

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
Wednesday 12:00 NOON
Thursday, Friday 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, please
see chapel bulletin board
Divine Mercy – Sundays 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 it to be on any:

Tues. 7 PM Wed. 12 NOON Thur. 7 AM Fri. 7 AM Sat. 9 AM
 Sat. 5:00 PM Sunday 9:30 AM Sunday 11:30 AM

OR

I would like the Mass to be on this specific date*: _____

*Please submit requests as far in advance as possible to reserve preferred dates.

Sunday Masses may only be requested twice per year.

All other requests will be satisfied on weekdays.

Requested by: _____

Daytime Phone # or email: _____

We will attempt to contact you if we are unable to accommodate your request.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Mass Intentions for the Week

Feb. 3 – 9, 2020

Monday – NO MASS

Tuesday (FERIAL)

7:00 PM + Jack Soares – *Maria*

Wednesday (MEMORIAL – ST. AGATHA)

12 noon + Jose Carlos Camara – *Fonseca family*

Thursday (MEMORIAL – ST. PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS)

7:00 am + Argemiro Correira – *Nicolina Correira*

First Friday (FERIAL) *Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart; Benediction*

7:00 PM + Michel DesOrmeau – *Ma Tante Claire & family*

Saturday (FERIAL)

NO MORNING CONFESSIONS

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

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 58:6-10+; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16

Sat. 5:00 PM + Francis Xavier Zapanta Leonidas – *Baxter family*

Sun. 9:30 am - Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark

11:30 am + Dr. Rudy Hoediono – *Ludmilla Hoediono*

St. Agatha was born in Sicily around the year 231 to a rich and noble family. From her very early years, the notably beautiful Agatha dedicated her life to God. She became a consecrated virgin, a state in life where young women choose to remain celibate and give themselves wholly to Jesus and the Church in a life of prayer and service. A high-ranking diplomat, Quintianus, tried to force her into marriage and break her vow, and resisting, she was imprisoned in a brothel. Not wavering in her faith, Agatha, still refusing to marry Quintianus was tortured where she was stretched on a rack to be torn with iron hooks, burned with torches, and whipped. Agatha is believed to have passed into Heaven around the year 251.

St. Paul Miki and Companions – This feast celebrates the 26 Martyrs of Nagasaki, a group of native Japanese Catholics and foreign missionaries who suffered death for their faith in the year 1597. During the 16th century, the Catholic faith reached Japan by the efforts of the Jesuit missionary Saint Francis Xavier and by the year 1587, 200,000 Japanese had entered the Church. Just 10 years later, religious tensions arose between the delicate balance of faith and government resulting in the execution of 26 Catholics. Among the group was Paul Miki, John of Goto, and James Kisai. Though none were priests, all were associated with the Jesuits: Miki was training for the priesthood, while Kisai was a lay brother and John of Goto was a catechist preparing to enter the order.

Weekly Offertory Report for Jan. 25/26, 2020		
	THIS WEEK	YTD - WEEK 4
Offertory Collection:	\$ 3,688.28	\$ 12,688.19
Pre-Authorized Debits:	\$ 1,425.35	\$ 6,176.50
Total Offerings:	\$ 5,113.63	\$ 18,864.69
<i>Budget:</i>	<i>\$ 5,200.00</i>	<i>\$ 20,800.00</i>
<i>Under Budget:</i>	<i>(\$86.37)</i>	<i>(\$1,935.31)</i>
Mortgage Offerings to date this year:	\$ 2,679.50	

St. Vincent de Paul White Box collection (January): \$386.25

Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon. Feb. 3	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
	7:15 pm	(B)	A Quick Journey Through the Bible
Tue. Feb. 4	7:00 pm	(B)	Keys to Loving Relationships
	7:00 pm	(M)	Knights of Columbus meeting
Wed. Feb. 5	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
	7:00 pm	(M)	11:30 Choir practice
	7:00 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
Thu. Feb. 6	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	7:00 pm	(J)	C.W.L. Executive meeting
Fri. Feb. 7	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
	6:00 am	(M)	Men's group
Sat. Feb. 8	7:15 am	(H)	That Man Is You!
	9:45 am	(CH)	Meeting for all Lectors/Commentators

