

St. Mark Catholic Church - Denton

6500 Crawford Road, Argyle TX 76226

940-387-6223 † www.stmarkdenton.org

December 7– 8, 2019

The background of the entire page is a soft-focus photograph of two lit red candles. The candles are positioned vertically, with the one in the foreground being slightly lower and more prominent. Their flames are bright yellow and orange, casting a warm glow. The background is filled with a bokeh effect of light spots in shades of purple, pink, and white, creating a dreamy and spiritual atmosphere.

Peace

Parish Contact Info

Our mission is to be a God-centered Catholic community of Faith which teaches, evangelizes, and ministers to the needs of God's people.

6500 Crawford Rd.
Argyle, TX 76226
 (940) 387-6223 Parish Office
 (940) 464-7808 Fax

If a patient or the family wishes a pastoral visit, please call Fr. George on his cell phone (940)268-6760 or the parish office (940)387-6223.

Parish Office Hours: Monday -Thursday: 8:30 am-4:30 pm;
 Friday: 8:30 am-12:30 pm.

Weekend Parish Office Receptionist Hours:
 Saturday: 4:30 pm-6:30 pm; Sunday: 8:30 am - 1:30 pm.

Religious Education Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm; Friday 9 am - 12:30 pm.

Immaculate Conception Catholic School:
 2301 N. Bonnie Brae Street, (940) 381-1155 or (940) 381-1539

- **Baptism:** *Preparation Class & Baptism registration forms are required.* Prep Class is held on the 2nd Thursday of every month. Go to www.stmarkdenton.org or contact Elsa Vasquez at (940) 387-6223 or evasquez@stmarkdenton.org. If the child is seven years or older, please contact the Religious Education office.
- **Marriage Preparation:** A nine-month preparation is required. Please contact Deacon Joe Standridge, (940) 220-7160 jstandridge@stmarkdenton.org for information.
- **Annulments:** If you have questions, or are seeking annulment, please contact Deacon Vic Norton at (817) 823-9768, vnorton@stmarkdenton.org
- **Facilities:** If you wish to schedule a meeting/activity at St. Mark, please email request (date/time and type of equipment if needed) to Elsa Vasquez at evasquez@stmarkdenton.org. Reservations need to be emailed two weeks in advance.
- **Bulletin Deadline:** **Wednesday** at noon, **ten** (10) days prior to bulletin release date. Please submit announcements with image or logo (if available) to pub.admin@stmarkdenton.org. Announcements may be edited.

Adult Safe Environment Awareness Sessions Requirements

Safe Environment Certification for Adult Volunteers is **required prior to serving in Ministry and must be renewed every two years.**

Initial or Renewal Safe Environment Certification currently **requires attendance at a live and in person ("face-to-face")** Safe Environment Awareness Session ("Protecting God's Children For Adults") and **requires a Virtus profile.** See available awareness sessions: <https://fwdioc.org/training-sessions>. Please contact Dan Heredia with any questions: dheredia@stmarkdenton.org. Youth Safe Environment (Teen Leader Training) requires in person training. Please contact the youth ministers. Called to Protect session is a prerequisite to apply for Teen Leader Training.

Parish Staff

Pastor

Fr. George, cell (940) 268-6760, frgeorge@stmarkdenton.org

Deacons

Deacon Jim Galbraith, (940) 262-0600, jisugalbraith@aol.com
 Deacon Vic Norton, (817) 823-9768, vnorton@stmarkdenton.org
 Deacon Ed Posvar, (805) 501-7578, elposvar@aol.com

Parish Secretary

Elsa Vasquez, (940) 387-6223, evasquez@stmarkdenton.org

Director of Liturgy

Joy Medley (502) 671-9035, jmedley@stmarkdenton.org

Religious Education

Director of R.E., RCIA and Marriage Prep. - Deacon Joe Standridge, (940)220-7160 or ext. 127, jstandridge@stmarkdenton.org

Coordinator of Elementary Faith Formation- Andrea Woolums (940) 222-8081 or ext. 251, awoolums@stmarkdenton.org

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Coordinator of First Communion and RCIA - Adapted for Children - Dan Heredia (940) 222-8072 or ext. 250, dheredia@stmarkdenton.org

Coordinator of Middle School Youth Ministry - Carina Nejtek (940) 222-8290 or ext. 252, cnejtek@stmarkdenton.org

