



*“A gateway to lead people closer to Christ and His Church through faith, service and compassion”*



# ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST PARISH

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**Daily Mass:** Monday - Thursday @ 9:00 AM

**Saturday:** 5:00 PM

**Sunday:** 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM

**Confession:** Saturday 3:30-4:30 PM or by appt.

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*From Our Pastor,*

Brothers and Sisters-

*Therefore, stay awake!  
For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.  
Be sure of this: if the master of the house  
had known the hour of night when the thief was coming,  
he would have stayed awake  
and not let his house be broken into.  
So too, you also must be prepared,  
for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."*- Matthew 24

As we celebrate the First Sunday of the Advent Season our readings become very apocalyptic and dark. We focus on the very fact that this world (and our very lives) will end one day. Our reading are not to terrify us; but rather prompt each of us to repentance assure us that Christ, our Savior and Lord has conquered sin and death and has prepared a place his Sons and Daughters in Heaven.

This focal shift is important for all of us to reflect upon year after year. Maybe its just me, but the older I get, the faster time seems to fly by. Our day to day routine is jam packed full of appointments, running errands, getting things done, worrying about things we cannot change or really don't matter....and unfortunately much wasted time just staring and scrolling through news stories on our phones.

The apocalyptic nature of our readings is meant to be a wake-up call for each and every one of us: Focus on the things that matter! Forgive our neighbor! Open the door to that deeper relationship with Jesus that we all want but never seem to have the time for! Give back to others for the many blessings we have received! Make that phone call that we have been dreading! Repair and heal what needs to be repaired and healed! I am sure you all get the point.

We have been given precious time here on earth...may we always use it for the Glory of our Father in Heaven!

Always in Christ,

Fr Mike

**Christmas Pageant - December 5 at 6PM!!**

We are SO EXCITED to have our FIRST EVER Christmas Pageant!! The kids have been working so hard! We hope that you are able to carve out some time to come and support our little ones. This is a free event, but *we ask that you consider bringing a roll of paper towel to be donated to the Greater Derry Humane Society to help animals* in our community. **For planning purposes, please RSVP online at [stmarksnh.org](http://stmarksnh.org)** and THANK YOU to our Knights of Columbus who will be providing light refreshments for us after the show!! See you there!

**Christmas Basket Program - Return**

We ask that you please return ALL items (gifts/gift cards/food/donation etc..) by **Sunday, December 7**. We are grateful for the generous donations that have been received. Coming together as a community to help others is absolutely beautiful ~ THANK YOU!

If you'd still like to help; gift cards (Walmart, Amazon or grocery to name a few) and cash donations are still needed to purchase whatever items have not been donated to complete a basket. #community

**Christmas Trees - Hours of Operation**

The Knights of Columbus Annual Christmas Tree's are available!! These AMAZING trees can be found at Londonderry BP, 2 Mohawk Drive (across from Dunkin Donuts). Visit them early for the best selections! **Hours of Operation:** Saturday/Sunday 9AM - 6PM and Mon/Thurs/Fri 6PM - 8PM.

**Creation Corner**

This weekend Jesus reminds His disciples that people were living well "up to the day that Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away." In 2024, worldwide, over 6,000 people died in storms and over 68,000 from heat waves. As in the time of Noah, most victims had little warning. Jesus urges, "you also must be prepared." Unlike in Noah's time, we *can* mitigate natural disasters, just as we can prepare ourselves and all of Creation for Jesus' coming. Let us do both!

**Holy Day of Obligation - December 8**

We hope you can join us on **Monday, December 8 at 9AM or 7PM** for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**Advent Nights of Prayer & Reflection**

Join us **Tuesday(s), Dec 9 & 16** as we prepare our hearts for the birth of our Lord this Advent Season.

