

St. Mark Catholic Parish

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PASTOR: Fr. Steve Murrin
DEACON: Rev. Mr. Basil Markides
SECRETARY: Mrs. Pam Olinski

LORD'S DAY MASSES
Saturday at 5:00 PM
Sunday at 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES
Tuesday at 7:00 PM
Wed., Thur., Fri. at 7:00 AM
Saturday at 9:00 AM

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

ANOINTING OF THE SICK
First Tuesday evening of the month at the
7:00 p.m. Mass. No prior notice necessary.

ADORATION CHAPEL
Perpetual Adoration: Spots open – see
Chapel bulletin board
Divine Mercy: Fridays 3:00 PM
Our Lady's Rosary: 1st Saturday at 10 AM
Benediction: 1st Sunday at 7:00 PM

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
We invite you to register. Please fill out a
form from the church lobby and drop it off
at the parish office. Please call if you would
like Father to bless your home.

BAPTISM
Infant baptism is celebrated on the 2nd
Sunday of the month at 1:30 PM. A
Preparation Meeting is held on the
Wednesday evening preceding the baptism.
Please fill out a form from the church lobby
and drop it off at the parish office at least 6
weeks in advance.

HOSPITAL VISITATION
Please advise the office of area hospital
admissions to request a pastoral visit or the
Sacrament of the Sick.

FIRST FRIDAY VISITS
Father will bring Communion to the sick on
the 1st Friday of the month. Please call the
office to schedule a 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 the beginning of Mass.

If you require a **Mass card** please make your request in person at the parish office during business hours.

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 check ✓ 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:

7:00 AM on a Weekday

5:00 PM on a Saturday

7:00 PM on a Tuesday

9:30 AM on a Sunday

9:00 AM on a Saturday

11:30 AM on a 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 a few months in advance.

Requested by: _____

Daytime Phone # or email: _____

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass Intentions for the Week

April 16 – 22, 2018

Monday - NO MASS (EASTER FERIAL)

Tuesday - NO MASS (MEMORIAL – ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA)

Wednesday (EASTER FERIAL)

7:00 am + Robert Gatchene – *Marilyn Dufresne*

Thursday (EASTER FERIAL)

7:00 am + Theresa Prince & Int. of Albert Prince – *M./J. Gregg*

6:00 PM – **FIRST RECONCILIATION** *with Grade 2's*

Friday (EASTER FERIAL)

7:00 am + Margaret Adela Dallaire – *Basil & Sue Markides*

Saturday (EASTER FERIAL)

9:00 am – Int. of Kaileigh Gibson – *Kathy Smith*

9:45 am – **FIRST RECONCILIATION** *with Grade 2's*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 4:7-12; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18

Sat. 5:00 PM – Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

Sun. 9:30 am + Valerie Kent – *the McCullough family*

11:30 am + Jose Almeida & Anuciacao Costa – *B. Ferreira*

St. Kateri Tekakwitha is the first Native American to be recognized as a saint by the Catholic Church. Born in 1656, she was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on Oct. 21, 2012. She is the patroness of ecology and the environment, people in exile and Native Americans. At age 19, Kateri converted to Catholicism, taking a vow of chastity and pledging to marry only Jesus Christ. Her decision was very unpopular with her adoptive parents and their neighbours. To avoid persecution, she travelled to a Christian native community south of Montreal.

Offertory Collections

April 7/8, 2018

Sunday envelopes.....	\$ 2,847.93
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52).....	\$ 1,229.54
Loose monies	\$ 765.75

TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS..... \$ 4,843.22

Mortgage envelopes.....	\$ 625.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52)	\$ 271.04

TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS..... \$ 896.04

Needs of the Church in the Holy Land \$20.00

Thank you for your generosity

Last Sacramental Preparation Meeting

FIRST COMMUNION: Wed. April 18 at 7:00 pm for Parents

Parents: If you have not yet signed up your child for a timeslot for First Reconciliation on either April 19th or 21st, please be sure to sign up at Wednesday's meeting.

Fr. Steve and members of our preparation team will be visiting the grade twos at St. Dominic and St. Mark Schools on Wednesday to put on a practice confession.

Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon. April 16	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tue. April 17	7:00 pm	(L)	Separated & Divorced Level III
	7:00 pm	(M)	11:30 Choir practice
Wed. April 18	7:15 pm	(M)	9:30 Choir practice
	7:00 pm	(CH)	First Communion Parents' Meeting
	7:30 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
Thur. April 19	6:00 pm	(CH)	First Reconciliations
	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	7:00 pm	(H)	Family & Friends Game Night
	7:30 pm	(M)	5:00 Choir practice
Fri. April 20	6:00 am	(L)	Men's group
Sat. April 21	9:45 am	(CH)	First Reconciliations

Meeting Rooms: **B** = Basement **CH** = Church **H** = Hall ***** = Offsite
J = St. John Room **L** = St. Luke Room **M** = St. Matthew Room

On the third Sunday of Easter, we continue to hear Gospel accounts of Jesus' appearances to his disciples following his Resurrection. Today's reading, taken from the Gospel of Luke, follows immediately after the report of Jesus' appearance to his disciples on the road to Emmaus. This is the event being recounted by the disciples in the opening verse of today's Gospel.

Consistently in the reports of Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances, Jesus greets his disciples with the words, "Peace be with you." This is a most appropriate greeting. The disciples have witnessed the death of someone they loved, and they now fear for their own lives as well. Peace is what they need more than anything else. Jesus often connects this greeting of peace with another gift—forgiveness. In today's Gospel, this connection is made in the final verses.

Even as they hear Jesus' greeting of peace, the disciples are startled and terrified. They are uncertain about what to make of the figure before them and, quite understandably, they mistake Jesus for a ghost. Yet the figure before them is not a ghost; Jesus invites them to experience his resurrected body with their senses, to look and to touch. The figure before them is flesh and bone, still bearing the marks of crucifixion. Although the disciples cannot forget his suffering and death, peace begins to take root in their hearts, as their fears turn to joy and amazement.

As further proof of his identity and of his resurrected body, Jesus eats with his disciples. The disciples have known Jesus best through the meals that he has shared with them. Descriptions of these meals are a defining element of Luke's Gospel. By eating with his disciples after his Resurrection, Jesus recalls all these meals, and most importantly, he recalls the Last Supper.

Luke's report of the Last Supper and the meals that Jesus shared after his Resurrection unveil for us the significance of the Eucharist. Having shared a meal with his disciples, Jesus now uncovers for them the significance of what was written about him in the Scriptures. So, too, our celebration of the Mass is an encounter with Jesus, through the Word and the Sacrament of the Eucharist. As Jesus commissions his disciples to be witnesses to what Scriptures foretold, our celebration of the Eucharist commissions us. Like the disciples, we are sent to announce the good news of Jesus' forgiveness of sins. ■



APR. 21 & 22	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	G./S. Morgan N. D'Souza	E./T./T. Morgan	B./B. Starr R. Robin
Commentator:	K. Friesen	P. Enticott	M. Monte
Lectors:	M. Dufresne J. Deneau	T. Lee C. Mackid	M. Oram I. Kangaloo
Ushers:	A. Montag K. Friesen	J. Kelly B. Coutinho M. Walser	C. Dignam
Gift Bearers:	<i>Can you help?</i>	Seaward	Chacon
Eucharistic Ministers:	L. Macedo F./Y. Tully	M./L. Fernando H. Kress	S. Markides R./L. Masbad

Make-up Workshop for Lectors & Commentators

I would like to meet with any **Lectors or Commentators** that missed the original workshop in February. Please come to a one-hour workshop on **Saturday, April 28th at 9:45** (after the 9:00 a.m. Mass). This is for both current and prospective readers who couldn't attend in February. Thanks, *Fr. Steve*



Electronic Waste Drop-Off Day ... Mark your calendar!!

St. Mark's Knights of Columbus are offering an Electronic Waste Drop-off Day on **Saturday, May 5th at St. Mark's Church parking lot** ... We will accept any electronic items including computers, phones, T.V.'s, printers, monitors, stereos, etc.

Diocesan Grant gratefully received

In the Fall of last year, the parish received a grant from the Diocese of Hamilton in the amount of \$30,000. As a grant, the money does not have to be paid back, and it comes from what is called the Ex Corde Foundation (www.excordefoundation.com) that was set up by Bishop Crosby to help parishes throughout the Diocese in their various needs. Based on requests from parishes, twice a year, the Diocese has awarded many parishes with such grants and the money comes basically from invested principle set up for such a purpose. As a parish, we are very grateful for the grant given to the parish by the Diocese and particularly thank Bishop Crosby for his shepherding.

