

Saint Mark Catholic Church

December 02, 2018



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Masses: 4:30 pm
Sunday Masses: 8:00, 9:45 & 11:30 am
Daily Mass: 8:30 am in Chapel
First Saturday Mass: 8:30 am in Chapel
Exposition after Mass until noon Benediction
Holy Days: Information in Bulletin
Perpetual Help Devotions/Benediction:
Weds. 7:00 pm in Chapel
Rosary: Mon. Tues. Weds. 7:30 pm
Mon. -Fri. 9:00am
Reconciliation: Saturday 3:45- 4:15 pm
and/or call for an appt.

BAPTISMS

New or expecting parents must contact the Rectory three (3) months before the Baptism to allow sufficient time for the instructions prior to the celebration.

MARRIAGES

Contact Rectory 6 months in advance.
LOCAL CATHOLIC CEMETERIES
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Saint Mark Catholic Community Mission

TO PROMOTE THE LIVING GOSPEL OF
JESUS CHRIST AND LIVE THE
UNIVERSAL CALL TO HOLINESS

Fr. Martin Njoalu, VC, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Mr. Gerard Quinn, Deacon
Coordinator of Religious Education, Gr. 1-8
Maria Ong
Coordinator of Youth Ministry/Confirmation
Jill Watkins
Office Manager
Cathy Coolin

CHOIRS

Michael Clements 4:30
Mario Valentone 8:00
Jun Madrinan 9:45
Don Ramirez 11:30
Nelia Licudine—Children Choir
Last Sat. of month 4:30 & Various 9:45

PARISH MINISTRIES

Altar Servers	Legion of Mary
Catechesis	Parish Pastoral Council
Choirs	Prayer Group
Finance	Rosary Group
Greeters	Sandwiches on Sunday
Hospitality	(SOS)
Knight of Columbus	St. Vincent de Paul
Ladies Guild	Youth Ministry

Welcome in Jesus' Name. Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us, long-time residents or the newly arrived in the parish. We thank God you are with us. If you are not registered, please fill out the form below and place it in the collection basket.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

___ New Parishioner ___ New Phone

___ New Address

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



THE PROMISE OF JUSTICE

We are in fairly good company when we ask God for justice. Often enough we hear and agree with the lament of the people of Israel asking God why the wicked prosper. However, when we call out for justice, we usually want someone to get his or her comeuppance. God's justice is something other than this, of course. God's justice comprises a wonderful rightness between God and humankind.

Today, Jeremiah looks ahead to a time when a just one will sprout from the shorn-off stump of Jesse of the house and family of David. Life was not fair in Jeremiah's time. Israel's kings held the promise of God's fidelity, but it was difficult to see how God's promise could be realized through them.

Nevertheless, Jeremiah lifts his voice and announces that the Promised One will come. Luke's Gospel echoes that announcement, and Paul is filled with sturdy encouragement. And so Advent begins with a promise. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Immaculate
Conception



HOLY Day of Obligation The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass is at 8:30AM Dec. 8th

Advent reminds us that it is time to prepare ourselves spiritually for Christmas, when we receive God's gift, His son, Jesus. The Simbang Gabi communities of Deanery 10 invite you to join us as one community of faith to celebrate the Novena of Advent Masses. Main theme for this year is "The Blessed Virgin Mary: Refuge and Reason for Our Hope." This year, St. Bartholomew San Mateo will host the 15th Annual Simbang Gabi Novena of Advent Masses beginning Saturday, December 15th through Sunday, December 23rd. Masses will be celebrated in 8 different parishes. Bishop Robert Christian will celebrate the Opening Mass at St. Bartholomew on December 15th at 7:00 pm. (Reception after Mass—St. Bart Hall) St. Mark will host the Mass on Monday, December 17th at 7:00 pm at St. Mark. Our main celebrant will be Father Al Furtado. Confessions are available from 6:15 - 6:45 pm nightly. God bless you all. Noel & Tina de Ocampo, Simbang Gabi 2018 Coordinators St. Mark Parish

SIMBANG GABI Novena of Advent Masses

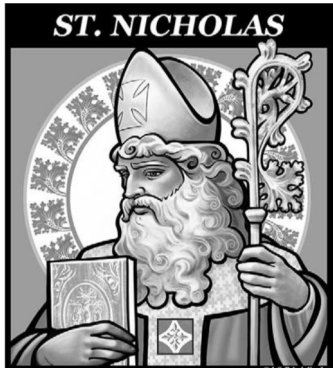
12/15, 7:00 pm at St. Bartholomew
Main Celebrant: Bishop Robert Christian
Reception to follow in hall.
12/16, 7:30 pm at Our Lady of Angels
12/17, 7:00 pm at St. Mark
12/18, 7:00 pm at St. Gregory

12/19, 7:00 pm at St. Catherine
12/20, 7:00 pm at St. Luke
12/21, 7:00 pm at St. Matthew
12/22, 5:00 pm at Immaculate Heart
of Mary
12/23, 7:30 pm at St. Bartholomew

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 & Confirmation (High School)

Remember to sign up for the daily email program from Dynamic Catholic that will help you slow down and focus on what matters most during the busy holiday season: **BestAdventEver.com/Christmas**



**Thursday
 December 5th**



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**THERE WILL BE SIGNS
 in the sun, the moon, and the stars**

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Thank you for your kindness and giving hearts on Thanksgiving Day. Mass You are a blessing to St. Mark!