**Adoration:** 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM.

**Benediction:** 6PM, *followed by a brief Advent reflection by Fr. Mike.*

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**Happy 10th Anniversary Fr. Mike!**

Join us **Tuesday, December 9** after Advent Prayer & Reflection in the Parish Hall to celebrate Fr. Mike being our Pastor here at St. Mark's!! Light refreshments and cake (of course) will be served. Let's FILL the church and celebrate!! We hope you can join us!

**Christmas Flower Envelopes**

Christmas flower envelopes are available in the Welcome Center. These flowers will adorn our worship space for the Christmas Season. Please *print* your loved ones names. Thank you!

**This Week @ St. Mark's!!**

**Tuesday, Dec 2:**

9:30AM - 3:30PM Eucharistic Adoration  
6:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry Mtg  
6:30 PM OCIA  
6:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, Dec 4:**

9:30 AM Bible Study  
6:00 PM Widow & Widower Support Group  
7:00 PM Women's Ministry - Advent Meditations  
7:30 PM K of C Officers Meeting

**Friday, Dec 5:**

6:00 PM St. Mark's Christmas Pageant

**Saturday, Dec 6:**

9:30 AM Al Anon

# **ST. MARK'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

**JOIN US DECEMBER 5, 2025**

**6PM IN THE PARISH HALL**

*RSVP AT [STMARKSNH.ORG](http://STMARKSNH.ORG)*

**THIS IS A SHOW YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS!!  
LET'S FILL THE HALL WITH OUR SUPPORT!**

**THANK YOU TO OUR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
WHO WILL BE PROVIDING LIGHT  
REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE PAGEANT**

***PLEASE CONSIDER BRINGING A ROLL OF PAPER  
TOWELS THAT WILL BE DONATED TO THE GREATER  
DERRY HUMANE SOCIETY.***

**THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!**

**Parish Contact Information**

*The Financial Report will appear in next week's bulletin, due to the early publishing deadlines.*

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*As always, thank you for your generosity!!  
Without your continued gifts of time, talent  
and treasure, St. Mark's could not be the  
vibrant and welcoming community that it is!!*

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NH Catholic Charities, Nashua (603) 889-9431

**Mass Intentions for Nov 29 - Dec 7, 2025**

**11/29 Saturday, 5PM**

Patrick Naughton by Katie Winslade

**11/30 Sunday, 8AM**

Joe & Ann McCook by Cheryl & Ray Hoegen

**11/30 Sunday, 9:30AM**

Doss & Bob Maxwell by the family

**11/30 Sunday, 11AM**

Grace & Thomas Yang by Mary Y. Lynch

Jeffery Donohue by his family

**12/1 Monday, 9AM:**

Gerald Cooper by Kathy Cooper

**12/2 Tuesday, 9AM:**

Larry Hermann by Larry & Pam Casey

Stanley Jones by Anne Emerson

**12/3 Wednesday, 9AM:**

The Butchard family by the family

**12/4 Thursday, 9AM:**

Rev. Gerard Patenaude

by John & Suzanne Patenaude

**12/6 Saturday, 5PM**

Frank & Faith Bianco by their granddaughter

Mike Dromgoole by Mary Guilfoyle

**12/7 Sunday, 8AM**

Frank Griffin by the Griffin family

Bob Wilkie by the family

**12/7 Sunday, 9:30AM**

Ed Dziergowski by the Schou family

**12/7 Sunday, 11AM**

Intentions of Christopher English

by the Rahilly family

**12/7 Sunday, 11AM**

Intentions of Sr. Mary Rose Reddy

by the Women's Ministry

**Sacrament of Baptism**

Parents are asked to participate in the baptismal catechesis program prior to their child's baptism.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday 3:30-4:30 PM or by appointment.

**Sacrament of Marriage**

Couples should contact the parish office at least six months in advance and before making any other wedding arrangements.

**Sacrament of the Sick**

Please call us to request the Sacrament of the Sick or to receive communion in the home.

**Eucharistic Adoration**

Tuesdays, 9:30 AM-3:30 PM