

St. Mark Roman Catholic Parish

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PARISH STAFF

Rev. Stephen Murrin – *Pastor*
Rev. Mr. Basil Markides – *Deacon*
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LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday at 5:00 PM
Sunday at 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 7:00 PM
Wed., Thur., Fri. 7:00 AM *
Saturday 9:00 AM
(*First Friday 7:00 PM followed by Benediction)

CONFESSIONS

Saturday following 9:00 AM Mass
and 4:15–4:30 PM or by appointment.

BLESSED SACRAMENT ADORATION CHAPEL

Perpetual Adoration – Spots available,
see chapel bulletin board

Divine Mercy – Fridays 3:00 PM

Our Lady's Rosary – First Saturday at 10 AM

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS – We invite you to become a registered parishioner. Please fill out a form from the church lobby and drop it in the collection basket or at the parish office. Please call if you would like Father to bless your home.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES / PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT

To receive an annual tax receipt for your donations you are encouraged to use offertory envelopes and/or to enroll in our monthly debit plan. Offertory envelopes can be requested by filling out a parish registration form, or if you are already registered, simply call the office to request a box. Debit plan enrollment forms are available in the church lobby.

BAPTISM – Baptisms are celebrated during Sunday Mass. Two months' notice is required. Please pick up a baptism form in the church lobby, introduce yourself to Father after Mass and give him your completed form at that time. Dates for preparation and the baptism will be confirmed by the parish office only after you have met with Father.

MARRIAGE – At least 6 months' notice is required. Please introduce yourselves to Father after Mass to set up an appointment.

ANointing OF THE SICK / HOSPITAL VISITATION

If you or someone you know is in need of the Sacrament of the Sick, please call the parish office or see Father after Mass. Please advise the office of hospital admissions to request Anointing or a pastoral visit.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL – White Box Collection on the last Sunday of the month. Call 519-571-8485 for information on food distribution.



“... The seed is sprouting and growing ...” (Mark 4:27)

MASS INTENTION REQUEST FORM

To have a Mass celebrated for a living or deceased loved one, please fill out this request form, place it in a plain envelope marked “Mass Intention,” and drop it in the Sunday collection, or slip it under the door of the parish office if it is closed. Your intention will be printed in the bulletin and announced at Mass.

If you require a Mass card please make your request in person at the parish office during business hours, or call the office to make pick-up arrangements.

The offering for a Mass (for living or deceased) is \$10 per Mass.

I would like to have _____ Mass(es) celebrated for
HOW MANY?

☐ the intentions of (living) **OR** ☐ the repose of the soul of (deceased)

NAME OF LIVING OR DECEASED PERSON(S)

Please choose your preferred way of setting the date for this Mass:

☐ The date of the Mass does not matter.

OR

☐ The exact date does not matter, but I would prefer one of the following:

<input type="checkbox"/> 7:00 AM on any weekday	<input type="checkbox"/> 5:00 PM on any Saturday
<input type="checkbox"/> 7:00 PM on any Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/> 9:30 AM on any Sunday
<input type="checkbox"/> 9:00 AM on any Saturday	<input type="checkbox"/> 11:30 AM on any Sunday

OR

☐ I would like the Mass to be on this specific date*: _____

** Please keep in mind that our ability to accommodate a request for a specific date (especially for a weekend) can be difficult without sufficient notice. For this reason, we recommend submitting requests for weekend Masses several months in advance.*

Requested by: _____

Daytime Phone # or email: _____

We will attempt to contact you if we are unable to accommodate your request.

