

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass Intentions for the Week

April 30 – May 6, 2018

Monday - NO MASS (EASTER FERIAL)

Tuesday (MEMORIAL – ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER)

7:00 PM + Leonard Paul Christopher – *Lorain & Ryan D'Souza*

Wednesday (MEMORIAL – ST. ATHANASIUS)

7:00 am - Int. of Marilyn Dufresne

Thursday (FEAST – ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES)

7:00 am - Int. of Kaileigh Gibson – *Kathy Smith*

2:00 PM - **MASS AT BANKSIDE TERRACE**

First Friday (EASTER FERIAL)

★ **7:00 PM** + Souls in Purgatory – *Carlos & Leonor Fonseca*

Saturday (EASTER FERIAL)

9:00 am + Hien Tran – *Tim Tran*

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 9:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8

Sat. 5:00 PM + Grandpa McCabe – *Amanda, Justiene, Greg & Gracie*

Sun. 9:30 am + Adelaide Dias – *Monique Smith*

11:30 am - Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

2:00 PM - **FIRST COMMUNION** (*with St. Mark's School*)

St. Joseph has two feast days on the liturgical calendar. The first is March 19 — Joseph, the Husband of Mary. The second is May 1 — Joseph, the Worker. Since Joseph does not appear in Jesus' public life, at his death, or resurrection, many historians believe Joseph had probably died before Jesus entered public ministry. To foster deep devotion to Saint Joseph among Catholics, and in response to the "May Day" celebrations for workers sponsored by Communists, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker in 1955.

St. Athanasius was a bishop and doctor of the church. He is called the "Father of Orthodoxy," the "Pillar of the Church" and "Champion of Christ's Divinity." Athanasius became one of the most dedicated opponents of the heresy of Arianism. Much of his life was a testimony to the divinity of Jesus Christ.

St. Philip and St. James – The Apostle Philip was one of Christ's first disciples, called soon after his Master's baptism in the Jordan. St. James the Less, a brother of the Apostle Jude, was of Cana of Galilee. He is the author of one of the Catholic Epistles in the New Testament. He was favored by an appearance of the Risen Christ (I Cor. 15:7). After the dispersion of the Apostles he was made Bishop of Jerusalem. He was visited by St. Paul (Gal. 1:19). He spoke after Peter at the meeting of the Apostles (Acts 15:13). When he refused to deny the Divinity of Christ, the Jews cast him down from the terrace of the temple and clubbed him to death.

Offertory Collections

April 21/22, 2018

Sunday envelopes.....	\$ 3,402.04
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52).....	\$ 1,229.54
Loose monies	\$ 630.70
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS	\$ 5,262.38

Mortgage envelopes.....	\$ 458.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52)	\$ 271.04
TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS	\$ 729.04

Thank you for your generosity

Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon. April 30	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tue. May 1	7:00 pm	(L)	Separated & Divorced Level III
	7:00 pm	(M)	11:30 Choir practice
Wed. May 2	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
	7:00 pm	(M)	"The One Thing is Three" DVD series (final)
	7:30 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
Thur. May 3	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	7:00 pm	(J)	C.W.L. Executive meeting
	7:30 pm	(M)	5:00 Choir practice
Fri. May 4	6:00 am	(L)	Men's group
	9:45 am	(H/CH)	St. Mark's 1 st Communion Retreat/Rehearsal
Sat. May 5	9 – 12	park.lot	Electronic Waste Drop Off
Sun. May 6	2:00 pm	(CH)	First Communions

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

Today's reading from the Gospel of John is part of Jesus' discourse at the Last Supper. Recall that John tells the story of Jesus' Last Supper differently from the other Evangelists. In John's Gospel, the Last Supper begins with Jesus washing his disciples' feet. Jesus then provides them with a series of instructions. We call this section the Last Supper discourse or Jesus' farewell discourse. In these chapters of John's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples about the importance of following his example of love and service, about the gift they will receive when Jesus sends them the Holy Spirit, and about their relationship with Jesus and with the world. The Last Supper discourse concludes with Jesus' prayer for his disciples.

Today's Gospel reading is taken from middle of the Last Supper discourse. Jesus speaks about his relationship to his disciples. In his metaphor of the vine and the branches, Jesus is referencing the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Hebrew Scriptures, Israel is the vineyard, and Yahweh himself tends the vineyard. One of the primary themes of John's Gospel is to show Jesus to be the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel.

In this passage, Jesus teaches his disciples that his relationship with them will not end after his death; he will remain with them always. This unity between Jesus and his disciples is the basis for their ability to continue to do the work that he began. Similarly, Jesus' presence with us through the Gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to continue the work of love and reconciliation that he began.

Jesus also teaches his disciples about the importance of the words he has taught to them. Just as Jesus will remain in the disciples, so too will his words. We come to know Jesus through the Scriptures, the living Word of God. Our commitment to be Christ's disciples is sustained through God's Word. This commitment is also strengthened by our life of prayer and nourished by the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist, Jesus dwells in us, remains with us, and transforms us so that we might bear fruit in his name.

