

St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Community

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Sue Griffith (248) 627-3100

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Monday – Thursday 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

NEW PARISHIONERS:

Welcome! Individuals who actively participate with us are asked to register by contacting the Parish Office.



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MISSION STATEMENT

*St. Mark the Evangelist Parish is
a growing community of faith which strives
to help its members follow Christ's commandment:
"Love one another, as I have loved you."
John 15:12*

SACRAMENTAL LIFE:

Weekend Liturgies:

Saturday 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 9:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day:

Saturday 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

Weekday Liturgies:

Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday 8:30 a.m.
First Friday of the month 8:30 a.m.
Eucharistic adoration 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Christmas, Easter, and Holy Days: see bulletin

Penance Saturday, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Infant Baptism Contact Parish Office

Matrimony Contact Parish Office
(9 months in advance)

Anointing of the Sick Contact Parish Office
(After Masses, at home, or in hospital)

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Monday Noon

CONTACT INFORMATION:

If you move, have a seasonal address, or change of address, phone or e-mail, please contact the Parish Office.

The Third Sunday of Lent in Year A cycle of readings we hear about the Samaritan Woman at the well. This biblical story can have a myriad of applications for living our faith each day. The exchange between Jesus and the Woman can be directed to each one of us. As one of my friends says, "Be a fountain - Not a drain!"

THEME: THIRST

All living creatures share the common experience of thirst. We cannot live without water. In dry seasons, plants wither and die; the unwatered earth cracks, turns to dust, and blows away. The desert because of its dryness is alien land for most living creatures. Drought is the fearful enemy we cannot control. Without water, we shrivel, like dry parchment, and ultimately die.

Not many of us have experienced extreme thirst, but all of us have experienced enough thirst to make us aware of the devastation it causes.

As human beings, we thirst for more than water. The image of thirsting describes our desires. We thirst for love, for knowledge, and sometimes for power and riches. We thirst to be needed, and sometimes thirst to fulfill others' needs.

In the gospel, Jesus promises to be the source of living water. He will satisfy our deepest longings. He is the well that will not run dry, the water that satisfies always. He promises that if we drink the water he gives, it will become a fountain in us, springing up to eternal life.

SYMBOL: WATER

Water is the ultimate thirst-quencher. On hot summer days, it slakes our dryness and restores our energy. The parched earth soaks up water like a sponge and then sprouts new life. When channeled into arid desert land, water transforms it into a lush, fertile valley. Water is life-giving.

Jesus promises that he will give us water, living water that will quench our thirst. This living water is the word he speaks about God. When we believe and accept the gospel of Jesus Christ, our thirst is quenched and new life is given to us.

During the Lenten season, the catechumens are preparing to go down into the water of Baptism. By immersion into water, the candidates follow Christ to his death. Coming out of the waters, the neophytes rise with Christ to new life.

The symbol of water is a reminder of the source of all life.

Feast of St. Joseph – Because March 19 fell on the Third Sunday of Lent this year, the feast of St. Joseph is celebrated on Monday, March 20th. You can read more about this in your little black book for Lent.

Prayer to St. Joseph –

Father, You entrusted our Savior to the care of St. Joseph. By the help of his prayers, may your Church continue to serve its Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Peace,

MONDAY, March 20

7:00 p.m. – Capital Campaign Meeting – Parish Center
7:00 p.m. – LIVE Lent – Rm 1 & 2

TUESDAY, March 21

10:00 a.m. – Shawl Ministry – Contact Parish Office
6:30 p.m. – Mass: Evangelization / Parish
7:00 p.m. – Parish Commissions Mtg – Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, March 22

8:30 a.m. – Mass: People of the Parish / Parish
9:00 a.m. – St. Joseph Guild – Parish Center
10:00 a.m. – AA – Room 1 & 2
6:00 p.m. – RCIA – Room 1 & 2
6:30 p.m. – Soup, Stations & Substance – Parish Center

THURSDAY, March 23

7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice – Church

FRIDAY, March 24

Hospital Visits

10:00 a.m. – Euchre & Luncheon – Parish Center
6:00 p.m. – CCW Spring Crop – Parish Center

SATURDAY, March 25

7:00 a.m. – Men's Fellowship – Parish Center
9:00 a.m. – CCW Spring Crop – Parish Center
4:30 – 5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church
5:30 p.m. – Mass: People of El Salvador / Parish

SUNDAY, March 26

9:30 a.m. – Mass: Our Catechumens / Parish
2nd Scrutiny RCIA
9:30 a.m. – Children's Liturgy of the Word
10:30 a.m. – Hospitality Hour – Parish Center
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – REF Grades K-5
5:30 p.m. – Mass: World Peace / Parish
6:30–8:00 p.m. – REF Grades 6-8

LET US PRAY:

For Peace; for Women/Men in the Military Service:

SSG J Gillett; Maj. S Halleaux; Maj. C Kaighen;
SPC T Kenney; S/Sgt. D Kendall; CPL M Zagone

For Our Sick: Those who are homebound, in the hospital or another healthcare facility.

