

# 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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

**Mass Intentions for the Week** 

February 11 – 17, 2019

**Monday – NO MASS**

**Tuesday** (FERIAL)

2:00 PM - MASS AT LANARK HEIGHTS LONG TERM CARE

7:00 PM - Int. of Pat & Jim Woodhouse – Mike & Melissa

**Wednesday** (FERIAL)

7:00 am - Int. of Jerry & Helen Kieffer – Mike & Melissa Woodhouse

**Thursday** (MEMORIAL – ST. CYRIL & ST. METHODIUS)

7:00 am - Int. of Charlotte Lahey – Mike & Melissa Woodhouse

3:00 PM - MASS AT FOREST HEIGHTS LONG TERM CARE

**Friday** (FERIAL)

7:00 am + Lucinda Rodrigues – Legion of Mary

**Saturday** (FERIAL)

9:00 am + Bernie Burns – Berney & Gwen Sytsma

**6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Jeremiah 17:5-8; 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20; Luke 6:17, 20-26

**Sat. 5:00 PM** - Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

**Sun. 9:30 am** - Int. of Fr. Robert Love – the Flood family

11:30 am + Olivia Baptista – Jose & family

**Cyril and Methodius**, the apostles of the Slavs, were brothers who hailed from Thessalonica. After receiving an excellent education, they were sent by the Eastern Emperor Michael III (842-856) into the kingdom of Grand-Moravia; through great effort and in spite of tremendous difficulties they converted the Slavonic nations. They translated the Bible into Slavonic and devised a kind of writing, called glagolitic, which even to the present day is used in the liturgical services of some Eastern rites.

<b>OFFERTORY REPORT</b>		<b>Feb. 2/3, 2019</b>
Sunday envelopes .....		\$ 2,593.25
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52) .....		\$ 1,200.46
Loose monies .....		\$ 533.90
<b>TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS</b> .....		<b>\$ 4,327.61</b>
Mortgage envelopes .....		\$ 805.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52) .....		\$ 254.88
<b>TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS</b> .....		<b>\$ 1,059.88</b>
Seminary Education .....		\$ 316.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity.</i>		

**Church Bathrooms** – Over the past months, we have been having frequent problems with the toilets in the women's washrooms backing up. Each time this happens, not only is it a mess to clean up but we also have to call someone in to unplug the toilets, which becomes a major cost to the parish. This past week, we once again had to get the toilets cleared and this time a camera was used to look inside the pipes and everything was clear, so therefore, the pipes do not seem to be the problem. The problem, however, does appear to be caused by the excessive use of bathroom tissue (which remains in the toilets after the water settles) and trying to discard other items which plug the toilet. If you use the women's washroom, please be aware of this problem. Please be conscious of the amount of tissue that you use and use the proper disposal containers in each washroom to discard items that should not be flushed in the toilet.

**Meetings & Events This Week:**

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<u>Mon. Feb. 11</u>	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
<u>Tue. Feb. 12</u>	6:30 pm	(J)	Search & Rescue
	7:00 pm	(B)	Keys to Loving Relationships
	7:30 pm	(M)	Knights of Columbus exec. meeting
<u>Wed. Feb. 13</u>	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
	7:00 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
<u>Thu. Feb. 14</u>	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	7:00 pm	(H)	Alpha "Come & See"
	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
<u>Fri. Feb. 15</u>	6:00 am	(L)	Men's group
	7:00 pm	(L)	Writers' group
<u>Sat. Feb. 16</u>	10:30 pm	(L)	Writers' group
<u>Sun. Feb. 17</u>	12:30 pm	(H)	Confirmation Candidates' meeting

**Meeting Rooms:** B = Basement CH = Church H = Hall \* = Offsite  
J = St. John Room L = St. Luke Room M = St. Matthew Room

**Last Sunday**, we heard how Jesus was rejected in his hometown of Nazareth. In the verses that follow, Jesus travels to the town of Capernaum and begins his ministry of teaching and healing. While in Capernaum, Jesus cures a man possessed with a demon and heals Simon's mother-in-law. After spending some time there, Jesus prepares to preach in other places. The fact that Jesus had previously been in Simon's home and healed his mother-in-law suggests that this encounter is not the first between Jesus and Simon Peter. We can read today's Gospel, therefore, as a description of the developing relationship between Jesus and Simon Peter.

