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY:

8:00 am at St. Mark Church

12:10 pm at Mt. Calvary Church

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 4:30 pm at St. Mark Church

SUNDAY: 8:45 am at Mt. Calvary Church

10:30 am at St. Mark Church



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021

THE HOLY FAMILY

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

Sunday, December 26

8:45 AM Mass (MC) Lector: Carmel Campanelli

10:30 AM Mass (SM) Lector: Joanne Collins

Monday, December 27

7:00 PM Boy Scouts

Tuesday, December 28

Wednesday, December 29

8:00 AM Daily Mass (SM)

12:10 PM Daily Mass (MC)

7:00 PM N.A.

Thursday, December 30

8:00 AM Daily Mass (SM)

12:10 PM Daily Mass (MC)

6:30 PM A.A.

6:30 PM Choir

Friday, December 31 New Year's Eve

8:00 AM Daily Mass (SM)

12:10 PM Daily Mass (MC)

Saturday, January 1 — New Year's Day

10:00 AM (SM) Lector: Marycatherine Major

4:30 PM (SM) Lector: Peter Hohman

Sunday, January 2

8:45 AM Mass (MC) Lector: Kathy Woods

10:30 AM Mass (SM) Lector: Shelly Sheridan

The More You Know... Theological Musings



- with Deacon Dave Jaquel -

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IS MY FAMILY HOLY?

Of course it is! Is my family perfect? Well..... there is always something we can improve on. Today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, and I think the gospel story today is a perfect choice to help us connect our human families with the Holy Family. Over the years in my family, it seems that frequent misunderstandings and nobody being where we expect them to be is the norm. And here are Mary and Joseph, returning home from celebrating the Passover in Jerusalem, walking along with crowds of people. Suddenly it dawns on them that they haven't seen Jesus in a while and eventually they turn around to look for him. What happens when they find him? Jesus can't understand why they were even looking for him. Sounds typical to me.

In March of 2016, Pope Francis issued a document "Amoris Laetitia" or "On Love in the Family" in which he promotes the joy that comes from a loving family, explores the challenges facing all families, and examines the ministries that support family life. Then in December 2020, the Pope called for a special year of study of this document that would start in March 2021 and conclude with the celebration of the World Meeting of Families in Rome in June 2022.

What does Pope Francis want families to strive for? First, the family of Nazareth experienced real joy, and the child Jesus was surrounded by the maternal affection of Mary and care of Joseph, by which Jesus could see God's tenderness. The Pope also emphasized the importance in the family of prayer, affection, forgiveness, and adherence to the will of God. Finally he challenges families to make frequent use of "please," "thank you," and "I'm sorry" to help insure a healthy, loving family.

As part of this year-long study of the document on love in the family, there are a series of 10 videos, and other resources, online at www.laityfamilylife.va. The Pope's emphasis on the family reminds me that while there are many challenges to a happy family life today, there are also many resources to help support healthy, loving families. I will close with an excerpt from the closing prayer from Amoris Laetitia:

Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel, and small domestic churches.

Deacon Dave

Please note—there will be no Parish Office hours the week between Christmas and New Years Day. We will resume normal office hours on Monday, January 3.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26TH TO JANUARY 2, 2022**Mon. December 27:** 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8**Tues. December 28:** 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18**Wed. December 29:** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35**Thurs. December 30:** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40**Fri. December 31:** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18**Sat. January 1:** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21**Sun. January 2:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12**MASST
INTENTIONS****Wed. December 29:**

8:00 am (SM)

12:10 pm (MC) for the intentions of Marycatherine
& family (*Joe & Mary Garafalo*)**Thurs. December 30:**

8:00 am (SM)

12:10 pm (MC) for the intentions of Jim, Joe & Gina
(*Marycatherine Major*)**Fri. December 31:**8:00 am (SM) Susan Chase (*Kathy & Chuck Lewis*)12:10 pm (MC) Raymond & Mary Perry (*Family*)**Sat. January 1:**10:00 am (SM) Monica Deer (*Fr. Tom*)4:30 pm (SM) For the deceased members of
St. Mark & Mt. Calvary parishes**Sun. January 2:**8:45 (MC) Henry D. Bujalski (*Audrey Causgrove*)10:30 (SM) Kaz Kazimierowski
(*Ben & Dorothy Pamula*)**SANCTUARY CANDLES BURNING
WEEK OF DECEMBER 26, 2021****At St. Mark Church:**In loving memory of Susan Chase
(*Kathy & Chuck Lewis*)**At Mt. Calvary Church:**In loving memory of Raymond & Mary Perry
(*Family*)**A Family Perspective**