April 15 - 21, 2018

Monday – (FERIAL)*(Chrism Mass at the Cathedral)***Tuesday** (FERIAL)

7:00 PM + Macedo Family – Luiz Macedo

Wednesday (FERIAL)

12 noon - Intentions of Jo Flood – Flood Family

* NO MORNING MASSES ON THURSDAY, FRIDAY OR SATURDAY

✠ EASTER TRIDUUM ✠

HOLY THURSDAY

7:30 PM - Mass of the Lord's Supper

+ Deceased Priests of the Diocese of Hamilton

Followed by Procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose

10:45 PM - Night Prayer

GOOD FRIDAY

3:00 PM - Passion of the Lord

7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY* NO CONFESSIONS TODAY

10:00 am - Blessing of Easter Food

9:00 PM - Easter Vigil Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord

- Intentions of Brigida De Sousa

EASTER SUNDAY - SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD*Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-18++***Sun. 9:30 am** - Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

11:30 am + Olivia Baptista – Jose and family

Spy Wednesday ... This Wednesday is known as Spy Wednesday because on this day Judas made a bargain with the high priest to betray Jesus for 30 silver pieces. (*Matt 26:14-16; Mark 14:10-11; Luke 22:1-6*)

Holy Thursday ... The church will remain open until 11 p.m. and after Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be reserved at the Altar of Repose, which will be located in the parish hall. You are encouraged that night to make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome to attend Night Prayer at 10:45 p.m.

Good Friday ... UNIVERSAL DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

On Good Friday, the Church asks that we fast from food and abstain all day from eating any type of meat. Fasting means that we should eat only one meal on Good Friday and avoid any snacking. The age for abstinence is 14 and 60 for fasting. Bear in mind that these ages were established years ago by the church when food was not as plentiful and nutrition not as accessible as it is today. Therefore, if you are in good health, the spirit of these disciplines would be to practice them regardless of age. On Good Friday, we should also refrain from doing any unnecessary work and avoid activities such as shopping.

OFFERTORY REPORT**April 6/7, 2019**

Sunday envelopes \$ 2,535.25

Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52) \$ 1,268.54

Loose monies..... \$ 597.35

TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS \$ 4,401.14

Mortgage envelopes..... \$ 970.00

Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52) ... \$ 261.81

TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS..... \$ 556.81

Share Lent - diocesan collection..... \$ 565.00

*Thank you for your generosity.***Meetings & Events This Week:**

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<u>Mon. April 15</u>	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
<u>Tue. April 16</u>	6:30 pm	(L)	Separated/Divorced Level III
	7:00 pm	(M)	11:30 Choir practice
<u>Wed. April 17</u>	6:30 pm	(H)	Alpha (<i>all rooms</i>)
	7:00 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group

This Sunday, called Palm or Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday are called the Triduum, three days that are the highlight of the Church year. There are two Gospels proclaimed at today's Mass. The first Gospel, proclaimed before the procession with palms, tells of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Riding on a borrowed colt, Jesus was hailed by the crowds as they shouted blessings and praise to God. This event is reported in each of the four Gospels.

Luke's Gospel is the only one to report the exchange between Jesus and the Pharisees as Jesus enters Jerusalem. Jesus' response shows that this event, and those yet to come, are part of a divine plan. We hear this echoed again in Luke's description of the Last Supper when Jesus speaks of Judas' betrayal, saying that the Son of Man "goes as has been determined."

At the Liturgy of the Word on this Sunday, the events of Jesus' passion are proclaimed in their entirety. This year, as we are in the cycle of C, we read the passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Luke. On Good Friday, however, every year we read the passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John.

Throughout Luke's Gospel we see that Jesus' words and actions proclaim the Kingdom of God. This motif continues throughout Luke's passion narrative. Jesus appears to be in total command of events at the Passover meal as he hands over the kingdom to his disciples. He welcomes them to the Passover meal announcing that this will be his last until the Kingdom of God is fulfilled.

As throughout Luke's Gospel, however, the disciples show little understanding of this kingdom that Jesus often announces. Following the meal, the disciples argue about who is the greatest. Jesus takes the opportunity to distinguish the meaning of leadership in the Kingdom of God from the forms of leadership seen in the world.

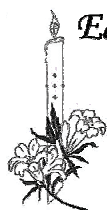
Jesus initiates a conversation with Simon and predicts his denial. Jesus then instructs his disciples to prepare themselves for the events that will follow. His words reveal an awareness of the challenges that all of them will face in the days ahead. As the disciples and Jesus enter the Mount of Olives, Jesus indicates the importance of the disciples' time in prayer, telling them that through prayer they will be able to face the challenges ahead.

