

PASTORAL BULLETIN FOR THE PARISHES OF
SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS & SAINT MARK
WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 14 & 15, 2024

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BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Submit articles to csanders@stmarkstl.com
at least 10 days prior to desired publication date.
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*THIRD SUNDAY
OF ADVENT*

THE LORD, YOUR GOD, IS IN YOUR MIDST,
A MIGHTY SAVIOR;
HE WILL REJOICE OVER YOU WITH GLADNESS,
AND RENEW YOU IN HIS LOVE.

—ZEPHANIAH 3:17

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SACRAMENTAL SCHEDULE

HOLY MASS

Monday-Friday
6:30 AM *at St. Martin*
8:00 AM *at St. Mark (livestream)*

Saturday Morning 8:00 AM
at St. Mark (livestream)

Saturday Evening Vigils
4:00 PM *at St. Martin*
5:00 PM *at St. Mark*

Sunday Morning
7:00, 9:00 (livestream) & 11:00 AM
at St. Mark
10:00 AM *at St. Martin*

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, & FUNERALS

May be scheduled at St. Mark, St. Martin,
St. Andrew, St. Bernadette, or St. Matthias
Churches by calling the Pastoral Office.

CONFESSIONS

One half hour prior to each Vigil or
Sunday Mass beginning at the quarter hour.



Saturday, December 14 *3rd Sunday of Advent*

4:00PM @ St. Martin Sean Verbeck+
5:00PM @ St. Mark Leonard Baca+

Sunday, December 15

7:00 @ St. Mark Jim Hieger+
9:00 @ St. Mark George+ & Celeste+ Ottoline
10:00 @ St. Martin People of the Parishes
11:00 @ St. Mark Norma Ratchford+

Monday, December 16

6:30AM @ St. Martin Steve Capkovic, Sr.+
8:00 @ St. Mark Adele Major

Tuesday, December 17

6:30 @ St. Martin Dolores Lampe+
8:00 @ St. Mark Eddie R. Jones, Sr.+

Wednesday, December 18

6:30 @ St. Martin Kwiatkowski Family
8:00 @ St. Mark Harold+ & Terese+ Mall

Thursday, December 19

6:30 @ St. Martin Kwiatkowski Family
8:00 @ St. Mark Laverne Mueller+

Friday, December 20

6:30 @ St. Martin Janet Hickey+
8:00 @ St. Mark Ted+ & Marie+ Nowak

Saturday, December 21

8:00 @ St. Mark Ben Barber+



TODAY'S READINGS 3rd Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah 3:14-18a

The LORD, your God, is in your midst,
as a Mighty Savior.

He will rejoice over you with gladness and
renew you in his love . . .

Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the LORD always!

Luke 3:10-18

Exhorting the people in many ways
he preached good new to them.



READINGS FOR DECEMBER 16TH - 22ND

Monday: **Numbers 24:2-17a**
Matthew 21:23-27

Tuesday: **Genesis 49:2-10**
Matthew 1:1-17

Wednesday: **Jeremiah 23:5-8**
Matthew 1:18-25

Thursday: **Judges 13:2-25**
Luke 1:5-25

Friday: **Isaiah 7:10-14**
Luke 1:26-38

Saturday: **Song of Songs 2:8-14**
Luke 1:39-45

Sunday: **Micah 5:1-4a**
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45

THE PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Advent is a great time to make a good confession?

1) Make a Good Examination of Conscience.

Ask God's help to remember the poor choices by which you may have failed to do the good Christ calls each of us to strive for each day.

Some common questions that may give insight into what you might confess are:

- **Where have I knowingly fallen short of the honor and love which I owe to God?**

In failing to honor the Lord by participating actively in Holy Mass each Sunday?

In neglecting to make daily prayer a part of my life?

In careless use of God's Name as a curse?

- **Where have I failed to show respect and love for others that Christ commands?**

In speaking in hurtful, critical or abusive ways to family members and others who share my daily life?

In abusing food, drink, or drugs?

In viewing pornography or engaging in sexual acts outside marriage, alone or with others?

In lying or cheating others out of what is rightfully theirs?

In lashing out in anger or doing violence to another in any way.

2) Confess your sins and receive a penance.

The goal of confession is not just to obtain forgiveness but to make some change for the better in your life, so the priest will ask you to perform some form of penance (*some act of prayer or charity*).

3) Make a sincere Act of Contrition.

This may be a spontaneous or memorized prayer of sorrow for the sins confessed with a request for help to do better.

