

# 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.

**Mass Intentions for the Week** 

**April 29 – May 5, 2019**

**Monday – NO MASS**

**Tuesday** (MEMORIAL – ST. MARIE DE L'INCARNATION)  
**7:00 PM** + Maria do Carmo da Silva – *Maria Soares*

**Wednesday** (MEMORIAL – ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER)  
**12 noon** + Joseph Francis D'Mello – *Mervyn & Theresa Lee*

**Thursday** (MEMORIAL – ST. ATHANASIUS)  
**7:00 am** - Special Intention  
**2:00 PM** - **MASS AT BANKSIDE TERRACE**

**First Friday** (FEAST – ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES)  
**\* 7:00 PM** - Intentions of Krystyna & Daniel Ochinski

**Saturday** (FERIAL – EASTER)  
**9:00 am** + Patsy Stemmler – *Pat & Margaret Drohan*  
**2:00 PM** - **WEDDING**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*Acts 5:28-32, 40B-41; Revelations 5:11-14; John 21:1-19*

**Sat. 5:00 PM** + Samuel Duckworth – *Marilyn Dufresne*  
**Sun. 9:30 am** - Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark  
**11:30 am** + Jack Soares & Family – *Maria*

**St. Marie of the Incarnation** – Marie Guyart was born in Tours, France, on October 28, 1599. By the time she was only 19 years old, she was a widow with a 6-month-old child. Penniless, she went to live with her family and took care of the education of young Claude. Eventually getting back on her feet, her prayer life grew stronger and in 1631, at the age of 32, her sister looked after her son who was by then 12 years old, and she entered the novitiate of the monastery of the Ursulines of Tours, taking the name of Marie of the Incarnation. Eight years later, in 1639, her superiors invited her to respond to her conviction that God was calling her to Canada, there "to create a house for Jesus and Mary." Travelling with 5 other sisters and a wealthy woman, Madeleine Chauvigny de la Peltrie, she arrived in Quebec and was never to return to France. She organized the building of a small monastery for the consecrated community and a boarding school for Indian and French girls and she welcomed and fed the Huron and Algonquin adults who knocked at the door: she gave them Christian instruction and encouraged them to share the Good News with their communities. She also created dictionaries, grammars, catechisms and prayer books in four First Nations languages. Writing to her son, who later joined the Benedictine Order, she wrote, "Why should one hesitate to lose oneself in Him who seeks to, and will, purify us if we abandon ourselves to Him? ... It gives me much more pleasure to love and attend to Him than to stop to consider my baseness and my unworthiness." Marie of the Incarnation died in Quebec on April 30, 1672. She was beatified by Pope (now Saint) John Paul II on June 22, 1980 and canonized by Pope Francis on April 3, 2014.

**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 (1 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.

**Meetings & Events This Week:**

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<u>Mon. April 29</u>	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
	7:15 pm	(M)	Consoling the Heart of Jesus
<u>Tue. April 30</u>	6:30 pm	(L)	Separated/Divorced Level III
	7:00 pm	(M)	11:30 Choir practice
<u>Wed. May 1</u>	6:30 pm	(M)	9:30 Choir practice
	7:00 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
<u>Thu. May 2</u>	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	6:30 pm	(H)	Alpha – final session ( <i>all rooms</i> )
	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
<u>Fri. May 3</u>	6:00 am	(M)	Men's group
<u>Sat. May 4</u>	8:00 am	prkg lot	Knights' Recycling Drive

**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 three Sunday Lectionary cycles. This should alert us to the significance of the encounters with the resurrected Jesus 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 exactly what this form was like. Earlier in John's Gospel, when Mary of Magdala first encountered the risen Jesus, she did not recognize the figure standing before her until Jesus spoke her. In Luke's Gospel, the disciples walking on 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 body, Jesus was no longer bound by space; he appeared to the disciples in spite of the locked door. And yet, on this resurrected body, the disciples could still observe the marks of his Crucifixion.

In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus also commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun. As Jesus was sent by God, so too does Jesus send his disciples. This continuity with Jesus' own mission is an essential element of the Church. Jesus grants the means to accomplish this mission when he gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit binds us together as a community of faith and strengthens us to bear witness to Jesus' Resurrection.

Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Forgiveness and reconciliation are gifts to us from Jesus. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share these with others. This is another essential aspect of what it means to be Christ's Church. The Church continues Jesus' ministry of forgiveness and reconciliation.

Thomas, the disciple who doubts, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of disciples. 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. It is part of our human nature to seek hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death is, indeed, the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative who obtains this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who had died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed for we have not seen and yet have believed. ■

**Electronic Waste Drop-Off Day ...** St. Mark's Knights of Columbus are offering an Electronic Waste Drop-off Day next **Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>** from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon in the **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!).



