

# ST. MARK

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

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DECEMBER 15, 2024  
SECOND SUNDAY OF  
ADVENT

### ST. MARK CHURCH

#### SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil - 4 pm & 6 pm (NCW)  
Sunday - 9 am, 11 am (Español)

#### DAILY MASS

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday - 9 am  
Thursday - 6:30 pm (Español)

#### RECONCILIATION & HOLY HOUR

Thursday - 5:30-6:30 pm

### ST. DOMINIC CHAPEL

#### VIGIL MASS

Saturday Vigil - 6 pm & 7:30 pm (NCW)

#### DAILY MASS

Tuesday - 6 pm (Español)

#### PARISH OFFICE

Tuesday & Thursday - 9:00 am - 4 pm  
Wednesday - 9 am - 12 pm  
Monday, Friday, Saturday - Closed

# Welcome!



## WELCOME TO ST. MARK!

Welcome to our parish family! Whether you're a lifelong Catholic, new to the faith, or simply visiting, we hope you feel truly at home here. We warmly invite you to join us for Mass, participate in our ministries, and engage in our parish events as we journey together in faith. May God bless you abundantly, and we look forward to having you with us!

## OUR CLERGY

### Pastor

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### Deacon

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### Deacon

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## OUR STAFF

### Office Personal Assistant

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## ST. DOMINIC CHAPEL

### Office Personal Assistant

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### Address

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## SCRIPTURE READINGS & CALENDAR

### Monday, December 16 |

Nm24:2-7,15-17 | Mt 21:23-27

5am Morning Prayer

4pm Adoration until Mon.4pm

6pm RCIA (St. Dominic)

6:30pm Prayer Group

### Tuesday, December 17

Gn49:2,8-10 | Mt 1:1-17

5am Morning Prayer

9am mass

5pm Confession & 6pm Mass (St. Dominic)

### Wednesday, December 18

Jer23:5-8 | Mt 1:18-25

5am Morning Prayer

9am Mass

6pm Religious Education (St. Dominic)

8pm NCW Community

### Thursday, December 19

Jgs13:2-7,24-25 | Lk 1:5-25

5am Morning Prayer

5:30pm Confession & 6:30pm Spanish Mass

### Friday, December 20

Is 7:10-14 | Lk1:26-38

5am Morning Prayer

9am Mass

7:30pm Charismatic Group (St. Dominic)

### Saturday, December 21

Sg2:8-14 | Lk1:39-45

4pm Mass

6pm Spanish Mass (St. Dominic)

7:30pm NCW Mass (St. Dominic)

### Sunday, December 22

Ml5:1-4 | Heb10:5-10 | Lk 1:39-45

8am RCIA in Spanish (St. Dominic)



## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

### Dec 24:

5pm: Mass 8pmMass (Spanish) 12am Midnight Mass

### Dec25:

9am: Mass 11amMass (Spanish)

# Offertory & Prayers

OFFERTORY—NOVEMBER 30-DEC01  
2024

St. Mark's Collection	\$ 7,182
Online Giving	\$342
St. Dominic Chapel	\$ 1,053
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Total Collection	\$ 8,577

## DONATE ONLINE

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## PRAYERS FOR PARISHIONERS

If you or a loved one is sick and would like to be on our prayer list please contact the parish office.

## SPECIAL INTENTIONS

This week, we pray for:

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, December 07

4:00 pm

(s) Phil Healey

6:00 pm (St. Dominic)

(s) Adan Saucedo

### Sunday, December 08

9:00 am

(s) Phil Healey

11:00 am

† Juan Manuel Guerero

† Ruben Vega

† - deceased (s) - sick



Part Two of Advent is from Dec. 17-24. These last eight days before Christmas recall the first coming of God in

flesh through the birth of Christ. This preparation teaches us an important lesson about Christmas. God was born into our world and took on our flesh. This incarnation continues to unfold in our current time and place. Christmas does not simply remember a past event as if it were over and done with. Christmas encourages us to live in hope and faith that God will continue to enter our world and bring about God's reign.

St. John Paul II said, "The liturgy of Advent . . . helps us to understand fully the value and meaning of the mystery of Christmas. It is not just about commemorating the historical event, which occurred some 2,000 years ago in a little village of Judea. Instead, it is necessary to understand that the whole of our life must be an 'advent,' a vigilant awaiting of the final coming of Christ. To predispose our mind to welcome the Lord who, as we say in the Creed, one day will come to judge the living and the dead, we must learn to recognize him as present in the events of daily life. Therefore, Advent is, so to speak, an intense training that directs us decisively toward him who already came, who will come, and who comes continuously."



Join us every day from Monday to Friday during Advent and pray the official prayer of the Church in the morning. This advent we need a wakeful heart, a free heart, a heart that does not let itself be crushed by sadness.

**Time : 5am Place: St. Mark—St. John hall**



# ANUNCIOS PARROQUIALES

## 3ra Semana de Adviento



ALEGRAOS SIEMPRE en el Señor; os lo repito, alegraos. El Señor está cerca» (Fil 4,4-5). En la liturgia de

la Iglesia, el tercer domingo de Adviento es conocido como domingo «*gaudete*» o «de la alegría», y se nos invita a reflexionar sobre la causa de nuestro gozo. Todos, en lo más profundo de nuestra alma, ansiamos ser felices. Sin embargo, en ocasiones buscamos esa alegría solo en aspectos parciales de nuestra vida: en poseer ciertos bienes materiales, en el reconocimiento social que recibimos, en adquirir algún tipo de cualidad o en una serena vida familiar. Todo esto es bueno, sin duda, pero san Pablo nos recuerda que esas alegrías solo llegan a su plenitud cuando están enraizadas en la felicidad que nos regala Jesús: «Alegraos siempre en el Señor».

## La importancia de las posadas

Las posadas son un medio para preparar con alegría y oración nuestro corazón para la venida de Jesucristo, y para recordar y vivir los momentos que pasaron José y María antes del Nacimiento de Jesús.

Debemos vivir las tradiciones y costumbres navideñas con el significado interior y no sólo el exterior para preparar nuestro corazón para el nacimiento de Jesús. Algunas personas te podrán decir que estas costumbres y tradiciones las ha inventado la gente para divertirse y los comercios para vender. Recuerda que hay mucho significado detrás de cada una y trata de vivir estas tradiciones con el sentido profundo que tienen. Así, el 24 de diciembre no solo será un festejo más, sino que habrás preparado tu corazón con un verdadero amor a Dios y a tu prójimo.



Acompañanos todos los días de Adviento de Lunes-Viernes a rezar los Laudos, la oración oficial de la Iglesia en la mañana. ¿está mi corazón agobiado por el miedo, las preocupaciones, las angustias por el futuro? Ven y reza con toda la parroquia y vive este tiempo de adviento con un espíritu de esperanza.

**Lugar: San Marcos—Hall de San Juan**

**Hora: 5am**

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## Horario Navideño

Diciembre 24: 5pm Misa en Ingles  
8pm Misa en Español (San Marcos)  
12am Misa de Gallo en Ingles  
Diciembre 25: 9am Misa en Ingles  
11am Misa en Español

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