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches from Simon's boat. Jesus turns to Simon and instructs him about where to lower the fishing nets. Simon and others have been fishing throughout the night and have not caught anything. Simon protests, claiming that such an effort would be futile. Simon ultimately obeys Jesus and lowers his nets into the deeper water as directed. Notice here that Peter calls Jesus by the title "master." He already recognizes Jesus as a person of authority. They catch so many fish that the nets begin to tear; Jesus' presence has created abundance out of scarcity, just as it did at the wedding feast at Cana, which we heard at Mass just a few weeks ago.

Simon Peter becomes a follower of Jesus immediately. He calls Jesus "Lord"—the title given to Jesus after his Resurrection—and protests his worthiness to be in Jesus' presence. Today's Gospel, therefore, marks a turning point in the relationship between Jesus and Peter.

Two of Simon's partners are also named as witnesses to the event described in today's Gospel: Zebedee's sons, James and John. Yet Jesus' words are addressed only to Simon. Jesus gives Simon a new job, telling him that he will become a different kind of fisherman. No longer will he catch fish; instead he will catch people. In these words, we hear the beginning of the leadership role that Peter will have within the community of disciples. Peter was chosen for this role. His task will be to bring others to Jesus. Already he is doing so; the Gospel tells us that all the fishermen with Peter also left their nets and followed Jesus.

We continue to speak of Peter's leadership and influence in the Church today when we call the pope the "successor of Peter." We participate in the mission of the Church when we bring people to Christ through the example and positive influence of our lives. ■

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm**  
*(following the 7 pm Mass)*

This will be the first meeting of the newly formed parish council and it will be held in the Boardroom.

## Liturgical Ministers

FEB. 16 - 17	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	V./P./J. Miller G./S. Morgan	E./T./T. Morgan	N./A. Gallagher R. Robin
Commentator:	M. Dufresne	T. Lee	I. Kangaloo
Lectors:	K. Friesen	T. Boettger T. Angel	M. Oram
Ushers:	L. Macedo I. Cimermancic	J. DeSousa T./J. Germann	B. Voisin
Gift Bearers:		Cerantola	Coe
Eucharistic Ministers:	G. MacNeil K. Friesen F. Tully	L. Riedel B. Seaward S. Cerantola	S. Markides C./K. Dignam

### Alpha ... Come and See!

John us for a "Come & See" this Thursday, Feb 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. here at St. Mark's. There will be time to ask questions and check out a sample video. Refreshments will be provided. The Alpha Course is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith. It's relaxed, low-key, friendly and fun. Each session begins with a meal, giving you the opportunity to get to know others. Listen, learn, discuss, discover and ask anything. Alpha is a place where no question is too simple or too hostile. **The Alpha Course will run Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> through May 2<sup>nd</sup>** here at St. Mark's. Questions? ... Please feel free to contact Ian Kangaloo at 226-808-4733 or [stmarkalpha@gmail.com](mailto:stmarkalpha@gmail.com).



### 33 Days to Morning Glory

Develop a genuine devotion to Mary and entrust your life to Her Motherly Care. Join us for a 5-week DVD retreat by Father Michael Gaitley, M.I.C. entitled *33 Days to Morning Glory*, in preparation for consecration to Mary. **Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. beginning Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> and ending March 25<sup>th</sup>.** Please register by calling or emailing the parish office (519-571-9200 / [stmark@rogers.com](mailto:stmark@rogers.com)) and leave your name, email address and phone number.

### Annual Pancake & Sausage Supper

Shrove Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>  
5:00 to 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Proudly presented by St. Mark's Knights of Columbus. Tickets on sale after all weekend Masses in the narthex: **Adults \$8; Youth (7-16) \$6; Kids (3-6) \$3; Family \$25; Kids under 3 FREE.** A limited number of tickets will also be available at the door on the night of the supper. Proceeds toward the purchase of a defibrillator for the narthex.



### Diocesan Prayer Calendar

This week, let us pray for...

