

St. Mark Roman Catholic Parish

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PARISH STAFF

Rev. Stephen Murrin – *Pastor*
Rev. Mr. Basil Markides – *Deacon*
Mrs. Pam Olinski – *Secretary*

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:

7:00 AM on any weekday 5:00 PM on any Saturday

7:00 PM on any Tuesday 9:30 AM on any Sunday

9:00 AM on any Saturday 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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Intentions for the Week

April 8 – 14, 2019

Monday – NO MASS

Tuesday (FERIAL)

2:00 PM - MASS AT LANARK HEIGHTS LONG TERM CARE

7:00 PM - Int. of Fr. George Nowak, C.R. – *Olinski Family*

Wednesday (FERIAL)

12 noon + Peter Henke – *Brian & Marie Lynch*

Thursday (FERIAL)

7:00 am + Joe Flood – *Marcella & Ralph Tomlinson*

3:00 PM - MASS AT FOREST HEIGHTS LONG TERM CARE

Friday (FERIAL)

7:00 PM + Cimermancic Family

- followed by *Stations of the Cross*

Saturday (FERIAL)

9:00 am - Int. of Sheri & Allan Musclow & Family – *Frances M.*

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Luke 19:28-40; Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:11; Luke 22:14—23:56

Sat. 5:00 PM + Veronica & Alfred Broderick – *Gloria Kubisewsky*

Sun. 9:30 am - Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

11:30 am + Phaolo Nguyen Kinh Sach – *Hoang Son Nguyen*



During Lent, Stations of the Cross are celebrated on Friday evenings following the 7:00 p.m. Mass.

This year, rather than having a Lenten Reconciliation Service, extended confession times for Lent will be offered at various times this week in the Chapel.

The purpose of this is to allow people more opportunity to avail of the Sacrament of Confession, and to accommodate those people who find it difficult to get out in the night. Please see the following schedule of confession times and the names of the priests who will be hearing confessions:

Wed. April 10: 12:30 – 1:30 PM Fr. Steve Murrin
7:00 – 8:00 PM Fr. Earl Talbot

Thurs. April 11: 7:00 – 8:00 PM Fr. Chris Buda, C.R.

Fri. April 12: 6:00 – 7:00 PM Fr. Ray Reitzel, C.R.

As Catholics, it is very important to confess your sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, especially if you feel that you are in the state of Mortal or serious Sin. It is very difficult to define in a few lines what mortal sin is, but it always involves a serious or grave matter, and one knowingly participates in that sin with full consent and knowledge. In Catholic theology, the other classification of sin is Venial Sin, which are wrongs of a less serious nature and forgiven at the beginning of Mass during the Penitential Rite or by reciting the Confiteor (“*I confess to Almighty God...*”).

In the Sacrament of Reconciliation,

1. We confess our sins before a priest, concretely expressing sorrow for our sins and a desire to be right with God.
2. The priest then abolishes those sins so that we never need to carry guilt or shame for them ever again.
3. God's grace strengthens us in our journey and brings us peace.
4. With the burden lifted we respond to that grace in the penance we receive, which may be a prayer or some other action of mercy or justice.

Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<u>Mon. April 8</u>	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
<u>Tue. April 9</u>	6:30 pm	(L)	Separated/Divorced Level III
	6:30 pm	(J)	Search & Rescue
	7:00 pm	(M)	Knights of Columbus Executive meeting
<u>Wed. April 10</u>	6:30 pm	(L)	Finance Council meeting
	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
	7:00 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
<u>Thu. April 11</u>	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	6:30 pm	(H)	Alpha (<i>all rooms</i>)
	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
<u>Fri. April 12</u>	6:00 am	(M)	Men's group
	7:00 pm	(M)	Writers' group
<u>Sat. April 13</u>	10:30 am	(M)	Writers' group

The Gospel for the fifth Sunday of Lent continues to offer lessons about God's mercy and forgiveness. Last Sunday we heard the Parable of the Prodigal Son from the Gospel of Luke. Today we hear not a parable, but the report from John's Gospel of an encounter among Jesus, the scribes and Pharisees, and a woman caught in adultery.

