

# 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:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 7:00 AM on a Weekday  | <input type="checkbox"/> 5:00 PM on a Saturday |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7:00 PM on a Tuesday  | <input type="checkbox"/> 9:30 AM on a Sunday   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 9:00 AM on a Saturday | <input type="checkbox"/> 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.*

Please keep this bulletin for reference for the rest of August. Regular bulletins will resume on Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mass times and Mass intentions can also be found on the church bulletin board. For other items of importance, please listen for announcements after Mass, or check the parish website at [www.stmarkcatholicparish.org](http://www.stmarkcatholicparish.org). **Have a safe and blessed summer!**

**MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST**

**Tuesday, August 7** \* **NO MASS TODAY**

**Wednesday, August 8** (MEMORIAL – ST. DOMINIC)  
7:00 am + Manuel Toscano – *Anthony Toscano and family*

**Thursday, August 9** (FERIAL)  
7:00 am + Lojz Cimermanic – *Cimermanic family*  
3:00 PM - Mass at Forest Heights Long Term Care

**Friday, August 10** (FEAST – ST. LAWRENCE)  
7:00 am (*Private Intention*)

**Saturday, August 11** (MEMORIAL – ST. CLARE)  
9:00 am (*Private Intention*)  
2:00 PM - Wedding

**19<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – August 11/12**  
*1 Kings 19:4-8; Ephesians 4:30–5:2; John 6:41-51*  
SAT. 5:00 PM + John Murphy – *Mark & Eleanor Lawlor*  
SUN. 9:30 am - Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark's  
11:30 am + Olivia Baptista – *Jose & family*

**Tuesday, August 14** (MEMORIAL – ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE)  
2:00 PM - Mass at Lanark Heights Long Term Care  
7:00 PM + Patricia Gelata – *Gerry & Terry Gerth*

**Wednesday, Aug. 15** (SOLEMNITY – Assumption of the Bl. Virgin Mary)  
\* 7:00 PM + Patricia Gelata – *Marie Mason*  
*Mass will be followed by the Living Rosary in the Grotto courtyard*

**Thursday, August 16** (FERIAL)  
7:00 am (*Private Intention*)

**Friday, August 17** (FERIAL)  
7:00 am (*Private Intention*)

**Saturday, August 18** (FERIAL)  
9:00 am (*Private Intention*)

**20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – August 18/19**  
*Proverbs 9:1-6; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58*  
SAT. 5:00 PM - Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark's  
SUN. 9:30 am + Don Cameron – *Cerantola Family*  
11:30 am + Jose Almeida & Anuciacao Costa – *B. Ferreira*

**Tuesday, August 21** (MEMORIAL – ST. PIUS X)  
7:00 PM + Mo Tran – *Tim Tran*

**Wednesday, August 22** (MEMORIAL – QUEENSHIP of the BL. V. MARY)  
7:00 am (*Private Intention*)

**Thursday, August 23** (FERIAL)  
7:00 am (*Private Intention*)

**Friday, August 24** (FEAST – ST. BARTHOLOMEW)  
7:00 am (*Private Intention*)  
6:00 PM - Wedding Rehearsal

**Saturday, August 25** (FERIAL)  
9:00 am (*Private Intention*)  
2:30 PM - Wedding

**21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – August 25/26**  
*Josh. 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Eph. 4:32–5:1-2, 21-32++; Jn. 6:53, 60-69*  
SAT. 5:00 PM - Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark's  
SUN. 9:30 am + Mona Simpson & Terrie Kraftchik – *N/S Cerantola*  
11:30 am - Intentions of the Catholic Women's League

**Tuesday, August 28** \* **NO MASS TODAY**

**Wednesday, Aug. 29** (MEMORIAL – PASSION of ST. JOHN the BAPTIST)  
7:00 am (*Private Intention*)

**Thurs. August 30** (FERIAL)  
7:00 am (*Private Intention*)

**Friday, August 31** (FERIAL)  
7:00 am (*Private Intention*)

**Saturday, Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>** (FERIAL)  
9:00 am (*Private Intention*)

**22<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Sept. 1/2** LABOUR DAY  
WEEKEND  
*Deut. 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23*  
SAT. 5:00 PM + Jack Soares – *Maria*  
SUN. 9:30 am + Joanne McCabe – *Marilyn Dufresne*  
11:30 am - Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

Please note there is no Vacation Bible Camp this year.



