

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:

<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.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions for the Week

Feb. 25 – Mar. 3, 2019

Monday – NO MASS

Tuesday (FERIAL)

7:00 PM - Int. of the Catholic Women's League

Wednesday (FERIAL)

7:00 am - Int. of Dylan Sawchuk – Catherine Mackid

Thursday (FERIAL)

7:00 am + Veronica & Alfred Broderick – Gloria Kubisewsky

First Friday (FERIAL) (Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart)

★ 7:00 PM - Int. of Irene Baptista – Catherine Mackid

First Saturday (FERIAL) (Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart)

9:00 am + Richard Kaloshis – McIsaac family

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45

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

Sun. 9:30 am + Arlene M. Poser – Herman

11:30 am + Leokadia & Izydor Poznanska – Hanna Constantinou



World Day of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer is observed annually on the first Friday in March. It is an invitation for Christians to pause and pray together ecumenically. This recalls our Christian responsibility to be sensitive to the signs of the times so that we might bring a more authentically Christian dimension to the concerns of our world, our

country, our community. Sponsored by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada and its national counterparts around the world, it is celebrated in approximately 165 countries. This year, the World Day of Prayer will be held at:

St. Francis of Assisi Church
49 Blueridge Ave, Kitchener
Friday, March 1st at 2:00 p.m.

You may contact Betty at 519-743-0908.

OFFERTORY REPORT

Feb. 16/17, 2019

Sunday envelopes	\$ 2,847.00
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52)	\$ 1,205.08
Loose monies	\$ 596.70
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS	\$ 4,648.78
Mortgage envelopes	\$ 350.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52) ...	\$ 256.04
TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS	\$ 606.04
Seminary Education	\$ 30.00

Thank you for your generosity.



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.

Today is White Box Sunday

The St. Vincent de Paul Society has placed a White Box in the narthex this weekend (Feb. 23-24) to accept your monetary donations for those less fortunate in our community.

Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<u>Mon. Feb. 25</u>	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
<u>Tue. Feb. 26</u>	7:00 pm	(M)	Knights of Columbus general meeting
	7:00 pm	(B)	Keys to Loving Relationships
<u>Wed. Feb. 27</u>	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
	7:00 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
<u>Thu. Feb. 28</u>	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	6:00 pm	(H)	Alpha
	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
<u>Fri. Mar. 1</u>	6:00 am	(L)	Men's group
	7:00 pm	(L)	Writers' group
<u>Sat. Mar. 2</u>	10:30 am	(L)	Writers' group
<u>Sun. Mar. 3</u>	12:45 pm	(H/CH)	Confirmation session (parents & kids)

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

Today's gospel reading is a continuation of the teaching that began in last Sunday's gospel. We continue to hear Jesus' Sermon on the Plain. Recall that in Luke's Gospel, this teaching is addressed to Jesus' disciples. This is in contrast to the parallel found in Matthew's Gospel, the Sermon on the Mount, in which Jesus' words are addressed to both the disciples and to the crowds.

These words from Jesus' teaching are familiar to us. They constitute the crux and the challenge of what it means to be a disciple: Love your enemies, turn the other cheek, give to those who ask, do unto others, lend without expecting repayment, judge not lest you be judged.

There are several similarities between Luke's and Matthew's report of Jesus' great teaching. Both begin with the Beatitudes. Matthew includes nearly all the content that Luke does; the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's Gospel is longer than Luke's Sermon on the Plain. There are, however, differences in language and nuance. For example, Matthew presents this portion of the teaching as a contrast between Jesus' teaching and the teachings of the law and the prophets. This is in keeping with Matthew's concern to address his predominantly Jewish audience. It is likely that Luke omits this contrast because it was unnecessary for the Gentile believers for whom Luke is writing.

Another point of contrast between Matthew and Luke's presentation is the terminology. In Luke, Jesus contrasts the behavior of his followers with the behavior of "sinners." In Matthew, Jesus contrasts the behavior desired with the behavior of tax collectors and Gentiles. Matthew concludes the teaching about love of enemies with the admonition to be perfect as God is perfect; Luke concludes by emphasizing God's mercy.

In both Gospels, Jesus' words challenge those who would follow him to be more like God. God loves us beyond our expectations, beyond anything we can possibly imagine. In response to God's love, we are to love as God loves, beyond expectations and with a depth beyond imagining. ■

DEFENDING THE FAITH CONFERENCE (ADULT)

July 26-28, 2019 in Steubenville, Ohio

Join parishioners of Blessed Sacrament Parish and others this summer to receive a deeper understanding of our Catholic Church teachings and experience a greater sense of confidence in our faith. Bus arrangements have been made. **Discounts are given for registrations made before February 28, 2019.** A group discount can apply too. For information contact Mary Anne Kearns 519-578-6218 or mackearns@hotmail.com.



Ministers, please check your email for the March schedule

Mar. 2 - 3	5:00PM Mass	9:30AM Mass	11:30AM Mass
Altar Servers:	V./P./J. Miller G./S. Morgan	E./T./T. Morgan	N./A. Gallagher R. Robin
Commentator:	K. Friesen	P. Enticott	B. Starr
Lectors:	M. Dufresne	J. Flanigan V. DeVries	M. Oram
Ushers:	L. Macedo I. Cimermanic	F. Seaward I./D. Culley	M. Monte
Gift Bearers:		Cerantola	Coe
Eucharistic Ministers:	G. MacNeil F. Tully C. Dokis	B. Coutinho A. Joseph M. Walser	B./C. Voisin A. Monte



Ash Wednesday, March 6

A reminder that in a few weeks the season of Lent begins and this year Easter Sunday falls on April 21st. For a little trivia, before the revisions of the Liturgical Calendar in 1969, the three Sundays before Lent were respectively referred to as Septuagesima Sunday, Sexagesima Sunday, and Quinquagesima Sunday. Today, they are simply referred to as Sundays in Ordinary Time.

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 this Monday, Feb. 25th and ending March 25th.** Please register on the sheet in the narthex, or call or email the parish office (519-571-9200 / stmark@rogers.com) and leave your name, email address and phone number.

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. 25 - Rev. David Weise
Feb. 26 - Rev. Tom Moisan
Feb. 27 - Catholic Single Adults
Feb. 28 - Rev. Pablo Labado
Mar. 1 - Very Rev. Wayne Lobsinger
Mar. 2 - Rev. Tim Theriault

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.*

C.W.L. News...

♦ 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:

CONFIRMATION SESSIONS (Grade 7):

SUNDAYS from 12:45-1:45 PM:

Mar. 3 Candidates & Parents *Teaching Mass with Father Steve*



FIRST EUCHARIST SESSIONS (Grade 2):

WEDNESDAYS from 6:30-7:30 PM:

Apr. 3 Candidates only *Parable of the Found Sheep*

Apr. 24 Candidates & Parents *The Forgiving Father*



Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2019? If so, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, June 9, 2019** at the **Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King** (Hamilton) at **1:30 p.m.** (Due to space restrictions, only Anniversary couples married 60 years or more may bring one guest only, if you require assistance). To register, please refer to the poster on the church bulletin board, or go to www.hamiltondiocese.com.

ADORATION FOR LIFE

• Friday, March 1st, 6-7pm, **St. Teresa Chapel**, Kitchener (44 Leonard St.)
• Thursday March 7th, 11am-11:40 at **St. Mary's Church**, (56 Duke St. W.)
• Thursday, March 7th, 6-7pm, **St. Agnes Church** (75 Bluevale St. N., Wloo)
For more info contact KW Right to Life at 519-746-5433.



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