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February 16, 2025

Some of our youth are at **Confirmation Retreat** today in Little Rock. Pray for their spiritual growth and their safe travels.

St. Mark Bible Study is on Thursday, February 20th at 7 PM at the Dick house.

The parish office will be closed tomorrow in observance of President's Day. The Mass time will 9:00 AM.

Food and Fellowship Dinner on February 21st at 6:00 PM in the parish hall. Last names A - M should bring main dish items and N - Z should bring a side, drink, or dessert. Please also bring a board game to play after dinner!

St. Mark pastoral Council has voted to help host the hospitality room for the 4A regional basketball tournament at UAM. The parish is providing part of the meals.

The second collection today is for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Rebuilding the Church in Georgia. After decades of persecution, Catholics of the Armenian rite, the Chaldean rite, and the Latin rite have experienced a new era of freedom since Georgia became independent from the Soviet Union. They have begun rebuilding the Church, but poverty and remote, rural locations make this work difficult. Catholics in Arali endured years of persecution. Now that their church is restored, they are able to celebrate Mass as a community. With funds from this collection, Catholics in Georgia are able to rebuild churches, provide medical care for the poor, and to pass on the faith to the next generation. Thank you for your support.

Day of **Prayer & Healing Retreat: Project Rachel** Ministry will offer a retreat for women or men who are suffering after an abortion on Saturday February 22, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Northwest Arkansas. The location is disclosed only to participants. This retreat will be in SPANISH. To register or for information call or text the CONFIDENTIAL help line 501-663-0996 or email projectrachel@dolr.org. If you feel afraid or ashamed, contact us. You are not alone. This is a non-judgmental retreat. Hope, healing, and forgiveness are possible. Contact the helpline for healing opportunities in English. All communication is confidential.

Feb	Lector	Eucharist	Ushers	Altar Servers	Offertory	Count
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Confession: Sunday 8:00-8:45a or by appointment. Adoration 8:00-8:45a. CCD: 6:30-7:30p.

Mass Times and Intentions

Day		Time	
Sun 16	St Mk	9:00AM	Wiley Mitchell †
	HC	11:15AM	Debbie Whittington †
Mon 17	St Mk	9:00 AM*	Saffod requests
Tue 18	St Mk	6:30 AM	Wells requests
Wed 19	St Mk	5:30 PM	Williams requests
Fri 21	St. Mk	5:30 PM	Chua requests
Sat 22	St Mry	4:00 PM	
Sun 23	St Mk	9:00 AM	
	HC	11:15AM	

*Note the time change for the federal holiday.

Readings for FEB 2025

16 SUN 6th in Ordinary. Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20;
 Lk 6:17, 20-26

17 Mon Gn 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13

18 Tue Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Mk 8:14-21

19 Wed Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Mk 8:22-26

20 Thu Gn 9:1-13; Mk 8:27-33

21 Fri Gn 11:1-9; Mk 8:34-9:1

22 Sat Chair of Saint Peter, Apostle. 1 Pt 5:1-4;
 Mt 16:13-19

23 SUN 7th in ORDINARY. 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23;
 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38 16

Collections**Feb 9**

Regular Collection	\$ 2,258.77
Building Fund	45.00
2 nd Collection	20.00

Prayer Concerns: For Parishioners: Tricia Nicholson; Toma Lee; Ray Marcantel; Cecile Kirby.
 For Our Family & Community: Richard Beckham; Phyllis Cox; Valerie Inman; Landi Mazzanti.

The Mass intention today is for the repose of the soul of **Mr. Wiley Mitchell**, in remembrance of his birthday on the 19th, at the request of his daughter, Patty Mitchell.

PUEBLO DE LA RESURRECCIÓN En las últimas semanas hemos estado escuchando sobre el comienzo del ministerio de Jesús, tal como está escrito en el Evangelio de Lucas. Jesús comenzó su ministerio en la sinagoga de Nazaret leyendo: "El Espíritu del Señor está sobre mí, / porque me ha ungido / para dar la buena noticia a los pobres" (Lucas 4:18). Con esas palabras Jesús anunció todo el propósito de su ministerio. Él mismo debía llevar el reino de Dios a los pobres. Esta es la buena noticia de salvación que predicó y llevó a cabo durante su ministerio.

Hoy escuchamos las Bienaventuranzas, en las que Jesús explica más plenamente lo que realmente significan esas "buenas noticias". La buena noticia se refiere a la salvación del sufrimiento en la tierra y en la vida venidera. Se trata del favor divino que descansa sobre aquellos que confían en el amor y la misericordia de Dios, en lugar de aquellos que confían en los planes, las posesiones y el poder humanos. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

Algunos de nuestros jóvenes están hoy en el retiro de confirmación en Little Rock. Oremos por su crecimiento espiritual y por un viaje seguro.

