

The **Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** is observed Tomorrow, Monday, With Mass At 12.00 Noon

The Church Women's Fleece Navidad Service Project is going very well. Thanks to Kathryn, Dana, Debbie, Emily, Katie, Mah-rya, Bebe, Khouria Judith, Mat. Elizabeth, Mary, and Carol for offering to buy a 2pc. Fleece wear set for 18 grateful seniors at the Health Center at Franklin Park. If you would like to help, they still may have one name left. Carol and Dana would appreciate it if the ladies could please bring your wrapped Christmas presents to church next Sunday, December 15th.

In preparation for the Christmas Masses, the Altar Guild needs members and volunteers to have an "All hands on Deck" cleaning and polishing day on Saturday, December 21st at 10:00 AM.

The work on a reprint of the *English Missal IV* continues. It appears that the Adobe software makes every simple editing task take hours rather than minutes. In fact, there are much better software programs for book design that take a fraction of the time to use. So, let us express our gratitude for actual, functioning, software by paying the small tariff on the better product. For example, "PDF Expert" can print about twice as fast from our Canon printer as Adobe Acrobat. Adobe charges a hundred times as much for any of their products. Many times the Adobe product cannot even 'find' the printer while "PDF Expert" has already produced the document. A guess is that the 'real' Adobe product is written by software engineers making \$4.00 an hour in India and the cheapo 'app' called **PDF Expert** is made by regular USA "good ol' boys" in Iowa. Just a guess from the results... FJCC

Service Schedule for Week of December 8th

Sunday Morning Prayer 7:30 AM

Sunday Low Mass: 8 AM

Xmas Bake Sale & Sunday School 9:10 AM

Matins 9:45 AM & Solemn Mass: 10:00 AM

Xmas Bake Sale & Fellowship 11:00 AM

MONDAY, TOMORROW, Conception of the BVM

- Mass at 12:00 Noon -

WEDNESDAY, Mass at 12:00 Noon, Lady Chapel

SATURDAY, Latin Mass 9:00 AM,

The 377 page *Lectionary for the English Office*, Year 2020 is now for sale in the Parish Hall. Special price for locals is \$ 15^{.00} each. These will be gifted to Cantors, Readers, S.Deacons and other clergy as part of our daily discipline of prayer and Scripture reading. It is a decent looking book for Christmas gift giving that flatters the recipient because it suggests the person can read and pray.

News from the Churchwomen's Meeting in November:

Prepared & Updated by Khouria Judith & Debbie.

Here are the Christmas projects and activities that the Church women will be working on this month.

On Sunday, December 8th, our Annual Bake Sale will be held in the parish kitchen after both Masses, today. The proceeds from the sale will support various charities.

The Church Women will be supporting the Community at Franklin Park once again with St Mark's tradition, Fleece Navidad. Please look for both the name tag on the small Xmas tree and the sign up sheet in the parish hall. If you would like more information, please contact Carol or Dana.

Also, the ladies will be sponsoring the Advent Food Drive. This year our food collection we will be given to our local South High School Food Bank. We have two large tubs, one upstairs in the narthex and one in the parish hall. They say that providing food and support can help students stay in school and have a brighter future.

At this time, they are very well stocked with canned vegetables, rice, pinto beans, and body wash.

Please bring items from the following list below to St. Mark's Parish Hall. CURRENT NEEDS:

Bags of Masa	Toothpaste - full-size tubes
Cans of Garbanzo Beans	Toothbrushes
Kraft Macaroni and Cheese	Bars of Soap
Small Jars of Jam	Small Bottles or Pods Laundry Detergent
Cheerios	Small Bottles of Dish Washing Liquid
Pancake Mix	Reusable grocery/shopping bags
Bags of dried RED Lentils	Oatmeal
Cooking Oil	Deodorant
Tabasco/Cholula/Sriracha Sauce	

In most cases students are carrying food home on the bus; smaller sizes work best. No glass jars please.

This Advent, St Mark's Church Women are donating, \$500 to SafeHouse Denver, \$500 to IOCC, and \$500 to Project Mexico*

The Church Women are delighted that the "Food Drive" has been so successful!



SAINT MARK'S CHURCH

We serve the Western Rite as appointed by the Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and All the East, the First Chair of Peter.

Your prayers for Patriarch John X, Metropolitan Archbishop Joseph; Bp. Basil, Diocese of Wichita; Bp. John, Western Rite Vicariate; and Fr. John, Fr. James, the Rev'd Archdeacon Vladimir, Dn. John Saturus and SubDeacons John and Daniel.

ADVENT II, SUNDAY

DECEMBER 8, 2019

Thanks to Fr. John Connely and Fr. James Tochiara for being our Celebrants and to Fr. John for preaching at both Services today. Fr. John will also serve as Litanist.

The Altar Guild would like to remind the faithful that there will be no flowers on the Altar until December 24th, however the ladies will be accepting donations for Christmas flowers and greens. Please, look for the special envelopes in the pews and on the table in the back of the church. Also, there is a sign up sheet in the parish hall for those folks who want to remember their loved ones by donating a Christmas Window Candle.

Following the first Liturgy, all are welcome to join us for the Church Women's Christmas Bake Sale and the Sunday School Class which meets in the downstairs parish hall. Thanks to Fr. John Connely for teaching the Sunday School class "for all age" students at 9:10 AM today. The December Vestry meeting will be held next Sunday at 9:10 AM.

Anglican Chant Matins will begin at 9:45 AM followed by the Litany and Solemn Mass at 10 AM.

After the second service, all are welcome to join us downstairs in the parish kitchen for the Women's Bake Sale. Thanks to these ladies Debbie, Lisa, Natalie, Mary, Shamassy Kristine, Tanya, Carol, Emily, Katie, Kathryn and others who brought the nice assortment of baked goods, jams, gluten free snacks, gifts and more.

We are asking parishioners who celebrate their birthdays in December to please bring refreshments to one of the Sunday social hours during the month. Those Parishioners having Birthdays this month are Shirley, Tanya, Sarah, Debbie, Guy, Kathryn, Margaret, Sandy and Sklar.

If you wish to participate, then let us know by signing your name on the Social Hour Calendar or by contacting Mat. Deborah by e-mail before 12 noon on Saturday. Her e-mail address is matushka.deborah@gmail.com.

Also, please get your bulletin news, invitations, and notices to Matushka Deborah by 12 noon on Thursday.

Thanks to Debbie St. Clair for hosting the Christmas Floral arrangement party yesterday. The ladies had a fun time and enjoyed the delicious Brunch. Here are the names of the ladies who got to take a holiday centerpiece home; Debbie, Mah-rya, (Eliana & Jael) Khouria Judith, Dana, Katie, Emily, Carol, Lisa, Natalie, Shamassy Kristine and Sherry.

We have tallied up the "Open House" receipts and have calculated that each Vestry member's share comes to \$32.00. Please make checks payable to St. Mark's Parish and write "Open House" on the memo line.

Thanks to Natalie Lickteig for providing the "Bread of Hospitality" this morning. The Bread Schedule for the next few weeks is Kathryn Reeves on December 15th and on December 22nd, and Shamassy Kristine Woolley on December 29th and on January 5th.

Metropolitan Hilarion's book "*The Mystery of Faith*" is in print again after a lapse of years. It might be worthy of our Church School Class. The books are available in the parish hall for \$25.00. Please make your check payable to "BFSL."

This year Christmas falls on Wednesday, December 25th. As is our custom the Christmas Eve Vigil Mass (Family Liturgy) at 5:00 PM, Lessons and Carols at 9:30 PM and the Mass in the Night at 10:00 PM. The Christmas Day Mass is at 10:00 AM which should be daylight and accessible to our Parishioners who do not drive or take the train after dark.