Adult Formation & Family Life - Fr. George (940) 268-6760, frgeorge@stmarkdenton.org

Music

Director of Music - Bridget Bem (940) 220-7326, bbem@stmarkdenton.org

Assistant Director - Deirdre Murphy, (214) 632-5232 dmurphy@stmarkdenton.org

Administration

Business Manager - Kim Harbert (940) 222-6702 or ext. 152, kharbert@stmarkdenton.org

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Safe Environment/Volunteer Coordinator – Dan Heredia (940) 222-8072 or ext. 250, dheredia@stmarkdenton.org

Database Manager - Tom Fedor (940) 220-7380 or ext. 150, tfedor@stmarkdenton.org

Weekend Receptionist - Kathleen Glasgow (940) 387-6223, kglasgow@stmarkdenton.org

Data Entry - Skip Rawley

Custodial Care/Maintenance - Enrique Zamora



Attention all Ministry Leaders: All Volunteers must complete Safe Environment Program. All Leaders must check with Safe Environment Coordinator, Dan Heredia before activating volunteers.

PARISH MINISTRIES

ACTS	Paul Desjardins, 940-220-6310
Adoration	Elsa Vasquez, 940-387-6223
Altar Flowers	Helen Fairchild, 940-367-5207
Altar Servers	Joy Medley, 502-671-9035
Angel Tree	Pat & Renee Claytor, 940-453-8960
Apple Tree	Mia Price, 940-566-6756
Bread of Life	Greg Studer, 214-435-5355
Building Committee	Leo Wehkamp, 817-859-1030
Catholic Daughters	Shirley Royster 940-206-7682
Cause of Joy for Moms/Kids	Sydney Curran, 940-395-8502
Charismatic Prayer Group	Mary Trevino, 214-868-5559
Counseling Services	Elizabeth Merrick, LCSW, 214-923- 4733;eamerrick@verizon.net
Denton Lay Marianist	Andy Gillard, 940-323-8693
Finance Council	Kim Bonfield, 940-241-1386
Funeral Meals	Elsa Vasquez, 940-387-6223
Grief Share	Terry Hitch, 817-296-6283
Hospital Ministry	Deacon Jim Galbraith, 940-262-0600
Knights of Columbus	Tim Schoendorf, 940-391-1397
Landscaping	Steve Felderhoff, 214-952-8069
Life Teen Music	Brad Horn@stmarkdenton.org
Liturgical Ministers/Schedule	Joy Medley, 502-671-9035 jmedley@stmarkdenton.org
Music	Bridget Bem, 940-220-7326
Nursing Home & Homebound	Marilou Anderson, 817-992-1804
Outreach	Kim Harbert, 904-222-6702
Pastoral Council	Joe Davis, 972-880-7137
Peru Mission	Oscar Salas, 940-453-5484
Prayer Shawl Ministry	Shirley Royster, 940-206-7682
Pregnancy/Infant Loss Support Group	Sharon Kohl, 337-962-2925
Prison Ministry Men/ Women	Jodie Gibson, 940-735-1645 Deacon Jim Galbraith, 940-262-0600 Tracy Mathews, munchkinmommy@hotmail.com
Protection Team	Eric Debus, sgt206@hotmail.com
Respect for Life	Mary Stroupe 940-367-7966
Rosary Cenacle	Suzie Barger, 940-387-9332
Rosary Makers	Sharon Kohl, 337-962-2925
Schoenstatt Movement	Brent & Andrea Woolums, woolums10@verizon.net
Scribe Ministry	Barbara Criscuolo, 940-497-4120
Spanish Ministry	Adriana Noriega, 940-206-2845
Stewardship Committee	Tom Stecik, 214-908-1983
St. Helena's Circle	Marie Wright, 940-514-1696
Suicide Support Group	Larry Walker, 940-367-1170 Carol Walker, 940-367-1313
Ushers	Joe Davis, 972-880-7137
Vocation Cross	Joy Medley, 502-671-9035
Welcoming Committee	Tony & Maria Parra 817-715-0920
World Wide Marriage Enc.	Dave & Monica Fowler 904-864-7201 fdave0429@gmail.com
55+ Bunch	Barry Landry, 972-824-9567

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 12/7/2019 Saint Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

(Is 30:19-21,23-26/Ps 147:1-6/Mt 9:35—10:1,5a,6-8)

7:30 am - First Saturday - Mass - (Louise Face †)

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Reconciliation

5:00 pm - Mass - (Doris Kowalski †)

7:00 pm - Spanish Mass - (Miguel Lopez Vasquez †)

SUNDAY 12/8/2019 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12)

7:00 am - Mass - (Paul Trang Tran and Agnes Hong Yenale †)

9:00 am - Mass - (Steve Yager †)

11:30 am - Mass - (June Hood S.I.)