4) Listen to the Words of Absolution and go in peace to love the Lord and your neighbors.

Confessions are heard one hour before each of the weekend Masses until the three quarter hour at both sites & Thursday at 5:00 PM at St. Mark.

Three Confessors will be present at St. Martin's on Tuesday, December 17th from 7:00 PM until all penitents are heard.



Monday, December 16

Seniors Exercise Class

9:00 AM St. Mark Rm 112

Parish School of Religion

6:30 PM St. Mark School

Tuesday, December 17

Devotion to the Mother of Perpetual Help

After 6:30 AM & 8:00 AM Mass

Prayer Shawl Ministry

9:00 AM Pastoral Office

Quilting

9:00 AM St. Mark Rm 113

Quilting 10:00 AM St. Martin Runge Hall

Penance Service 7:00 AM St. Martin Church

Wednesday, December 18

Bible Study 9:00 AM St. Mark Rm 101

Quilting 9:00 AM St. Mark Rm 113

Cards 12:30 PM St. Mark Rm 114

Knights of Columbus Christmas Party

5:30 PM Andre's Banquet

Thursday, December 19

Eucharistic Adoration After 8:00 AM Mass
until 6:45 PM Benediction

Seniors Exercise Class

9:00 AM St. Mark Rm 112

Quilting 10:00 AM St. Martin Runge Hall

Choir Practice 6:30 PM St. Mark Rm 101

Pastoral Council 7 PM St. Martin Runge Hall

Legion of Mary 7:15 PM St. Mark Rm 115

Friday, December 20

Men's Club Christmas Party

6:00 PM Andre's Banquet

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)

7:30 PM St. Andrew School
(Hoffmeister Entrance)

Sunday, December 22

Bandwagon Hall Bingo (Volunteer Team 4)
2:30 PM Doors Open 5:30 PM Games Begin

PRAY

PRAYER REQUESTS

For Those Who Have Died, especially:

**Chuck Marty
Sharon Kerber
Sharon Kirchofer**

*May They and All the Faithful Departed
rest in the Peace of Christ*

For All the Sick,

*May They experience God's Healing Power,
& be returned to the Community of Faith!*

**For All Students
of our Parish School of Religion, especially
Those making Their
First Reconciliation tomorrow:**

**Jane Bales
Ava Fisbeck
Charlotte Hrbacek
Jacob Manning
Pau Tuang**

*May They experience God's Graces &
Healing Power, & remain close to Him!*



PRAYER HOTLINE

The members of this ministry pray
for the special intentions of parishioners.
To be included in prayer or to pray for others,
please contact Jean Malone at 314.544.3572.



PRAYER SHAWL

Crocheted and knitted shawls
are made with the intention of offering
prayer and comfort to the recipients.
If you wish to receive a blessed prayer shawl
for yourself or another,
please call Marion at 314.487.2207.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

THURSDAYS

at St. Mark

after 8:00 AM Mass
until Benediction at
6:45 PM

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At Weekend Masses or our Websites:

smartinoftours.com or stmarkstl.com

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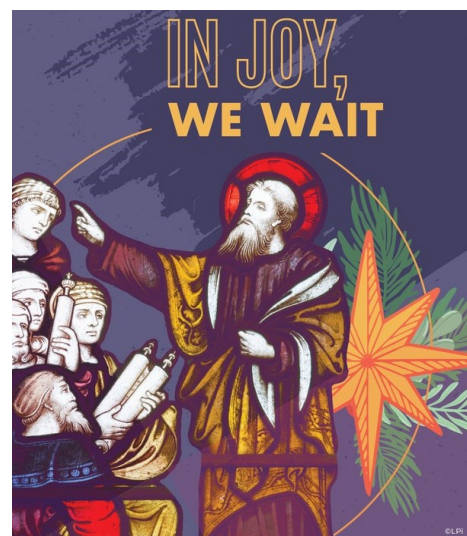
BULLETIN SUBMISSION DATES

Due to the Holidays, *please submit announcements for both the December 29th and January 5th Pastoral Bulletins by Noon this Thursday, December 19th.*

With the January 12th edition submissions are once again due at least ten days prior to the publication date desired.

Please send them to csanders@stmarkstl.com.

All announcements are subject to editing.