As he prays, Jesus is tested. In the garden, an angel is sent to strengthen him and to prepare him for the events ahead. After this moment, Jesus is again in charge of the events and circumstances.

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus is portrayed as active and vocal throughout his passion. When one of the disciples strikes the high priest's servant, Jesus heals the man, an event reported only in the Gospel of Luke. Jesus stops the disciples' protest against his arrest by noting that this is the "time for the power of darkness." Jesus engages and responds when brought before the Sanhedrin; his words speak about the "power of God" that will bring about the reign of the Son of Man. When questioned by Pilate, Jesus responds with just one phrase; yet before Herod, Jesus refuses to speak.

When Luke describes the Way of the Cross and Jesus' crucifixion, he calls to our attention many events that are not reported in the other Gospels. Throughout his Gospel, Luke has paid heed to the women who accompanied Jesus. Now, on the road to Calvary, Jesus speaks to the women who walk with him. Only Luke reports Jesus' words of forgiveness spoken from the cross. And only Luke reports the dialogue between Jesus and the good thief. Finally, in contrast with the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Luke reports no words of abandonment spoken by Jesus on the cross. Instead, Jesus, in full command until his death, commends his spirit to his Father and takes his final breath.

Throughout Holy Week, we will continue to reflect on the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God's Son and brought to fulfillment the Kingdom of God. ■

**Easter Flowers**

Contributions toward the purchase of Easter Flowers may be made in memory of a loved one; Mass on Easter Sunday morning will be offered for the repose of their souls. Look for the pink box in the narthex with envelopes for donations.



Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday, April 18	7:30 PM – Mass of the Lord's Supper
Altar Servers:	R. Robin, N. D'Souza, T./T. Morgan
Commentator:	Bill Sawarna
Readers:	T. Lee; J. Petrovich
Ushers:	M. Schimus; (need 2 more)
Gift Bearers:	Chacon family
Eucharistic Ministers:	A. Monte; E. Weiss; (need 2 more)

Good Friday, April 19	3:00 PM – Passion of the Lord
Altar Servers:	R. Robin, N. D'Souza
Readers:	J. Deneau; K. Friesen; Sr. Kathleen; C. Mackid
Ushers:	L. Koehler; T. Germann; B. Voisin; (need 1 more)
Eucharistic Ministers:	T. Lee; A. Monte

Holy Saturday, April 20	9:00 PM – Easter Vigil Mass
Altar Servers:	R. Robin, N./A. Gallagher; N. D'Souza
Readers:	T. Lee; Sr. Kathleen; J. Petrovich; B. Sawarna; V. DeVries
Ushers:	(need 4 more)
Gift Bearers:	(needed)
Eucharistic Ministers:	M. Walser; (need 3 more)

Easter Sunday, Apr. 21	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	E./T./T. Morgan, G./S. Morgan	N./A. Gallagher; R. Robin; J./J. Lemi
Commentator:	J. Germann	(needed)
Readers:	T. Lee; T. Germann	M. Monte; (need 1 more)
Ushers:	F./B. Seaward; P. Drohan	M. Schimus; B. Voisin (need 2 more)
Gift Bearers:	(needed)	(needed)
Eucharistic Ministers:	G. MacNeil; H. Kress; T. Angel	E. Weiss; A. Monte; (need 1 more)

Dear Liturgical Ministers: Please look for the spots above that indicate "need more" and sign up in the binder in the narthex. Many thanks.

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

The Easter Triduum is one liturgical celebration spread over three days that begins with the Evening Mass of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday, marking the passion and death of Christ on Good Friday and ending with the Mass of the Resurrection on Holy Saturday night or Easter Sunday. It marks the end of the 40 days of Lent and celebrates the Paschal Mystery, the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Fathers of the Second Vatican Council reminded us of the extraordinary significance of the Triduum: "Christ redeemed us all and gave perfect glory to God principally through his paschal mystery: dying He destroyed our death and rising He restored our life. Therefore the Easter Triduum of the passion and resurrection of Christ is the culmination of the entire liturgical year." (General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar, #18).