For Prayer Ministry Requests: Contact Joan Turner, joanturner38@sbcglobal.net or 248-410-2286.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Mon, 3/20: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
- Tues, 3/21: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
- Wed, 3/22: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
- Thur, 3/23: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
- Fri, 3/24: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
- Sat, 3/25: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
- Sun, 3/26: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

Communal Penance Service – Mar. 26

Our Communal Penance Service at St. Mark is next Sunday March 26 at 3:00 p.m. Make plans to attend.

Third Sunday of Lent THIRSTING FOR LIFE-GIVING WATERS

Especially during the Lenten, Holy Week, and Easter seasons, the prayer texts of the Eastern Church revel in paradoxical images of Christ: the eternal life who is put to death, the host of the supper who is also its meal, the thirsty crucified one with living water streaming from his side. These images flow from the evangelists' portrayals of Jesus and from his very ministry, during which he often upset or reversed people's expectations about him or the ways of God. This "reversal" is at play in today's Gospel, as Jesus speaks to an enemy foreigner who is also a woman beneath his status. In addition he, the thirsting one, shows the woman to be the one truly thirsting. He—whose parched lips will say "I thirst" before he dies—is the source of life and life-giving water. Lent calls upon us to dwell on how each of us is thirsting for Christ, and it leads us, ultimately, back to the life-giving waters of our baptism into his Body.

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE	
March 11 & 12	
Weekly Collection	\$ 3,074.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,650.00
Children	\$ 7.50
Youth	\$ 10.00



Soup, Stations and Substance – Mar. 22

Once again, we will have Soup, Stations and Substance on Wednesdays during Lent; next one will be March 22. Join us at 6:30 p.m. for a soup dinner, Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. and faith discussions thereafter.

CCW Annual Spring Scrapbook CROP – Mar. 24 & 25

Here is your opportunity to catch up on organizing those pictures! Contact Cindy Bell to register at 248-660-4931 or cabsandkids@aol.com. Registration includes plenty of space, snacks, vendors and prizes. The CROP will be held Friday 6:00 p.m. to midnight (\$12) and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. (\$35). Snacks will be provided on Friday and breakfast, lunch & dinner served on Saturday.

Catholic Relief Services National Collection - Mar. 25- 26

Next weekend, our parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. This collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. Help comfort, feed, and aid those in need. Next week please give generously and help Jesus in Disguise.

St. Mark @ North End Soup Kitchen – Mar. 31

Every 5th Friday of the month is our parish's day to serve lunch at the North End Soup Kitchen. Our next scheduled day is Friday March 31. To volunteer, call the Parish Office; we gather at 8:30 a.m. by the Parish Office entrance in the parking lot for carpooling.

Annual Easter Candy Sale – Apr. 1 & 2

The Music Ministry will be selling Easter Candy after all Masses on April 1 and 2. Proceeds help fund the purchase of new music for our choir and church. Contact Deb Foerster at 810-694-5983 with any questions.

FAITH FORMATION

Deacon Ron Kenney, Director of Faith Formation
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3rd Week of Lent: Encounter Opportunity – We encounter Fernando in El Salvador where, despite a lack of economic opportunity, youth are pursuing their dreams of building businesses to better the lives of their families. How have you worked to better the lives of others this Lent? Visit crsricebowl.org. How's your Rice Bowl this week?

Walk the Talk! Be Peace!
Deacon Ron

St. Mark Youth Group

- **High School Youth Group.** Meets every other Wednesday, 7-9pm throughout the school year. All 9th-12th graders are invited for FAITH, FUN and FRIENDS. Contact Dcn. Ron for more information.
- **St. Mark Youth Group Mission Trip 2017.** High School youth are invited to sign up for our annual Mission Trip. We will be going to Charleston, West Virginia June 25-July 1, 2017. For more info contact Dcn. Ron.

Adult Faith Formation

- **LIVE LENT!** Mondays 7-8:30pm Parish Center
- **Lenten Men's Fellowship:** All Men of St. Mark are invited to join us for Reflection, Prayer and Challenge every Saturday morning during the Lenten Season. Be the kind of man, husband, father, son, brother and friend you want to be and God intends you to be! Join Dcn Ron in the Parish Center for one hour, the topics and discussions are more worthwhile than giving up meat on Friday!

REF Children and Youth

- **3/26** – REF (11-12:30pm K-5th)(6:30-8pm 6th-8th)
- **3/29** – HS Youth Group (9th-12th, 7-9pm)
- **Looking ahead:** NO REF (4/2, 4/9, 4/16)

RCIA – The "Scrutinies" of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is celebrated on the third (March 18), fourth (March 26), and fifth (April 2) Sundays of Lent. These are ancient rites that are profoundly rooted in our human experience. We need to examine (scrutinize) how we are, the areas of our lives where we are tempted--in what we do and what we fail to do. After the homily, each scrutiny begins with silent prayer, for both the Elect, and the assembly. The assembly prays for them, asking God to protect them and heal them in the weeks ahead. Next, intersessions for the Elect are prayed together, and then a special prayer of exorcism, led by the presider, is offered to free them of evil. Next, the priest or deacon lays his hands on the head of each Elect, a solemn act of calling the Spirit of Jesus to be with them and protect them. Finally, the Elect are dismissed to continue to reflect upon the Word (from Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops).