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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM
Blue Hen Student Mass: 6:30 PM
Daily Mass: 12:30PM

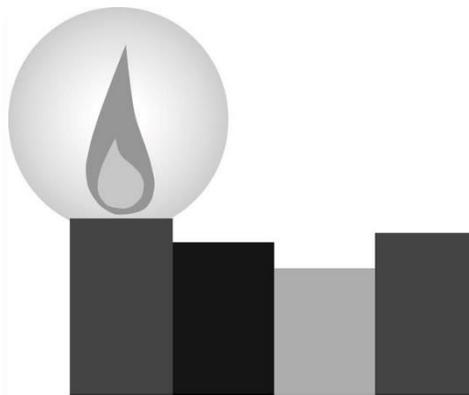
Confession

Tuesday: 5:30 – 6:30 PM
or by appointment

Office Hours

Monday – Friday: 10 AM – 2 PM
or by appointment

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
3 DECEMBER 2017



HOPE



“Meekness and mildness of heart is a virtue rarer than chastity.” ~ St. Francis de Sales

READINGS

3 December

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:33-37

10 December

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14

2 Peter 3:8-14

Mark 1:1-8

OFFERTORY

5 Nov 17	\$9,306.14
13 Nov 17	\$5,862.00
20 Nov 17	\$4,597.28
27 Nov 17	\$4,498.00

Year to Date	\$104,078.16
Goal for Fiscal Year (7/1/17 – 6/30/18)	\$265,000.00

Next 2nd Collection

10 Dec 17

Retirement Fund for the Religious

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Upcoming Classes:

December 3
December 10
January 7



Religious Ed Christmas Party
Sunday, December 10
10:30 am – 12:30 pm

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Pancake Brunch – Dec. 3 @ 12:30 pm

Christmas Party – Dec. 8 @ 8PM
Come help us decorate the tree, bake cookies, paint ornaments, make ginger bread houses, watch Christmas movies & more! Dinner @ 6, Party @ 8

Midnight Breakfast – Dec. 12 @ 10PM
Newark United Methodist Church on Main St.
Prepared and served by the University Religious Leaders

**Christmas Open House at the Oblates
Residence – Dec. 20 @ 6–9 PM**

Please visit www.udcatholic.org for signups/details

MASS SCHEDULE UPDATES

Holy Day: Immaculate Conception

Vigil: December 7th at 5:00 PM
December 8th at 12:30 PM & 6:30 PM



Advent Confession Opportunity

An extended confession & adoration time
will be offered on

Tuesday, December 5th from 7 – 9 PM

Three priests will be available to hear confessions.
This will replace our usual confession/adoration time.

OTHER REMINDERS

The last 6:30 PM Blue Hen Student Mass of the
fall semester will be **Sunday, December 17th**.
6:30 Mass will resume on February 4th.



2018 Offertory Envelopes
are now available downstairs.
Children's envelopes and Online Giving basket
vouchers are also available for pickup.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

As we begin the new Church year today with the First Sunday of Advent, we will begin to read from the Gospel of Mark. During each of the four Sundays of Advent, I will offer reflections on the background of Mark's Gospel.

I: Author and Date of the Gospel

The earliest manuscripts of the second Gospel in the New Testament are titled According to Mark. This heading is not part of the original work but was added by the early Christians. It summarizes the Church's uniform tradition that Mark, a disciple of Peter, wrote the second Gospel. Although there is no direct internal evidence of authorship, it was the unanimous testimony of the early church that this Gospel was written by John Mark ("John, also called Mark, (Acts 12:12 and 15:37). The most important evidence comes from Papias (c. a.d. 140), who quotes an even earlier source as saying: (1) Mark was a close associate of Peter, from whom he received the tradition of the things said and done by the Lord; (2) this tradition did not come to Mark as a finished, sequential account of the life of our Lord, but as the preaching of Peter—preaching directed to the needs of the early Christian communities; (3) Mark accurately preserved this material. The conclusion drawn from this tradition is that the Gospel of Mark largely consists of the preaching of Peter arranged and shaped by Mark.

It is generally agreed that the Mark who is associated with Peter in the early tradition is also the John Mark of the New Testament. The first mention of him is in connection with his mother, Mary, who had a house in Jerusalem that served as a meeting place for believers (Acts 12:12). Mark accompanied Paul and Barnabas when they returned to Antioch from Jerusalem after visiting the famine there (Acts 12:25). Mark next appears as a "helper" to Paul and Barnabas on their first missionary journey (Acts 13:5), but he deserted them at Perga in Pamphylia to return to Jerusalem (Acts 13:13). Paul must have been deeply disappointed with Mark's actions on this occasion, because when Barnabas proposed taking Mark on the second journey, Paul flatly refused, a refusal that broke up their working relationship (Acts 15:36–39). Barnabas took Mark, who was his cousin (Colossians 4:10), and departed for Cyprus. No further mention is made of either of them in the book of Acts. Mark reappears in Paul's letter to the Colossians written from Rome. Paul sends a greeting from Mark and adds: "You have received instructions about him; if he comes to you, welcome him" (Colossians 4:10). At this point Mark was apparently beginning to win his way back into Paul's confidence. By the end of Paul's life, Mark had fully regained Paul's favor (see 2Timothy 4:11).

Two factors suggest that Mark composed his Gospel before 70 AD within one generation of the events he recorded. First, The Gospel itself points us in this direction. In Mark 13, Jesus makes a prediction of the imminent destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple, which took place in 70 AD when the Romans violently destroyed the city. However, Mark makes no mention of this as a past event, nor does he give detailed information about the catastrophe that would indicate he was writing after the fact. Second, prominent traditions indicate that Mark wrote his Gospel soon after Peter's martyrdom (c. 67 AD). So our best estimate for the date of composition is mid to late 60's but before 70 AD.

Source: Ignatius Catholic Bible Study: The Gospel of Mark