Today's gospel contains this truth about parenting: "but his parents did not know." One of the reasons parenting is so difficult is because our children don't tell us everything. If the Holy Family had trouble with their teenager, why do we think it will be easier for us?

Marriage Moment

Christmas is past, or is it? Kwanzaa which starts on Dec. 26 is an annual celebration of African-American culture. No matter the color of your skin, the themes of Kwanzaa can deepen your love for each other and continue the joy of Christmas. Some of the Kwanzaa themes are Unity, Collective Work, Cooperative Economics, Purpose, Creativity, and Faith. <https://www.officialkwanzaawebsite.org/index.html>

Special retreat for engaged couples

Engaged couples are invited to attend an Engagement Encounter this January 28-30, 2022. Engagement Encounter is a restful retreat designed to provide a meaningful environment for deepening the conversations and habits necessary in a happy, holy, and lasting marriage. Here is what a past participant had to say: "I cannot thank you enough for an amazing experience this weekend. My fiancé and I will never forget it and all of the special moments." Learn more or register at <https://www.eriescd.org/familylifeoffice/ee.html>. We would love to welcome you this January!

There will be no Parish Office hours
December 23rd through January 3rd.

We will be checking messages
during this time.

The Staff of St. Mark the Evangelist and
Mt. Calvary Parishes wish everyone a
Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December 27: Helen Fasenmyer, Megan Young,

December 28: Janet Armbruster, Richard Lavosky, Barbara Sauer, Shirley Taccone

December 29: _____

December 30: Marge Bleil, Ms. Elizabeth Frankowski

December 31: Nathaniel Kightlinger, Steve Reilly

January 1: _____

January 2: Debbie Reilly

 *Happy Anniversary* 
No anniversaries this week!

Secret Prayer Pals Reminder

Just a reminder to keep those positive thoughts and prayers going for your Secret Prayer Pal. Even though the prayers are silent, they still have a great impact on the individual you are praying for. Even if they do not know who you are, they will know you are there thinking of them.

We will have a Prayer Pal reveal coming around early to mid January. More details to come...



Fr. Tom will lead us through The Advent of the Messiah Bible Study so we might more deeply appreciate the gift

God gave to us all. This Advent Bible Study will take place on **Thursdays** during Advent and the Christmas Season at **1pm** in Rms 1 & 2 of the Ward Center!

Materials will be available in the Parish Office to read and reflect upon before our next class on Thursday, December 30th, 2021 at 1pm in Rms 1 & 2. Contact Fr. Tom or Stacey to receive your materials for this Bible Study!



St. Mark / Mount Calvary Hats for the Homeless



Winter will be here before you know it and once again there will be a need for winter gear.

You can help!



Knit or Crochet hats or scarves

Donate new or gently used hats, gloves and scarves

Make a monetary donation to be used toward the purchase of gloves

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Questions call Geri Smith @ 882-5284 or Pat Marshall @ 899-3000

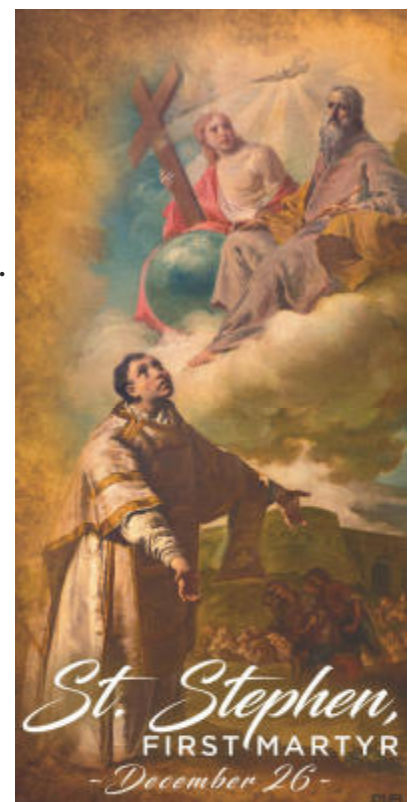
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St. Stephen | Feast Day December 26

The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. A man filled with grace and power, he worked great wonders among the people. Some Jews debated with St. Stephen but could not match his wisdom and spirit. Eventually, a charge of blasphemy was brought up against him, and the local population demanded that he be tried and sentenced. He was seized and carried before the Sanhedrin.