UPDATE ON THE GRANT

The grant of \$30,000 was received for the specific purpose to:

- 1 - Update the sound system in the church (\$20K)
- 2 - Repair the ceilings in the rectory caused by water damage (\$10K)

Sound System - total cost \$22,000

Coinciding with the new choir space, the upgrade to the sound system has been completed which included the installation of new speakers, a portable altar microphone, repairs to existing equipment, repairing and relocating the organ, connecting the speakers to the narthex and the hall, and the purchase of a sound mixer.

Ceilings in the Rectory

Work to the ceilings of the rectory is expected to begin next week and the remaining \$8,000 from the grant will cover the cost of the work.

Family & Friends Game Night!

THURSDAY, APRIL 19th



Doors open at 6:30 – Games begin by 7:00 p.m.

St. Mark's Catholic Women's League is pleased to invite EVERYONE to come out for a FREE, FUN and RELAXING evening with your parish family and beat these lingering winter blues! Bring your favourite game or choose one that you've always wanted to try from our stack! Playing cards will also be available.

Door prizes and a 50/50 draw. Snack & drinks provided. Free will offerings gratefully accepted! All proceeds for the St. Mark Accessible Door project.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES LOTTERY ... It's not too late! The Catholic Charities Lottery drew 5 winners of \$500 on March 21st. The Lottery assists with funding the Catholic Community Foundation's mission to support Catholic causes in our schools, parishes and community. Still tickets left for the **April 25th** early bird draws & weekly draws (two \$1,000 prizes) from **May 9 to July 18**. You can win more than once! Tickets at www.CCFOWR.org, or call CCF office at 519-747-5661 to buy over the phone.

NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT (NES) – Limited space so register now!

Blessed Sacrament Parish is incredibly excited to be serving as a host site in the Diocese of Hamilton for this year's New Evangelization Summit which is to be webcast from Ottawa on **April 27th and 28th**. This Summit was created in response to Popes St John Paul II, Benedict XVI and Francis's repeated call to Catholics to evangelize. The summit features 6 world-class Catholic Speakers on the New Evangelization. To register go to the NES website at newevangelization.ca and select Kitchener, ON as the host Site. The cost for the 2-day event is \$60 per person (\$10 discount for students & clergy) and includes snacks and lunch on April 28. Child care services for kids between the ages of 4 and 11 are also being offered on the Saturday however there are limited spots available. If you need additional information or are interested in being a sponsor please contact Blessed Sacrament Church at (519) 742-5061 or Ian Mendes at ianmendes2@gmail.com.

Faith Begins in the Family

"The family is the community in which, from childhood, one can learn moral values, begin to honor God, and make good use of freedom. Family life is an initiation into life in society." (CCC #2207)

Home is the setting where an individual's physical, mental, emotional and spiritual growth is supported. Like a garden, a home must be tended, appreciated, nurtured and respected in order to thrive. Families today need more support than ever as they raise the future generation of the Church. Family Ministry is essential to help parents and children thrive and grow in their faith, connect to their church community and invigorate parish life. Engaging individuals to become leaders in this ministry work starts with an understanding of the sacred role of the family.

All who are able are encouraged to attend one of the following workshops on Amoris Laetitia, (7:00-9:00 PM at all locations):

Walkerton - April 17 (Tues.) – Sacred Heart Parish, 221 Victoria St.

Kitchener - April 19 (Thur.) - St. Anthony Daniel Parish, 29 Midland Dr.

Brantford - April 24 (Tues.) – St. Pius X Parish, 9 Waverly St.

Oakville - May 10 (Thurs.) – St. Matthews Parish, 1150 Monks Passage

K-W RIGHT TO LIFE EVENTS:

"MARCH FOR LIFE" BUS TRIP – Thur. May 10th sends a bus to Ottawa Parliament Hill for the annual March for Life. Call 519.746.5433 or email jane@kwrtl.ca to sign up. Early reservation ensures a bus seat. The cost is \$50 or sponsor a student by sending your cheque to K-W Right to Life, 215 Lancaster St. W., Kitchener N2H 4T9. This event generally draws over 20,000 participants.

"WALK FOR LIFE" FUNDRAISER – Sat. May 12th. Registration 10am. Walk begins at 10:30am, from Historic St. Paul's Church (137 Queen St. S. Kit.) (3 km). We invite your participation to walk or sponsor one of over 70 walkers for our largest fundraiser. Call 519.746.5433 for pledge forms or see our *Spring News & Views*. Call 519.746.5433 or email jane@kwrtl.ca.

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