Feb. 11 - Rev. Mark Morley  
Feb. 12 - Rev. Jason Kuntz  
Feb. 13 - Salesians of Don Bosco  
Feb. 14 - Rev. Martin Mikulski, S.A.C.  
Feb. 15 - Rev. Bill Trusz  
Feb. 16 - Rev. David Reitzel

Prayer for Vocations: *God, the source of creation and love, You invite each of us to serve you through the life which is your gift. May your grace encourage men and women to heights of holiness through service to the Church as priests, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers. Make me an instrument to encourage others to give themselves and challenge me to do the same. Amen.*



Bring your SPUDS to the Church during the month of February and the Knights of Columbus will deliver them to the House of Friendship for their annual Potato Blitz.

## Families Preparing for the Sacraments of Confirmation or First Eucharist

Parents, please be reminded of the remaining dates and details:

### FIRST EUCHARIST SESSIONS (Grade 2):

WEDNESDAYS from 6:30-7:30 PM:

- Feb. 20 Candidates & Parents *Jesus present in the Mass through the Priest*
- Apr. 3 Candidates only *Parable of the Found Sheep*
- Apr. 24 Candidates & Parents *The Forgiving Father*



### CONFIRMATION SESSIONS (Grade 7):

SUNDAYS from 12:45-1:45 PM:

- Feb. 17 Candidates only *Discussing "The Gifts of the Holy Spirit"*
- Mar. 3 Candidates & Parents *Teaching Mass with Father Steve*



### Pilgrim Virgin Mary Statue

The Legion of Mary is inviting parishioners to pray in the presence of the Pilgrim Virgin Mary Statue. The statue is available for **home visitations** beginning in February, and will continue throughout the year. Please email [lomstmark@gmail.com](mailto:lomstmark@gmail.com) or call Colette at 519-576-7490 to reserve a week of your choice. Feel free to specify any special date such as birthdays or anniversaries.



### LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY

"Hope in the Midst of Suffering"

Saturday, March 2, 2019 | 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM

METRO TORONTO CONVENTION CENTRE

Inspired talks by Sr. Ann Shields, Peter Herbeck and keynote guest speaker Father Mark Goring, CC. Separate youth event (ages 13-18) with great music, dynamic talks and inspirational skits. St. Mark's C.W.L. has organized a **BUS** to take us to and from this wonderful event. **Bus leaves St. Mark's Parish at 6:50am sharp and returns at 7:30pm.** Cost for the bus is \$18 each (light refreshments and driver gratuity is included). **Rally Tickets: \$25 adults and \$15 youth.** Call Anna Joseph at 519-577-8519 to reserve your ticket and seat on the bus. Don't be disappointed, the bus fills up quickly.

**NURSE ON BOARD** – There's a new option in Canada, and Kitchener is fortunate to be one of the first cities to have this comprehensive service. Guest speaker Susan Hagar, R.N. (founder of *Nurse On Board*) will speak on a range of interesting and very relevant topics, from general information on healthcare navigation and advocacy, to the movement on medication de-prescribing that's currently underfoot. Susan will explain the myths and the realities of long-term care. She'll share information on complementary treatments and things you don't hear from most doctors. The whole point of Nurse on Board is to help you stay in your home for as long as you want, which is after all, the very best place to grow old. **Join us for an information session on Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall, 305 Laurentian Drive, Kitchener.** To reserve your seat, please call Blessed Sacrament at 519-742-5061 or Mary at 519-744-6855. For more info visit [www.NurseOnBoardOttawa.ca](http://www.NurseOnBoardOttawa.ca)

**LENTEN PREPARATION** – Our Life in Community: St. John's Bible Reflection **Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. at St. Michael's Parish Centre, Waterloo.** How do we understand 'community' in our modern world? How do we live as community in the Church? What can we learn from the early Christian community? Join us for a reflection on Our Life in Community through the lens of the illumination of the Saint John's Bible. **Dr. Anne Jamieson, Director of Catechesis for the Diocese of Hamilton** will lead us in this retreat steeped in the Word of God. This session will help guide us as we prepare for Easter. Sponsored by St. Michael's C.W.L., all are welcome (men and women). Feel free to bring a friend along too!





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