4:00 pm - Life Teen Mass - (Aurora and Josefino Manalo †)

MONDAY 12/9/2019 THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

(Gn 3:9-15,20/Ps 98:1-4/Eph 1:3-6,11-12/Lk 1:26-38)

7:30 am - Mass - (Robert J.H. Weinzpfel †)

12:00 pm - Mass

5:00 pm - Mass

7:00 pm - Mass

8:00 am - 8:00 pm - **Adoration Canceled**

TUESDAY 12/10/2019

(Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-3,10-13/Mt 18:12-14)

7:30 am - Mass

8:00 am - 8:00 pm - **Adoration Canceled**

WEDNESDAY 12/11/2019 Saint Damasus I, Pope

(Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-4,8,10/Mt 11:28-30)

12:00 pm - Mass - (Mary Patricia Forsyth †)

7:00 pm - Mass

8:00 am - 8:00 pm - **Adoration Canceled**

THURSDAY 12/12/2019 OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

(Zec 2:14-17/(PS) Jdt 13:18bc,19/Lk 1:26-38)

7:30 am - Mass - (Dan Barry †)

7:00 pm - Mass - **Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe**

8:00 am - 8:00 pm - **Adoration Canceled**

FRIDAY 12/13/2019 Saint Lucy, Virgin, Martyr

(Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-4,6/Mt 11:16-19)

7:30 am - Mass - (Francesca Chacon S.I.)

8:00 am - 11:30 am - **Adoration Canceled**

SATURDAY 12/14/2019 Saint John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church

(Sir 48:1-4,9-11/Ps 80:2-3,15-16,18-19/Mt 17:9a,10-13)

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Reconciliation

5:00 pm - Mass - (Manuel Correia and Family †)

7:00 pm - Spanish Mass - (Rudolph Talazko †)



We are delighted that you have joined us for worship, and we hope that you will return to pray with us often. If you have moved into the area, we invite you to become a member. Please call the parish office at 940-387-6223 or visit our website at www.stmarkdenton.org. May His Spirit grow in you!

PARISH NEWS



Please consider supporting our Bread of Life Ministry by providing personal care items, infant items, cleaning products, and non-perishable food items for **Denton County's Friends of the Family**. **ADDITIONALLY**, our friends at **The Freedom Pantry**, an important distribution point for Bread of Life, providing approximately 1300 meals monthly, **are in need of sealable food baggies, primarily quart and gallon size**. Please consider picking up an extra box or two the next time you go shopping. Place your donations in the Bread of Life drop box in the Narthex. Thank you for your help and continued support of our friends in need. Together we can help **"Feed the Hungry"**!



Lay Marianist

Come join with our Marianist family for our monthly meeting on Thursday, **January 2, 2020**, at St. Mark RE Building, room 107. Meeting will start at 1:00 pm and conclude around 3:00 pm. The Marianist Affiliates' mission is to recognize that Mary serves as an example on how to live. Through her faith, Mary conceived and brought Jesus to everyone who would believe. By living out our faith, we also bring Christ to the world anew. For more information, please contact Andy Gilliard at 940-323-8693.



Used Christmas Tree Donation

Some of you may be getting a new artificial tree this year either before or after Christmas, please consider donating the old one for Vacation Bible School in June. The tree lights do not need to work, any shape or size. If you can hang on to it until June great or contact LeeAnn Juge at 636-399-0086 or lajuge@usa.net. I will arrange to pick it up from you.

CONTRIBUTIONS



November 2019 Contribution Update OFFERTORY (Stewardship)

Week #1	\$ 31,497
Week #2	\$ 25,227
Week #3	\$ 20,697
Week #4	\$ 21,241
Faith Direct	\$ 59,239
Total	\$ 157,901

Fiscal Year to Date (07/01/2019-06/30/2020)

Total Contributed - Stewardship	\$ 805,821
Budget - Projected Parish Need	\$ 755,000
Over/(Under) Budget	\$ 50,821

Registered Families - as of November 19, 2019 2,610

Building Collection (Cumulative from 1/1/19) \$ 112,305

Thank you for your generosity!