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

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the temple. The Presentation, which is celebrated 40 days after Christmas, is not mentioned in the other Gospels. Only Luke tells the story, most likely because he writes for Gentile Christians who are not familiar with the Jewish rite of presentation and purification. In addition, the intent of Luke's Gospel is to show that God's promise to Israel, fulfilled in Jesus, extends to Gentiles.

Luke recognizes Joseph and Mary as faithful Jews who bring Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem. Here they present their firstborn son to the Lord. Jesus is thus consecrated as required by the Law of Moses. Present in the temple at this time are Simeon and Anna. Both are awaiting the restoration of God's rule in Israel.

Simeon had been promised by the Holy Spirit that he would see Christ the Lord, the Messiah, before he died. The holy man immediately recognized the infant Jesus as the promised Savior, a "light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." Anna also recognized Jesus as the fulfillment of the promise of redemption and spoke about him to all.

With Candlemas we celebrate the coming of the Light of the World. But a shadow also passes; a shadow foretelling the suffering that will precede the victory of the Light over darkness. Simeon not only proclaimed that he had seen his salvation, but also told the Mother of our Lord that her share would include a sorrow pierced heart.

In *Redemptoris Mater*, Pope John Paul II wrote that Mary heard in Simeon's words something akin to a second Annunciation, "for they tell her of the actual historical situation in which the Son is to accomplish his mission, namely, in misunderstanding and sorrow. While this announcement on the one hand confirms her faith in the accomplishment of the divine promises of salvation, on the other hand it also reveals to her that she will have to live her obedience of faith in suffering, at the side of the suffering Savior, and that her motherhood will be mysterious and sorrowful."

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The Cantic of Simeon is recited during every night prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours and can be incorporated into your own bedtime prayers.

Lord, now you let your servant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled:
my own eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared in the sight of every people:
a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Protect us, Lord, as we stay awake; watch over us as we sleep, that awake, we may keep watch with Christ, and asleep, rest in His peace (alleluia).



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.



Ministers, please check your email for the FEB. schedule.

Feb. 8 / 9	5:00 PM Mass	9:30 AM Mass	11:30 AM Mass
Altar Servers:	V./P./J. Miller N./J. DeSouza	D./D. Jacobs	C. Chacon; B. Starr R. Robin
Commentator:	B. Crawley	T. Angel	I. Kangeloo
1 st Reader:	K. Smith	T. Boettger	J. Petrovich
2 nd Reader:		B. Sawarna	M. Oram
Ushers:	I. Cimermancic	B. Coutinho I./D. Culley	M. Monte
Gift Bearers:		<i>Children's Liturgy Kids</i>	Chacon
Eucharistic Ministers:	K. Smith F./Y. Tully	B. Seaward M. Walser T. Angel	F. Kangeloo B. Starr B. Denomme

★ PLEASE NOTE **CORRECTION** TO DATE:

Meeting for All Ministers of the Word and Eucharist

I would like to meet with all current and prospective Readers and Eucharist Ministers in the next two weeks, to go over procedures as well as to train our newcomers. (Anyone still wishing to join either of these ministries may still do so on the sheets in the narthex.)

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend your meeting:



Ministers of the Eucharist

★ Saturday, Feb. 15th at 9:45 a.m.

Ministers of the Word

(LECTORS and COMMENTATORS)

Saturday, Feb. 8th at 9:45 a.m.



Note: If you take the Eucharist to the Sick and would like to become a Eucharistic Minister at Mass, please sign up to join us on Feb. 15th.

