

St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church

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prepare the way...



ADVENT

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 23rd @ 7 pm

- † Leonor Cuenca Canaon req. by Cellie & Family
- † Maria Stea req. by Mom & Dad
- † Tony Pontieri req. by Carmela Pontieri & Family
- † Selliah Suthesanathan req. by Pravina
- † Carolina DiCillo req. by Melanie Piedad
- † Leo Benko req. by Moreno-Stober Family
- Intentions of Marie Liotta req. by Melanie Piedad

Wednesday, December 24th @ 5 pm

St. Mark's Community req. by Fr. Tad

@ 7 pm

St. Mark's Community req. by Fr. Tad

@ Midnight

St. Mark's Community req. by Fr. Tad

Thursday, December 25th @ 10 am

St. Mark's Community req. by Fr. Tad

@ Noon

St. Mark's Community req. by Fr. Tad

Friday, December 26th @ 9 am

† Barbara Rozario req. by Mike Rozario

Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30 am – 1 pm

Saturday, December 27th @ 9 am

† Anthony & Domenico Metauro req. by Anna Metauro & Family

† Prospero Gerardo req. by Roy & Mary Jand Abad

† Randy Isenberg req. by Jean & Family

† Leo Benko req. by The Raes Family

Intentions of Josie Schwarzli req. by Lea Schwarbauer

Intentions of Conchita & John Patdu (50th Wedding

Anniversary) req. by Don & Susan Dizon

Intentions of Poulouse & Mary Annie Irimpan req. by

Irimpan Family

@ 5 pm

† Egidio Gullo req. by Pasquale Gullo

Sunday, December 28th

@ 9 am (also live streamed)

St. Mark's Community req. by Fr. Tad

@ 11 am

† Virginia Arlt req. by Virginia Conrads



Please join us as we pray for healing and comfort for all those who are sick, shut-in, in hospital, nursing or retirement homes, or assisted living residences. In a special way, let us pray for the health and well-being of: **Rita LoMagno, Joanne Taylor, Tony Diana, Pam May and Robert Komar.** Please also pray for any recently deceased faithful departed, **Deacon William Daly, Maria Madalena Medeiros Pacheco** and those who remain in the silence of our hearts.

Christmas Schedule 2025



CHRISTMAS MASSES

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

- ◆ 5:00 pm Mass
- ◆ 7:00 pm Mass
- ◆ 12:00 Midnight Mass

Thursday, December 25, 2025

- ◆ 10:00 am Mass
- ◆ 12:00 pm Mass

Friday, December 26, 2025

- ◆ 9:00 am Mass – St. Stephen's Day



MARY MOTHER OF GOD SOLEMNITY (NEW YEAR)

Wednesday, December 31, 2025

- ◆ 5:00 pm Mass

Thursday, January 1, 2026

- ◆ 10:00 am Mass
- ◆ 12:00 pm Mass

Advent Confessions



In addition to our regular confession times, reconciliation will be offered:

Tuesday, Dec. 23, 7:30 – 9 pm

Church Office - Holiday Hours

Wednesday Dec. 24 - Open 9am-Noon

Thursday Dec. 25 - Closed

Friday Dec. 26 - Closed

Wednesday Dec. 31 - Open 9am-Noon

Thursday Jan. 1 - Closed



Thank you to O'Neill Funeral Home for donating the lovely Poinsettia arrangements and to all our volunteers who helped decorate the church. God bless you all!

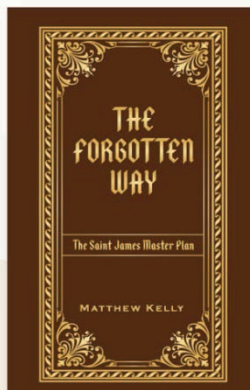
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CHRISTMAS BOOK PROGRAM

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Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses.



Pastor's Christmas Greetings



"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light." (Is. 9.2) In this world filled with so much darkness, violence, and strife, we need **hope** and light. Let us open our lives, our minds, and hearts to the coming of Jesus so that He can fill us with his life, **hope**, and love. Jesus is coming not to take away our troubles but to help us to face them and overcome them just as He did. I hope and pray that all of us, our families, friends, and our parish will be touched and changed by the coming of Jesus this Christmas. Let us not hold to this life and love for ourselves but share it with others around us. We are to be Jesus' mouth, hands, and feet in this world, building God's Kingdom in our lives, in our families, communities, and the whole world.

This is my wish and prayer for all of you.
Fr. Tad, Deacon Wayne, Deacon Gordon, Grant,
Sara, Cathy, Emy and Marcel



SAVE THE DATE

**Romulo Delgado's:
"The Cross of Christ"**

Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026, at 3:30 pm

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collection next weekend: December
27/28 to support ShareLife.**

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife
envelope, online through our parish
website, or at sharelife.org/donate/.

2025 Tax Receipts

**The books will be closed for 2025 donations
on Wednesday, December 31st, 2025**

Any donations you wish to make for 2025 must be
received by **December 31st, 2025**. Anything after
this date will apply to the 2026 year. Your name and
address will appear exactly as it does on your
offertory donation box. If there are any changes,
please contact the office.



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generosity, for you help and for your prayers.

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accepted.

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Save the Date

Sunday, February 8, 2026. The Knights of
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