We observe many people who act in ways that show their commitment to serve their neighbor. Christians and non-Christians feed the hungry, care for the sick, shelter the homeless, and give alms to the poor. These actions become acts of Christian discipleship when they are motivated by our relationship with Jesus. Whatever the immediate results, Jesus promises us that these actions will bear fruit when we undertake them in his name. ■

 *Liturgical Ministers*

MAY 5 & 6	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:	M. Dufresne	J. Flanigan	L. Masbad
Lectors:	K. Friesen J. Deneau	T. Angel T. Boettger	M. Monte M. Oram
Ushers:	A. Montag K. Friesen	T./J. Germann L. Koehler	B. Voisin
Gift Bearers:	<i>Can you help?</i>	Seaward	Chacon
Eucharistic Ministers:	K. Smith F./Y. Tully	S. Cerantola B. Coutinho A. Joseph	A. Monte F. Kangaloo E. Weiss

Today is White Box Sunday

St. Mark's Society of St. Vincent de Paul has placed a White Box in the narthex this weekend (**April 28/29**) for anyone wishing to make a donation. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Electronic Waste Drop-Off Day ... St. Mark's Knights of Columbus are offering an Electronic Waste Drop-off Day next **Saturday, May 5th** (9am-12noon) at **St. Mark's Church parking lot** ... We will accept any electronic items including computers, phones, T.V.'s, printers, monitors, stereos, etc.

Rose Sunday (May 5/6): Next weekend members of the Knights of Columbus will be distributing rose appliques for a good will offering. All monies will go to local Right to Life organizations.



May Crowning of Mary
Thursday, May 17th
Rosary at 6:30 PM Mass at 7:00 PM
 Procession and Crowning at Grotto
 Reception in the Parish Hall

12 HOURS OF PRAYER FOR PALLIATIVE CARE & GUEST SPEAKER
 Sponsored by St. Francis of Assisi C.W.L. (49 Blueridge Ave. Kitchener) on **Friday, May 4th**. We begin the day with opening prayers at 8 a.m. and pray hourly throughout the day ending with **Mass at 7 p.m. followed by our speaker Mr. John Millloy**, former MPP and current Professor of Ethics at Wilfred Laurier University. Mr. Millloy will be speaking on the following topics: Palliative Care and its relationship to Assisted Dying. An issue in the upcoming election?? Dignity of life?? This is such an important issue at this time, especially with the upcoming election. All are welcome to join us!

"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.

Catholic Women's League News



Our **Book Sale** is on-going so we encourage you to please visit the tables often through the next few weeks. The selection will change as we continue to accept donations. Donated books can be left under the coat racks in the hallway across from the ladies' restroom. Thank you for your support!

Upcoming activities include **Mothers' Day flowers** and a **Silent Auction**. Watch for details in upcoming weeks. All proceeds to the St. Mark Accessible Door Project.

Congratulations to the children of St. Dominic's School and the parish who will be receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this Sunday (April 29) at 11:30AM and 2PM. Especially today, please keep them in your prayers:



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| Ashton A. | Colton D. | Jack K.L. | Lena S. |
| Logan B. | Lucas D. | Imman K. | Ella S. |
| Ava B. | Sophia D. | Lilian K. | Ryan S. |
| Carter B. | Lauren E. | Joanna L. | Lucas S. |
| Reese B. | Josslyn G. | Kiera L. | Deacon S. |
| Jackson B. | Ava G. | Maximus N. | Hollie W. |
| Maëlle B. | Julia H. | Matt O. | Chase W. |
| Emma C. | Kylin H.M. | Joshua P. | Tyson Z. |
| Gabriela C. | Brianna H. | Jamie R. | Yousef Z. |
- Jonah D.
(April 8th)

Sacred Heart of Jesus, ever present in our lives, grant your loving grace to our First Holy Communicants. Help still their hearts with mindful prayer and worship whenever they receive the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ. May the Holy Spirit shine a guiding light throughout the course of their lives, always leading these blessed children one step closer to the Kingdom of Heaven. Amen.



St. Mark's Parish invites all First Communicants and their families to attend the **9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 27th** wearing their First Communion clothing. The children will receive their certificates, as well as a blessed medal to commemorate their First Eucharist. After Mass the children and their families are invited to a small reception in the parish hall for cake and refreshments. *Those not able to attend may pick up their certificate any time at the parish office or in the sacristy after Mass.*

VEGAS NIGHT sponsored by Maryhill Knights of Columbus – **Saturday May 5th** at 8 p.m. **Bridgeport Rod & Gun Club**, 1229 Beitz Road, R. #1, Breslau. Evening of chances on a spin of the wheel for grocery hampers, meat spins, cash spins and other prizes. Also Penny table. Free Admission.

LISTOWEL ROAST BEEF DINNER & GARDEN PARTY will be held on **Friday June 15th** at **St. Joseph's Parish Centre**, 1025 Wallace Ave. N. Listowel. A Fun Evening with Grand Draw, Penny Booth, Silent Auction, Children's Games & Bingo. Beef Dinner is served 4:30-7:00 p.m. Adults \$17 in advance until June 14th at noon, thereafter \$19. 5-10 Year Olds \$7 and Pre-Schoolers Free. For tickets please call Gloria (519) 291-3648 or Bev (519)291-4400 ext. 3.

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