In John's Gospel, the conflict between Jesus and the scribes and Pharisees occurs much earlier than in the Synoptic Gospels. Jesus' cleansing of the Temple in Jerusalem is reported at the beginning of John's Gospel. Even after this event, Jesus continues to teach in the Temple. After returning to Galilee for a time, Jesus again enters Jerusalem and cures a man on the Sabbath. From this point forward in John's Gospel, the Pharisees are described as making plans for Jesus' arrest and seeking his death.

In the chapter preceding today's Gospel, Jesus was teaching in the Temple area. Feeling threatened by his teaching and his actions, the chief priests and the Pharisees are already sending guards to arrest Jesus. The guards return, however, without arresting Jesus because they have been impressed by his words. Even more than this, some among the crowds are considering the possibility that Jesus is the Messiah. The chief priests and the Pharisees change their plan. Before making an arrest, they seek to gather more evidence against Jesus by posing a question intended to trap Jesus.

Today's Gospel begins by reporting that Jesus is again teaching the crowds in the vicinity of the Temple. The scribes and the Pharisees approach Jesus, bringing a woman who has been caught in the act of adultery. They put to Jesus the question of what ought to be done in this case.

The Pharisees state clearly that according to the Law of Moses, those caught in the act of adultery were to be stoned to death. Under Roman occupation, however, the Jewish people did not have the authority to execute people; this is cited in John's passion narrative. To answer the Pharisees' question, Jesus must propose an action that will be either contrary to the Law of Moses or contrary to Roman law. The purpose of the question appears to be similar to the question about paying taxes. Either answer, yes or no, will support the Pharisees' case against Jesus.

Jesus avoids the trap, however, by offering an answer that was not anticipated by those who posed the question. Jesus, after writing on the ground with his finger, addresses those who stand before him and suggests that the one without sin cast the first stone. Jesus then returns to his writing. This Scripture reading, by the way, is the only evidence we have of Jesus writing. Yet there are no specific details about what he wrote.

We can easily imagine the scene as the Pharisees and the elders disperse, one by one. Jesus has eluded the trap they had prepared. We might also give credit to the elders and the Pharisees who do not, in the end, claim to be sinless and worthy of passing judgment. These Pharisees are not as self-righteous as the portrait found in the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector. Left alone with the woman, Jesus asks where the accusers have gone. With no one remaining to condemn the woman, Jesus (the one who truly is without sin) sends the woman on her way, refusing to pass judgment on her and exhorting her to avoid future sin.

Jesus' response to those who accuse the woman is more than a caution to us about making judgment of others. It is a profound lesson in divine mercy and forgiveness. As sinners, we are all unworthy to judge the sins of others and we would stand convicted by God for our transgressions. Yet Jesus, the one without sin and thus our judge, offers us who are sinners his mercy and forgiveness. Redeemed by Jesus' compassion, we are sent to sin no more and to live in God's love and peace. ■



April 13-14	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	V./P./J. Miller G./S. Morgan	E./T./T. Morgan	R. Robin N./A. Gallagher C. Chacon; B. Starr
Commentator:	B. Crawley	J. Germann	B. Starr
Passion:	J. Deneau K. Friesen	T. Germann C. Mackid	I. Kangaloo M. Smith
1 st Reading: 2 nd Reading:	Sr. K. Howard M. Dufresne	P. Enticott V. DeVries	D. DeSousa M. Monte
Ushers:	L. Macedo I. Cimermancic	J. DeSousa T./J. Germann	M. Monte
Gift Bearers:		Cerantola	Coe
Eucharistic Ministers:	G. MacNeil K. Friesen C. Dokis	T./K. Boettger B. Coutinho	C./K. Dignam S. Markides

