

# 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:** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday at 10 AM  
**Benediction:** 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>  
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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.*

# DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

## Mass Intentions for the Week

**April 9 – 15, 2018**

**Monday - NO MASS** (SOLEMNITY – ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD)

**Tuesday** (EASTER FERIAL)

**2:00 PM** - Mass at Lanark Heights Long Term Care  
**7:00 PM** + Eileen Giffen – *Filomena Sawarna*

**Wednesday** (MEMORIAL – ST. STANISLAUS)

**7:00 am** - Int. of Jo Flood – *the Flood family*

**Thursday** (EASTER FERIAL)

**7:00 am** + Van Hung Nguyen – *Phuong Nguyen*  
**3:00 PM** - Mass at Forest Heights Long Term Care

**Friday** (EASTER FERIAL)

**7:00 am** + Larry Murray – *John Doyle & family*

**Saturday** (EASTER FERIAL)

**9:00 am** + Francois Pambrun – *Grandchildren*  
**2:00 PM** - WEDDING

### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 John 2:1-5; Luke 24:35-48*

**Sat. 5:00 PM** - Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's  
**Sun. 9:30 am** - Int. of Francis & Christana Akinkuotu – *B/M Lynch*  
**11:30 am** + Olivia Baptista – *Jose Baptista and family*



*Month of April Dedicated  
to the Holy Spirit*

### Offertory Collections

**March 30-April 1, 2018**

<b>Good Friday</b> (Needs of the Church in the Holy Land) .....	<b>\$ 2,211.30</b>
Sunday envelopes (including Easter env. and loose) .....	\$ 7,390.08
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52) .....	\$ 1,234.15
<b>TOTAL EASTER SUNDAY OFFERINGS</b> .....	<b>\$ 8,624.23</b>
Mortgage envelopes.....	\$ 465.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52) .....	<u>\$ 271.04</u>
<b>TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS</b> .....	<b>\$ 736.04</b>
Share Lent envelopes .....	\$ 20.00

*Thank you for your generosity*

### Last Sacramental Preparation Meetings

**CONFIRMATION:** Sunday, April 15 after 11:30 Mass for Parents

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

### WANTED: Rosaries and Medals

The Legion of Mary is collecting **old, new or broken rosaries** as well as **medals**. Please place them in the box on the Legion of Mary table in the Narthex. Thank you.

### Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<b>Mon. April 9</b>	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
<b>Tue. April 10</b>	7:00 pm	(L)	Separated & Divorced Level III
	6:30 pm	(J)	Search & Rescue group
	7:30 pm	(M)	Knights of Columbus executive mtg.
<b>Wed. April 11</b>	7:00 pm	(M)	"The One Thing is Three" DVD series
	7:15 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
	7:30 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
<b>Thur. April 12</b>	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
<b>Fri. April 13</b>	6:00 am	(L)	Men's group
	11:00 am	(H/J)	Bridge Marathon
	7:00 pm	(L)	Writers' group
<b>Sat. April 14</b>	9:45 am	(CH)	Workshop for Eucharistic Ministers
	10:30 am	(L)	Writers' group
<b>Sun. April 15</b>	12:30 pm	(CH)	Confirmation parents' meeting

**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 proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Easter in each of the lectionary cycles. This fact alone should alert us to the significance of the encounters with the resurrected Jesus that are described in this reading. This Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted.

Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit, but in bodily form. We do not know, however, exactly what this form looked like. Earlier in John's Gospel, when Mary of Magdala first encountered the risen Jesus, she did not recognize him until he spoke to her. In Luke's Gospel, the disciples walking along the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus until he broke bread with them. We know from readings such as today's that in his resurrected form, Jesus was not bound by matter; he appeared to the disciples inside a home even though the door was locked. Yet the disciples could still touch the marks of his Crucifixion.

In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun; as Jesus was sent by God, so Jesus sends his disciples. He gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit so that they will be able to accomplish this task. Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share forgiveness and reconciliation with others.

Thomas, the doubting disciple in today's reading, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of witnesses to Jesus. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. Our human nature seeks hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to his disciples after his death is indeed the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative in obtaining this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed, for we have not seen and yet believe. ■



APR. 14 & 15	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	V./P./J. Miller	M./V. McCullough	N./A. Gallagher C. Chacon
Commentator:	J. Deneau	J. Germann	I. Kangaloo
Lectors:	B. Crawley B. Burns	T. Germann V. DeVries	B. Starr L. Masbad
Ushers:	L. Macedo I. Cimermanic	I./D. Culley F. Seaward	M. Monte
Gift Bearers:	<i>Can you help?</i>	Cerantola	Masbad
Eucharistic Ministers:	K. Friesen A. Bendia; C. Dokis	T. Angel T./K. Boettger	B. Starr B./C. Voisin

★ Check your email inbox for your new schedule for the month of April.

