

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.

ANOIDTING 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: 1st Saturday at 10 AM
Benediction: 1st 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 2nd
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 1st 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:

☐ 7:00 AM on a Weekday

☐ 5:00 PM on a Saturday

☐ 7:00 PM on a Tuesday

☐ 9:30 AM on a Sunday

☐ 9:00 AM on a Saturday

☐ 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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Intentions for the Week

Feb. 19 – 25, 2018

Monday - NO MASS (FERIAL)

Tuesday (FERIAL)

7:00 PM - Int. of Artur & Krystyna Ochinski

Wednesday (FERIAL)

7:00 am + Cathy Grimwood

Thursday (FEAST – CHAIR OF ST. PETER)

7:00 am + Robert Crawley – *Brian & Marie Lynch*

6:00 PM - **Mass for Lenten Retreat** (with Fr. Adrian Lee)

Friday (FERIAL)

★ 7:00 PM + Caroline Toscano – *Anthony*
- followed by **Stations of the Cross**

Saturday (FERIAL)

9:00 am - Int. of Stephanie Flood – *the Flood family*

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Romans 8:31b-35, 37+; Mark 9:2-10

Sat. 5:00 PM + Mary Coulas – *Karen Coulas*

Sun. 9:30 am + John Barnes – *Nick & Sharon Cerantola*

11:30 am - Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's



During Lent, Mass on Fridays is celebrated at 7 p.m.
followed by Stations of the Cross.

The Feast of the Chair of St. Peter celebrates the papacy and St. Peter as the first bishop of Rome. St. Peter's original name was Simon. He was married with children and was living and working in Capernaum as a fisherman when Jesus called him to be one of the Twelve Apostles. Jesus bestowed to Peter a special place among the Apostles. He was one of the three who were with Christ on special occasions, such as the Transfiguration of Christ and the Agony in the Garden of Gethsemani. He was the only Apostle to whom Christ appeared on the first day after the Resurrection. Peter, in turn, often spoke on behalf of the Apostles. When Jesus asked the Apostles: "Whom do men say that the Son of Man is?" Simon replied: "Thou art Christ, the Son of the Living God." And Jesus said: "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona: because flesh and blood have not revealed it to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I say to you: That you are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give to you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. And whatsoever you shall bind upon earth, it shall be bound also in heaven: and whatsoever you shall loose on earth, it shall be loosed also in heaven." (Mt 16:13-20)



Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon. Feb. 19	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tue. Feb. 20	7:00 pm	(B)	Keys to Loving Relationships
	7:00 pm	(M)	11:30 choir practice
Wed. Feb. 21	7:15 pm	(CH)	9:30 choir practice
	7:00 pm	(M)	"The One Thing is Three" DVD series
	7:00 pm	(H)	First Communion Parents' Meeting
	7:30 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
Thur. Feb. 22	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	6:00 pm	CH / H	Mass & Lenten Retreat w/ Fr. Adrian
	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
Fri. Feb. 23	6:00 am	(L)	Men's Group
Sat. Feb. 24	9:45 am	(CH)	Workshop for Euch. Min. to the Sick
Sun. Feb. 25	12:30 pm	(CH)	Confirmation Parents' Meeting

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

On the first Sunday of Lent, the Gospel reading in each Lectionary cycle is about Jesus' temptation in the desert. This event in the life of Jesus is reported in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke—but it is not found in John's Gospel. This year we read Mark's account of this event.

Compared to the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, the details throughout Mark's narrative are sparse. This is evident in Mark's account of Jesus' temptation in the desert. Mark tells us only that Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and that for 40 days he was tempted by Satan. The Gospels of Matthew and Luke explain that Jesus fasted while in the desert, that Satan presented him with three temptations, and that Jesus refused each one, quoting Scripture. Only the Gospels of Matthew and Mark report that angels ministered to Jesus at the end of his time in the desert.

In each of the Synoptic Gospels, the temptation of Jesus follows his baptism by John the Baptist. In Mark's Gospel, we are told that Jesus went into the desert immediately after his baptism, led by the Spirit. Jesus' public ministry in Galilee begins after his temptation in the desert. Mark's Gospel makes a connection between the arrest of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Jesus' preaching about the Kingdom of God is in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist, but it is also something new. As Jesus announces it, the Kingdom of God is beginning; the time of the fulfillment of God's promises is here.

The fact that Jesus spent 40 days in the desert is significant. This recalls the 40 years that the Israelites wandered in the desert after being led from slavery in Egypt. The prophet Elijah also journeyed in the desert for 40 days and nights, making his way to Horeb, the mountain of God, where he was also attended to by an angel of the Lord. Remembering the significance of these events, we also set aside 40 days for the season of Lent.

In Mark's Gospel, the desert marks beginning of Jesus' battle with Satan; the ultimate test will be in Jesus' final hours on the cross. In a similar way, our Lenten observances are only a beginning, a preparation for and a reinforcement of our ongoing struggle to resist the temptations we face in our lives. During Lent, we are led by the Holy Spirit to remember the vows of Baptism in which we promised to reject sin and to follow Jesus. Just as Jesus was ministered to by the angels, God also supports us in our struggle against sin and temptation. We succeed because Jesus conquered sin once and for all in his saving death on the cross. ■



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. Blitz ends next Sunday, Feb. 25th.