MASSSES for the WEEK

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MON. Eleanor Braband, 90th Birthday
 TUES. Bernard Atendido, Jr. Birthday
 WED. Amy G. Lim. † (Birthday)
 THURS. Henry Ti Go † (Birthday)
 FRIDAY Lura Wallace †
DECEMBER 8, 2018 HOLY DAY
 8:30 Orelli Sadueste †
DECEMBER 8, 2018 ADVENT
 4:30 Fr. Martin's Grandmother:
 Naomi Jimena †
DECEMBER 9, 2018
 8:00 Maria Laval Kelly †
 9:45 Teresita Cruz †
 11:30 St. Mark Parishioners, Living & †

STEWARDSHIP
 NOV. 18 \$4,336
 NOV. 25 \$4,947

In order to meet the budget for the year, on average, the weekly collection for St. Mark needs to be \$5,800

Thank you for your kind generosity!

WE PRAY FOR:

For our sick and injured
Especially: Linda Yuen, Ernesto Sanchez, Jane Landucci, for those who have ongoing sickness & daily pain and for those who care for them.

For all the souls of the faithful departed
Especially: Naomi Jimena, Annette Couture, Orelli Sadueste, Al Savio
 & for all the families.

For those serving in the military
 and for all the families. May they return home safely.

2018 MEETING CALENDAR

MONDAY:

St. Vincent de Paul 1ST & 3rd
7:15 - 9:00 p.m.
Legion of Mary Every
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Knights Officers 1st
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Knights Council 2nd
7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Group Coordinators 4th (4x/yr.)
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

TUESDAY:

CCD: (Gr 5-8) Sept. - May Every
7:15-8:45 p.m.
Confirmation - Jill 1st & 3rd
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
St. Vincent de Paul Every
In Church 9:00-Noon
Pastoral Council 7:00-9:00 p.m. 4th
WEDNESDAY:
Ladies Guild Sept-May 1st
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Baptism Class 2nd
7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Finance Group 2nd
7:00-9:00 p.m.

Ladies Guild Board 3rd
6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

THURSDAY

Scripture Study Sept-May Every
10:00 - Noon
PRAYER GROUP Every
In Church 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
SVDP (Bread Dist.) Every
In Church 9:00-Noon
Choir - Jun Madrinan Every
7:00 - 8:30pm

FRIDAY—In Church

Children Choir Practice 5:00pm 3rd & 4th
Choir - Don Ramirez Every
7:00-9:00 p.m.
(In Church-BOTH Choirs)
Flower Group 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Every

SATURDAY

Legion of Mary meets 1ST
Noon- 1:30 p.m.
RCIA Every
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

SUNDAY

CCD (Gr 1 -4) Sept.-May Every
9:45 - Noon
Knights- Mass & Fellowship 2nd
11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Youth Group 2nd
6:30 - 9:00 p.m.
SOS 3rd
10:45 - 11:30 a.m.
Youth Group (Aug.- May) 3rd
11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Mass & Fellowship

**(ALL meetings are held in Center unless otherwise indicated) ALL ARE WELCOME!
JOIN A GROUP THAT'S RIGHT FOR YOU!**

ADVENT GIVING



This weekend, the parish begins its annual ADVENT GIVING to benefit our St. Vincent de Paul Conference and Catholic Worker House in Redwood City.

Join in the true meaning of the Advent season by selecting one or more envelopes and fulfilling as requested. St Vincent de Paul: \$25 gift cards from Target, to be used for children's gifts for the families served by St Mark's St. Vincent de Paul conference. Catholic Worker House, Redwood City: \$25 gift cards from Target. Envelopes are available this weekend and next under the Holy Oils by the altar.

To allow time for distribution, all envelopes must be returned to the Giving Baskets by December 9th. Thank you!

Ladies Holiday Party; Come and make new friends!

Our holiday potluck is Wednesday, December 5 in the Fr. Flanagan Ctr. Join us for cocktails at 6:30; dinner 7:00ish. Please bring your specialty, either an appetizer, salad, main dish or dessert. If you wish, you may bring a gift card for the Advent Giving; see above for specifics. We welcome all ladies of the parish. Anyone needing a ride, call Cathy at the rectory, 591-5937.