

St. Mark Roman Catholic Parish

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PARISH STAFF

Rev. Stephen Murrin – *Pastor*

Rev. Mr. Philip Fernandez – *Deacon*

Mrs. Pam Olinski – *Secretary*

The Parish Office is open by appointment only.

Please call or email ahead to schedule your visit.

LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday at 5:00 PM

Sunday at 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

No Children's Liturgy of the Word until further notice.

WEEKDAY MASS

Wednesday 12:00 NOON

followed by Adoration and Benediction

CONFESSIONS

Saturday at 4:15 PM or by appointment.

BLESSED SACRAMENT ADORATION CHAPEL

Closed until further notice.

PANDEMIC PROTOCOL

Seating capacity in the church is restricted to 30%. Doors open 30 minutes before Mass. Seating will be first come, first served. Under the Ontario guidelines, we ask that:

- all who are not feeling well, or have an elevated temperature, please stay home.
- when you visit the church you wear a face covering over your nose, mouth, and chin. Required by the Face Covering By-law 20-035.
- you practice generous social distancing (minimum 6 ft.) and follow the signs and ushers' directions.
- that you use your washroom before coming to church.

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 SOCIETY

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 drop it in the mail. Your intention will be printed in the bulletin and announced at Mass.

If you require a Mass card please call the parish office to make pick-up arrangements.

The offering (stipend) for a Mass Intention 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

I would like the Mass to be on this specific date*: _____

**Please submit requests as far in advance as possible to reserve preferred dates.*

Sunday Masses may only be requested twice per year.

All other requests will be satisfied on weekdays.

Requested by: _____

Daytime Phone # or email: _____

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

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Please keep this bulletin for reference for the month of August. Weekly bulletins will resume on September 5th. For other items of importance, please listen to announcements after Mass or check the parish website www.stmarkcatholicparish.org.
Have a safe and blessed summer!

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

Church doors are open 30 minutes before the start of Mass, and seating is restricted to approximately **30% capacity** until further notice.

Wednesday, August 4

12 Noon + Ron Herzog – *Herzog family*

Thursday, August 5

12 Noon – Int. of Jerry & Helen Kieffer – *Woodhouse family*

Friday, August 6

12 Noon – Int. of Charlotte Lahey & family – *Woodhouse fam.*

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – August 7/8

1 Kings 19:4-8; Ephesians 4:30—5:2; John 6:41-51

Sat. 5:00 PM + Ivan Cimermanic – *Michelle*

Sun. 9:30 am – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark

11:30 am – Int. of Minny Oehring – *M./M. Woodhouse family*

Wednesday, August 11

12 Noon + Larry Riedel – *Ron & Kathy Bumstead*

Thursday, August 12

12 Noon + Ron Herzog – *Herzog family*

Friday, August 13

12 Noon + Heinz Wensing – *Ernie & Lisa McCullough family*

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – August 14/15

Revelation 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26; Luke 1:39-56

Sat. 5:00 PM + Jake DeVries – *Colette Dokis & Karen Krigner*

Sun. 9:30 am – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark

11:30 am + Eileen Plouffe – *Maurice*

Wednesday, August 18

12 Noon + Irene Detzier – *Colette Dokis & Karen Krigner*

Thursday, August 19

12 Noon + Ron Herzog – *Herzog family*

Friday, August 20

12 Noon + Heinz Wensing – *Ernie & Lisa McCullough family*

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – August 21/22

Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ephesians 4:32—5:1-2, 21-32+; John 6:53, 60-69

2:00 PM – **WEDDING**

Sat. 5:00 PM – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark

Sun. 9:30 am + Larry Riedel – *John & Linda Deneau*

11:30 am + Erick Bertsch – *Marilyn Dufresne*

Pre-Authorized Giving

Since the Fall of 2015, our Parish has been offering pre-authorized giving as an option to parishioners. Pre-authorized giving allows you to give to the parish intentionally and faithfully through scheduled monthly transfers from your bank account. It helps to ensure regular, dependable contributions to the parish. Even more importantly, it affords an opportunity to reflect on all that God has given you, and prayerfully decide how much of this you will return to God through your offering to the parish. For more information or to enroll, please contact the parish office at stmark@rogers.com.