**Never been Confirmed?
Curious about the Catholic Faith?**

As we get closer to Lent, I will be offering a 5-week course on **Wednesday nights** on the Catholic Faith. Please watch the bulletin for further details. If you are a baptized adult who has not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation, this is an opportunity for preparation. These sessions will also be open to anyone in the parish who is interested in learning more about our faith. Adults seeking Confirmation are asked to please register by calling or emailing the parish office (519-571-9200 / stmark@rogers.com). Parishioners interested in learning more about the faith can sign-up on the sheet in the narthex. – Fr. Steve

BLESSING OF THROATS

Since there is no Mass on Monday for the Feast of St. Blaise, **throats will be blessed at the end of Mass on Tuesday.**

St. Blaise was a bishop of Armenia who was martyred around the year 316. By the sixth century, his intercession was invoked for diseases of the throat in the East. As early as the eighth century, records attest to the veneration of St Blaise in Europe, and he became one of the most popular saints in the spiritual life of the Middle Ages. One reason for St. Blaise's popularity arose from the fact he was a physician who cured, even performing miraculous cures. Thereby, those who were sick, especially with throat ailments, invoked his intercession.

Eventually in the church the custom of the blessing of throats arose, whereby the priest held two crossed candles over the heads of the faithful or touched their throats with them while he invoked the prayer of the saint and imparted God's blessing.

"Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

First Communion Preparation Meetings

SUNDAYS after 11:30am Mass (approx. 12:30)

Parents, please be reminded of the remaining dates:

- TODAY** ➔ Feb. 2 - Candidates (& Parents w/ Fr. Steve)
- NEXT SUNDAY** ➔ Feb. 9 - Candidates
- Feb. 23 - Candidates (& Parents w/ Fr. Steve)



PRAISE & WORSHIP with Ron and Rick Denomme

Tuesday, February 4th at 7:30 pm

40 minutes of praise & worship following the 7pm Mass

ALPHA - Looking for answers?

The Alpha Course is an opportunity for anyone to explore faith relaxed, low-key manner. Listen, learn, discuss ... and ask any question. Each night includes Dinner, a Talk and Discussion. Join us 7 evenings from Feb. 20th to April 30th here at St. Mark's Church. Questions? Please call Ian Kangeloo 226-808-4733 or Cathy Voisin 519-497-4816 or email stmarkalpha@gmail.com. For more info visit www.alphacanada.org.



Annual Pancake & Sausage Supper

Shrove Tuesday, February 25th

5:00 to 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall

Proudly presented by St. Mark's Knights of Columbus.

Tickets go on sale the weekend of Feb. 8/9 after all Masses:

Adults \$10; Youth (7-16) \$7; Kids (3-6) \$3; Family \$30. A limited number of tickets will also be available at the door on the night of the supper.



Lift Jesus Higher Rally 2020 – Come to be JOYFUL, Come to be HEALED, Come to GIVE THANKS! **Saturday, March 7th** at the **Metro Toronto Convention Centre**. Bus leaves St. Mark's at 7am / returns 7:30-ish. Rally Tickets: Adults \$25; Youth (13-18yrs) \$15. One Bus Seat \$18 (Includes bus driver gratuity, and treats). To reserve seats and order tickets please call Anna Joseph at 519-577-8519 or email stmarkcwl@gmail.com.

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

This week, let us pray for...

- Feb. 3 - Rev. Michael Isabelle
- Feb. 4 - Rev. Martin Mikulski, SAC
- Feb. 5 - Missionaries
- Feb. 6 - Rev. Antonio Cunha
- Feb. 7 - Rev. Lourdy Dorismond, OMI
- Feb. 8 - Rev. Ross Campbell

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.

JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR SEPT. 2020

Children born in 2016 are eligible for Junior Kindergarten. Children born in 2015 are eligible for Senior Kindergarten and only need to register if they were not in Junior Kindergarten this year. **Registration details for students currently in the St. Mark and St. Dominic School boundaries can be found on the church bulletin board.**

Wishing our Grade 8's at St. Mark School a moving and spirit-filled retreat at Mount Mary this week!



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