

Alpha

Registration is now open for St. Mark's 2020 Winter Alpha program. Alpha has been instrumental in revitalizing parishes throughout North America and we pray you will consider participating.

Alpha:

- Begins on Thursday, January 30th, 2020
- Runs from 6:30 - 8:30 pm
- Consists of a great meal, a short video and non-judgemental, confidential small group discussion
- Location is St. Mark's Parish Hall

Not sure if Alpha is for you? Feel free to attend the first evening and see how it goes. There is no commitment and there is no cost to participate. For planning purposes (meals), we ask participants to **REGISTER** by contacting Dianne at the church office (849-5111/stmarkschurch@nb.aibn.com) or by **registering online** at www.stmarksparish.ca/alpha.

Diocesan News

Dec. 15 - Third Annual St. Joseph's Advent/Christmas Concert will be held from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. in St. Joseph's Church. Performances by: Treble Clef, Men of Fundy, St. Joseph's Choir, Ryan Drive Trio, Aiden & Natalie London, Luan Salmon and St. Joseph's After School Children's Choir. Free will offering to benefit St. Joseph's After School Program. Reception following.

Dec. 16 - The next monthly Mass for those living with cancer will be celebrated at 6:30 pm in the Cathedral. Anointing of the sick will be offered.

Dec. 22 - Christmas Promise/Rejoice – A Christmas Concert will be held at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at 2:30 p.m., featuring two Cantatas, Christian Rejoice by Dietrich Buxtehude and Christmas Promise by Janet Kidd. Advent and Christmas Carols by the Cathedral Choir and guests are also featured. Free will offering.

Dec. 27 - Christmastime Strings Concert with Theresa Patterson will take place at St. Alphonsus Church in Hampton at 7:00 p.m.

Pre-Authorized Debit System – If you would like to start this system of donation, forms are available in the foyer. Please fill out the form and drop it in collection basket in an envelope, along with a VOID cheque.

If you are new to the Parish, we would like to hear from you. If you are leaving the area, please let us know.

Register Update:

Please fill out this form and put it in collection basket or give to greeter. Thank you for helping to keep our records up to date.

Name _____

Address/Postal Code _____

Phone _____

Email _____

New in Parish ____ Moving out of ____

Moving within the Parish _____



st.mark's CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MISSION STATEMENT

Go and Make Disciples

VISION

Be the face of Jesus in the world; where church matters and a relationship with Jesus Christ is central to every person

Pastor: Father Owen Burns

Mass Times: Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Sunday 7:00 p.m.

Strategy, Parish Support Team Chair – Michele Connors

Baptism, Marriage, Catechetical Ministry - **contact office**

Reconciliation - Sat. after Mass or by appointment

December 14th – December 15th, 2019 3rd Sunday of Advent

Isa 35 1-6a, 10 Jas 5 7-10 Mt 11 2-11

December 21st – December 22nd, 2019 4th Sunday of Advent

Isa 7 10-14 Rom 1 1-7 Mt 1 18-24

December 15, 2019 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

“You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand.” (James 5:8)

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer we better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

<u>Announced Masses</u>			
Mon.	Dec. 16	No Mass	
Tues.	Dec. 17	9:00 a.m.	Tom Roberts
Wed.	Dec. 18	6:30 p.m.	Vic Mazerolle
Thurs.	Dec. 19	9:00 a.m.	James & Martha Downey
Sat.	Dec. 21	5:00 p.m.	Jules Painchaud
Sun.	Dec. 22	10:00 a.m.	Special Intention
		7:00 p.m.	For Parishioners

Scheduled Events — Dec.15th – Dec. 22nd			
Date	Event	Time	Location
Sun.Dec.15	Music Prac.7pm Mass	5:30 p.m.	Church
	Pathfinders	7:00 p.m.	Hall
Mon.Dec.16	Rosary	7:00 p.m.	Chapel
	Music Prac. 5pm Mass	7:00 p.m.	Church
Tues.Dec. 17	Music Prac. 10am Mass	6:30 p.m.	Church
	Ultreya	7:00 p.m.	Hall
Thurs.Dec.19	Mothers Prayers	9:35 a.m.	Chapel
	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Church
Sun.Dec.22	Music Prac. 7pm Mass	5:30 p.m.	Church

Ministry Sign up
 Ministry sign up sheets for Christmas and New Year’s Masses are in the foyer. Please consider signing up for the Mass you will be attending.

Care And Concern Christmas Items
 If you have not yet returned your items (food, toys or clothing) that were taken from the Care and Concern Christmas needs board, please return them by Wednesday, December 18th at noon.

To All Cursiestas: There will be an Ultreya on Tuesday, December 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Mark’s Catholic Parish Hall, 171 Pettingill Road, Quispamsis. For more information, call Charlie LeBlanc at 654-0822. Please use the back entrance.

Religious Formation – 849-5111
 Coordinator – Wendy Ellis 849-8162
 Email: stmarksreled@bellaliant.com

Whole Parish Catechesis
About the Gospel: John the Baptist questions if Jesus is the one that God has promised will come after him. In response, Jesus recounts some of his miracles, all of which were prophesied by Isaiah. Jesus affirms that John is a prophet sent to prepare everyone for his own arrival.
Exploring the Sunday Readings:
 For Pre-K-Grade 7: See weekly handouts!
 For Adults: Where do you see signs that grace is active in the world right now? What are ways you have made the world a better place? What was John the Baptist waiting for?
Family Corner:
Sunday Gospel Activity: Jesus went out of his way to show kindness to people who needed it. Have each person in your family make a pledge to help someone who needs it. Each evening this week, share how you have spread Jesus’ kindness.
Family Prayer: God, we thank you for many blessings. Help us to be blessings to others. Amen.
Question of the Week: How do you share good news with others?

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Individual Confession

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on Thursday evenings from 7-8 p.m. with exposition and benediction. Adoration is an opportunity for us to come to worship and focus on God, pray private devotions in the presence of the Lord, or just to sit and be with Jesus. We invite you to join us for all or part of the hour to visit with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, lay down your burdens and spend time in prayer and adoration. Fr. Burns will also be available at this time for those wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (individual confession).

Extra Parking for Christmas Masses

For your convenience, there will be extra parking spots available for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day in the Chris Saunders Memorial Elementary School parking lot.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES
Tuesday, Dec. 24th – Christmas Eve
4:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.
10:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 25th
Christmas Day
10:00 a.m.
FEAST OF MARY HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
Tuesday, Dec. 31st – 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 1st – 10:00 a.m.

Christmas Invitations

Christmas is a time when family and friends gather to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We encourage you to consider inviting your family and friends to celebrate the joy of Christmas with you, and with all of us, at St. Mark’s this year! Invitations listing our Christmas and New Year’s Mass times can be found at all three upper entrances. Please take as many as you need!

Office Hours during the Holidays

The church office will be closed on December 24th and will reopen on Thursday, January 2, 2020.

Holy Hour for Families

All are welcome to attend a holy hour of Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mark’s Parish in Quispamsis at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 1, 2020. This Holy Hour will be geared toward families with young children, but everyone is invited to come adore the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament as we begin the new year. **Incense will be used.** There will be a pot-luck reception in the church hall following the hour of prayer, from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (finger foods only please, as we will not be using the kitchen for this event).

Required Weekly	\$ 5,555.00
Sunday Collection, December 8 th	\$ 4,189.30