

# St. Mark Catholic Church

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## Third Sunday of Advent December 15, 2024



### MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday - Anticipated Mass 5PM

Sunday - 7:30, 9:00 & 11:30AM

### DAILY MASS SCHEDULE:

Monday - Friday - 8:30AM

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 3:30PM - 4:30PM

**Bulletin News for January 12th must be submitted to Tricia Palko by Wednesday, December 18th**

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**STEWARDSHIP FOR THE WEEK OF 12/08/24**

|  |            |               |
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| Offertory  | 12/08/2024 | \$ 19,715.88  |
| Immaculate Conception                                  | 12/08/2024 | \$ 2,127.50   |
| Deferred Maintenance                                   | 12/08/2024 | \$ 281.93     |
| Building Fund  | 12/08/2024 | \$ 871.04     |
| MTD Offertory  |            | \$ 42,068.58  |
| MTD Deferred Maintenance                               |            | \$ 1,312.48   |
| MTD Building Fund                                      |            | \$ 2,347.09   |
| Total amount owed on building loan<br>as of 11/30/2024 |            | \$ 942,502.24 |
| Monthly Building Loan Payment                          |            | \$ 17,200.00  |

**MASS INFORMATION**

**MINISTERS PLEASE  
SIGN UP ONLINE  
FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES!**

*Mass Intentions*  
December 16th - 22nd  
+ Indicates deceased  
All others are Intentions

**Monday, December 16th**

Adrian Elio  
+ Ray Vega

**Tuesday, December 17th**

Francisco Antonio &  
Anna Florinda Tavora

**Wednesday, December 18th**

+ Maria Doan Uong &  
Peter Quang Le

**Thursday, December 19th**

+ Joseph Quang Lam

**Friday, December 20th**

+ Joachim &  
Anna Ninh Nguyen

**Saturday, December 21st**

+ Metro & Julia Mozeliak

**Sunday, December 22nd**

+ Joseph Ngu Do  
+ Bill Proksch  
Parishioners of St. Mark



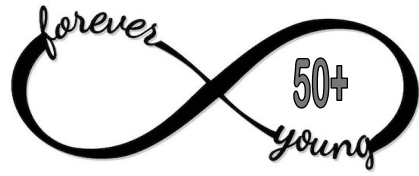
**WEDNESDAY  
DECEMBER 18th, 6pm**



**St. Mark Parishioners  
& Staff would  
like to welcome  
Fr. Jim back from  
sabbatical!**

**December 15, 2024 Third Sunday of Advent**

**SENIOR ACTIVITIES**



**President:**  
Lois Tochtrop  
303-619-4253  
**Dues: \$10 (single)**  
**\$15 (couple)**

- \* **Parish Game Day** Wednesday, **December 18th, 1:00pm**  
St. Rose Room/Church. Please bring your own drink and a snack to share. Join in a variety of games.
- \* **Book Club Cancelled in December.**  
**The next Book Club will be Tuesday, January 28th, 10:00am**  
St. Rose Room / Church  
Book: *A Quilt for Christmas* by: Sandra Dallas
- \* **Lunch/Bocce Mickey's Restaurant Cancelled in December**

**INFORMATION NEEDED**

**HAVE YOU MOVED OR CHANGED YOUR PHONE NUMBER?**  
Correct addresses and phone numbers are crucial information in the church database. Please make sure the parish office has correct information on file. Tax Documents will be mailed in January.

**YOUTH**

**Knights of Columbus 2025 Free Competition**

For boys and girls ages 9-16  
Saturday, January 18th, 10am-1pm.  
Holy Trinity Catholic School Gym.  
More information in upcoming bulletins or  
contact JoJo at 719-775-6720

It's never too late to join St. Mark's Youth Group.  
The next gathering is December 19th.  
6:00pm—7:30pm.  
Come join the fun, bring a friend and explore  
our Catholic Faith. Questions, call Nancy  
At 303-466-8720



**Knights of Columbus  
"Keep Christ in Christmas"  
Poster Contest**

Poster must reflect the theme of  
**"Keep Christ in Christmas"** theme.  
Poster blanks and entry forms available in  
Gathering Space. Posters must be dropped in  
box in Gathering Space no later than  
**December 29th.**  
Judging will take place after all Masses  
**January 4th/5th.**  
Winners will be announced on  
**January 12th.**  
For more information contact Mark Myers,  
303-903-1575.

**WEEKLY PLANNER FOR DECEMBER 15TH - 22ND**

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| <b>Sunday 15th</b>    | 10:15am Faith Formation Las Posadas / Center                         |
| <b>Monday 16th</b>    |  |
| <b>Tuesday 17th</b>   | 1:00pm Grief Ministry Meeting / Church<br>6:00pm OCIA Class / Center |
| <b>Wednesday 18th</b> | <b>PENANCE SERVICE 6pm</b><br>1:00pm Game Day / Church               |
| <b>Thursday 19th</b>  | 6:00pm Youth Group / Church<br>7:00pm Choir Practice / Church        |
| <b>Friday 20th</b>    | 6:15am TMIY / Church   |
| <b>Saturday 21st</b>  |  |
| <b>Sunday 22nd</b>    |  |

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**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Anxiety. Isn't that the epidemic of our age? I read a story recently about a college student who couldn't use her meal card because it had been torn, and she was too anxious to speak to the person in the office who could replace it. She wanted her mom to drive her meals over to her dorm every day to save her from walking into the office and asking for a new card.

I have a feeling this story resonates with more people than we know. The challenge of looking someone in the eye and speaking to them is somehow so terrifying that those afflicted with crippling anxiety would rather isolate themselves than accomplish the normal interactions that are so vital to a happy life.

Compare this story to Paul's letter to the Philippians, written around 62 AD, while Paul was in prison in Rome, awaiting execution. A Roman citizen, St. Paul knew that he would be spared the torture of the crucifixion with his Lord endured. Beheading was the normal mode of execution for those lucky enough to be citizens.

But still. He's in chains in Rome. He knows that the next person at his door could be his executioner. And what does he write to his beloved little community in Philippi? *Have no anxiety at all, but everything in prayer and supplication.* From whence comes this serenity, this perfect peace?

That moment on the road to Damascus, of course, held him tight for the rest of his life. This is what I pray for all of us, that we might hold fast to the grace of our baptisms, and let that grace keep us in peace and strength.

*How will you use this beautiful Advent season to allay anxiety?*

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*"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men" - Luke 2:14*



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## **2024 SCHEDULE**

### **PENANCE SERVICE (Date Change)**

Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

**6:00PM**

### **CHRISTMAS EVE Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

**MASSES:**

**4:00PM**

**6:00PM**

**10:00PM**

### **CHRISTMAS DAY Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

**MASSES:**

**8:00AM**

**10:00AM**

### **NO DAILY MASS**

Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>

Thursday, December 26<sup>th</sup>

### **MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

(Holy Day of Obligation)

**Anticipated Mass ONLY**

Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

**MASS: 6:00PM**

### **NO DAILY MASS**

Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

### **PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED**

December 23<sup>rd</sup> thru January 3<sup>rd</sup> Christmas Break  
(re-opens 9:00AM Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>)