El estudio bíblico de San Marcos será el jueves 20 de febrero a las 7:00 p. m. en la casa Dick.

La oficina parroquial estará cerrada mañana en conmemoración del Día del Presidente. La misa será a las 9 a.

La comida y la cena de confraternidad se llevarán a cabo el 21 de febrero a las 6:00 p. m. en el salón parroquial. Los apellidos A a M deben traer los platos principales y los N a Z deben traer un acompañamiento, una bebida o un postre. ¡Por favor, también traigan un juego de mesa para jugar después de la cena!

El consejo pastoral de San Marcos ha votado para ayudar a albergar la sala de hospitalidad para el torneo regional de baloncesto 4A en la UAM. La parroquia proporcionará parte de las comidas.

La segunda colecta de hoy es para la Iglesia en Europa Central y Oriental. Reconstruyendo la Iglesia en Georgia. Después de décadas de persecución, los católicos de rito armenio, caldeo y latino han experimentado una nueva era de libertad desde que Georgia se independizó de la Unión Soviética. Han comenzado a reconstruir la Iglesia, pero la pobreza y las ubicaciones rurales remotas dificultan esta tarea. Los católicos de Aral soportaron años de persecución. Ahora que su iglesia ha sido restaurada, pueden celebrar la misa como comunidad. Con los fondos de esta colecta, los católicos de Georgia pueden reconstruir iglesias, brindar atención médica a los pobres y transmitir la fe a la próxima generación. Gracias por su apoyo.

Retiro de un día de oración y sanación: el Ministerio del Proyecto Raquel ofrecerá un retiro para mujeres u hombres que estén sufriendo después de un aborto el sábado 22 de febrero, de 9:00 a. m. a 5:00 p. m. en el noroeste de Arkansas. La ubicación se revela solo a los participantes. Este retiro será en ESPAÑOL. Para inscribirse o para obtener información, llame o envíe un mensaje de texto a la línea de ayuda CONFIDENCIAL 501-663-0996 o envíe un correo electrónico a projectrachel@dolr.org. Si siente miedo o vergüenza, comuníquese con nosotros. No está solo. Este es un retiro sin prejuicios. La esperanza, la sanación y el perdón son posibles. Comuníquese con la línea de ayuda para obtener oportunidades de sanación en inglés. Toda comunicación es confidencial.



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Your reward will be great in heaven

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One of the memorable scenes in an English novel of some years ago describes a little boy named Bron going to church for the first time with his governess. He watches with interest every part of the service. The preacher then climbs into the high pulpit and Bron hears him deliver a piece of terrible news about a brave and kind man who, a long time ago, was viciously ill treated, nailed to a cross, and who feels a dreadful pain even now because there is so much that needs to be done in accordance with his teaching. Little Bron thinks the preacher is telling the story so people in the pews will rise up and take the cause.

The service ends and to Bron's shock and surprise the people walk away as if they had not heard such terrible news, as if there was nothing that demanded their attention. Bron is crying as he leaves the church. When the governess discovers the reason, she says: "You shouldn't have taken all that the preacher said to heart. Quit your crying, people are going to think you are strange!"

The story gives us pause to consider how often we fail to do the right thing, how we hold back honest and rightful emotions, how we keep silent when a prejudice is stated, how we say nothing in the face of an injustice, all because we don't want to be thought of as strange.

(Luke 6:26) World Library Pub., Rev. Richard Zajac.

Feb 23

24 Mon Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29

25 Tue Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37

26 Wed Sir 4:11-19; Mk 9:38-40

27 Thu St Gregory of Narek. Sir 5:1-8; Mk 9:41-50

28 Fri Sir 6:5-17; Mk 10:1-12

01 Sat Sir 17:1-15; Mk 10:13-16

02 SUN 8th ORDINARY TIME. Sir 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45



Jesus was the perfect teacher. He presents to his students, His primary lesson: “Do to others as you would have them do to you.” (Luke 6:31). Then He offers concrete examples to illustrate His point: “do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you, ... give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back.” (Luke 6:27-28; 30).

This is difficult to hear and an even more challenging one to enact. “Love your enemies” – not tolerate, make room for, listen to, or work beside, but love. (Luke 6:27). This kind of love is divine love. God loves us like this, without condition, without expectation. Jesus is calling on us to love as God loves, meaning, not just those who are easy to love but ALL people. One way we can answer this call is supporting programs and initiative, like the CASA, without requiring any acknowledgment or return gift save the knowledge that we are doing our best to take Jesus’ lesson to heart. - Prenger Solutions Group