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Jesus came to Galilee
proclaiming the gospel of God:
"This is the time of fulfillment.
The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel."

Mark 1:14-15

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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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
or by appointment

Bulletin News for March 7th must be submitted to Tricia Palko by Wednesday, February 24th

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday:	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

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Sacred Conversations

First Sunday of Lent

Many years ago I was hospitalized several times over the course of five months. Probably the most visceral memory I have of that terrible time is of a recurring dream. The Greeks had it right when they named "Morpheus" (morphine) the god of dreams. If you've ever spent a length of time on morphine I'll bet you've had some awful dreams too.

In this dream I was on an escalator, going down, down. There was no escape, no hope. I remember thinking how odd it was that everyone was on the escalator, everyone was doomed to an eternity of going down without any glimpse of sky or light, and yet we all kept pretending that we didn't realize this.

Through the grace of God and the strength of the prayers of hundreds of people, I recovered. And over time the dream lost its power, so much so that, nearly fourteen years later, I have to work to remember it at all.

But when I think of the Great Flood, the terrible waters covering the earth and all that dwelt upon it, I remember that feeling of going down, down. A catastrophic flood is related in several ancient texts. There seems to be, lodged in our universal collective unconscious, a sense that we are traveling down, down, without hope of rescue.

But, stronger than death, Rescue did arrive, and even the torments of Satan couldn't keep him from us. Such is the fierce love of Jesus. The early Christians imaged the Church as a boat on high seas, keeping us up, up. Jesus commands that boat, of course. Grab on that boat. Grab on to Jesus. He will raise you up.

How will you cling to Jesus this Lent as you exercise a new discipline?

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Lenten Food/Basic Hygiene Drive to support Growing Home February 27th/28th

St. Mark will be hosting a drive to help Growing Home restock their shelves. The items they are in most need of are: rice, pasta, dry beans, cereal, peanut butter, oatmeal and tortillas. They are also in need of basic hygiene items such as: soap, tooth brush, tooth paste, deodorant, shampoo, brush and comb. They are grateful for any items that we can supply them. They will accept any non-perishable items or any hygiene items. We will have large trash cans set-up in the gathering space at all the masses next weekend. What a great opportunity to help those in need during lent.

Stewardship for the week of 02/14/21

Offertory	02/14/2021	$	22,752.37
Deferred Maintenance	02/14/2021	$	55.00
Building Fund	02/14/2021	$	1,065.00
MTD Offertory		$	46,268.01
MTD Deferred Maintenance		$	635.00
MTD Building Fund		$	1,670.00
Total amount owed on building loan *as of 12/31/2020*			$1,891,012.74
Monthly Building Loan Payment		$	17,164.00

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Friday Evenings 7pm
February 19, February 26, March 5, March 12, March 19 & March 26

ADORATION & BENEDICTION:

Every Tuesday during Lent beginning February 23 from 11:30am - 1:30pm

HOLY WEEK 2021

No 8:30am Daily Mass

Chrism Tuesday, March 30 &

Holy Thursday, April 1 & Good Friday, April 2

Holy Thursday, April 1, 2021

7:00pm Mass of The Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 2, 2021

1:00pm Passion, Veneration of the Cross, Communion

7:00pm Station of the Cross (Inside Church)

It will not be the Living Stations this year due to restrictions.

Holy Saturday, April 3, 2021

8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass

No 5:00pm Mass

Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021

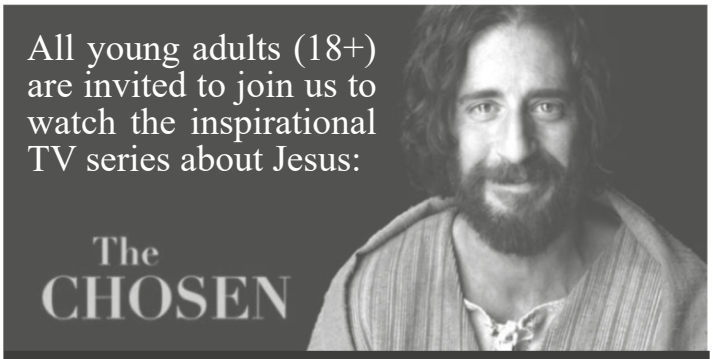
Masses:

7:30am, 9:00am & 11:30am

Parish Office will be closed
April 1st to April 5th and
will re-open on Tuesday, April 6th at 9am.