The **St. Mark Prayer Shawl Ministry** will gather on Wednesday, **December 11 at 10:00 am** in the RE building room 201. Anyone who can knit or crochet, or would like to learn, is invited to attend. Yarn and patterns are provided. All volunteers must be current with Safe Environment training. For more information or to request a shawl to gift, contact Shirley Royster at shirleyroyster@gmail.com or 940-206-7682.



There will be no monthly meetings of the **St Mark Rosary Maker's** for the months of **November** and **December**. We will meet again next year on **January 9, 2020**. If you have any questions or need supplies, please contact Sharon Kohl at 337-962-2925 or email at ninasaints3@yahoo.com.

Faith Formation Elementary



This year you can sign up to be a part of our family prayer bags. Aiming to encourage and support family prayer in the home, you will be put onto a rotation to receive the family prayer bag once every 4-6 weeks. When the bag comes home with you, we ask you to strive to pray together as a family.

This week our family prayer bags go home with the following families:

Phillips
Cano de los Rios
Robison
Sinclair
Penny
Robles

Mark your calendar! Parents come to class with their students for our Family Faith Formation class on Wednesday, **December 11** or Sunday, **December 15**. It's a fun class session when families get to learn together! Our theme is "HIS-story, your story- called into covenant with God"

Formation classes are taking a break to celebrate Christmas. Classes will resume Wednesday, **January 8** and Sunday, **January 12**. We wish you a blessed and joyful Christmas season!



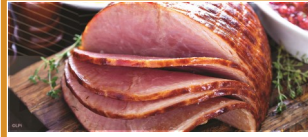
Follow us on Facebook for updates, photos and resources shared to help you form your child in our faith!

Search for St. Mark Elementary Faith Formation and join our community!

Questions? Please contact Andrea at (940)222-8081 or awoolums@stmarkdenton.org.



Knights of Columbus



It's that time of year again!

Order your smoked hams after all Masses **December 7, 8, & 14, 15**. Pickup your pre-ordered smoked ham after all Masses **December 21** and **22**, just in time for your Christmas meal or holiday snacking! Smoked hams are *still* just **\$35** each, cash or credit.

December 9 Financial Benefits Presentation- On this evening you will learn more about The Big Picture of the Knights of Columbus, and how to simply plan for retirement. This event is purely informational and all questions are welcomed. All parishioners are welcome to join. Please RSVP by sending me your name, phone number and email. We will have sign-ups after mass this weekend. **Look for Follow up email with More information**

December 12 General Council meeting- Meal will be at **6:30 pm**, meeting to begin at **7:00 pm**.

Those interested in joining the Knights of Columbus may inquire via email at antsdorf@aol.com or 940-391-1397.

Bring your aluminum cans to the designated spot next to the dumpster at the back of the church grounds. **Please bag other aluminum recyclables in a separate bag from aluminum cans.** This a way you can say, THANK YOU, to our future priests. Any Questions contact Bob Beltz or Phil Carosone at 940-464-7617.

SK Tim Schoendorf
Grand Knight, Ralph Cerny Council #12553



Catholic Daughters

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court of Salve Regina #2611, invite ALL Catholic Women 18 years and older to join us for the following activities this month:

December 14: Denton Mobile Food Pantry **7:30 am-12:00 pm**

December 15: Rosary **11:00 am** MWS
Meeting and Christmas Potluck after Mass at **12:45 pm** Parish Hall.

December 18: Officer Planning Meeting **10:00 -11:30 am** RE #201. (Open to all CDA). Chaplet of Divine Mercy **11:40 am** Mass **12:00 pm**

December 25: MERRY CHRISTMAS!

All volunteers must be current with Safe Environment Training. For more information about CDA, please contact Shirley Royster at 940-206-7682 or shirleyroyster@gmail.com.

