

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:

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Intentions for the Week

December 10 – 16, 2018

Monday - NO MASS

Tuesday (FERIAL)

2:00 PM - Mass at Lanark Heights Long Term Care
7:00 PM + Evelyn Nonato and LaToya Marcano – K. Tejai

Wednesday (FEAST – OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE)

7:00 am - Int. of Ralph & Marcella Tomlinson – Flood family
9:30 am - Advent Mass with St. Mark School in the church

Thursday (MEMORIAL – ST. LUCY)

7:00 am + John & Joe Coelho – DaCosta family
7:00 PM - Advent Penitential Service with multiple priests

*** Friday – NO MASS** (MEMORIAL – ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS)

Saturday (FERIAL)

9:00 am + Ruth & Anthony Hayek - Ylanda

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18

Sat. 5:00 PM - Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's
Sun. 9:30 am + Claira Fuhrman – Donna Lienhardt
11:30 am + Jose Almeida & Anuciacao Costa – B. Ferreira



*** Please note there will be No Mass this Friday.**

The feast in honor of **Our Lady of Guadalupe** goes back to the 16th century. A poor Indian named Juan Diego, 57 and a widower, on Saturday morning December 9, 1531, he was on his way to a nearby barrio to attend Mass in honor of Our Lady. On his way a radiant cloud appeared, and within it stood an Indian maiden. The lady sent him to the bishop of Mexico, and told him that a chapel was to be built in the place where the lady appeared. Eventually the bishop told Juan to have the lady give him a sign. Although winter, on December 12, when Juan Diego opened his tilma in the bishop's presence, roses fell to the ground, and the bishop sank to his knees.

St. Lucy (283-304) was born in Syracuse, Sicily, where she also died. She was of a noble Greek family, and was brought up as a Christian by her mother, who was miraculously cured at the shrine of St. Agatha in Catania. Lucy made a vow of virginity and distributed her wealth to the poor. This generosity stirred the wrath of the unworthy youth to whom she had been unwillingly betrothed and who denounced her to Paschasius, the governor of Sicily. When it was decided to violate her virginity in a place of shame, Lucy, with the help of the Holy Spirit, stood immovable. A fire was then built around her, but again God protected her. She was finally put to death by the sword. Her name appears in the second list in the Canon.

Offertory Collection

Dec. 1/2, 2018

Sunday envelopes..... \$ 2,924.15
 Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52)..... \$ 1,200.46
 Loose monies \$ 718.80
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS \$ 4,843.41

Mortgage envelopes.....\$ 770.00
 Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52) \$ 254.88
TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS \$ 1,024.88

- Thank you for your generosity -



We offer our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of **Beatriz Coelho**, mother of Anabelle Da Costa.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<u>Mon. Dec. 10</u>	8:00 pm	(M)	Alcoholics Anonymous
<u>Tue. Dec. 11</u>	7:00 pm	(M)	Knights of Columbus Exec. meeting
	6:30 pm	(B)	Search & Rescue
<u>Wed. Dec. 12</u>	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
	7:00 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
<u>Thur. Dec. 13</u>	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
	7:00 pm	(CH)	Advent Penitential Service
<u>Fri. Dec. 14</u>	6:00 am	(L)	Men's group

This week and next, our Gospel readings invite us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. To affirm this, Luke quotes at length from the prophet Isaiah. John baptizes for repentance and for forgiveness of sins, preparing the way for God's salvation.

The three Synoptic Gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke—attest to the importance of the baptism of John in preparing for Jesus. Only the Gospel of Luke, however, extends the connection between these two men to their birth. The first two chapters of Luke's Gospel contain the Infancy Narrative, which tells about the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. These stories set the stage for the beginning of Jesus' public ministry in chapter 3.

The evangelist Luke is the author of the Gospel that bears his name, and he also wrote the Acts of the Apostles as a continuation of the story of Jesus and the Church. In these two works, Luke's sense of time and history emerges. He identifies three epochs of salvation history: the time before Christ, the time of Christ, and the time of the Church and the Holy Spirit. In today's Gospel reading, as elsewhere, John the Baptist is presented as the figure who bridges the time before Christ and prepares the way for Christ's own ministry.

In today's Gospel we also note Luke's attention to political and historical detail. Luke shows that salvation is for all people and situated in world events. Therefore, Luke lists the political and religious leaders at the time of John's appearance in the desert. Salvation is understood as God's breaking into this political and social history.

John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus, we too are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives the coming of the Lord, as John did. ■

New Living With Christ Sunday Missals for 2019

Still available for purchase in the narthex - \$5 each

*** Bulletin Submission Deadlines for Dec./Jan.**

Please email articles to the parish office no later than:	For inclusion in the bulletin that will be distributed on:
Mon. Dec. 10 (tomorrow!)	Sun. Dec. 16
Wed. Dec. 12	Dec. 23 & Christmas
Mon. Dec. 17	Dec. 30 & New Year's
Fri. Dec. 28	Sun. Jan. 6

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve - 6:00 PM & 11:00 PM Christmas Day - 10:00 AM



All Liturgical Ministers are reminded to **sign-up for Christmas and New Year's Masses in the binder on the table in the narthex.**

DEC. 15 - 16	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	V./P./J. Miller N. D'Souza	E. Chang	C. Chacon B. Starr
Commentator:	K. Friesen	C. Mackid	J. Petrovich
Lectors:	M. Dufresne	T. Lee B. Sawarna	I. Kangaloo M. Monte
Ushers:	A Montag K Friesen	T./J. Germann J. Kelly	B. Voisin
Gift Bearers:		Seaward	Chacon
Eucharistic Ministers:	A. Bendia F./Y. Tully	S. Cerantola M. Lynch M./L. Fernando	B. Denomme B. Starr E. Weiss



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ON SALE THIS WEEKEND ONLY
December 8 & 9 \$10 each (6-inch pot)
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Parish Council Elections – 10 people have been nominated for Parish Council. **Ballot forms are now available in the narthex.** Please submit your choice of 4 people, no later than Sunday, December 16th. Thank you.