Despite the danger he faced, in front of the Sanhedrin and his accusers, St. Stephen gave a long speech about the history of Israel and the blessings that God had given upon His chosen people. He talked about how Israel had become disobedient despite God's abundant mercy. This enraged his accusers, and eventually the crowd dragged him out of the city and stoned him to death.

Even in his final moments, St. Stephen displayed great forgiveness and even asked God not to hold the sins of his attackers against them. Hundreds of years after his death, he is still a role model for us to follow.



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FORGIVEN—SESSION 1: WHERE ARE YOU?

As we make resolutions for 2021, don't forget about your spiritual well-being! Through our Forgiven series, you can help guide friends and family to new spiritual beginnings!



FORMED NOW! WHO IS SAINT STEPHEN?

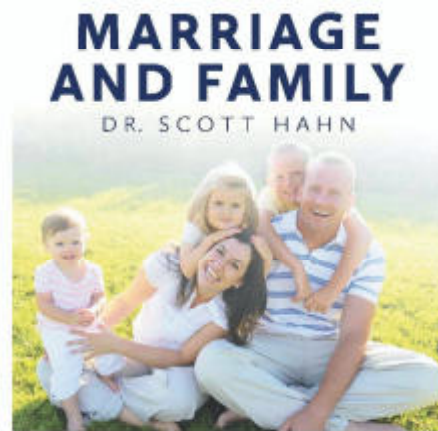
This past week, we celebrated the life of St. Stephen, heroic leader of the early Church. Join Dr. Gray and Dr. Barber as they discuss the first Christian martyr.

LEARN

LISTEN

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY: LOVE UNVEILED BY DR. SCOTT HAHN

The feast of the Holy Family reminds us to help our own families grow in holiness. With this in mind, join Scott Hahn as he shares his advice on how to bring sanctity into the home.



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W/M Michael Kendra	Robert & Jeanne Dymski Robert Dymski, Jr.
Mrs. Beverly Kimet	Daniel Kimet
Marycatherine Major	Betty & Bill Kelley
Mr. Joseph Michalegko	the deceased members of the Michalego & Costello Families

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W/M David Oldakowski	Karen Whipple Ronald & Dorothy Whipple Chet & Agnes Oldakowski
Mrs. Helen Paprocki	Paprocki family Dudzinski family
W/M David Parker	Dr. Robert J. Roche Timothy P. Roche
Mrs. Dorothy Spizarny	Louis Spizarny & Family Krajczynski Family
W/M James Wierbinski	Lori Wierbinski
W/M Donald Woods	Wanda Ames, our sister-in-law



From	In honor of:
Mrs. Kathleen Boucher	Boucher & Osiecki Families
W/M Joseph Gordon	the living members of the Precht & Gordon Families

From:
W/M Joseph Abramczyk
W/M Brian Jackson
W/M Dave Mack
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W/M Angelo Picheco
Mrs. Bernadette Roche



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St. Mark



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Ms. Marcella Aloiz	Anna & Charles Aloiz Charlotte & Ted Marther
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Mrs. Agnes Krisch	John Krisch
W/M Charles Lewis	deceased members of the Lewis & Bell families Susan Chase

From	In loving memory of:
Marycatherine Major	Dean Major
W/M Richard Michael	Chet & Peggy Badach Richard Michael
W/M John O'Hern	W/M James O'Hern Howard Johnston
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W/M John Young	Jeremy Grant Wesley Dabrowski Nathan Dabrowski Ben Dabrowski

From	In honor of:
Mrs. Carolyn Bebko	my son and his wife

From:
St. Mark PAL
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