Congratulations to our newly married couple:

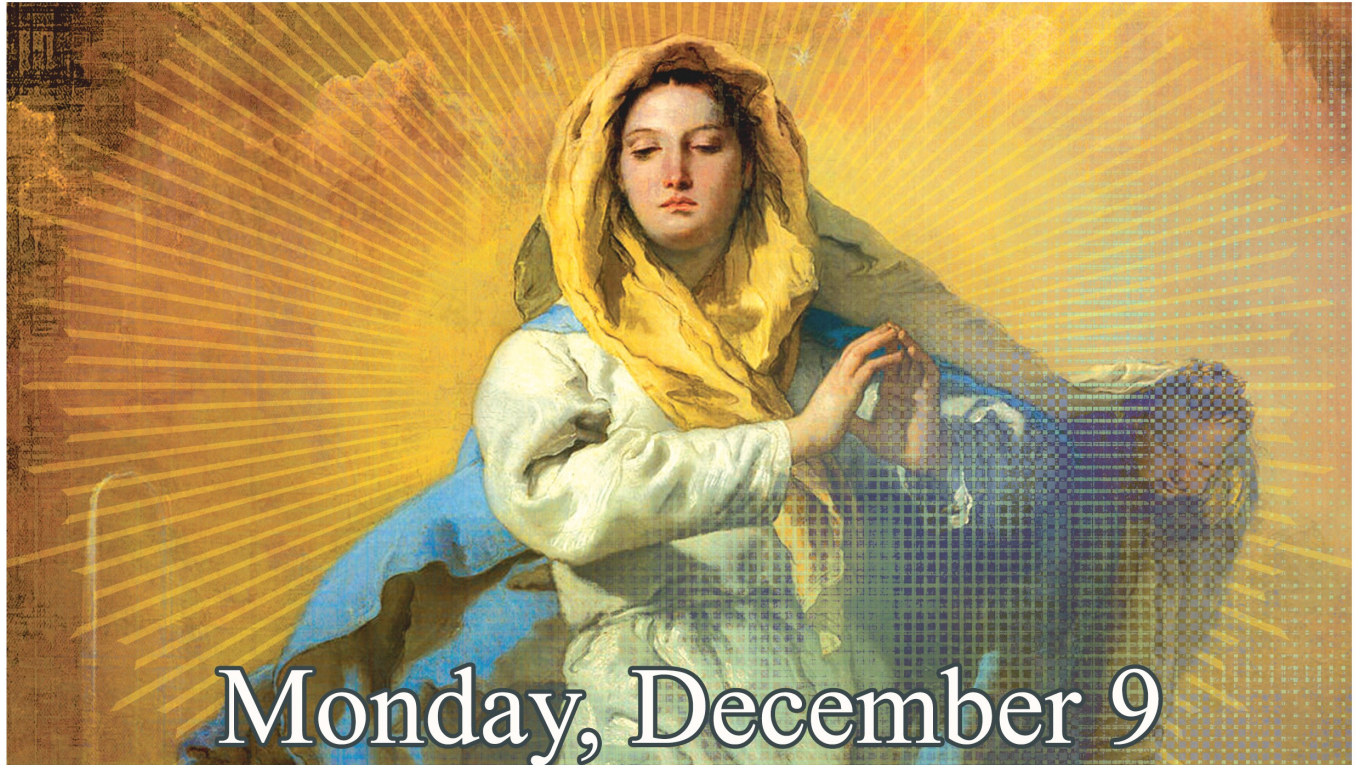


**Maverick Culp
and
Tylynn John**

May God's Blessings be always present in your union.

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT





Monday, December 9

FEAST OF THE

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Mass Schedule

7:30 am, 12:00 pm, 5:00 pm & 7:00 pm



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You're invited to join us at
St. Mark Parish
Christmas Party



December 13th 6 pm - 9 pm

Main Worship Space

Free Admission!



Christmas Menu:

Smoked Ham ,
Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans,
Salad, Rolls, Dessert, Coffee, Iced
Tea, Water, Wine/Beer



RSVP with "RSVP card", online at <https://tinyurl.com/y6euzs8d>
or by signing up in the Narthex. Any questions please
contact parish office at 940-387-6223.





Poinsettia Donations for
Main Worship Space
December 8 through December 15

If you would like to make a donation to purchase a poinsettia to decorate the Main Worship Space this Christmas, please stop by the Narthex after all Masses on the dates above. For more information, contact Helen Fairchild at 940-367-5207.



Advent Reconciliation Service
Prepare the way for the Lord.....