May 4 – 5	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	V./P./J. Miller N./J. D'Souza	J./J. Lemi	C. Chacon B. Starr
Commentator:	J. Deneau	T. Angel	B. Starr
1 <sup>st</sup> Reader:	Sr. Kathleen	T. Lee	D. DeSousa
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader:	K. Friesen	P. Enticott	M. Smith
Ushers:	K. Friesen A. Montag	P. Drohan M. Walser L. Koehler	C. Dignam
Gift Bearers:		Seaward	Chacon
Eucharistic Ministers:	G. MacNeil C. Dokis A. Bendia	S. Cerantola L. Riedel S. Sawchuk	B. Denomme F. Kangaloo A. Monte

**DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR – view online at:**

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/uploads/docs/vocations/Diocesan%20Prayer%20Calendar%202019%20.pdf>

<b>OFFERTORY REPORT</b>	<b>April 19-21, 2019</b>
Easter Sunday envelopes.....	\$ 6,318.15
Pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52) .....	\$ 1,268.54
Loose monies.....	\$ 1,303.10
<b>TOTAL EASTER SUNDAY OFFERINGS.....</b>	<b>\$ 8,889.79</b>
Mortgage envelopes.....	\$ 340.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52)....	\$ 261.81
<b>TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS .....</b>	<b>\$ 601.81</b>
<b>DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS:</b>	
Share Lent .....	\$ 195.00
Needs of the Church in the Holy Land (Good Friday) .....	\$ 2,037.80



**Crowning of Mary**

May is the month during which we give special honor to our Blessed Mother and it has been a tradition in our parish to crown the statue of Mary because Mary is rightly regarded and invoked as Queen as she is the Mother of the Son of God. We will be crowning our statue of Mary in our Grotto on **Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>** after

the 5 p.m. Mass. Everyone is invited to bring flowers to present to Mary during the crowning, and extra flowers will be available. Light refreshments to follow. – *St. Mark's C.W.L. and Legion of Mary*

**Rose Sunday**

The Knights of Columbus are holding their annual Rose Sunday **next weekend, May 4/5**. Members will be distributing rose appliques for a good will offering. All monies will go to local Right to Life organizations.

**Consoling the Heart of Jesus (BOOK & DVD SERIES)**

A ten-part series that delves into the simplicity and grandeur of Consoling spirituality, based on the popular book by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, *Consoling the Heart of Jesus*. **Starts tomorrow, Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 p.m. in the St. Matthew's Room.** Please sign up in the narthex.



**More Handicapped Parking Spaces**

We're happy to announce that we have added 3 more "reserved parking" signs along the brick wall of the main parking lot (and replaced 2 old ones), for a total now of 5 reserved spots for those with handicapped parking permits. Please show courtesy to those who depend on these spaces. Thank you.



**Today is Divine Mercy Sunday**

APRIL 28 – SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

The 11:30 a.m. Mass this Sunday will end with the Blessed Sacrament being exposed in the church until 3:00 pm. for Divine Mercy Devotions and Benediction.

**Divine Mercy Sunday: Celebrating God's Merciful Love**

In the Jubilee Year 2000, Pope John Paul II proclaimed that from that year forward the Second Sunday of Easter would be celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. This was proclaimed at the Canonization Mass of St. Faustina Kawalska, who worked throughout her life to make all aware of the merciful love of God. St. Faustina (1905–1938) was born and raised in Poland. Following a vocation to religious life, she was accepted by the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy.

As a member of the Congregation, she worked as a cook, gardener, and porter. In her spiritual life, her contemplation on the Mercy of God led her to develop a childlike trust in God and deep love for her neighbor.

In her years in the convent, St. Faustina heard a call from God to make God's mercy known to the world so that the world may more fully receive God's healing grace. St. Faustina promoted the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, which consists of the recitation of prayers to the Eternal Father with the use of the rosary for the sake of Christ's sorrowful passion.

**The Chaplet is prayed as follows:**

1. Begin with the Sign of the Cross, one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and the Apostles' Creed.
2. On the Our Father beads, recite the following:  
"Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of your dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world."
3. On the ten Hail Mary beads, say the following:  
"For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."
4. Repeat steps two and three for all five decades.
5. Conclude by reciting three times:  
"Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

St. (Pope) John Paul II died on the Eve of Divine Mercy Sunday on April 2, 2005.

**Quotes from John Paul II:**

"The future starts today, not tomorrow."

"Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and Hallelujah is our song."

"As the family goes, so goes the nation and so goes the whole world in which we live."



**BANNS for ORDINATION**

Rev. Mr. Gregory Alan Merkley is to be ordained to the Sacred Order of Presbyter for the Diocese of Hamilton on May 4, 2019 at Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. Please remember him in your prayers.

*Canon Law obliges Catholics to reveal any impediment to sacred orders to the bishop or pastor.*



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