

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.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions for the Week



February 18 – 24, 2019

Monday – NO MASS

Tuesday (FERIAL)

7:00 PM + Peter & Vendel Nickl – *Judy Nickl*

Wednesday (FERIAL)

7:00 am - Int. of Janet Oehring – *Mike & Melissa Woodhouse*

Thursday (FERIAL)

7:00 am + Robert Kairovicius – *Catherine Mackid*

Friday (FEAST – CHAIR OF ST. PETER)

7:00 am + Maria do Carmo da Silva – *Maria Soares*

Saturday (MEMORIAL – ST. POLYCARP)

9:00 am - Int. of Fr. Don Sanvido – *Catherine Mackid*

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-25+; 1 Corinthians 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38

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

Sun. 9:30 am + Caroline Toscano – *Anthony Toscano & family*

11:30 am - Int. of Anna & Cuthbert Joseph – *C. Mackid*

Chair of St. Peter – This feast brings to mind the mission of teacher and pastor conferred by Christ on Peter and continued in an unbroken line down to the present Pope. We celebrate the unity of the Church, founded upon the Apostle, and renew our assent to the Magisterium of the Roman Pontiff, extended both to truths which are solemnly defined *ex cathedra*, and to all the acts of the ordinary Magisterium.

St. Polycarp was a disciple of Saint John the Evangelist. He was a holy man and the bishop of Smyrna. He sought to be true to the life of Jesus and imitate that life. Saint Ignatius of Antioch told Polycarp "your mind is grounded in God as on an immovable rock."

OFFERTORY REPORT

Feb. 9/10, 2019

Sunday envelopes	\$ 2,747.25
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52)	\$ 1,205.08
Loose monies	\$ 473.40
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS	\$ 4,425.73
Mortgage envelopes	\$ 377.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52)	\$ 256.04
TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS	\$ 633.04
Seminary Education	\$ 180.00

Thank you for your generosity.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

★ To Be Rescheduled ★

The parish council meeting scheduled for this week has been cancelled because of members being on vacation and scheduling conflicts. It is difficult to find a time convenient for everyone to attend so all members of the parish council will be contacted to find a suitable time and day for everyone to attend.



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.

Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<u>Mon. Feb. 18</u>	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
<u>Tue. Feb. 19</u>	7:00 pm	(M)	11:30 Choir practice
	7:00 pm	(B)	Keys to Loving Relationships
<u>Wed. Feb. 20</u>	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
	6:30 pm	(H/CH)	First Communion session (kids & parents)
	7:00 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
<u>Thu. Feb. 21</u>	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	7:00 pm	(H)	General Meeting & Executive Elections
	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
<u>Fri. Feb. 22</u>	6:00 am	(L)	Men's group

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 Jesus call Peter to be his disciple.

Jesus then travels with Peter and the other disciples. Luke reports acts of healing (a person with leprosy and a paralytic man) and the call of Levi, the tax collector. Jesus also replies to questions from the Pharisees regarding fasting and the observance of the Sabbath. In the verses immediately before today's gospel reading, Jesus is reported to have chosen 12 men from among his disciples to be apostles. Apostle is a Greek word that means "one who is sent."

Today's gospel reading is the beginning of what is often called the Sermon on the Plain. We find a parallel to this passage in Matthew 5:1-7,11 that is often called the Sermon on the Mount. As these titles suggest, there are differences and similarities between these gospel readings.

When spoken from the mountaintop in Matthew's Gospel, we can't miss the impression that Jesus is speaking with the authority and voice of God. The mountaintop is a symbol of closeness to God. Those who ascend the mountain see God and speak for God; recall the story of Moses and the Ten Commandments. As Luke introduces the location of Jesus' teaching, Jesus teaches on level ground, alongside the disciples and the crowd. Luke presents Jesus' authority in a different light. He is God among us.

Another distinction found in Luke's version is the audience. Luke's Sermon on the Plain is addressed to Jesus' disciples, although in the presence of the crowd; Matthew's Sermon on the Mount is addressed to the crowd. In keeping with this style, the Beatitudes in Luke's Gospel sound more personal than those in Matthew's Gospel—Luke uses the article "you" whereas Matthew uses "they" or "those." There is also a difference in number: Matthew describes eight beatitudes; Luke presents just four, each of which has a parallel warning.

The form of the Beatitudes found in Luke's and Matthew's Gospel is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, such as in the Psalms and in Wisdom literature. They are a way to teach about who will find favour with God. The word blessed in this context might be translated as "happy," "fortunate," or "favoured."

As we listen to this Gospel, the Beatitudes jar our sensibilities. Those who are poor, hungry, weeping, or persecuted are called blessed. This is, indeed, a Gospel of reversals. Those often thought to have been forgotten by God are called blessed. In the list of "woes," those whom we might ordinarily describe as blessed by God are warned about their peril. Riches, possessions, laughter, and reputation . . . these are not things that we can depend upon as sources of eternal happiness. They not only fail to deliver on their promise; our misplaced trust in them will lead to our demise. The ultimate peril is in misidentifying the source of our eternal happiness.

The Beatitudes are often described as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. We are challenged to examine our present situation in the context of our ultimate horizon, the Kingdom of God. ■

BAPTISMS are not celebrated during Lent (March 6 – April 21).



FEB. 23 - 24	5:00PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	V./P./J. Miller N. D'Souza		C. Chacon B. Starr
Commentator:	J. Deneau	J. Germann	M. Monte
Lectors:	B. Crawley	T. Germann B. Sawarna	B. Starr
Ushers:	A. Montag K. Friesen	L. Koehler J./K. Snyder	C. Dignam
Gift Bearers:		Seaward	Chacon
Eucharistic Ministers:	A. Bendia C. Dokis K. Smith	P./B. Enticott M. Fernando	B. Starr B. Denomme F. Kangaloo

Alpha ... 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. 28th through May 2nd here at St. Mark's.**

Questions? ... Please feel free to contact Ian Kangaloo at 226-808-4733 or 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. 25th and ending March 25th.** Please [register](#) by calling or emailing the parish office (519-571-9200 / stmark@rogers.com) and leave your name, email address and phone number, or sign the sheet in the narthex.



Annual Pancake & Sausage Supper Shrove Tuesday, March 5th 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 \$10; 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. 18 - Rev. Scott Whitfield
- Feb. 19 - Rev. Mariusz Durbajlo
- Feb. 20 - Sr. Adorers of the Precious Blood
- Feb. 21 - Rev. Francesco Cucchi
- Feb. 22 - Rev. David Reilander
- Feb. 23 - Rev. Leszek Szczygiel

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.*



Join us for the annual **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** at **St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Parish on Friday, March 1st at 2:00 p.m.** This year the worship and prayers were created by women of Slovenia. Refreshments to follow. The program material this year was prepared by the Churches of Slovenia, with the theme, "Come ... Everything is Ready".

C.W.L. News...

All new or renewing members ... plan to attend!

General Meeting and Executive Elections Thursday, February 21st at 7:00 p.m.

Don't miss your chance to help set our direction for the next 2 years!

♦ Next Mass for Intentions of the C.W.L. – Tues. Feb. 26th at 7pm



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** throughout the year. Please email 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.

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 6:30-7:30PM:

- 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 12:45-1:45PM:

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



LENTEN PREPARATION – Our Life in Community: St. John's Bible Reflection Tuesday, March 12th 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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