Wednesday, August 25

12 Noon – Int. of Fr. Steve – *Frank & Yvette Tully*

Thursday, August 26

12 Noon + Ron Herzog – *Herzog family*

Friday, August 27

12 Noon + Larry Riedel – *St. Mark Knights of Columbus*

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – August 28/29

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

1:00 PM – **WEDDING**

Sat. 5:00 PM – Int. of Pam Olinski & family – *F. & Y. Tully*

Sun. 9:30 am – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark

11:30 am + Maria Silvestre – *Joao*

Wednesday, September 1st

12 Noon + Francis Xavier Zapanta Leonidas – *Baxter family*

Thursday, September 2

12 Noon + Jake DeVries – *Marilyn Dufresne*

Friday, September 3

12 Noon + Barb Manville – *Marilyn Dufresne*

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – September 4/5

Isaiah 35:4-7; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37

Sat. 5:00 PM – Int. of Dcn. Fernandez & family – *F. & Y. Tully*

Sun. 9:30 am + Maria Silvestre – *Joao*

11:30 am – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for:

A Private Intention

In our church, two sanctuary lamps continuously burn on either side of the tabernacle, to signify the Real Presence of Jesus.

You may now request to have one or both lamps burn for a special intention or for the repose of someone's soul.

Public intentions will be published each week in the bulletin and on our website; private intentions will appear as you see above.

Requests will be received by the parish office in much the same way you would request a Mass Intention – please write “**Sanctuary Lamp**” on a plain envelope, insert \$5 for one candle or \$10 for both candles. Include your intention, and whether or not you would like it published or private.

Requests can be dropped in the collection or slipped under the office door, or mailed.



The Parish Office is CLOSED on Fridays during August.

New Film Invites Us to Really Know the Blessed Virgin Mary

Dr. Josephine Lombardi is a faculty member at St. Augustine's Seminary in Toronto. She recently released, "[The First Lady and Her Successors](#)," a film that explores the many ways that the Blessed Mother Mary can guide us today. She discussed this new film below.

All Christians know Mary of Nazareth is the mother of Jesus. Depending on their upbringing or catechetical background, Catholics and other Christians may not know a lot about her life or role in salvation history. The inspiration for the film was my desire for all people to know Mary of Nazareth with greater intimacy, using Scripture as the starting point.

The film is about the life of Mary, beginning with the Book of Genesis and ending with the Book of Revelation. We journey with Mary as we reflect on mysteries, events, words and actions associated with her earthly life. Accompanying us along the way, we have the stories of nine amazing women, sharing how their own life experiences help them understand and relate to Mary's journey.

The focus of the film is Mary in Sacred Scripture. Although Marian dogmas are implied throughout, the focus is the life of Mary as found in the Bible.

TO WATCH THE FULL FILM FOR FREE, visit [Dr. Josephine Lombardi's website](#).

To watch a TRAILER of "The First Lady and Her Successor," [please click here](#).



GUELPH VIRTUAL WALKING PILGRIMAGE

July 31 – August 7

Nourish your spirituality. Enjoy the great outdoors.

Those who walk the Guelph-to-Midland pilgrimage find it to be a unique and grace-filled experience.

This year, like last summer, we are not able to walk the pilgrimage as we have for the last 18 years. Covid -19 brought the birth of a Virtual Walking Pilgrimage in a slightly different format.

As a pilgrim, you decide where and how much you want to walk, and you are welcome to participate as much or as little as you can in the day's activities.