Offertory Collections

Feb. 10/11, 2018

Sunday envelopes.....	\$ 2,165.93
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52).....	\$ 1,234.15
Loose monies	\$ 402.10
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS.....	\$ 3,802.08

Mortgage envelopes.....	\$ 250.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52)	\$ 271.04
TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS	\$ 521.04

Seminary Education\$ 140.00

Thank you for your generosity



FEB. 24 & 25	Sat. 5:00PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	G./S. Morgan N. D'Souza	M./V. McCullough	B./B. Starr R. Robin
Commentator:	M. Dufresne	J. Flanigan	L. Masbad
Lectors:	K. Friesen J. Deneau	T. Angel T. Boettger	M. Monte M. Oram
Ushers:	A. Montag K. Friesen	T./J. Germann	B. Voisin
Gift Bearers:	<i>Can you help?</i>	Seaward	Chacon
Eucharistic Ministers:	L. Macedo K. Smith F./Y. Tully	S. Cerantola B. Coutinho A. Joseph	A. Monte F. Kangaloo E. Weiss

WORKSHOP for all Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick

Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend a **1-hour workshop in the church on Saturday, February 24th at 9:45 a.m.**, for all those currently taking communion to our friends at Bankside, Lanark and Forest Heights nursing homes.

Thanks, Fr. Steve

Next Sacramental Preparation Meetings:

FIRST COMMUNION: Wed. Feb. 21 at 7:00 pm for Parents

CONFIRMATION: Sunday, Feb. 25 after 11:30 Mass for Parents

PASSION PLAY – Good Friday, March 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. **Open invitation to those wishing to participate.** Please call Julio & Sonia Chacon at 519-954-2062 for more info.

The One Thing Is Three:

How the Most Holy Trinity Explains Everything

With humor and ease, Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, unlocks the key to the Church's wisdom, the greatest mystery of the Catholic faith, the Most Holy Trinity. This **8-part DVD series** explains the wonders of the Most Holy Trinity by making deep theology accessible to every-day Catholics. It makes even what you know, appear in a way that's new and exciting. Join and find out why we are here, and where we are headed. Discover what it means to be transformed by Grace and live the life you are meant to live. Facilitated by Deacon Basil Markides, **Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mark's, from Feb. 21st to April 11th** (sessions are 40 minutes with discussion). For more info, call Deacon Basil at 226-929-4803 or just show up to the first session. All who have the time and interest are most welcome.

NEWLY BAPTIZED

With joyful hearts St. Mark's Parish congratulates and welcomes into the Roman Catholic Church these newly baptized children of God:

**Aarav Jake Celine Francis Whittle
Nolan Alexander & Nina Katherine Hill**

God has saved us by living water which gives our lives a fresh beginning, and He put his Spirit in us, so that healed by His grace, we may share His life and hope to live forever. (Titus 3:5,7)

Congratulations! Bernard Crawley was the lucky winner of \$97.00 from the 50-50 draw at the Knights of Columbus' Pancake Supper last Sunday. Thanks to all who came out and supported us.

St. Mark's C.W.L. invites ALL PARISHIONERS to come feed your soul and body at an

EVENING LENTEN RETREAT

Thursday, February 22nd

Mass 6:00 PM ♦ Light Meal in Hall ♦ Retreat 7:30-9:30 PM
Light meal includes a variety of soups (including vegetarian), rolls, dessert and beverages, followed by the Retreat with our guest speaker, **Fr. Adrian Lee**. To help us in our planning, please register at the CWL table in the narthex, or call Betty at 519-743-0908.



Save the date ♦ Reserve your bus seat ♦ Get your tickets!

26th Annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally

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SATURDAY, MARCH 3RD ♦ METRO TORONTO CONVENTION CENTRE

BUS leaves St. Mark's Church parking lot at 6:50 AM

Bus tickets \$15 per seat (includes snacks, bus driver gratuity, laughter, and prayers). Rally tickets \$25 per Adult, \$15 per Youth. For more information call Anna Joseph at 519-577-8519.

Don't be disappointed ... Reserve your bus seat early!

A number of people in the parish, including myself, have been affected by the cold or flu. Since we are at the height of the season, and to be considerate of others and limit the spread of germs, please keep these points in mind:

- (1) During the sign of peace, if you are sick, rather than shaking another person's hand, please just verbally offer the sign of peace to the person next to you by saying, "the peace of Christ." This also applies to anyone, even if not ill, as a precaution not to catch another person's germs. Therefore, do not be offended if someone chooses not to shake your hand.
- (2) If you are ill or not feeling well, please refrain from receiving communion on the tongue and drinking from the chalice until you are feeling better again.

In the Diocese of Hamilton, as it is in all parts of Canada, the normal way to receive Communion is in the hand while standing. However, if you still choose, the following is the proper way to receive Communion on the tongue:

After responding, "Amen."

- (1) Keep your head straight or tilted slightly back, open your mouth wide and extend your tongue past your lower lip.
- (2) Wait until the Sacred Host is safely on your tongue and the ministers fingers are clear from your tongue before closing your mouth.
- (3) It is IMPROPER to use your teeth to receive the Sacred Host.

Three important things to keep in mind:

- (1) Please do not lunge your head or mouth to the minister giving Communion.
- (2) Make sure you open your mouth wide enough AND extend your tongue. Many people only slightly open the mouth and others do not extend the tongue; others do both. It is difficult and sometimes impossible for the minister to safely place the host on the tongue under these circumstances, often causing the Minister to touch the person's mouth or tongue. This is very unhygienic, since the Minister then has to continue giving Communion to the next person and their fingers may be contaminated.
- (3) Finally, remain still and do not move your head or body while the Minister is placing Communion on your tongue and since you are receiving the Sacred Host, just as your hands should be clean before receiving the Host in your hands, so too should you ensure that your tongue is also clean.

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