Tradition of Veiling the Crucifix and Statues

The custom, now an option, of veiling the images during the last two weeks of Lent hails from the former liturgical calendar, before the liturgical reforms of Vatican II, in which the 5th Sunday of Lent was referred to as Passion Sunday. The Gospel for this Sunday was John 8:46-59, the discussion between Jesus and the Jewish authorities which ended in a frustrated attempt to stone him. "So they took up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple." One interpretation of this custom, therefore, is, as Christ hid himself from the rage of the Jewish authorities (John 8:59), so now he is hidden from the world in preparation for the mysteries of his passion. As the Master is hidden so is the glory of the Church shrouded in mourning and penance. This practice can be traced back to as early as the 9th century in Germany and by the Middle Ages it was a common practice to cover all crosses and statues at the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Since the 17th century, however, the directive has been to limit the veilings to PassionTide, the last two weeks of Lent.

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 soul. Look for the pink box in the narthex with envelopes for donations.



A reminder to refrain from the use of perfumes and strongly scented products at Mass. Many folks have allergies and/or sensitivities to these items.

GOOD FRIDAY PASSION PLAY
April 19 | 7:30 PM | Parish Hall

Open invitation to those wishing to participate! Please call Julio & Sonia Chacon at 519-954-2062 for more info. Practices on Sundays after the 11:30 Mass.



Calling All Gardeners! We've got Spring Fever! All those who are interested in helping to tend the church gardens this Spring, please contact Judy at jswartz@rogers.com. We will have a meeting in mid-May.

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Tues. April 9 7:00 PM St. Mary's Church, Kitchener
Tues. April 16 7:00 PM St. Teresa Church, Elmira



C.W.L. News

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

OFFERTORY REPORT		March 30/31, 2019
Sunday envelopes		\$ 2,247.25
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52)		\$ 1,268.54
Loose monies		\$ 506.25
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS		\$ 4,024.04
Mortgage envelopes		\$ 295.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52)		\$ 261.81
TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS		\$ 556.81
St. Vincent de Paul - White Box collection		\$ 301.90
St. Vincent de Paul - Blue Envelope collection		\$ 2,650.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity.</i>		

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.**

Open House Today (April 7) 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

St. Mark's Knights of Columbus invite all men and their families of our parish to a short Open House **this Sunday** from 1-2 p.m. in the narthex to meet and hear from some of the present members of the Knights and enjoy snacks and hot drinks. Enjoy their musings as well as a short video. See you then!



Pastoral Reference Letters

If you are applying for a teaching position in a Catholic School, please be advised that Pastoral Reference letters will only be provided to those who are registered members of the parish and active in parish life. Please think ahead and get involved.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

This week, let us pray for...

- April 8 - Rev. Mark Sullivan
- April 9 - Very Rev. Ian Duffy
- April 10 - Imm.Heart.Mary.Mthr.Christ
- April 11 - Rev. Joseph Akanbi
- April 12 - Rev. Piotr Golinski
- April 13 - Very Rev. L. Kopaniak, SAC

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.*

Extra! Extra! Read all about the Diocese of Hamilton!

The Catholic Register, Canada's largest Catholic newspaper, will soon include a two-page insert featuring happenings in the Diocese of Hamilton! The insert will appear every other week in The Register, beginning with the March 31st issue. The insert will include news and updates about the *One Heart, One Soul Campaign*, as well as features and news about the other good works that take place in the Diocese. Copies of the paper will be available in the narthex. Please take a copy, read it and pass it on to a friend. Let's spread the Diocese's good news!

GOOD FRIDAY FISH FRY – April 19th at the Maryhill Heritage Community

from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Eat in / take out. NO reservations. \$14 for 1-pc. / \$16 for 2-piece dinner with Haddock, fries, coleslaw, tartar sauce, lemon. Dessert, bar & refreshments. Cash only. 519-648-2939. \$14 for one piece fish and \$16 for two piece fish. Kids under 12 half price.

Kathie Shaw of St. Michael's Parish Grief Support Group will be giving a talk on **How to Handle Those Events Which Cause Sadness** on Mon. April 22nd at 6:30 p.m. at the Waterloo Knights of Columbus, 145 Dearborn Place.



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