PARISH OFFICE HOURS for the MONTH OF AUGUST:

OPEN: Monday to Thursday, 9:30am – 2:30pm

CLOSED: Aug. 6 Civic Holiday, Aug. 27 and ALL Fridays

**Coffee Time!**

Every Sunday after the 9:30 and 11:30 Masses



**Thank you from our St. Vincent de Paul Society**

... A big thank-you for your on-going support. Your food donations and monthly White Box contributions are what sustains us in providing food for those in need within our parish boundary. Current grocery needs are posted on the sign near the blue bin in the narthex. May God's blessings be upon you! **White Box collection for July was \$384.10 – thank you!**

**Next White Box Sunday will be August 25/26**

St. Mark's Society of St. Vincent de Paul will have their White Box in the narthex for anyone wishing to make a donation. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**FREE PAVING STONES (USED)** ... There are still some paving stones leftover that we removed from the Grotto area last month. Two lots were sold on Kijiji, and there are approximately 4 skids left over (approx. 1,600 stones at the time of this printing). Please feel free to take as many as you wish. They are located in the church parking lot, in front of the portable. You may pick them up at your convenience, and it is not necessary to notify the parish. First come, first served.

## Liturgical Ministers FOR AUGUST

Altar Servers, Commentators, Lectors, Ushers, Gift Bearers and Eucharistic Ministers are asked to kindly consult your Summer Schedule for liturgical ministry duties for the month of August. Schedules were emailed to all ministers near the end of June. If you did not receive or have lost yours, please call the office to request one. If you are scheduled for a ministry and are unable to attend that particular Mass, please find a replacement so that we are not left looking for ministers at the last minute before Mass begins. Thank you!

### Recurring Meetings in August:

DATES	TIME	ROOM	EVENTS
Mondays	8:00 pm	(H/J)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Thursdays	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
Fridays	6:00 am	(L)	Men's Group

## Feast of the Assumption

On **Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>** the Church celebrates the Assumption of our Blessed Mother into heaven. The doctrine of the Assumption was dogmatically defined by Pope Pius XII on 1 November 1950, in the apostolic constitution *Munificentissimus Deus* by exercising papal infallibility.

*“By the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, of the Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and by our own authority, we pronounce, declare, and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.”*

**To honor this day, Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 in the evening and following Mass we will gather at the grotto for the Living Rosary.** This is a special way of praying the rosary, whereby a different person represents each bed of the rosary and leads that prayer.



**Beginning last week with the story of the multiplication of loaves and fish and continuing throughout the month of August,** the Sunday Gospels are taken from the sixth Chapter of St. John's Gospel. It would be a good summer spiritual exercise to read this chapter while paying particular attention to verses 22 to 59, the discourse on the Bread of Life. This week, after being fed, Jesus challenges the crowds to see beyond the fulfilment of their material needs. In their blindness of the miracle already performed, they ask Jesus for a sign and he tells them plainly that he himself is the Bread of Life they seek. Jesus himself is the Bread of Life who will satisfy every hunger and thirst. This is the first of several such statements found in John's Gospel. In the following weeks, Jesus reveals that he is the living bread that came down from heaven and his flesh is true food and his blood is true drink. Because of their disbelief, however, the crowds started to scatter and desert Jesus, ending with Peter's profession of faith, *“Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.”*