Middle School INSPIRE Youth Group

Thursday, March 4
6:30-8:00 PM
Zoom (see email for ID & passcode)



Wednesdays at 7PM on Zoom (starting Jan. 6)
Zoom ID: 885 2516 6473 / Passcode: Chosen

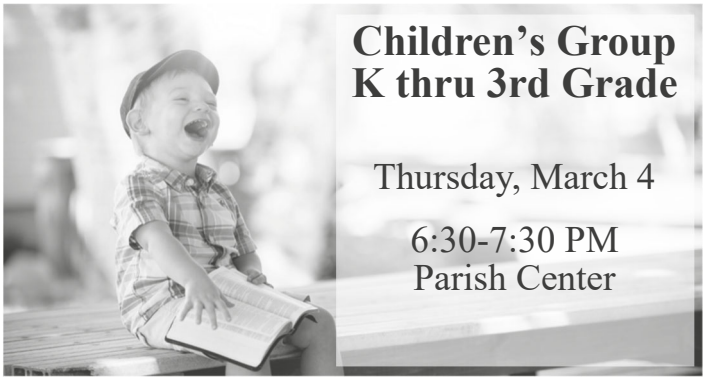
High School Youth Group EMPOWER

Sunday, February 21
6:30-8:00 PM
Parish Center (in-person)
Next Meeting: Sunday, February 28

4/5 Pre IGNITE Youth Group

Thursday, February 25

6:30-7:30 PM
Parish Center



Children's Group K thru 3rd Grade

Thursday, March 4

6:30-7:30 PM
Parish Center

Ask Him to remind you that He'll just listen to your heart when you're finding it difficult to pray. Jane Trufant Harvey

At different times in our lives,
we all need a new perspective.
Matthew Kelly

Prayers for the Sick and Every St. Mark Parishioner in need

Dick DiGiacomo, Dale Lebya, Ruth Lebya, Michael Sackett, Don Lewis, Glen Jacobson, Maura Wedle, Garrett Booco, Carson Booco, Patricia Federico, Norman Kohlbeck, Frank Jaime, Stan Kapron, Jackie Fabrizio

Please Pray for these people - Prayer is Powerful

Building Fund Donations We still need your help!

If you would like to help lower the debt of the Building Loan - donations are always appreciated and welcomed, **any amount at any time.** please pick-up a pink labeled envelope from any of the book racks or label envelope clearly for "Building Fund" and place in the offertory basket or mail to the office. Are you aware that you can also make donations online? Go to **www.saintmarkcc.org** on the home page, go to online giving, click on donation - select Capital Campaign Building Fund. Every penny counts!

"Equal Sacrifice not Equal Giving".

Electronic Giving

We encourage you to set up a schedule of recurring contributions. It is a convenient way for you and the church. If you are currently giving on a weekly or monthly basis, you will no longer have to write checks or prepare envelopes. Even when travel, illness or other circumstance prevent you from attending mass, St. Mark will continue to receive your contribution on an uninterrupted basis. If you do not want to setup a recurring you can do a one time donation. To become an electronic giver, visit our website **www.saintmarkcc.org** click on the Online Giving button on the home page and create your secured account. For more information please contact Tricia at 303-466-8720 or email **t.palko@saintmarkcc.org**

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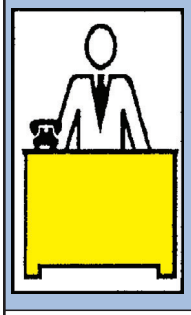

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