### Make-up Workshop for Eucharistic Ministers

I would like to meet with any Ministers of the Eucharist that missed the original workshop in February. Please come to a one-hour workshop this **Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>** at 9:45 (after the 9:00 a.m. Mass). This is for both current and new eucharistic ministers who couldn't attend in February.



Thanks, Fr. Steve

### 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):**

- Hamilton** - April 9 (Mon.) – Diocesan Chancery Office, 700 King St. W.
- Guelph** - April 11 (Wed.) – Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, 28 Norfolk St.
- 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

**THREE WEEKS TO GO!...** On April 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> join thousands of Catholics from across North America at the premier conference on the New Evangelization which will be webcast from Ottawa. This year Catholics in the Diocese of Hamilton have the opportunity to attend the **New Evangelization Summit (NES)** as **Blessed Sacrament Parish** is serving as a host site. This summit will feature several world class Catholic speakers. For more info go to the NES website at [newevangelization.ca](http://newevangelization.ca) or to register go to the ticket section and select Kitchener, ON as the host Site. The cost for the **2-day event** is **\$60 per person** and includes snacks and lunch on April 28. Child care services for kids (aged 4-11) are being offered on the Saturday but there are limited spots available. For more info please contact Blessed Sacrament Church at (519) 742-5061 or Ian Mendes at [ianmendes2@gmail.com](mailto:ianmendes2@gmail.com). Check out the NES 2018 Promotional Video: at [https://youtu.be/1\\_n4760MS9w](https://youtu.be/1_n4760MS9w). **LIMITED SPACE – REGISTER NOW!**

## Divine Mercy Sunday

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter, April 8<sup>th</sup>



Divine Mercy is a Christian devotion to the endless merciful love of God towards all people. The devotion is due to the apparitions of Jesus received by St. Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938), who is known as the Secretary of Mercy (Diary 965, 1160, 1605, 1693). Our Lord made a great promise to all those souls who would go to Confession and then receive Him in Holy Communion on the Feast of Mercy, on the Sunday after Easter, which is now called Divine Mercy Sunday throughout the Catholic Church.

Saint John Paul II designated the second Sunday of Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday in a surprise announcement at the canonization of Sister Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938). The Polish nun, beatified in 1993, and canonized in 2000 on the second Sunday of Easter began the spiritual movement of Divine Mercy. "The feast", said the Holy Father, "is a perpetual invitation to the Christian world to address, with trust in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that await the human race in the coming years. "The essence of St. Faustina's mission was to proclaim God's mercy toward every human being. Her spiritual legacy to the Church is devotion to Divine Mercy, inspired by a vision in which Jesus himself asked that a painting be made of his image with the invocation "Jesus, I trust in you" appearing below. She commissioned the painting in 1935. On Aug. 17, 2003, John Paul II entrusted the world to Divine Mercy when he dedicated the new shrine of Lagiewniki, a suburb of Krakow, located next to the convent where St. Faustina Kowalska lived and died.

### DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS AND BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> - 3:00 p.m.



#### PRAYER TO THE DIVINE MERCY

*Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us, and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments, we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence, submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.*

#### UPCOMING "CURSILLO WEEKENDS" for the Hamilton Diocese

• **MEN:** April 12-15, 2018 • **WOMEN:** April 26-29, 2018

For more information, speak with someone who has made their Cursillo Weekend in your parish, or Google: [cursillohamilton.org](http://cursillohamilton.org), or [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com) (programs and workshops) or contact:

- Betty Enticott – [bpenticott@rogers.com](mailto:bpenticott@rogers.com) – 519-743-0908
- Fr. Ray Reitzel, C.R. – [rayreitzelcr@live.com](mailto:rayreitzelcr@live.com) – 519-725-1445

**MINI-RETREAT & GROCERY SHOWER** (No Meat), **Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>** from 10:45 a.m. at the **Carmel of St. Joseph Monastery**. Mass will be celebrated, preceded by the Rosary. Retreat Master will be Fr. Ron Voisin.

**CRAFT & VENDOR SALE** – **St. Joseph Church** (148 Madison Ave. S., Kit.), **Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Hand-made crafts, home business products & décor! Over 20 vendors! Check the Facebook event "Craft & Vendor Sale - St. Joseph Church" for more details or call Cathy at 519-578-0785.

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