The Easter Triduum and the Easter Season which lasts 50 days, therefore, is not simply one feast among others, but as the catechism of the Church tells us, it is the "Feast of Feasts" and the "Solemnity of Solemnities" just as the Eucharist is the "Sacrament of Sacraments". St. Athanasius called Easter, the Great Sunday and the Eastern Churches call Holy Week, the 'Great week'. In other words, it is the Celebrations of Celebrations. It is what we celebrate every time we attend Mass – it is the very essence of our faith.

Considering that the Easter Triduum is one celebration spread over three day, as Catholics, we are urged to put aside our daily routines and make priority to attend, not just one or two, but all three liturgical celebrations on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and either the Vigil Mass of Holy Saturday or Easter Sunday Mass.



CHRISM MASS

Monday, April 15th at 7:00 pm
Christ the King Cathedral, Hamilton

During this Mass, oils used for the sacraments in parishes are blessed and consecrated by Bishop Crosby and priest of the Diocese renew the promises made at Ordination. All are welcome to attend. Please remember priests in your prayers that day.

What better way to understand Jesus' Last Days?

Join us in the PARISH HALL for 3 LIVE PERFORMANCES:

JESUS IS ARRESTED - Holy Thursday

April 18th at 7:00 pm (approx. 20 min.)

JESUS' PASSION - Good Friday

April 19th at 7:30 pm (approx. 1 hour)

JESUS' RESURRECTION - Easter Sunday

April 21st at 12:30 pm (approx. 20 min.)

~ ALL AGES ARE WELCOME ~

A very special thank you to the Chacon Family for their many weeks of organizing and offering these performances.



The Seven Sorrows of Mary Rosary

The Legion of Mary invites all to come and pray the Seven Sorrows of Mary Rosary followed by meditations in honour of Mary's desolation. We will also begin the Divine Mercy Novena. Please join us in the St. John's room on **Good Friday, April 19th at 11 a.m.**

First Communion Preparation – Final Meeting

Wednesday, April 24 at 6:30 pm for Parents and Children

Next Mass for the Intentions of the C.W.L. is on Friday, April 26th at 7 a.m.

Consoling the Heart of Jesus (BOOK & DVD SERIES)

Join us for a 10-part series that delves into the simplicity and grandeur of Consoling spirituality. This retreat is based on the popular book by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, *Consoling the Heart of Jesus*. Gain new insights into how you can console Jesus; learn the keys to the great sanctity of the Saints and Blesseds like Therese of Lisieux, Faustina Kowalska and Mother Teresa; and have all the tools you'll need to "become a saint, a great saint, and quickly." **We begin Monday, April 29th at 7:15 p.m. in the St. Matthew's Room.** Please register by signing up on the sheet in the narthex, or contact the parish office (519-571-9200 / stmark@rogers.com) and leave your name, email address and phone number.

Electronic Waste Drop-Off Day ... St. Mark's Knights of Columbus are offering an Electronic Waste Drop-off Day on **Saturday, May 4th (9am-1pm)** at **St. Mark's Church parking lot**. We will accept any electronic items including computers, phones, T.V.'s, printers, monitors, stereos, etc. Also collecting old clothing (please no rags!).

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

This week, let us pray for...

April 15 - Rev. Paul Hryncyszyn
April 16 - Rev. Adam Wroblewicz, CR
April 17 - Diaconate Candidates
April 18 - Holy Thursday
April 19 - Good Friday
April 20 - Rev. John Redmond

Prayer for Vocations: *God, the source of creation and love, You invite each of us to serve you through the life which is your gift. May your grace encourage men and women to heights of holiness through service to the Church as priests, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers. Make me an instrument to encourage others to give themselves and challenge me to do the same. Amen.*



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