You will receive daily emails, including links to:

1. Morning Liturgy at 7 a.m.
2. Morning reflection to set the tone for your day.
3. Some suggestions for activities for each day.
4. Pictures, reflections, music from past years.
5. Sacred Circles using Zoom at 7pm for sharing in small groups the experiences of your pilgrimage that day.

Join us, as we cast off routine for eight days and acquiesce to a community of higher purpose.

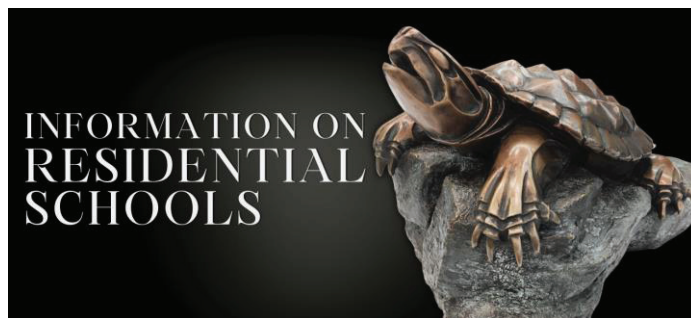
Participate for 1 day, a weekend or the full 8 days!

To register or for more information go to www.ignatiusguelph.ca (under programs - Guelph Walking Pilgrimage). Registration fee \$75.00



NO SCENTS IS GOOD SENSE:

A reminder to refrain from the use of perfumes and strongly scented products when coming to Mass. Many folks have allergies and/or sensitivities to scents.



In response to the recent discoveries of unmarked graves on the site of former Residential Schools across Canada, His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, OMI, issued a Pastoral Letter entitled: *To Inform, To Encourage, To Heal*. His Excellency's letter, along with multiple resources including: a brief history of Residential Schools in Canada, Expressions of Apology and Actions and Commitments towards reconciliation, have been encompassed in a special section on the diocesan website.

To Inform, To Encourage, To Heal:

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/residential-schools/overview>
[History](#) [Expressions of Apology](#) [Actions and Commitments](#)

Call for applicants to fill two WCDSB Trustee vacancies

The Waterloo Catholic District School Board is seeking applicants to fill two Trustee vacancies representing Kitchener and Wilmot. The vacancies were created by the resignations of Trustees Greg Reitzel and Kevin Dupuis.

Applicants must provide a signed resume and confirmation of their qualifications (suggested length: 3-5 pages) **by Monday August 23rd** to: Waterloo Catholic District School Board, 35 Weber St. W., Unit A, Kitchener, ON, N2H 3Z1 (Attention Alice Figueiredo). Email: alice.figueiredo@wcdsb.ca

For full details, please visit: <https://www.wcdsb.ca/call-for-applicants-to-fill-2-wcdsb-trustee-vacancies/>

WCDSB seeks external community member to serve on Audit Committee

The Waterloo Catholic District School Board has had an Audit Committee, as required by the Ministry of Education since 2009. The mandate of the Committee is to ensure compliance with the Education Act (253.1(1)) and Ontario Regulation (361/10), and to provide independent oversight for the Board of Trustees in the areas of financial reporting, external audit, risk management, internal controls, and compliance matters.

The Audit Committee is comprised of 3 Trustees (appointed by the Chair of the Board of Trustees) and 2 external community members who are appointed by the Board of Trustees based on a selection process. The Director of Education, Chief Financial Officer and Internal Audit Officer attend all meetings, as well as others as required.

The Board requires 1 external community representative with a high level of financial and business knowledge to serve on their Audit Committee.

This is a volunteer position. The committee meets five (5) times per year, plus ad hoc meetings as required. Meetings are usually held Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday evenings in September, November, January, March and June.

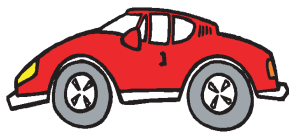
Deadline for applications is **Friday, August 20th**. For full details, please visit: <https://www.wcdsb.ca>.



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