Advent Penitential Services

(Multiple priests available for confession)



Tue. Dec. 11	7:00 pm	St. Anne's Church, <i>Kitchener</i>
	7:00 pm	St. Agatha Church, <i>St. Agatha</i>
Wed. Dec. 12	7:00 pm	St. Aloysius Church, <i>Kitchener</i>
	7:00 pm	St. Mary's Church, <i>Kitchener</i>
Thur. Dec. 13	7:00 pm	St. Mark's Church, <i>Kitchener</i>
	7:00 pm	St. Clement's Church, <i>St. Clements</i>
Tue. Dec. 18	7:00 pm	St. Teresa of Avila Church, <i>Elmira</i>
Wed. Dec. 19	7:00 pm	St. Joseph's Church, <i>Kitchener</i>
	7:00 pm	St. Clement's Church, <i>Cambridge</i>
Thur. Dec. 20	7:00 pm	Blessed Sacrament Church, <i>Kitchener</i>

Donations to purchase Christmas Flowers for the Church

Please use one of the envelopes provided on the table in the narthex. Write the names of your deceased loved ones on the back of the envelope, or insert them inside, and place the envelope in the gift box on the table in the narthex. All names will be included on a special insert in the Christmas bulletin, and Mass on Christmas morning will be celebrated for the Repose of their Souls.



Vocation Seeds – Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister in order to help our world of today to truly “Prepare the way of the Lord?”

If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

C.W.L. Corner



♦ **JOIN US!! for an Advent Mini-Retreat: This Thursday, Dec. 6th at 7 p.m. in the church.**

Facilitated by Deacon Basil with a distinct *Marian perspective* as we think of Mary and her anticipation as she awaited the birth of Our Savior. We will begin with Benediction followed by recitation of the Rosary turning our minds and hearts to the Joyous Mysteries. After each decade Deacon Basil will lead discussion on the corresponding mystery suggesting points for meditation. Later there will be an opportunity to talk about our own relationship with the Blessed Mother, her role in our spiritual lives and her impact as a role model in our relationships with others.

♦ **Nominations for your 2019/2020 Executive Council open December 1st!** Please pick up nomination forms from the CWL mail slot on the wall in the Narthex or print as many copies as needed from the email sent to members the first week of December. Nominate as many ladies as you like, including yourself! Completed nomination forms can be dropped in the labelled slot in the large wood cabinet in the Narthex by Dec. 28th.

♦ **Next Mass for CWL Intentions:** Wed. Dec. 26th at 7:00 a.m.

The Waterloo Catholic District School Board is currently accepting applications for **Occasional Teachers**. Please visit their website for job details and application criteria: www.wcdsb.ca.

The Diocese of Hamilton is conducting the *One Heart, One Soul Campaign* to raise money for every Parish in the Diocese and for shared ministries. A compilation of “Frequently Asked Questions” are available throughout the campaign at www.oneheartonesoul.ca.

40th ANNUAL ADVENT NOVENA: Dec. 7-15

An Invitation to Prepare Well for Christmas

Nine daily Masses at 6:30AM at St. Agnes Church, Waterloo
Friday, Dec. 7th to Saturday, Dec. 15th.

(Note exception: On Sunday, Dec. 9th you are welcome to attend your OWN CHURCH (or St. Agnes at 9 AM or 11AM.)

Make this Advent a special time of preparation for Christmas by joining your Twin-City friends who have been keeping this Advent tradition for many years. Bring along a friend! Everyone is welcome! Plenty of time to get to work or school afterwards! A free will offering will be taken for St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers. Daily coffee and fellowship after each Mass. Breakfast in the Parish Centre after Mass on Sat. Dec. 15 only.



LONGEST NIGHT PRAYER SERVICE – If you are grieving, lonely or sad for any reason as the Christmas Season approaches, please consider attending this ecumenical service, **Friday, Dec. 21st** at 7p.m. at **St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Kitchener.** This will be an evening of scripture, reflective music and prayer. A time of fellowship will follow.

3rd CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS CHRISTMAS PARTY – If you are Catholic, between the ages of 19-39, and single, couple or married, come and meet other Young Adult Catholics, **Saturday, Dec. 15th ... 5:00 - Mass; 6:00 - Cocktail Social; 6:45 - Catered Dinner**, followed by Live Entertainment, Activities, and a DJ and Dancefloor! Photobooth, Doorprizes, Cash Bar, and much more! Asking a suggested \$25 per person. Menu is still being finalized but it will be surf'n'turf! **St. Thomas the Apostle Church** (715 Centre Rd., Waterdown). RSVP by Dec. 12 to Justin at jpete@hamiltondiocese.com or call 905-689-4857 ext. 8. Or say you are 'Going' on the 'Hamilton Catholic Young Adults' Facebook. Please include dietary requirements.



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