CATHOLIC MEN FOR CHRIST

Conference



DR. JONATHAN REYES

CALLED TO FREEDOM

"For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love be servants of one another" - Galatians 5:13

FEBRUARY 15, 2025 8:45 AM - 4:00 PM

SI Commons at SLUH
4970 Oakland Ave

Host - Adam Wright

Music - Sean Feltz

Early bird pricing: \$35
available through 1/15/2025

REGISTER:
catholicmenforchrist.org



JOHN EDWARDS



FR. PATRICK IKE NWOKOJE



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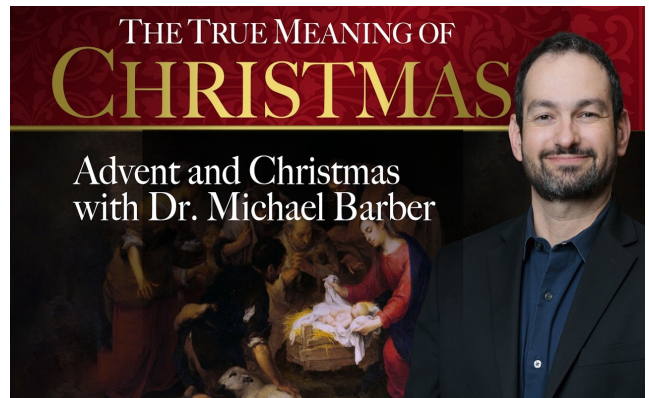
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One such program is Dr. Michael Barber's "*The True Meaning of Christmas*" which may help to answer the questions about your favorite Christmas traditions.

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Christmas Eve
or
Christmas Day.



**MASS SCHEDULES
FOR
HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION**

Christmas

The Eve, Tuesday, December 24th

4:00 PM & 10:00 PM

at Both St. Mark & St. Martin

The Day, Wednesday, December 25th

9:00 AM (livestream) at St. Mark &

10:00 AM at St. Martin

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New Year's

Mary, The Mother of God

The Eve, Tuesday, December 31st

4:00 PM at Both St. Martin & St. Mark

The Day, Wednesday, January 1st

9:00 AM (livestream) at St. Mark &

10:00 AM at St. Martin

COVENANT NETWORK - CATHOLIC RADIO fills the airways with inspirational and educational programming that will help you be more mindful of the Christ Child during the Christmas Season.

Listen to Catholic radio on KHOJ 1460 AM or at the Covenant Network App or at OurCatholicRadio.org.



The beautiful flowers and decorations that you will soon find in our churches this Christmas Season are made possible through the donations of many parishioners through their use of the Christmas Flower Offering envelopes.

Thank you for your generosity.



December 1, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On May 9, 2024, Pope Francis issued "SPES NON CONFUNDIT" (Hope does not disappoint), Bull of Induction of the Ordinary Jubilee of the Year 2025. The Holy Father invited "everyone to an intense experience of the love of God" and "calls on all Christians to become Pilgrims of Hope."

The Jubilee 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope will begin on December 24, 2024, with the opening of the Holy Door at the Basilica of St. Peter in Rome and continue until the closing of the Jubilee Year on January 6, 2026.

I invite all the faithful to join Bishop Mark Rivituso to celebrate the solemn opening of the Jubilee on Sunday, December 29, 2024, at the 10:00 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, 4431 Lindell Boulevard. The Jubilee will conclude locally on December 28, 2025.

As part of the Jubilee, the faithful of the Archdiocese of St. Louis will be able to obtain the grace of the Jubilee Indulgence by making a pious pilgrimage to any sacred Jubilee site under the usual conditions. I have designated nine Jubilee pilgrimage sites across the archdiocese:

Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis
Basilica of Saint Louis, King of France
Holy Spirit Adoration Sisters at the Mount Grace Covent and Chapel
Carmel of Saint Joseph at the Chapel of the Most Precious Blood
Saint Mary's of the Barrens National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal
Monastery of Saint Clare of the Immaculate Conception
Passionist Nuns of St. Louis
Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in New Melle
Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Union

If you wish to learn more about the Jubilee Indulgence and for a complete list of the pilgrimage sites, please visit: [archstl.org/2025jubileeyear](https://www.archstl.org/2025jubileeyear).

Please visit the following links for much more information about the Jubilee Year:

The Vatican Jubilee 2025 website: <https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html>

The USCCB Jubilee 2025 website: <https://www.usccb.org/committees/jubilee-2025>

I am confident that this Holy Year will be a time for rediscovery and unity, opening hearts to receive the fullness of God's love and mercy through a personal encounter with the Lord, Jesus Christ.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski
Archbishop of St. Louis