Monday, December 16, 2019

7 pm

St. Mark - Main Worship Space

Any questions, please contact the parish office at 940-387-6223

Those who are ill: Margaret Canizares, Darryl Clements, Amador Ortiz, Charlie Moore, June Hood, Tom Jones, Ken Kirby, Natalie Shutt, Steve and Shelia Simmons, Joe Ivey, Paula Mabry, Gregg Shultz, Andy Trott, Nahia Farha, Margaret Wagner, Mary T. Beninato, Jim Jakusz, Maria Von Trotha, Leonor Cuenca, Marie Menezes, Margie Hill, Paul Geist, Ann Brown, Irma O'Neal, John and Donna Marsh, Christopher Hobin, Judy Hutchinson, Rose Marie Sagui, Lee Googging & family, Ronan Journagan, Anthony J. Balanquit, Maria Rivas, Susan Turner, Kim Avila, Bailey Massen, Emily Monsod, Michael Lundstrom, Margaret Giles, Chris Guerrero, Viola Stillman, Bob Schultz, Amiracle Scaturro, Mike Humphries, Casey Clark, Norma Quinn, Ray Wells, Tyler Sagui, David Stull, Leo St. Martin, Mike Ripley, Dr. Daniel Redmond, Jonathan Allen, Louise & Cal Face, Alex Manning, Frank J. Santoro, Kathleen Easler, Dottie Meadows, Ginny Kirik, Travis Kettle, Dan Alford, Bernice Kirik, Jim Riddle, Irene Tribble, & Ben and Susan Story



Our military, especially: **US Army Sgt. Chase Rutherford** (son of KD Rutherford); **US Navy SA Blake Gibson** (nephew of Scott and Jodie Gibson); **US Army Private 1st Class Brad Sullivan** (son of Peter and Tracie Sullivan); **US Navy SN Easton Kirkbride**, & **US Army Cadet Blake Rhymes** (grandsons of Richard and Anne Hill); **US Navy PO Connor McClure** (son of J. and Jennifer McClure); **Army Chemical Core Captain Benjamin Warren Dye** (son of Donald and Amelia Dye); **US Navy Ens. Matthew I. Goodpaster** (grandson of John and Mary Goodpaster, and son of John and Jennifer Goodpaster III); **US Navy Lt. Patrisha Wilson** (granddaughter of John and Mary Goodpaster, and niece of John and Jennifer Goodpaster III); **US Army Staff Sgt. Fred Stauffer** (nephew of Carol Cooney); **US Army Sgt. Brandon Cruz**, (grandson of Donalee Hallenbeck); **US Navy MMN3 Sebastian Weber** (son of Tom & Fawn Weber, & grandson of Judi & Rich Riley); **USAF 1st Lt. Keith Richards** (son of Steve and Regina Richards); **USAF Colonel Laurie Ann Dickson** (daughter of George & Elaine Wittman); **USAF 1st LT. Preston Green** (grandson of George & Elaine Wittman); **US Army LTC Kelly Pajak** (niece of Dan & Eileen Pajak); **US Army Pvt. Douglas H. Fuller** (son of Douglas A. Fuller, & grandson of June & Henry Fuller); **USMC Sergeant Austin Turner** (son in law of Bobby & Diane Turner); **US Army Pvt. John Thomas Sciara** (son of Eric & Jackie Sciara), **USAF Major Thomas W. Wagner, Jr** (grandson of Margaret Wagner, & nephew of Jane Wagner); **USAF Major Raymond Sagui** (son of Xavier and Rosie Sagui); **US Army PFC Garrett Teubner** (son of Doug & Peggy Teubner); **Master Sgt. Andrew Ahel** (son of Walter & Fran Ahel); **USAF Lt. Colonel Joel Elterman** (son of Janet Elterman-Lee and Curtis Lee); **US Army LTC Phillip Lamb** (nephew of Jack & Tish Becker); **USMC Lance Corporal Brock Geddes** (son of Gil Geddes); **USAF Staff Sgt. Eric Bergman** (son of Jan T. Bergman).

To add someone to either prayer list or update information, please call the parish office or email pub.admin@stmarkdenton.org.

News the Diocese/Community

“HE IS BORN THAT WE MIGHT
TRULY BE FREE THAT WE MIGHT
BE BURDENED IN THE LOVE
OF GOD AND OF EACH OTHER.
TODAY IS BORN OUR SAVIOR,
JESUS CHRIST THE LORD.”

-Bishop Michael Olson

Celebrate the Christmas season in
support of your Annual Diocesan Appeal



Text ADA to 91999 or bit.ly/AnnualDiocesanAppeal