**RCIA** If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or knowing more about the Catholic Faith, you may leave your name and contact information with the parish office to be enrolled in The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (commonly referred to as R.C.I.A.). This is a formation and preparation process that will begin in the Fall. To become a full member of the Catholic Faith, a person must receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist. The program, therefore, is for people who have (1) never been baptized; (2) been baptized in another Christian Faith and are now seeking to be accepted into full communion with the Catholic Church, and (3) been baptized in the Catholic Church but have not received both Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

## C.W.L. News

- ◆ Next Mass for CWL Intentions: Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.
- ◆ Next General Meeting: Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. Mark your calendars and watch upcoming bulletins for more details!
- ◆ Used Book Sale report: Thanks to all those who supported the sale ... we raised a total of \$674.75!
- ◆ Accessible Door Fund – This funding will go toward the installation of 2 automatic door openers at the main entrance to the church. Special envelopes for this fund are still available in the narthex – just look for the wheelchair. If you haven't had a chance to participate, please consider a donation sometime over the coming weeks. Any contribution will help. We've raised \$1,840 so far!
- ◆ Postage stamps wanted! For over 50 years, the Redemptorists have collected and sold stamps as part of their mission fundraising efforts supporting charities including Canadian Food for Children. With the significant reduction in regular mail, stamp supplies are difficult to obtain. The C.W.L. has provided a box on our table in the narthex to collect used postage stamps on their behalf. We encourage you to collect and drop stamps into the box anytime.

Have a safe and blessed summer! *Kim Friesen, President*

## Annual Mission Appeal

Fr. Andrew Berinyuy, Sch.P. from the Order of the Pious Schools (Piarist Fathers), Central African Province, will be preaching our annual mission appeal on **August 18/19**.

*Who are the Piarist Fathers?* The Piarist Fathers are a Religious Order founded in Rome in 1617 by St. Joseph Calasanz (1557-1648) - a priest of Spanish origin. We completely dedicate ourselves to the education of children and youth especially the poor in schools, parishes and youth non-formal education centers. The Piarist Province of Central Africa covers 4 countries in the central African region, namely: Cameroon, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, and Democratic Republic of Congo. In these countries, we run a total of 11 elementary schools, 5 high schools, 2 technical and vocational schools, with a total enrollment ranging between 6000 to 7000 students. To strengthen our collaboration with the local church, we also run 6 parishes. To each parish we have attached a Socio-educative and Cultural center to drill children and youths in non-formal educative activities. Our province has a total number of 125 Religious (58 Finally professed/Priests; 67 seminarians; 19 novices; 27 prenovices).

The context in which we are working is a very challenging one: the socio-political instability and poor governance in the above named countries have rendered many youths hopeless. Youth underemployment is a great challenge and it is pushing many youths to despair. Some of these youths engage in a search for "greener pastures" abroad, thus leading to migration and brain drain. For those other youths who are not daring enough, the end result is usually high crime waves, among other ills. The situation is very pathetic and something needs to be done and urgently. The Piarist Fathers think that the way out of this situation is through an education that seeks to empower the youths by helping them to discover and develop their talents.

We are therefore requesting for help in this mission appeal to fulfill the following needs:

- Build more classrooms to offer Christian education to as many children as possible;
- School buildings are dilapidated and in great need of repairs. Also, these schools do not have basic nor essential facilities, lacking electricity, potable water or even toilets;
- Offer scholarships and school material to students from very poor backgrounds;
- Equip the few technical and vocational centers that we are running and build more in other areas;
- Support the "Caravane of Education" program, which intends to educate the rural population on issues that concern them directly such as health care, social welfare, conflict resolution, micro-projects etc.;
- Train young people and help them start self-reliant projects;
- Formation of teachers in our schools, and catechists and other pastoral leaders in our parishes;

We are deeply grateful for the opportunity given to us to share our missionary experience with you. On behalf of those we serve, we want to express our immense gratitude for your spiritual and material support.

**Thank you for welcoming Fr. Andrew and for your generosity.** If you wish to receive a tax receipt, please include your name and address or envelope number. Please make cheques payable to St. Mark's Church.

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