

“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 Amanda's Desk,

*“Be patient, brothers and sisters,
until the coming of the Lord.
See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth,
being patient with it
until it receives the early and the late rains.
You too must be patient.
Make your hearts firm,
because the coming of the Lord is at hand.
Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another;
that you may not be judged.
Behold, the Judge is standing before the gates.
Take as an example of hardship and patience, brothers and sisters,
the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.”*

Our second reading this week reminds us to patiently persevere. The race of life is a long one, and the pursuit of faith a marathon - where most rewards remain unseen until we get to the finish line (a point not visible yet from where we are on the path). There's an element of "trust the process" that is present in all we work for on the journey of following Christ. There will be times where what we do isn't appreciated or reciprocated, or the things we contribute aren't seen / attributed to us. The farmer knows everything it took to gather the harvest, while the people who peruse the grocery store just see the fruit.

In this time of preparing, the internal work that we do to prepare for our Lord is often steamrolled by the external work of "extras" that we hope are seen, appreciated and valued. From decorations to meals to wrapping gifts, we are always trying to make everything perfect. The point of this season isn't perfection, it is PATIENCE.

Our second reading says: "Do not complain, [follow] the example of hardship and patience." - which is a tough pill to swallow. We want to be seen for the things that we know we do, valued for what we bring to the (literal and figurative) table and appreciated for the things [we know] we do that are above and beyond. The things that go unseen. This is part of the HARDSHIP and PATIENCE we each carry with unique weight. The small gestures of helping one another, giving an extra 5%, or extending for the sake of others. The little things, unseen things, genuine things that subtly mark the presence of Christ in the world.

Let us not forget that God largely works in the unseen - and therefore - works through us in all these quiet ways. In this season of "loud, hustle and bustle" I hope we can take time to to TRUST in God's plan for our lives and the way he is working in it's quiet furtherance and grow in HOPE for what comes at the end of the race.



Advent Nights of Prayer & Reflection

Join us **Tuesday, December 16** as we prepare our hearts for the birth of our Lord this Advent Season.

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

Confession: 5:15 PM - 6:00 PM

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

Christmas Trees - Hurry! Hurry!

The Knights of Columbus are almost out of their fabulous Christmas trees!! So hurry over there and get your perfect tree while you still can!!! Location: Londonderry BP, 2 Mohawk Drive (across from Dunkin Donuts). **Hours of Operation:** Saturday/Sunday 9AM - 6PM and Mon/Thurs/Fri 6PM - 8PM.

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!

Christmas Baskets - Delivered

Thank you SO MUCH for all the angel donations, monetary donations, your time!! WOW!! We were able to help over 50 families with food and gifts because of YOUR generosity! THANK YOU!!

Creation Corner

This weekend Jesus calls John the Baptist the GOAT, the greatest of all time, yet “the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.” Who are these super people who are greater than John? Last week John said, “the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” Jesus brings the kingdom of heaven to the here and now. In this kingdom, the poor, the ill, the powerless are the new GOATs, as Isaiah foretold in the first reading. People in this new kingdom are blessed beyond measure, living in a blessed Creation. How lucky are we?!

Women’s Ministry - FORMED

Women’s Ministry is sponsoring informal FORMED sessions facilitated by Samantha Delp **starting Jan 8, 2026 and continuing on Thursday nights at 7PM until Feb 5.** This year we will be exploring the doctors of the church and pulling from their insights. Join us for discussions utilizing FORMED videos, Saint’s writing, scripture, artwork and prayer, so that we may continue to grow deeper in our relationships with Christ, in our knowledge of Catholic faith, and become closer in community. Come as you can, bring a friend. All adult women are welcome to attend. No registration required, Cost: FREE.

Women’s Ministry - Looking Ahead

The Women’s Ministry is gearing up for the New Year!! Here’s a *sneak peak*...watch the bulletin for details!

February 12 - Rooted and Radiant Study

February 15 - DIY Lenten Journals

Mid April - Bible Study

May 17 - Women’s’ Tea Social

This Week @ St. Mark’s!!

Sunday, Dec 14:

10:30 AM St. Mark’s KIDS/EDGE/Life Teen Programs
12:00 PM Christmas KIDS Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, Dec 16:

9:30AM - 3:30PM Eucharistic Adoration
6:00 PM Advent Reflection/ Benediction
6:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Dec 18:

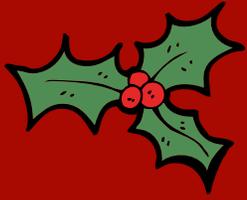
9:30 AM Bible Study
6:00 PM Widow & Widower Support Group
7:00 PM Women's Ministry - Advent Meditations
7:30 PM K of C Meeting

Friday, Dec 19:

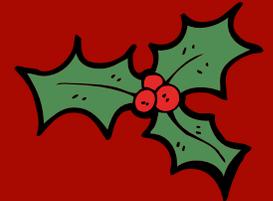
6:30 PM Scouts Pack 605

Saturday, Dec 20:

9:30 AM Al Anon



Mass Schedule



Christmas Eve

4:00PM

with Children's Choir

5:15PM

with Adult Choir

6:15PM

MIDNIGHT



Christmas Day

10:00AM



Sacrificial Giving

Week of 11/26/2025 - 12/02/2025

Regular Offertory:	\$ 10,686.00
WeShare:	\$ 6,740.38
Total:	\$ 17,426.38

*(Parish Budget: \$12,000 per week)
Thank you for your continued generosity!*

Mass Intentions for Dec 13 - Dec 21, 2025

12/13 Saturday, 5PM

Noah Stonestreet by his parents

12/14 Sunday, 8AM

Doss & Bob Maxwell by the family

12/14 Sunday, 9:30AM

Mario, Filomena, Helen Pisano
by Cheryl & Ray Hoegen

12/14 Sunday, 11AM

Warren & Aurelia Carter
by Paul & Diane Carter

12/15 Monday, 9AM:

William Emerson by Anne Emerson

12/16 Tuesday, 9AM:

Elaine Emerson by Anne Emerson

12/17 Wednesday, 9AM:

Gerald Cooper by Kathy Cooper

12/18 Thursday, 9AM:

Martha Yantch by Larry & Pam Casey

12/20 Saturday, 5PM

Patrick Naughton by Katie Winslade

12/21 Sunday, 8AM

Gail Taralli by the family

12/21 Sunday, 9:30AM

People of the Parish

12/21 Sunday, 11AM

Frank Griffin by the Griffin family

Parish Contact Information

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NH Catholic Charities, Nashua	(603) 889-9431

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